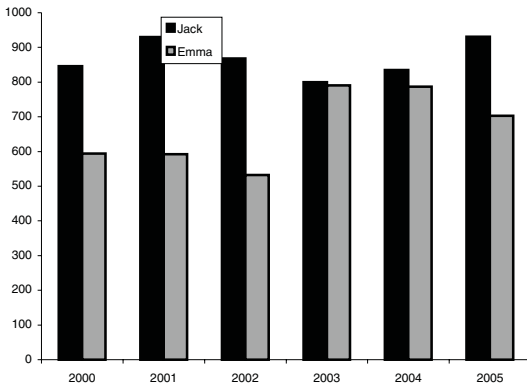




Irish Babies' Names 2005

Jack and Emma 2000-2005



Five most popular babies' names

Boys		Girls	
Name	Count	Name	Count
Jack	931	Emma	703
Sean	893	Sarah	642
Adam	710	Katie	575
Conor	705	Amy	510
James	699	Aoife	492

Jack and Emma most popular again

Jack and Emma were the most popular babies' name registered last year. This was the third year in a row that Emma has been top. Jack returns to the top position it last held in 2002, replacing the most popular boys' name of 2003 and 2004, Sean. There were 931 boys named Jack in 2005, 38 more than the number of boys named Sean. There were 703 girls named Emma, 61 more than the number of girls named Sarah, the second most popular girls' name. *See Tables 1 and 2*

Exactly the same boys' names (Jack, Sean, Conor, Adam, James) have been in the top five since 1998, with only their order changing from year to year. There has been more change in girls' names. While Emma, Sarah and Aoife have been in the top five since 1998, Katie has only been in the top five since 2003, and Amy has only been in the top 5 since 2004. *See Table 1*

There were 3 first time entries to the top 100 for boys: Calum, Leo and Oscar. Also, Ruairi returned to the top 100 after a year's absence. The highest new entry was Calum, which rose from 160th place in 2000 and 117th last year to reach 70th place. The names rising the most places were Calum (up 47 places to 70), Oscar (up 28 places to 79) and Callum (up 27 places to 34). *See Table 6*

There were 5 first time entries to the top 100 for girls: Alicia, Alisha, Isabella, Julia and Ruby. Also, Clara, Emer, Hazel, Heather, Isobel and Zara returned to the top 100 after one or more years' absence. The highest new entry was Ruby, which climbed from 207th place in 2000 and 121st last year to reach 58th place. The names rising the most places were Ruby (up 63 places to 58) and Julia (up 55 places to 97). *See Table 6*

In general, the tables show that girls are given a wider variety of names than boys. Over one in three girls (37.7%) were given a name not in the top 100, compared with 28.3% of boys.

Jack was the most popular boys' name in the Midland, Mid-East, Mid-West and South-East regions. Sean was the most popular in Dublin, the West and South-West, and Conor led the way in the Border region. Emma was the most popular girls' name in all regions except the Border region, where the leading name was Katie, and the South-West, where Sarah was most popular.

These results are based on an analysis of the first names recorded on birth returns for registration and vital statistics, begun by CSO in 1998. Over 99.9% of birth notifications in 2005 included baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO.

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Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2005, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 2000 and 2005

