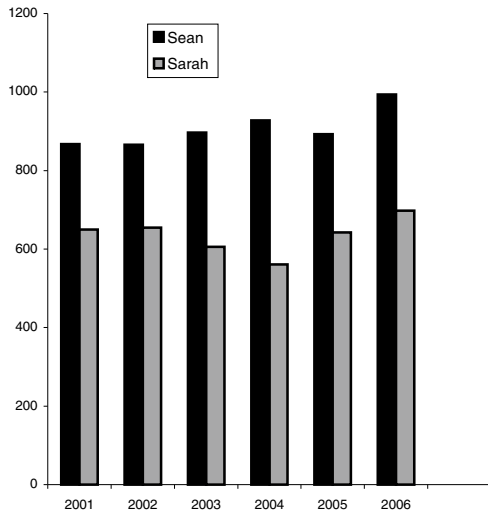




Irish Babies' Names 2006

Sean and Sarah 2001-2006



Five most popular babies' names

Boys		Girls	
Name	Count	Name	Count
Sean	994	Sarah	698
Jack	987	Emma	593
Conor	731	Katie	571
Adam	693	Aoife	546
James	678	Sophie	497

Sean and Sarah most popular names

Sean and Sarah were the most popular babies' name registered last year. Sean returns to the top position it last held in 2004 and 2003 and Sarah returns to the top position it last held in 2002 and 2001. There were 994 boys named Sean in 2006, 7 more than the number of boys named Jack. There were 698 girls named Sarah, 105 more than the number of girls named Emma, 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 Sophie is in the top 5 for the first time. *See Table 1.*

There were 2 first time entries to the top 100 for boys: Senan and Tristan. The highest new entry was Senan, which rose from 223rd place in 2001 and 109th last year to reach 95th place. The names rising the most places were Cameron (up 28 places to 90), Calum (up 26 places to 44) and Rory (up 23 places to 45). *See Table 6.*

There were 3 first time entries to the top 100 for girls: Aoibheann, Aoibhinn and Jasmine. The highest new entry was Aoibheann, which climbed from 182nd place in 2002 and 121st last year to reach 76th place. The names rising the most places were Jasmine (up 63 places to 87) and Alana (up 38 places to 94). *See Table 6.*

In general, the tables show that girls are given a wider variety of names than boys. Over one in three girls (38.9%) were given a name not in the top 100, compared with 29.9% of boys.

Sean was the most popular name in the Midland, Dublin and Mid-East regions. Jack was the most popular in the Border, the West, the Mid-West, the South-East and the South-West regions. Emma was the most popular girls' name in the Midland and Mid-West region. Sarah was the most popular in the West, Mid-East, South-East and South-West region. Katie was the most popular name in the Border region and Sophie in the Dublin region.

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. All birth notifications in 2006 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 2006, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 2001 and 2006