Boys' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Girls' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Jack	1	2	2	1	1	1	Emma	1	1	1	4	3	4
Sean	2	1	1	2	2	2	Sarah	2	3	2	1	1	2
Adam	3	4	3	3	3	4	Katie	3	2	5	7	9	12
Conor	4	3	4	4	4	3	Amy	4	4	9	6	8	8
James	5	4	5	5	5	5	Aoife	5	5	3	2	2	1
Daniel	6	6	6	6	11	11	Ciara	6	6	4	3	5	3
Cian	7	7	8	7	6	6	Sophie	7	7	6	9	16	17
Luke	8	8	11	10	9	8	Chloe	8	8	8	5	4	5
Aaron	9	10	13	12	12	12	Leah	9	9	10	15	12	14
Michael	10	9	7	8	10	9	Ella	10	11	14	28	48	65
Dylan	11	11	10	11	8	10	Emily	11	13	20	19	18	19
Ryan	12	13	12	14	18	17	Rachel	12	14	7	13	11	11
Jamie	13	16	23	23	20	21	Niamh	13	10	11	8	6	6
Ben	14	17	18	19	27	30	Grace	14	20	23	29	27	32
David	14	12	9	9	7	7	Rebecca	15	21	17	14	14	7
Thomas	16	20	14	18	14	18	Hannah	16	16	13	12	15	15
John	17	21	22	15	15	14	Caioimhe	17	12	12	20	19	22
Patrick	18	24	19	13	17	16	Ava	18	18	24	26	41	44
Matthew	19	23	25	17	22	24	Lauren	19	17	15	10	6	8
Darragh	20	15	15	24	21	29	Jessica	20	23	19	17	20	21
Eoin	21	14	15	16	18	15	Anna	21	26	22	21	26	28
Oisín	21	18	20	25	23	22	Kate	22	14	17	18	22	18
Shane	23	19	21	21	13	13	Roisin	23	27	27	24	25	23
Alex	24	26	29	35	45	48	Lucy	24	22	29	36	35	38
Evan	25	25	26	29	30	27	Molly	25	31	37	33	31	43
Joshua	25	22	17	19	28	34	Megan	26	19	16	11	10	10
Liam	27	28	24	26	24	26	Abbie	27	30	33	51	64	67
Nathan	28	29	28	27	32	32	Laura	28	24	21	16	13	13
Mark	29	27	27	22	16	18	Holly	29	25	28	35	49	53
Jake	30	36	31	30	34	42	Ellen	30	28	25	23	24	24
Cathal	31	34	39	38	38	35	Aisling	31	29	29	27	23	25
Ciaran	31	30	30	28	25	23	Ellie	32	38	38	46	89	127
Joseph	31	31	32	33	31	33	Mia	33	39	44	47	72	104
Callum	34	61	46	60	76	69	Caitlin	34	34	31	38	34	40
Kyle	35	32	35	36	53	50	Aine	35	33	32	39	36	27
Samuel	35	34	37	43	49	57	Saoirse	36	35	36	31	28	30
Robert	37	38	34	30	33	37	Nicole	37	40	34	24	21	20
Fionn	38	41	66	66	68	64	Shauna	38	32	26	22	17	16
Andrew	39	32	36	41	37	31	Tara	39	36	40	32	32	35
Cormac	39	51	56	52	59	54	Erin	40	51	42	48	47	49
Eoghan	41	52	41	48	44	47	Katelyn	41	37	35	52	52	46
Stephen	42	37	33	33	26	27	Clodagh	42	41	46	45	42	39
Brian	43	45	40	38	39	36	Zoe	43	45	41	43	42	42
Ronan	43	39	51	54	50	41	Eimear	44	43	46	43	40	33
Cillian	45	40	60	66	58	59	Abigail	45	42	54	68	66	82
Lee	46	46	42	46	47	44	Aimee	46	47	48	66	74	107
Alexander	47	59	49	56	65	72	Sinead	47	47	38	30	33	29
Kevin	47	44	38	32	36	25	Mary	48	44	45	41	37	37
Ethan	49	47	44	50	51	71	Eva	49	47	55	50	44	58
Harry	50	56	56	68	56	63	Robyn	50	50	49	63	51	60
William	51	54	55	49	52	46	Alannah	51	53	49	55	52	53
Charlie	52	65	79	93	114	122	Lily	52	59	75	85	91	142
Niall	53	50	54	40	41	38	Orla	53	52	53	40	38	34
Paul	54	43	48	45	43	40	Eabha	54	62	74	99	160	152
Benjamin	55	57	53	53	66	67	Jade	55	57	61	42	30	31
Josh	56	58	56	62	81	89	Shannon	56	46	52	37	29	26
Finn	57	71	75	88	95	131	Eve	57	59	56	58	46	64
Scott	58	42	59	58	66	70	Kayleigh	58	71	63	68	74	73

Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2005, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 2000 and 2005

Boys' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Girls' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Sam	59	59	70	71	89	94	Maria	58	55	56	53	58	63
Christopher	60	53	46	47	42	43	Olivia	58	69	72	71	61	51
Noah	61	79	132	148	176	252	Ruby	58	121	120	170	168	207
Killian	62	70	67	65	55	61	Isabelle	62	76	100	77	104	127
Dean	63	62	42	44	35	45	Jennifer	63	54	43	34	39	36
Peter	64	66	50	50	48	53	Aoibhe	64	74	94	131	166	258
Jason	65	49	45	37	45	39	Jane	65	79	70	78	78	79
Gavin	66	64	62	55	54	54	Cara	66	73	86	102	91	92
Ross	66	55	68	74	63	56	Charlotte	67	76	72	91	87	95
Rory	68	48	52	57	61	65	Kayla	67	88	106	116	187	163
Tadhg	69	68	84	80	88	92	Elizabeth	69	64	51	62	60	57
Calum	70	117	109	123	223	160	Amber	70	78	94	108	100	84
Aidan	71	62	64	62	73	74	Abby	71	55	60	65	77	144
Alan	72	77	71	60	59	51	Kelly	72	63	59	57	69	50
Max	73	88	97	123	114	129	Ruth	73	79	64	68	56	71
Kian	74	67	65	73	63	99	Sadhbh	73	86	75	94	103	104
Anthony	75	80	68	64	56	58	Isabel	75	67	115	94	129	132
Martin	76	74	73	74	70	62	Jodie	76	61	66	73	72	78
Diarmuid	77	87	97	77	83	84	Louise	76	69	56	48	50	53
Oran	78	88	80	94	96	138	Orlaith	78	83	106	131	148	98
Oscar	79	107	111	112	131	171	Alanna	79	66	66	80	86	86
Tom	79	98	83	90	94	119	Claire	79	86	61	54	44	41
Dara	81	81	86	97	90	100	Alexandra	81	68	88	78	68	87
Leon	82	82	85	81	68	77	Alice	82	81	83	76	87	74
Darren	83	76	76	72	62	52	Catherine	83	64	71	58	54	60
Padraig	84	84	89	84	79	78	Michelle	84	94	77	61	62	48
Rian	84	100	129	116	108	124	Emer	85	110	124	82	80	66
Colm	86	74	73	76	71	65	Maeve	85	74	77	75	70	59
Tomas	86	84	109	103	101	115	Sophia	85	71	100	108	126	111
Daragh	88	86	88	95	80	82	Alicia	88	105	106	115	148	230
Craig	89	72	63	59	40	49	Isobel	88	114	106	131	97	127
Jonathan	90	97	90	82	86	73	Zara	88	104	105	87	83	89
Kieran	90	73	72	69	72	60	Alisha	91	114	124	113	154	174
Christian	92	93	104	116	131	111	Amelia	91	99	163	210	299	265
Karl	93	100	97	110	78	94	Alison	93	91	83	60	62	62
Ruairi	93	104	92	103	105	103	Clara	93	113	80	102	107	89
Owen	95	88	103	84	83	84	Isabella	93	108	151	131	219	245
Daire	96	95	92	116	98	106	Lisa	93	91	64	55	55	47
Leo	97	104	119	107	127	171	Heather	97	114	83	93	112	127
Brandon	98	78	76	70	83	67	Julia	97	152	139	154	148	171
Charles	99	93	107	122	103	124	Hazel	99	110	131	108	89	101
Hugh	99	91	101	106	117	109	Danielle	100	83	86	66	58	76

Table 2 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2005, in order of popularity - numbers registered between 2000 and 2005

Boys' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Girls' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Jack	931	835	800	868	930	846	Emma	703	787	791	532	592	594
Sean	893	928	897	866	867	816	Sarah	642	561	606	655	650	626
Adam	710	688	787	798	833	653	Katie	575	574	468	418	422	398
Conor	705	736	705	748	702	700	Amy	510	546	410	485	447	451
James	699	688	626	581	613	594	Aoife	492	534	571	585	601	633
Daniel	654	630	617	559	475	467	Ciara	484	500	535	577	552	608
Cian	561	546	501	536	557	557	Sophie	451	468	432	404	303	266
Luke	544	544	474	489	517	488	Chloe	440	453	412	516	556	553
Aaron	488	503	411	467	459	401	Leah	427	424	395	351	374	302
Michael	484	527	525	520	483	483	Ella	405	381	327	204	112	75
Dylan	467	479	478	485	538	477	Emily	385	346	273	278	287	262
Ryan	432	451	425	365	349	356	Rachel	381	342	431	364	400	428
Jamie	408	406	327	333	342	294	Niamh	375	421	370	407	477	519
Ben	401	399	348	345	258	234	Grace	369	295	258	191	200	172
David	401	459	480	501	549	492	Rebecca	353	290	295	361	350	485
Thomas	397	371	375	349	377	351	Hannah	350	340	340	368	343	299
John	386	366	333	362	372	398	Caoimhe	345	357	357	272	274	253
Patrick	381	357	343	366	365	362	Ava	339	308	255	216	137	103
Matthew	379	361	304	351	287	275	Lauren	312	318	311	402	477	451
Darragh	377	414	356	310	298	245	Jessica	311	264	292	302	262	260
Eoin	370	429	356	361	349	368	Anna	290	245	265	247	232	193
Oisín	370	384	342	300	283	287	Kate	284	342	295	301	258	263
Shane	355	379	335	343	385	400	Roisin	280	237	222	228	239	245
Alex	336	322	268	193	160	150	Lucy	275	276	203	169	157	136
Evan	324	337	303	245	248	250	Molly	261	206	163	179	172	105
Joshua	324	364	352	345	257	216	Megan	248	299	310	387	401	441
Liam	297	310	316	290	267	257	Abbie	236	210	182	111	81	73
Nathan	296	271	275	258	242	223	Laura	231	261	268	349	361	315
Mark	285	316	302	336	366	351	Holly	228	253	213	171	107	84
Jake	276	206	236	227	224	161	Ellen	220	222	253	229	241	217
Cathal	226	209	170	179	198	207	Aisling	204	217	203	210	248	213
Ciaran	226	253	244	252	264	286	Ellie	193	169	153	122	54	32
Joseph	226	232	218	201	243	220	Mia	192	163	131	119	73	41
Callum	216	130	138	110	76	86	Caitlin	191	189	192	151	160	130
Kyle	210	216	200	190	126	139	Aine	187	190	183	149	156	194
Samuel	210	209	193	166	146	119	Saoirse	186	176	172	181	192	176
Robert	205	196	204	227	240	200	Nicole	172	161	179	228	259	261
Fionn	184	172	102	99	94	90	Shauna	168	194	231	232	299	288
Andrew	183	216	199	172	218	230	Tara	165	175	147	180	168	153
Cormac	183	147	118	127	113	126	Erin	158	119	135	117	120	91
Eoghan	171	145	158	144	162	153	Katelyn	153	171	173	109	96	94
Stephen	170	205	214	201	263	250	Clodagh	152	153	125	127	129	135
Brian	169	165	169	179	197	204	Zoe	150	132	136	133	129	115
Ronan	169	182	132	122	139	165	Eimear	148	135	125	133	146	168
Cillian	167	176	116	99	114	111	Abigail	146	140	102	75	77	54
Lee	162	161	147	153	158	158	Aimee	141	127	119	77	72	40
Alexander	152	132	136	119	102	81	Sinead	137	127	153	182	162	180
Kevin	152	166	180	214	220	264	Mary	133	133	128	140	153	140
Ethan	151	160	141	128	135	83	Eva	131	127	100	112	127	82
Harry	150	137	118	98	115	95	Robyn	126	122	117	82	100	80
William	149	141	125	139	130	156	Alannah	123	113	117	93	96	84
Charlie	148	118	79	58	40	36	Lily	119	101	66	58	53	28
Niall	147	152	128	175	179	199	Orla	115	116	113	141	149	167
Paul	145	167	137	154	165	182	Eabha	109	95	68	51	26	25
Benjamin	143	135	129	125	97	88	Jade	108	102	84	139	175	175
Josh	142	134	118	109	70	58	Shannon	107	129	114	166	191	198
Finn	137	92	83	63	55	31	Eve	106	101	91	91	126	76
Scott	135	168	117	114	97	85	Kayleigh	99	81	80	75	72	65