Boys' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Girls' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Sean	1	2	1	1	2	2	Sarah	1	2	3	2	1	1
Jack	2	1	2	2	1	1	Emma	2	1	1	1	4	3
Conor	3	4	3	4	4	4	Katie	3	3	2	5	7	9
Adam	4	3	4	3	3	3	Aoife	4	5	5	3	2	2
James	5	5	4	5	5	5	Sophie	5	7	7	6	9	16
Daniel	6	6	6	6	6	11	Ava	6	18	18	24	26	41
Luke	7	8	8	11	10	9	Grace	7	14	20	23	29	27
Cian	8	7	7	8	7	6	Ella	8	10	11	14	28	48
Michael	9	10	9	7	8	10	Leah	9	9	9	10	15	12
Jamie	10	13	16	23	23	20	Ciara	10	6	6	4	3	5
Aaron	11	9	10	13	12	12	Amy	11	4	4	9	6	8
Dylan	12	11	11	10	11	8	Emily	11	11	13	20	19	18
Thomas	13	16	20	14	18	14	Lucy	13	24	22	29	36	35
Ryan	14	12	13	12	14	18	Chloe	14	8	8	8	5	4
Darragh	15	20	15	15	24	21	Caoimhe	15	17	12	12	20	19
Oisín	16	21	18	20	25	23	Hannah	16	16	16	13	12	15
Matthew	17	19	23	25	17	22	Rachel	17	12	14	7	13	11
John	18	17	21	22	15	15	Niamh	18	13	10	11	8	6
Patrick	19	18	24	19	13	17	Rebecca	19	15	21	17	14	14
Ben	20	14	17	18	19	27	Jessica	20	20	23	19	17	20
David	21	14	12	9	9	7	Anna	21	21	26	22	21	26
Callum	22	34	61	46	60	76	Lauren	21	19	17	15	10	6
Alex	23	24	26	29	35	45	Kate	23	22	14	17	18	22
Shane	24	23	19	21	21	13	Laura	24	28	24	21	16	13
Evan	25	25	25	26	29	30	Mia	25	33	39	44	47	72
Eoin	26	21	14	15	16	18	Molly	25	25	31	37	33	31
Joshua	27	25	22	17	19	28	Roisín	27	23	27	27	24	25
Cillian	28	45	40	60	66	58	Aisling	28	31	29	29	27	23
Jake	29	30	36	31	30	34	Saoirse	29	36	35	36	31	28
Liam	30	27	28	24	26	24	Ellie	30	32	38	38	46	89
Mark	31	29	27	27	22	16	Abbie	31	27	30	33	51	64
Nathan	32	28	29	28	27	32	Megan	32	26	19	16	11	10
Ciaran	33	31	30	30	28	25	Holly	33	29	25	28	35	49
Samuel	34	35	34	37	43	49	Ellen	34	30	28	25	23	24
Cathal	35	31	34	39	38	38	Erin	34	40	51	42	48	47
Charlie	36	52	65	79	93	114	Nicole	36	37	40	34	24	21
Robert	37	37	38	34	30	33	Aine	37	35	33	32	39	36
Kyle	38	35	32	35	36	53	Tara	38	39	36	40	32	32
Fionn	39	38	41	66	66	68	Shauna	39	38	32	26	22	17
Joseph	39	31	31	32	33	31	Clodagh	40	42	41	46	45	42
Harry	41	50	56	56	68	56	Ruby	41	58	121	120	170	168
Cormac	42	39	51	56	52	59	Lily	42	52	59	75	85	91
Andrew	43	39	32	36	41	37	Katelyn	43	41	37	35	52	52
Calum	44	70	117	109	123	223	Abigail	44	45	42	54	68	66
Rory	45	68	48	52	57	61	Eva	44	49	47	55	50	44
Stephen	46	42	37	33	33	26	Caitlin	46	34	34	31	38	34
Ronan	47	43	39	51	54	50	Zoe	47	43	45	41	43	42
Kevin	48	47	44	38	32	36	Eimear	48	44	43	46	43	40
Noah	49	61	79	132	148	176	Shannon	49	56	46	52	37	29
Eoghan	50	41	52	41	48	44	Isabelle	50	62	76	100	77	104
William	50	51	54	55	49	52	Aimee	51	46	47	48	66	74
Brian	52	43	45	40	38	39	Mary	52	48	44	45	41	37
Christopher	53	60	53	46	47	42	Orla	52	53	52	53	40	38
Ethan	54	49	47	44	50	51	Alannah	54	51	53	49	55	52
Lee	55	46	46	42	46	47	Aoibhe	55	64	74	94	131	166
Alexander	56	47	59	49	56	65	Olivia	55	58	69	72	71	61
Scott	56	58	42	59	58	66	Eve	57	57	59	56	58	46
Sam	58	59	59	70	71	89	Kayleigh	58	58	71	63	68	74

Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2006, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 2001 and 2006

Boys' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Girls' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Killian	59	62	70	67	65	55	Kayla	59	67	88	106	116	187
Jason	60	65	49	45	37	45	Eabha	60	54	62	74	99	160
Niall	60	53	50	54	40	41	Sinead	61	47	47	38	30	33
Paul	62	54	43	48	45	43	Robyn	62	50	50	49	63	51
Peter	62	64	66	50	50	48	Elizabeth	63	69	64	51	62	60
Tadhg	64	69	68	84	80	88	Isabella	64	93	108	151	131	219
Aidan	65	71	62	64	62	73	Amber	65	70	78	94	108	100
Finn	66	57	71	75	88	95	Maria	66	58	55	56	53	58
Josh	67	56	58	56	62	81	Cara	67	66	73	86	102	91
Benjamin	68	55	57	53	53	66	Isabel	68	75	67	115	94	129
Dean	69	63	62	42	44	35	Sophia	69	85	71	100	108	126
Anthony	70	75	80	68	64	56	Charlotte	70	67	76	72	91	87
Tom	71	79	98	83	90	94	Julia	71	97	152	139	154	148
Max	72	73	88	97	123	114	Jennifer	72	63	54	43	34	39
Colm	73	86	74	73	76	71	Orlaith	73	78	83	106	131	148
Leon	73	82	82	85	81	68	Amelia	74	91	99	163	210	299
Gavin	75	66	64	62	55	54	Faye	74	106	98	91	123	133
Martin	76	76	74	73	74	70	Aoibheann	76	112	129	120	182	139
Dara	77	81	81	86	97	90	Sadhbh	76	73	86	75	94	103
Rian	77	84	100	129	116	108	Jade	78	55	57	61	42	30
Brandon	79	98	78	76	70	83	Alexandra	79	81	68	88	78	68
Alan	80	72	77	71	60	59	Alice	80	82	81	83	76	87
Padraig	80	84	84	89	84	79	Clara	80	93	113	80	102	107
Ross	80	66	55	68	74	63	Alex	82	104	93	151	146	117
Charles	83	99	93	107	122	103	Alisha	82	91	114	124	113	154
Ruairi	84	93	104	92	103	105	Alanna	84	79	66	66	80	86
Craig	85	89	72	63	59	40	Aoibhinn	84	120	142	167	138	194
Kian	85	74	67	65	73	63	Grainne	86	104	57	68	71	66
Leo	87	97	104	119	107	127	Jasmine	87	150	121	113	106	123
Colin	88	102	69	81	110	92	Hazel	88	99	110	131	108	89
Darren	88	83	76	76	72	62	Maeve	88	85	74	77	75	70
Cameron	90	118	110	95	103	108	Zara	90	88	104	105	87	83
Diarmuid	91	77	87	97	77	83	Heather	91	97	114	83	93	112
Oscar	92	79	107	111	112	131	Louise	92	76	69	56	48	50
Owen	92	95	88	103	84	83	Abby	93	71	55	60	65	77
Tomas	92	86	84	109	103	101	Alana	94	132	89	94	102	96
Connor	95	114	83	76	90	101	Jane	94	65	79	70	78	78
Senan	95	109	114	167	207	223	Ruth	94	73	79	64	68	56
Oran	97	78	88	80	94	96	Claire	97	79	86	61	54	44
Daire	98	96	95	92	116	98	Lisa	97	93	91	64	55	55
Christian	99	92	93	104	116	131	Catherine	99	83	64	71	58	54
Tristan	99	122	152	142	136	147	Alicia	100	88	105	106	115	148
							Alison	100	93	91	83	60	62
							Kelly	100	72	63	59	57	69
							Victoria	100	116	82	79	83	100