Table 2 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2005, in order of popularity - numbers registered between 2000 and 2005

Boys' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Girls' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Sam	134	132	93	88	63	54	Maria	99	103	91	104	87	78
Christopher	132	142	138	150	174	159	Olivia	99	83	70	74	84	88
Noah	123	83	33	26	18	7	Ruby	99	41	42	23	23	16
Killian	120	96	101	100	121	105	Isabelle	98	72	51	64	46	32
Dean	118	124	147	157	221	157	Jennifer	97	106	133	176	147	151
Peter	117	108	134	128	151	131	Aoibhe	95	75	53	33	24	12
Jason	116	155	140	183	160	191	Jane	94	70	73	63	68	61
Gavin	115	123	113	121	124	126	Cara	87	76	60	48	53	48
Ross	115	139	94	85	106	124	Charlotte	86	72	70	54	55	47
Rory	114	156	130	116	112	89	Kayla	86	64	47	42	21	23
Tadhg	112	100	73	68	64	55	Elizabeth	85	91	116	83	86	83
Calum	110	46	46	37	10	20	Amber	84	71	53	46	48	52
Aidan	106	124	109	109	84	75	Abby	79	103	88	79	70	27
Alan	98	86	91	110	113	134	Kelly	78	92	90	92	75	89
Max	92	67	56	37	40	32	Ruth	77	70	76	75	88	68
Kian	91	102	106	86	106	50	Sadhbh	77	65	66	52	47	41
Anthony	89	81	94	103	115	118	Isabel	76	85	43	52	33	31
Martin	86	88	86	85	91	104	Jodie	75	99	75	73	73	62
Diarmuid	84	68	56	75	67	62	Louise	75	83	91	117	103	84
Oran	81	67	77	55	53	27	Orlaith	72	66	47	33	28	44
Oscar	80	54	45	42	33	17	Alanna	70	89	75	62	56	51
Tom	80	60	74	61	56	38	Claire	70	65	84	96	127	127
Dara	78	80	70	51	59	49	Alexandra	69	84	59	63	76	50
Leon	77	76	71	67	94	71	Alice	68	68	61	66	55	64
Darren	76	87	80	87	110	133	Catherine	67	91	72	91	94	80
Padraig	75	72	68	65	73	70	Michelle	66	57	64	86	82	92
Rian	75	59	36	40	44	35	Emer	65	45	40	60	65	74
Colm	74	88	86	83	87	89	Maeve	65	75	64	69	74	81
Tomas	74	72	46	48	49	39	Sophia	65	81	51	46	35	38
Daragh	72	71	69	54	71	64	Alicia	64	48	47	44	28	14
Craig	71	91	111	111	185	140	Isobel	64	43	47	33	49	32
Jonathan	70	61	64	66	66	77	Zara	64	49	48	56	59	49
Kieran	70	89	87	94	85	109	Alisha	63	43	40	45	27	21
Christian	69	64	51	40	33	42	Amelia	63	53	25	18	10	11
Karl	68	59	56	43	74	54	Alison	62	61	61	89	82	79
Ruairi	68	57	59	48	46	46	Clara	62	44	62	48	45	49
Owen	67	67	53	65	67	62	Isabella	62	46	29	33	16	13
Daire	66	63	59	40	50	44	Lisa	62	61	76	93	93	93
Leo	64	57	40	44	34	17	Heather	61	43	61	53	43	32
Brandon	63	85	80	92	67	88	Julia	61	30	32	26	28	22
Charles	62	64	48	39	48	35	Hazel	60	45	37	46	54	43
Hugh	62	66	54	46	39	43	Danielle	59	66	60	77	87	63
Total in top 100	22473	22346	20989	20826	21079	20169		18483	18162	17229	16942	17033	16308
Total with first name recorded	31360	30985	29249	28314	27710	25947		29666	29050	28006	27005	26251	24550
Top 100 as % of total	71.7	72.1	71.8	73.6	76.1	77.7		62.3	62.5	61.5	62.7	64.9	66.4
Total births registered	31369	31817	31414	31001	29753	27896		29673	29867	30103	29520	28129	26343

Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2005, in alphabetical order - rank between 2000 and 2005

Boys' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Girls' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Aaron	9	10	13	12	12	12	Abbie	27	30	33	51	64	67
Adam	3	4	3	3	3	4	Abby	71	55	60	65	77	144
Aidan	71	62	64	62	73	74	Abigail	45	42	54	68	66	82
Alan	72	77	71	60	59	51	Aimee	46	47	48	66	74	107
Alex	24	26	29	35	45	48	Aine	35	33	32	39	36	27
Alexander	47	59	49	56	65	72	Aisling	31	29	29	27	23	25
Andrew	39	32	36	41	37	31	Alanna	79	66	66	80	86	86
Anthony	75	80	68	64	56	58	Alannah	51	53	49	55	52	53
Ben	14	17	18	19	27	30	Alexandra	81	68	88	78	68	87
Benjamin	55	57	53	53	66	67	Alice	82	81	83	76	87	74
Brandon	98	78	76	70	83	67	Alicia	88	105	106	115	148	230
Brian	43	45	40	38	39	36	Alisha	91	114	124	113	154	174
Callum	34	61	46	60	76	69	Alison	93	91	83	60	62	62
Calum	70	117	109	123	223	160	Amber	70	78	94	108	100	84
Cathal	31	34	39	38	38	35	Amelia	91	99	163	210	299	265
Charles	99	93	107	122	103	124	Amy	4	4	9	6	8	8
Charlie	52	65	79	93	114	122	Anna	21	26	22	21	26	28
Christian	92	93	104	116	131	111	Aoibhe	64	74	94	131	166	258
Christopher	60	53	46	47	42	43	Aoife	5	5	3	2	2	1
Cian	7	7	8	7	6	6	Ava	18	18	24	26	41	44
Ciaran	31	30	30	28	25	23	Caitlin	34	34	31	38	34	40
Cillian	45	40	60	66	58	59	Caoimhe	17	12	12	20	19	22
Colm	86	74	73	76	71	65	Cara	66	73	86	102	91	92
Conor	4	3	4	4	4	3	Catherine	83	64	71	58	54	60
Cormac	39	51	56	52	59	54	Charlotte	67	76	72	91	87	95
Craig	89	72	63	59	40	49	Chloe	8	8	8	5	4	5
Daire	96	95	92	116	98	106	Ciara	6	6	4	3	5	3
Daniel	6	6	6	6	11	11	Claire	79	86	61	54	44	41
Dara	81	81	86	97	90	100	Clara	93	113	80	102	107	89
Daragh	88	86	88	95	80	82	Clodagh	42	41	46	45	42	39
Darragh	20	15	15	24	21	29	Danielle	100	83	86	66	58	76
Darren	83	76	76	72	62	52	Eabha	54	62	74	99	160	152
David	14	12	9	9	7	7	Eimear	44	43	46	43	40	33
Dean	63	62	42	44	35	45	Elizabeth	69	64	51	62	60	57
Diarmuid	77	87	97	77	83	84	Ella	10	11	14	28	48	65
Dylan	11	11	10	11	8	10	Ellen	30	28	25	23	24	24
Eoghan	41	52	41	48	44	47	Ellie	32	38	38	46	89	127
Eoin	21	14	15	16	18	15	Emer	85	110	124	82	80	66
Ethan	49	47	44	50	51	71	Emily	11	13	20	19	18	19
Evan	25	25	26	29	30	27	Emma	1	1	1	4	3	4
Finn	57	71	75	88	95	131	Erin	40	51	42	48	47	49
Fionn	38	41	66	66	68	64	Eva	49	47	55	50	44	58
Gavin	66	64	62	55	54	54	Eve	57	59	56	58	46	64
Harry	50	56	56	68	56	63	Grace	14	20	23	29	27	32
Hugh	99	91	101	106	117	109	Hannah	16	16	13	12	15	15
Jack	1	2	2	1	1	1	Hazel	99	110	131	108	89	101
Jake	30	36	31	30	34	42	Heather	97	114	83	93	112	127
James	5	4	5	5	5	5	Holly	29	25	28	35	49	53
Jamie	13	16	23	23	20	21	Isabel	75	67	115	94	129	132
Jason	65	49	45	37	45	39	Isabella	93	108	151	131	219	245
John	17	21	22	15	15	14	Isabelle	62	76	100	77	104	127
Jonathan	90	97	90	82	86	73	Isobel	88	114	106	131	97	127
Joseph	31	31	32	33	31	33	Jade	55	57	61	42	30	31
Josh	56	58	56	62	81	89	Jane	65	79	70	78	78	79
Joshua	25	22	17	19	28	34	Jennifer	63	54	43	34	39	36
Karl	93	100	97	110	78	94	Jessica	20	23	19	17	20	21
Kevin	47	44	38	32	36	25	Jodie	76	61	66	73	72	78
Kian	74	67	65	73	63	99	Julia	97	152	139	154	148	171

Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2005, in alphabetical order - rank between 2000 and 2005