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Boys' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Girls' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Sean	994	893	928	897	866	867	Sarah	698	642	561	606	655	650
Jack	987	931	835	800	868	930	Emma	593	703	787	791	532	592
Conor	731	705	736	705	748	702	Katie	571	575	574	468	418	422
Adam	693	710	688	787	798	833	Aoife	546	492	534	571	585	601
James	678	699	688	626	581	613	Sophie	497	451	468	432	404	303
Daniel	636	654	630	617	559	475	Ava	463	339	308	255	216	137
Luke	536	544	544	474	489	517	Grace	450	369	295	258	191	200
Cian	520	561	546	501	536	557	Ella	447	405	381	327	204	112
Michael	509	484	527	525	520	483	Leah	444	427	424	395	351	374
Jamie	494	408	406	327	333	342	Ciara	408	484	500	535	577	552
Aaron	488	488	503	411	467	459	Amy	396	510	546	410	485	447
Dylan	456	467	479	478	485	538	Emily	396	385	346	273	278	287
Thomas	432	397	371	375	349	377	Lucy	390	275	276	203	169	157
Ryan	431	432	451	425	365	349	Chloe	375	440	453	412	516	556
Darragh	429	377	414	356	310	298	Caoimhe	363	345	357	357	272	274
Oisín	413	370	384	342	300	283	Hannah	357	350	340	340	368	343
Matthew	395	379	361	304	351	287	Rachel	355	381	342	431	364	400
John	394	386	366	333	362	372	Niamh	350	375	421	370	407	477
Patrick	392	381	357	343	366	365	Rebecca	324	353	290	295	361	350
Ben	385	401	399	348	345	258	Jessica	322	311	264	292	302	262
David	383	401	459	480	501	549	Anna	320	290	245	265	247	232
Callum	368	216	130	138	110	76	Lauren	320	312	318	311	402	477
Alex	367	336	322	268	193	160	Kate	307	284	342	295	301	258
Shane	366	355	379	335	343	385	Laura	248	231	261	268	349	361
Evan	364	324	337	303	245	248	Mia	235	192	163	131	119	73
Eoin	356	370	429	356	361	349	Molly	235	261	206	163	179	172
Joshua	341	324	364	352	345	257	Roisin	233	280	237	222	228	239
Cillian	300	167	176	116	99	114	Aisling	224	204	217	203	210	248
Jake	297	276	206	236	227	224	Saoirse	217	186	176	172	181	192
Liam	295	297	310	316	290	267	Ellie	215	193	169	153	122	54
Mark	265	285	316	302	336	366	Abbie	211	236	210	182	111	81
Nathan	255	296	271	275	258	242	Megan	210	248	299	310	387	401
Ciaran	227	226	253	244	252	264	Holly	203	228	253	213	171	107
Samuel	224	210	209	193	166	146	Ellen	196	220	222	253	229	241
Cathal	219	226	209	170	179	198	Erin	196	158	119	135	117	120
Charlie	218	148	118	79	58	40	Nicole	191	172	161	179	228	259
Robert	206	205	196	204	227	240	Aine	175	187	190	183	149	156
Kyle	202	210	216	200	190	126	Tara	173	165	175	147	180	168
Fionn	195	184	172	102	99	94	Shauna	162	168	194	231	232	299
Joseph	195	226	232	218	201	243	Clodagh	161	152	153	125	127	129
Harry	193	150	137	118	98	115	Ruby	158	99	41	42	23	23
Cormac	185	183	147	118	127	113	Lily	153	119	101	66	58	53
Andrew	182	183	216	199	172	218	Katelyn	152	153	171	173	109	96
Calum	179	110	46	46	37	10	Abigail	146	146	140	102	75	77
Rory	170	114	156	130	116	112	Eva	146	131	127	100	112	127
Stephen	165	170	205	214	201	263	Caitlin	143	191	189	192	151	160
Ronan	164	169	182	132	122	139	Zoe	141	150	132	136	133	129
Kevin	159	152	166	180	214	220	Eimear	138	148	135	125	133	146
Noah	158	123	83	33	26	18	Shannon	137	107	129	114	166	191
Eoghan	149	171	145	158	144	162	Isabelle	129	98	72	51	64	46
William	149	149	141	125	139	130	Aimee	128	141	127	119	77	72
Brian	145	169	165	169	179	197	Mary	124	133	133	128	140	153
Christopher	144	132	142	138	150	174	Orla	124	115	116	113	141	149
Ethan	139	151	160	141	128	135	Alannah	121	123	113	117	93	96
Lee	138	162	161	147	153	158	Aoibhe	120	95	75	53	33	24
Alexander	134	152	132	136	119	102	Olivia	120	99	83	70	74	84
Scott	134	135	168	117	114	97	Eve	117	106	101	91	91	126
Sam	128	134	132	93	88	63	Kayleigh	115	99	81	80	75	72