Boys' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Girls' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Kieran	90	73	72	69	72	60	Kate	22	14	17	18	22	18
Killian	62	70	67	65	55	61	Katelyn	41	37	35	52	52	46
Kyle	35	32	35	36	53	50	Katie	3	2	5	7	9	12
Lee	46	46	42	46	47	44	Kayla	67	88	106	116	187	163
Leo	97	104	119	107	127	171	Kayleigh	58	71	63	68	74	73
Leon	82	82	85	81	68	77	Kelly	72	63	59	57	69	50
Liam	27	28	24	26	24	26	Laura	28	24	21	16	13	13
Luke	8	8	11	10	9	8	Lauren	19	17	15	10	6	8
Mark	29	27	27	22	16	18	Leah	9	9	10	15	12	14
Martin	76	74	73	74	70	62	Lily	52	59	75	85	91	142
Matthew	19	23	25	17	22	24	Lisa	93	91	64	55	55	47
Max	73	88	97	123	114	129	Louise	76	69	56	48	50	53
Michael	10	9	7	8	10	9	Lucy	24	22	29	36	35	38
Nathan	28	29	28	27	32	32	Maeve	85	74	77	75	70	59
Niall	53	50	54	40	41	38	Maria	58	55	56	53	58	63
Noah	61	79	132	148	176	252	Mary	48	44	45	41	37	37
Oisín	21	18	20	25	23	22	Megan	26	19	16	11	10	10
Oran	78	88	80	94	96	138	Mia	33	39	44	47	72	104
Oscar	79	107	111	112	131	171	Michelle	84	94	77	61	62	48
Owen	95	88	103	84	83	84	Molly	25	31	37	33	31	43
Padraig	84	84	89	84	79	78	Niamh	13	10	11	8	6	6
Patrick	18	24	19	13	17	16	Nicole	37	40	34	24	21	20
Paul	54	43	48	45	43	40	Olivia	58	69	72	71	61	51
Peter	64	66	50	50	48	53	Orla	53	52	53	40	38	34
Rian	84	100	129	116	108	124	Orlaith	78	83	106	131	148	98
Robert	37	38	34	30	33	37	Rachel	12	14	7	13	11	11
Ronan	43	39	51	54	50	41	Rebecca	15	21	17	14	14	7
Rory	68	48	52	57	61	65	Robyn	50	50	49	63	51	60
Ross	66	55	68	74	63	56	Roisin	23	27	27	24	25	23
Ruairi	93	104	92	103	105	103	Ruby	58	121	120	170	168	207
Ryan	12	13	12	14	18	17	Ruth	73	79	64	68	56	71
Sam	59	59	70	71	89	94	Sadhbh	73	86	75	94	103	104
Samuel	35	34	37	43	49	57	Saoirse	36	35	36	31	28	30
Scott	58	42	59	58	66	70	Sarah	2	3	2	1	1	2
Sean	2	1	1	2	2	2	Shannon	56	46	52	37	29	26
Shane	23	19	21	21	13	13	Shauna	38	32	26	22	17	16
Stephen	42	37	33	33	26	27	Sinead	47	47	38	30	33	29
Tadhg	69	68	84	80	88	92	Sophia	85	71	100	108	126	111
Thomas	16	20	14	18	14	18	Sophie	7	7	6	9	16	17
Tom	79	98	83	90	94	119	Tara	39	36	40	32	32	35
Tomas	86	84	109	103	101	115	Zara	88	104	105	87	83	89
William	51	54	55	49	52	46	Zoe	43	45	41	43	42	42

Table 4 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2005, in alphabetical order, numbers registered between 2000 and 2005

Boys' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Girls' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Aaron	488	503	411	467	459	401	Abbie	236	210	182	111	81	73
Adam	710	688	787	798	833	653	Abby	79	103	88	79	70	27
Aidan	106	124	109	109	84	75	Abigail	146	140	102	75	77	54
Alan	98	86	91	110	113	134	Aimee	141	127	119	77	72	40
Alex	336	322	268	193	160	150	Aine	187	190	183	149	156	194
Alexander	152	132	136	119	102	81	Aisling	204	217	203	210	248	213
Andrew	183	216	199	172	218	230	Alanna	70	89	75	62	56	51
Anthony	89	81	94	103	115	118	Alannah	123	113	117	93	96	84
Ben	401	399	348	345	258	234	Alexandra	69	84	59	63	76	50
Benjamin	143	135	129	125	97	88	Alice	68	68	61	66	55	64
Brandon	63	85	80	92	67	88	Alicia	64	48	47	44	28	14
Brian	169	165	169	179	197	204	Alisha	63	43	40	45	27	21
Callum	216	130	138	110	76	86	Alison	62	61	61	89	82	79
Calum	110	46	46	37	10	20	Amber	84	71	53	46	48	52
Cathal	226	209	170	179	198	207	Amelia	63	53	25	18	10	11
Charles	62	64	48	39	48	35	Amy	510	546	410	485	447	451
Charlie	148	118	79	58	40	36	Anna	290	245	265	247	232	193
Christian	69	64	51	40	33	42	Aoibhe	95	75	53	33	24	12
Christopher	132	142	138	150	174	159	Aoife	492	534	571	585	601	633
Cian	561	546	501	536	557	557	Ava	339	308	255	216	137	103
Ciaran	226	253	244	252	264	286	Caitlin	191	189	192	151	160	130
Cillian	167	176	116	99	114	111	Caoimhe	345	357	357	272	274	253
Colm	74	88	86	83	87	89	Cara	87	76	60	48	53	48
Conor	705	736	705	748	702	700	Catherine	67	91	72	91	94	80
Cormac	183	147	118	127	113	126	Charlotte	86	72	70	54	55	47
Craig	71	91	111	111	185	140	Chloe	440	453	412	516	556	553
Daire	66	63	59	40	50	44	Ciara	484	500	535	577	552	608
Daniel	654	630	617	559	475	467	Claire	70	65	84	96	127	127
Dara	78	80	70	51	59	49	Clara	62	44	62	48	45	49
Daragh	72	71	69	54	71	64	Clodagh	152	153	125	127	129	135
Darragh	377	414	356	310	298	245	Danielle	59	66	60	77	87	63
Darren	76	87	80	87	110	133	Eabha	109	95	68	51	26	25
David	401	459	480	501	549	492	Eimear	148	135	125	133	146	168
Dean	118	124	147	157	221	157	Elizabeth	85	91	116	83	86	83
Diarmuid	84	68	56	75	67	62	Ella	405	381	327	204	112	75
Dylan	467	479	478	485	538	477	Ellen	220	222	253	229	241	217
Eoghan	171	145	158	144	162	153	Ellie	193	169	153	122	54	32
Eoin	370	429	356	361	349	368	Emer	65	45	40	60	65	74
Ethan	151	160	141	128	135	83	Emily	385	346	273	278	287	262
Evan	324	337	303	245	248	250	Emma	703	787	791	532	592	594
Finn	137	92	83	63	55	31	Erin	158	119	135	117	120	91
Fionn	184	172	102	99	94	90	Eva	131	127	100	112	127	82
Gavin	115	123	113	121	124	126	Eve	106	101	91	91	126	76
Harry	150	137	118	98	115	95	Grace	369	295	258	191	200	172
Hugh	62	66	54	46	39	43	Hannah	350	340	340	368	343	299
Jack	931	835	800	868	930	846	Hazel	60	45	37	46	54	43
Jake	276	206	236	227	224	161	Heather	61	43	61	53	43	32
James	699	688	626	581	613	594	Holly	228	253	213	171	107	84
Jamie	408	406	327	333	342	294	Isabel	76	85	43	52	33	31
Jason	116	155	140	183	160	191	Isabella	62	46	29	33	16	13
John	386	366	333	362	372	398	Isabelle	98	72	51	64	46	32
Jonathan	70	61	64	66	66	77	Isobel	64	43	47	33	49	32
Joseph	226	232	218	201	243	220	Jade	108	102	84	139	175	175
Josh	142	134	118	109	70	58	Jane	94	70	73	63	68	61
Joshua	324	364	352	345	257	216	Jennifer	97	106	133	176	147	151
Karl	68	59	56	43	74	54	Jessica	311	264	292	302	262	260
Kevin	152	166	180	214	220	264	Jodie	75	99	75	73	73	62
Kian	91	102	106	86	106	50	Julia	61	30	32	26	28	22

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Boys' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Girls' name	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Kieran	70	89	87	94	85	109	Kate	284	342	295	301	258	263
Killian	120	96	101	100	121	105	Katelyn	153	171	173	109	96	94
Kyle	210	216	200	190	126	139	Katie	575	574	468	418	422	398
Lee	162	161	147	153	158	158	Kayla	86	64	47	42	21	23
Leo	64	57	40	44	34	17	Kayleigh	99	81	80	75	72	65
Leon	77	76	71	67	94	71	Kelly	78	92	90	92	75	89
Liam	297	310	316	290	267	257	Laura	231	261	268	349	361	315
Luke	544	544	474	489	517	488	Lauren	312	318	311	402	477	451
Mark	285	316	302	336	366	351	Leah	427	424	395	351	374	302
Martin	86	88	86	85	91	104	Lily	119	101	66	58	53	28
Matthew	379	361	304	351	287	275	Lisa	62	61	76	93	93	93
Max	92	67	56	37	40	32	Louise	75	83	91	117	103	84
Michael	484	527	525	520	483	483	Lucy	275	276	203	169	157	136
Nathan	296	271	275	258	242	223	Maeve	65	75	64	69	74	81
Niall	147	152	128	175	179	199	Maria	99	103	91	104	87	78
Noah	123	83	33	26	18	7	Mary	133	133	128	140	153	140
Oisin	370	384	342	300	283	287	Megan	248	299	310	387	401	441
Oran	81	67	77	55	53	27	Mia	192	163	131	119	73	41
Oscar	80	54	45	42	33	17	Michelle	66	57	64	86	82	92
Owen	67	67	53	65	67	62	Molly	261	206	163	179	172	105
Padraig	75	72	68	65	73	70	Niamh	375	421	370	407	477	519
Patrick	381	357	343	366	365	362	Nicole	172	161	179	228	259	261
Paul	145	167	137	154	165	182	Olivia	99	83	70	74	84	88
Peter	117	108	134	128	151	131	Orla	115	116	113	141	149	167
Rian	75	59	36	40	44	35	Orlaith	72	66	47	33	28	44
Robert	205	196	204	227	240	200	Rachel	381	342	431	364	400	428
Ronan	169	182	132	122	139	165	Rebecca	353	290	295	361	350	485
Rory	114	156	130	116	112	89	Robyn	126	122	117	82	100	80
Ross	115	139	94	85	106	124	Roisin	280	237	222	228	239	245
Ruairi	68	57	59	48	46	46	Ruby	99	41	42	23	23	16
Ryan	432	451	425	365	349	356	Ruth	77	70	76	75	88	68
Sam	134	132	93	88	63	54	Sadhbh	77	65	66	52	47	41
Samuel	210	209	193	166	146	119	Saoirse	186	176	172	181	192	176
Scott	135	168	117	114	97	85	Sarah	642	561	606	655	650	626
Sean	893	928	897	866	867	816	Shannon	107	129	114	166	191	198
Shane	355	379	335	343	385	400	Shauna	168	194	231	232	299	288
Stephen	170	205	214	201	263	250	Sinead	137	127	153	182	162	180
Tadhg	112	100	73	68	64	55	Sophia	65	81	51	46	35	38
Thomas	397	371	375	349	377	351	Sophie	451	468	432	404	303	266
Tom	80	60	74	61	56	38	Tara	165	175	147	180	168	153
Tomas	74	72	46	48	49	39	Zara	64	49	48	56	59	49
William	149	141	125	139	130	156	Zoe	150	132	136	133	129	115
Total in top 100	22473	22346	20989	20826	21079	20169		18483	18162	17229	16942	17033	16308
Total with first name recorded	31360	30985	29249	28314	27710	25947		29666	29050	28006	27005	26251	24550
Top 100 as % of total	71.7	72.1	71.8	73.6	76.1	77.7		62.3	62.5	61.5	62.7	64.9	66.4
Total births registered	31369	31817	31414	31001	29753	27896		29673	29867	30103	29520	28129	26343