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Boys' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Girls' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Killian	127	120	96	101	100	121	Kayla	112	86	64	47	42	21
Jason	126	116	155	140	183	160	Eabha	111	109	95	68	51	26
Niall	126	147	152	128	175	179	Sinead	110	137	127	153	182	162
Paul	125	145	167	137	154	165	Robyn	108	126	122	117	82	100
Peter	125	117	108	134	128	151	Elizabeth	106	85	91	116	83	86
Tadhg	122	112	100	73	68	64	Isabella	99	62	46	29	33	16
Aidan	120	106	124	109	109	84	Amber	95	84	71	53	46	48
Finn	116	137	92	83	63	55	Maria	92	99	103	91	104	87
Josh	114	142	134	118	109	70	Cara	91	87	76	60	48	53
Benjamin	109	143	135	129	125	97	Isabel	88	76	85	43	52	33
Dean	106	118	124	147	157	221	Sophia	87	65	81	51	46	35
Anthony	104	89	81	94	103	115	Charlotte	86	86	72	70	54	55
Tom	100	80	60	74	61	56	Julia	85	61	30	32	26	28
Max	98	92	67	56	37	40	Jennifer	84	97	106	133	176	147
Colm	97	74	88	86	83	87	Orlaith	83	72	66	47	33	28
Leon	97	77	76	71	67	94	Amelia	80	63	53	25	18	10
Gavin	95	115	123	113	121	124	Faye	80	53	54	57	36	31
Martin	91	86	88	86	85	91	Aoibheann	78	48	37	42	21	30
Dara	86	78	80	70	51	59	Sadhbh	78	77	65	66	52	47
Rian	86	75	59	36	40	44	Jade	76	108	102	84	139	175
Brandon	84	63	85	80	92	67	Alexandra	75	69	84	59	63	76
Alan	83	98	86	91	110	113	Alice	74	68	68	61	66	55
Padraig	83	75	72	68	65	73	Clara	74	62	44	62	48	45
Ross	83	115	139	94	85	106	Alex	73	55	58	29	29	40
Charles	79	62	64	48	39	48	Alisha	73	63	43	40	45	27
Ruairi	78	68	57	59	48	46	Alanna	71	70	89	75	62	56
Craig	77	71	91	111	111	185	Aoibhinn	71	42	33	24	32	20
Kian	77	91	102	106	86	106	Grainne	70	55	102	74	74	77
Leo	73	64	57	40	44	34	Jasmine	68	31	41	46	47	36
Colin	71	59	99	75	43	58	Hazel	67	60	45	37	46	54
Darren	71	76	87	80	87	110	Maeve	67	65	75	64	69	74
Cameron	70	47	51	57	48	44	Zara	65	64	49	48	56	59
Diarmuid	69	84	68	56	75	67	Heather	63	61	43	61	53	43
Oscar	68	80	54	45	42	33	Louise	62	75	83	91	117	103
Owen	68	67	67	53	65	67	Abby	61	79	103	88	79	70
Tomas	68	74	72	46	48	49	Alana	60	37	63	53	48	50
Connor	65	49	75	80	61	49	Jane	60	94	70	73	63	68
Senan	65	53	48	21	14	10	Ruth	60	77	70	76	75	88
Oran	64	81	67	77	55	53	Claire	58	70	65	84	96	127
Daire	63	66	63	59	40	50	Lisa	58	62	61	76	93	93
Christian	62	69	64	51	40	33	Catherine	57	67	91	72	91	94
Tristan	62	45	28	30	31	24	Alicia	55	64	48	47	44	28
							Alison	55	62	61	61	89	82
							Kelly	55	78	92	90	92	75
							Victoria	55	44	67	63	59	48
Total in top 100	23204	22473	22346	20989	20826	21079		19025	18483	18162	17229	16942	17033
Total with first name recorded	33085	31360	30985	29249	28314	27710		31152	29666	29050	28006	27005	26251
Top 100 as % of total	70.1	71.7	72.1	71.8	73.6	76.1		61.1	62.304	62.5	61.5	62.7	64.9
Total births registered	33085	31369	31817	31414	31001	29753		31152	29673	29867	30103	29520	28129

Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2006, in alphabetical order - rank between 2001 and 2006

Boys' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Girls' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Aaron	11	9	10	13	12	12	Abbie	31	27	30	33	51	64
Adam	4	3	4	3	3	3	Abby	93	71	55	60	65	77
Aidan	65	71	62	64	62	73	Abigail	44	45	42	54	68	66
Alan	80	72	77	71	60	59	Aimee	51	46	47	48	66	74
Alex	23	24	26	29	35	45	Aine	37	35	33	32	39	36
Alexander	56	47	59	49	56	65	Aisling	28	31	29	29	27	23
Andrew	43	39	32	36	41	37	Alana	94	132	89	94	102	96
Anthony	70	75	80	68	64	56	Alanna	84	79	66	66	80	86
Ben	20	14	17	18	19	27	Alannah	54	51	53	49	55	52
Benjamin	68	55	57	53	53	66	Alex	82	104	93	151	146	117
Brandon	79	98	78	76	70	83	Alexandra	79	81	68	88	78	68
Brian	52	43	45	40	38	39	Alice	80	82	81	83	76	87
Callum	22	34	61	46	60	76	Alicia	100	88	105	106	115	148
Calum	44	70	117	109	123	223	Alisha	82	91	114	124	113	154
Cameron	90	118	110	95	103	108	Alison	100	93	91	83	60	62
Cathal	35	31	34	39	38	38	Amber	65	70	78	94	108	100
Charles	83	99	93	107	122	103	Amelia	74	91	99	163	210	299
Charlie	36	52	65	79	93	114	Amy	11	4	4	9	6	8
Christian	99	92	93	104	116	131	Anna	21	21	26	22	21	26
Christopher	53	60	53	46	47	42	Aoibhe	55	64	74	94	131	166
Cian	8	7	7	8	7	6	Aoibheann	76	112	129	120	182	139
Ciaran	33	31	30	30	28	25	Aoibhinn	84	120	142	167	138	194
Cillian	28	45	40	60	66	58	Aoife	4	5	5	3	2	2
Colin	88	102	69	81	110	92	Ava	6	18	18	24	26	41
Colm	73	86	74	73	76	71	Caitlin	46	34	34	31	38	34
Connor	95	114	83	76	90	101	Caoimhe	15	17	12	12	20	19
Conor	3	4	3	4	4	4	Cara	67	66	73	86	102	91
Cormac	42	39	51	56	52	59	Catherine	99	83	64	71	58	54
Craig	85	89	72	63	59	40	Charlotte	70	67	76	72	91	87
Daire	98	96	95	92	116	98	Chloe	14	8	8	8	5	4
Daniel	6	6	6	6	6	11	Ciara	10	6	6	4	3	5
Dara	77	81	81	86	97	90	Claire	97	79	86	61	54	44
Darragh	15	20	15	15	24	21	Clara	80	93	113	80	102	107
Darren	88	83	76	76	72	62	Clodagh	40	42	41	46	45	42
David	21	14	12	9	9	7	Eabha	60	54	62	74	99	160
Dean	69	63	62	42	44	35	Eimear	48	44	43	46	43	40
Diarmuid	91	77	87	97	77	83	Elizabeth	63	69	64	51	62	60
Dylan	12	11	11	10	11	8	Ella	8	10	11	14	28	48
Eoghan	50	41	52	41	48	44	Ellen	34	30	28	25	23	24
Eoin	26	21	14	15	16	18	Ellie	30	32	38	38	46	89
Ethan	54	49	47	44	50	51	Emily	11	11	13	20	19	18
Evan	25	25	25	26	29	30	Emma	2	1	1	1	4	3
Finn	66	57	71	75	88	95	Erin	34	40	51	42	48	47
Fionn	39	38	41	66	66	68	Eva	44	49	47	55	50	44
Gavin	75	66	64	62	55	54	Eve	57	57	59	56	58	46
Harry	41	50	56	56	68	56	Faye	74	106	98	91	123	133
Jack	2	1	2	2	1	1	Grace	7	14	20	23	29	27
Jake	29	30	36	31	30	34	Grainne	86	104	57	68	71	66
James	5	5	4	5	5	5	Hannah	16	16	16	13	12	15
Jamie	10	13	16	23	23	20	Hazel	88	99	110	131	108	89
Jason	60	65	49	45	37	45	Heather	91	97	114	83	93	112
John	18	17	21	22	15	15	Holly	33	29	25	28	35	49
Joseph	39	31	31	32	33	31	Isabel	68	75	67	115	94	129
Josh	67	56	58	56	62	81	Isabella	64	93	108	151	131	219
Joshua	27	25	22	17	19	28	Isabelle	50	62	76	100	77	104
Kevin	48	47	44	38	32	36	Jade	78	55	57	61	42	30
Kian	85	74	67	65	73	63	Jane	94	65	79	70	78	78
Killian	59	62	70	67	65	55	Jasmine	87	150	121	113	106	123

Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2006, in alphabetical order - rank between 2001 and 2006

Boys' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Girls' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Kyle	38	35	32	35	36	53	Jennifer	72	63	54	43	34	39
Lee	55	46	46	42	46	47	Jessica	20	20	23	19	17	20
Leo	87	97	104	119	107	127	Julia	71	97	152	139	154	148
Leon	73	82	82	85	81	68	Kate	23	22	14	17	18	22
Liam	30	27	28	24	26	24	Katelyn	43	41	37	35	52	52
Luke	7	8	8	11	10	9	Katie	3	3	2	5	7	9
Mark	31	29	27	27	22	16	Kayla	59	67	88	106	116	187
Martin	76	76	74	73	74	70	Kayleigh	58	58	71	63	68	74
Matthew	17	19	23	25	17	22	Kelly	100	72	63	59	57	69
Max	72	73	88	97	123	114	Laura	24	28	24	21	16	13
Michael	9	10	9	7	8	10	Lauren	21	19	17	15	10	6
Nathan	32	28	29	28	27	32	Leah	9	9	9	10	15	12
Niall	60	53	50	54	40	41	Lily	42	52	59	75	85	91
Noah	49	61	79	132	148	176	Lisa	97	93	91	64	55	55
Oisín	16	21	18	20	25	23	Louise	92	76	69	56	48	50
Oran	97	78	88	80	94	96	Lucy	13	24	22	29	36	35
Oscar	92	79	107	111	112	131	Maeve	88	85	74	77	75	70
Owen	92	95	88	103	84	83	Maria	66	58	55	56	53	58
Padraig	80	84	84	89	84	79	Mary	52	48	44	45	41	37
Patrick	19	18	24	19	13	17	Megan	32	26	19	16	11	10
Paul	62	54	43	48	45	43	Mia	25	33	39	44	47	72
Peter	62	64	66	50	50	48	Molly	25	25	31	37	33	31
Rian	77	84	100	129	116	108	Niamh	18	13	10	11	8	6
Robert	37	37	38	34	30	33	Nicole	36	37	40	34	24	21
Ronan	47	43	39	51	54	50	Olivia	55	58	69	72	71	61
Rory	45	68	48	52	57	61	Orla	52	53	52	53	40	38
Ross	80	66	55	68	74	63	Orlaith	73	78	83	106	131	148
Ruairi	84	93	104	92	103	105	Rachel	17	12	14	7	13	11
Ryan	14	12	13	12	14	18	Rebecca	19	15	21	17	14	14
Sam	58	59	59	70	71	89	Robyn	62	50	50	49	63	51
Samuel	34	35	34	37	43	49	Roisin	27	23	27	27	24	25
Scott	56	58	42	59	58	66	Ruby	41	58	121	120	170	168
Sean	1	2	1	1	2	2	Ruth	94	73	79	64	68	56
Senan	95	109	114	167	207	223	Sadhbh	76	73	86	75	94	103
Shane	24	23	19	21	21	13	Saoirse	29	36	35	36	31	28
Stephen	46	42	37	33	33	26	Sarah	1	2	3	2	1	1
Tadhg	64	69	68	84	80	88	Shannon	49	56	46	52	37	29
Thomas	13	16	20	14	18	14	Shauna	39	38	32	26	22	17
Tom	71	79	98	83	90	94	Sinead	61	47	47	38	30	33
Tomas	92	86	84	109	103	101	Sophia	69	85	71	100	108	126
Tristan	99	122	152	142	136	147	Sophie	5	7	7	6	9	16
William	50	51	54	55	49	52	Tara	38	39	36	40	32	32
							Victoria	100	116	82	79	83	100
							Zara	90	88	104	105	87	83
							Zoe	47	43	45	41	43	42

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Boys' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Girls' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Aaron	488	488	503	411	467	459	Abbie	211	236	210	182	111	81
Adam	693	710	688	787	798	833	Abby	61	79	103	88	79	70
Aidan	120	106	124	109	109	84	Abigail	146	146	140	102	75	77
Alan	83	98	86	91	110	113	Aimee	128	141	127	119	77	72
Alex	367	336	322	268	193	160	Aine	175	187	190	183	149	156
Alexander	134	152	132	136	119	102	Aisling	224	204	217	203	210	248
Andrew	182	183	216	199	172	218	Alana	60	37	63	53	48	50
Anthony	104	89	81	94	103	115	Alanna	71	70	89	75	62	56
Ben	385	401	399	348	345	258	Alannah	121	123	113	117	93	96
Benjamin	109	143	135	129	125	97	Alex	73	55	58	29	29	40
Brandon	84	63	85	80	92	67	Alexandra	75	69	84	59	63	76
Brian	145	169	165	169	179	197	Alice	74	68	68	61	66	55
Callum	368	216	130	138	110	76	Alicia	55	64	48	47	44	28
Calum	179	110	46	46	37	10	Alisha	73	63	43	40	45	27
Cameron	70	47	51	57	48	44	Alison	55	62	61	61	89	82
Cathal	219	226	209	170	179	198	Amber	95	84	71	53	46	48
Charles	79	62	64	48	39	48	Amelia	80	63	53	25	18	10
Charlie	218	148	118	79	58	40	Amy	396	510	546	410	485	447
Christian	62	69	64	51	40	33	Anna	320	290	245	265	247	232
Christopher	144	132	142	138	150	174	Aoibhe	120	95	75	53	33	24
Cian	520	561	546	501	536	557	Aoibheann	78	48	37	42	21	30
Ciaran	227	226	253	244	252	264	Aoibhinn	71	42	33	24	32	20
Cillian	300	167	176	116	99	114	Aoife	546	492	534	571	585	601
Colin	71	59	99	75	43	58	Ava	463	339	308	255	216	137
Colm	97	74	88	86	83	87	Caitlin	143	191	189	192	151	160
Connor	65	49	75	80	61	49	Caoimhe	363	345	357	357	272	274
Conor	731	705	736	705	748	702	Cara	91	87	76	60	48	53
Cormac	185	183	147	118	127	113	Catherine	57	67	91	72	91	94
Craig	77	71	91	111	111	185	Charlotte	86	86	72	70	54	55
Daire	63	66	63	59	40	50	Chloe	375	440	453	412	516	556
Daniel	636	654	630	617	559	475	Ciara	408	484	500	535	577	552
Dara	86	78	80	70	51	59	Claire	58	70	65	84	96	127
Darragh	429	377	414	356	310	298	Clara	74	62	44	62	48	45
Darren	71	76	87	80	87	110	Clodagh	161	152	153	125	127	129
David	383	401	459	480	501	549	Eabha	111	109	95	68	51	26
Dean	106	118	124	147	157	221	Eimear	138	148	135	125	133	146
Diarmuid	69	84	68	56	75	67	Elizabeth	106	85	91	116	83	86
Dylan	456	467	479	478	485	538	Ella	447	405	381	327	204	112
Eoghan	149	171	145	158	144	162	Ellen	196	220	222	253	229	241
Eoin	356	370	429	356	361	349	Ellie	215	193	169	153	122	54
Ethan	139	151	160	141	128	135	Emily	396	385	346	273	278	287
Evan	364	324	337	303	245	248	Emma	593	703	787	791	532	592
Finn	116	137	92	83	63	55	Erin	196	158	119	135	117	120
Fionn	195	184	172	102	99	94	Eva	146	131	127	100	112	127
Gavin	95	115	123	113	121	124	Eve	117	106	101	91	91	126
Harry	193	150	137	118	98	115	Faye	80	53	54	57	36	31
Jack	987	931	835	800	868	930	Grace	450	369	295	258	191	200
Jake	297	276	206	236	227	224	Grainne	70	55	102	74	74	77
James	678	699	688	626	581	613	Hannah	357	350	340	340	368	343
Jamie	494	408	406	327	333	342	Hazel	67	60	45	37	46	54
Jason	126	116	155	140	183	160	Heather	63	61	43	61	53	43
John	394	386	366	333	362	372	Holly	203	228	253	213	171	107
Joseph	195	226	232	218	201	243	Isabel	88	76	85	43	52	33
Josh	114	142	134	118	109	70	Isabella	99	62	46	29	33	16
Joshua	341	324	364	352	345	257	Isabelle	129	98	72	51	64	46
Kevin	159	152	166	180	214	220	Jade	76	108	102	84	139	175
Kian	77	91	102	106	86	106	Jane	60	94	70	73	63	68
Killian	127	120	96	101	100	121	Jasmine	68	31	41	46	47	36