Table 5 Most popular babies' names registered in each regional authority

Year	Regional Authority	Boys		Girls	
		Name	%	Name	%
2005	Border	Conor	2.60	Katie	2.54
	Midland	Jack	3.59	Emma	2.65
	West	Sean	2.81	Emma	2.41
	Dublin	Sean	2.98	Emma	2.02
	Mid-East	Jack	3.57	Emma	2.95
	Mid-West	Jack	2.98	Emma	2.50
	South-East	Jack	3.64	Emma	2.87
	South-West	Sean	3.11	Sarah	2.66
	Ireland	Jack	2.96	Emma	2.37
2004	Border	Conor	2.42	Niamh	2.36
	Midland	Conor	3.37	Emma	3.17
	West	Michael	2.61	Emma	2.96
	Dublin	Sean	3.46	Emma	2.44
	Mid-East	Sean	3.31	Emma	2.67
	Mid-West	Jack	3.39	Emma	3.43
	South-East	Jack	3.51	Emma	2.92
	South-West	Jack	3.01	Emma	2.70
	Ireland	Sean	2.99	Emma	2.71
2003	Border	Conor	2.60	Emma	3.08
	Midland	Sean	3.50	Sarah	3.27
	West	Sean	3.00	Emma	2.80
	Dublin	Sean	3.11	Emma	2.44
	Mid-East	Sean	4.08	Emma	3.31
	Mid-West	Conor	3.72	Emma	3.55
	South-East	Jack	3.94	Aoife	2.89
	South-West	Sean	3.02	Emma	2.74
	Ireland	Sean	3.07	Emma	2.82
2002	Border	Conor	2.76	Ciara	2.86
	Midland	Adam	3.35	Ciara	3.27
	West	Jack	2.71	Sarah	3.08
	Dublin	Sean	2.56	Sarah	2.22
	Mid-East	Jack	3.66	Sarah	2.63
	Mid-West	Jack	3.28	Sarah	2.48
	South-East	Jack	3.85	Ciara	2.31
	South-West	Jack	3.42	Sarah	2.63
	Ireland	Jack	3.07	Sarah	2.43
2001	Border	Conor	3.48	Chloe	2.80
	Midland	Jack	3.72	Aoife	3.09
	West	Sean	2.76	Ciara	2.62
	Dublin	Adam	3.78	Sarah	2.48
	Mid-East	Jack	3.66	Aoife	2.71
	Mid-West	Jack	3.50	Sarah	2.62
	South-East	Jack	4.36	Ciara	2.93
	South-West	Jack	3.46	Emma	2.68
	Ireland	Jack	3.36	Sarah	2.48
2000	Border	Conor	2.93	Niamh	3.13
	Midland	Jack	3.84	Ciara	3.57
	West	Jack	3.21	Ciara	3.09
	Dublin	Sean	3.87	Sarah	2.61
	Mid-East	Jack	3.77	Aoife	3.14
	Mid-West	Jack	4.19	Sarah	2.99
	South-East	Jack	4.42	Chloe, Rebecca	2.67
	South-West	Sean	3.49	Ciara	3.12
	Ireland	Jack	3.26	Aoife	2.58

Table 6 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2004 and 2005, and between 2000 and 2005, measured by change in rank

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2005	2004	Change in Rank		2005	2004	Change in Rank
Calum	70	117	47	Ruby	58	121	63
Oscar	79	107	28	Julia	97	152	55
Callum	34	61	27	Isobel	88	114	26
Tom	79	98	19	Emer	85	110	25
Noah	61	79	18	Alisha	91	114	23

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2005	2000	Change in Rank		2005	2000	Change in Rank
Noah	61	252	191	Aoibhe	64	270	206
Oscar	79	171	92	Amelia	91	221	130
Calum	70	160	90	Isabella	93	238	145
Finn	57	131	74	Ruby	58	202	144
Leo	97	171	74	Alicia	88	202	114

Table 7 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2004 and 2005, and between 2000 and 2005, measured by number of names

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2005	2004	Increase in Number		2005	2004	Increase in Number
Jack	931	835	96	Sarah	642	561	81
Callum	216	130	86	Grace	369	295	74
Jake	276	206	70	Rebecca	353	290	63
Calum	110	46	64	Ruby	99	41	58
Finn	137	92	45	Molly	261	206	55

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2005	2000	Increase in Number		2005	2000	Increase in Number
Daniel	654	467	187	Ella	405	75	330
Alex	336	150	186	Ava	339	103	236
Ben	401	234	167	Grace	369	172	197
Darragh	377	245	132	Sophie	451	266	185
Callum	216	86	130	Katie	575	398	177

Background Notes

- Source** These results are based on an analysis of the first names recorded on birth returns for registration and vital statistics, begun by the CSO in 1998. Over 99% of birth notifications in 2005 included the baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO. This compares with 97% in 2004, 93% in 2003, 91% in 2002, 93% in 2001 and 2000, 90% in 1999 and 80% in 1998.
- Information recorded** Only the first name was used for this analysis. Babies' surnames and additional forenames were not extracted by the CSO.
- Spellings and variants** Different spellings of a name have been treated as separate names. For example, while there were 216 boys named Callum, another 110 boys had the alternate spelling Calum.
- Variants of names and abbreviations have also been treated as separate names. For example, Jack, Sean and John account between them for 2,210 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank first, second and seventeenth respectively. If treated as variants of John, it would rank as the most popular boys' name.
- Names containing accents have been recorded without those accents e.g. Pádraig was recorded as Padraig.
- Ranking** Names of equal rank have been placed in alphabetical order in Table 1.