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Boys' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Girls' name	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Kyle	202	210	216	200	190	126	Jennifer	84	97	106	133	176	147
Lee	138	162	161	147	153	158	Jessica	322	311	264	292	302	262
Leo	73	64	57	40	44	34	Julia	85	61	30	32	26	28
Leon	97	77	76	71	67	94	Kate	307	284	342	295	301	258
Liam	295	297	310	316	290	267	Katelyn	152	153	171	173	109	96
Luke	536	544	544	474	489	517	Katie	571	575	574	468	418	422
Mark	265	285	316	302	336	366	Kayla	112	86	64	47	42	21
Martin	91	86	88	86	85	91	Kayleigh	115	99	81	80	75	72
Matthew	395	379	361	304	351	287	Kelly	55	78	92	90	92	75
Max	98	92	67	56	37	40	Laura	248	231	261	268	349	361
Michael	509	484	527	525	520	483	Lauren	320	312	318	311	402	477
Nathan	255	296	271	275	258	242	Leah	444	427	424	395	351	374
Niall	126	147	152	128	175	179	Lily	153	119	101	66	58	53
Noah	158	123	83	33	26	18	Lisa	58	62	61	76	93	93
Oisín	413	370	384	342	300	283	Louise	62	75	83	91	117	103
Oran	64	81	67	77	55	53	Lucy	390	275	276	203	169	157
Oscar	68	80	54	45	42	33	Maeve	67	65	75	64	69	74
Owen	68	67	67	53	65	67	Maria	92	99	103	91	104	87
Padraig	83	75	72	68	65	73	Mary	124	133	133	128	140	153
Patrick	392	381	357	343	366	365	Megan	210	248	299	310	387	401
Paul	125	145	167	137	154	165	Mia	235	192	163	131	119	73
Peter	125	117	108	134	128	151	Molly	235	261	206	163	179	172
Rian	86	75	59	36	40	44	Niamh	350	375	421	370	407	477
Robert	206	205	196	204	227	240	Nicole	191	172	161	179	228	259
Ronan	164	169	182	132	122	139	Olivia	120	99	83	70	74	84
Rory	170	114	156	130	116	112	Orla	124	115	116	113	141	149
Ross	83	115	139	94	85	106	Orlaith	83	72	66	47	33	28
Ruairi	78	68	57	59	48	46	Rachel	355	381	342	431	364	400
Ryan	431	432	451	425	365	349	Rebecca	324	353	290	295	361	350
Sam	128	134	132	93	88	63	Robyn	108	126	122	117	82	100
Samuel	224	210	209	193	166	146	Roisín	233	280	237	222	228	239
Scott	134	135	168	117	114	97	Ruby	158	99	41	42	23	23
Sean	994	893	928	897	866	867	Ruth	60	77	70	76	75	88
Senan	65	53	48	21	14	10	Sadhbh	78	77	65	66	52	47
Shane	366	355	379	335	343	385	Saoirse	217	186	176	172	181	192
Stephen	165	170	205	214	201	263	Sarah	698	642	561	606	655	650
Tadhg	122	112	100	73	68	64	Shannon	137	107	129	114	166	191
Thomas	432	397	371	375	349	377	Shauna	162	168	194	231	232	299
Tom	100	80	60	74	61	56	Sinead	110	137	127	153	182	162
Tomas	68	74	72	46	48	49	Sophia	87	65	81	51	46	35
Tristan	62	45	28	30	31	24	Sophie	497	451	468	432	404	303
William	149	149	141	125	139	130	Tara	173	165	175	147	180	168
							Victoria	55	44	67	63	59	48
							Zara	65	64	49	48	56	59
							Zoe	141	150	132	136	133	129
Total in top 100	23204	22473	22346	20989	20826	21079		19025	18483	18162	17229	16942	17033
Total with first name recorded	33085	31360	30985	29249	28314	27710		31152	29666	29050	28006	27005	26251
Top 100 as % of total	70.1	71.7	72.1	71.8	73.6	76.1		61.1	62.304	62.5	61.5	62.7	64.9
Total births registered	33085	31369	31817	31414	31001	29753		31152	29673	29867	30103	29520	28129

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

Year	Regional Authority	Boys		Girls	
		Name	%	Name	%
2006	Border	Jack	2.97	Katie	2.11
	Midland	Sean	2.98	Emma	2.84
	West	Jack	2.88	Sarah	2.61
	Dublin	Sean	3.28	Sophie	2.11
	Mid-East	Sean	3.34	Sarah	2.33
	Mid-West	Jack	3.22	Emma	2.49
	South-East	Jack	3.73	Sarah	2.74
	South-West	Jack	3.86	Sarah	2.64
	Ireland	Sean	3.00	Sarah	2.24
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

Table 6 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2005 and 2006, and between 2001 and 2006, measured by change in rank

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2006	2005	Change in Rank		2006	2005	Change in Rank
Cameron	90	118	28	Jasmine	87	150	63
Calum	44	70	26	Alana	94	132	38
Rory	45	68	23	Aoibheann	76	112	36
Tristan	99	122	23	Aoibhinn	84	120	36
Brandon	79	98	19	Faye	74	106	32

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2006	2001	Change in Rank		2006	2001	Change in Rank
Calum	44	223	179	Amelia	74	299	225
Senan	95	223	128	Isabella	64	219	155
Noah	49	176	127	Kayla	59	187	128
Charlie	36	114	78	Ruby	41	168	127
Callum	22	76	54	Aoibhe	55	166	111

Table 7 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2005 and 2006, and between 2001 and 2006, measured by number of names

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2006	2005	Increase in Number		2006	2005	Increase in Number
Callum	368	216	152	Ava	463	339	124
Cillian	300	167	133	Lucy	390	275	115
Sean	994	893	101	Grace	450	369	81
Jamie	494	408	86	Ruby	158	99	59
Charlie	218	148	70	Sarah	698	642	56

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2006	2001	Increase in Number		2006	2001	Increase in Number
Callum	368	76	292	Ella	447	112	335
Alex	367	160	207	Ava	463	137	326
Cillian	300	114	186	Grace	450	200	250
Charlie	218	40	178	Lucy	390	157	233
Calum	179	10	169	Sophie	497	303	194

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. All birth notifications in 2006 included the baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO. This compares with over 99% in 2005, 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 368 boys named Callum, another 179 boys had the alternate spelling Calum.
- Variants of names and abbreviations have also been treated as separate names. For example, Sean, Jack and John account between them for 2,375 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank first, second and eighteenth 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.