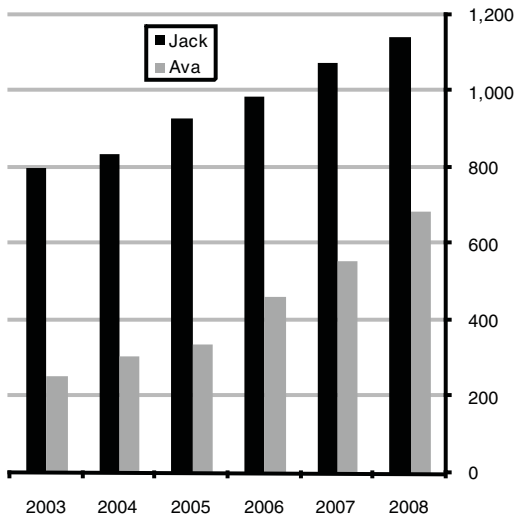




Irish Babies' Names 2008

Jack and Ava 2003-2008



Five most popular babies' names

Boys		Girls	
Name	Count	Name	Count
Jack	1,141	Ava	685
Sean	963	Katie	663
Conor	847	Sarah	645
Daniel	819	Emma	631
James	733	Emily	596

Jack and Ava most popular names

Jack and Ava were the most popular babies' names registered in 2008. Jack retains the top position it held in 2007 while this is the first time Ava has taken the number one spot, climbing from sixth in 2007. There were 1,141 boys named Jack in 2008, 178 more than the number of boys named Sean. There were 685 girls named Ava, 22 more than the number of girls named Katie, the second most popular girls' name. *See tables 1 and 2.*

The top five boys' names in 2008 (Jack, Sean, Conor, Daniel and James) also made up the top five in 2007, retaining the same order. Four of the top five boys' names (Jack, Sean, Conor and James) have been in the top five since 1998, with only their order changing from year to year. Daniel entered the top five at number four in 2007 but had been ranked sixth from 2002 to 2006. There has been more variation in the girls' top five. While Emma and Sarah have been in the top five since 1998, Katie has only been in the top five since 2003. Emily and Ava are in the top five for the first time. *See table 1.*

There were five first time entries to the top 100 for boys: Jakub, Kacper, Filip, Billy and Patryk. Also, Hugh returned to the top 100 after a 2-year absence and Odhran and Lorcan returned after a 3-year absence. The highest new entry at number 63 was Jakub which rose from 649th place in 2003 and 105th in 2007. The biggest climbers in the year, based on rank, were Jakub (up 42 places to 63), Filip (up 39 places to 95) and Leon (up 31 places to 44). *See tables 1 and 5.*

There were four first time entries to the top 100 for girls: Maja, Natalia, Zuzanna and Meabh. Also, Michelle returned to the top 100 after a 2-year absence. The highest new entry was Maja, which climbed from 657th place in 2003 and 110th in 2007 to reach 73rd place. The biggest climbers in the year, based on rank, were Natalia (up 72 places to 78), Zuzanna (up 48 places to 85) and Maja (up 37 places to 73). *See tables 1 and 5.*

In general, the tables show that girls are given a wider variety of names than boys are, with 43.1% of girls given a name not in the top 100, compared with 34.9% of boys. *See table 2.*

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Jack was the most popular boys' name in seven of the eight Regional Authority areas. The exception was the Dublin region where Sean was the most popular. Ava was the most popular girls' name in the Dublin region. Katie was the most popular in the Midland and Mid-East regions. Sarah was the most popular in the Mid-West and South-West regions. Emma was the most popular name in the Border and West regions and Emily in the South-East region. *See table 7.*

While the top five names for boys and girls were most popular within a number of different areas, additional names were also county and city favourites. For boys, Ryan was the most popular name in Carlow and Cork City, while Oisín was included in the top names for Donegal and Monaghan. Alex, Dylan and Matthew were the most popular in South Dublin, Limerick City and Sligo respectively. For girls, Grace was ranked first in Dun Laoighaire Rathdown, Laois, Offaly and North Tipperary. Sophie was joint favourite in Laois and Meath, while Aoife was joint favourite in Waterford County and Leitrim. Ella, Leah, Laura and Caoimhe were among the most popular names in Wicklow, Clare, Galway City and Leitrim respectively. *See tables 8(a) and 8(b).*

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 2008 included baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO.

Most popular babies' names in each regional authority

Regional Authority	Boys	Girls
Border	Jack	Emma
Midland	Jack	Katie
West	Jack	Emma
Dublin	Sean	Ava
Mid-East	Jack	Katie
Mid-West	Jack	Sarah
South-East	Jack	Emily
South-West	Jack	Sarah

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Information on the number of births in this report has subsequently been revised. Overall figures are corrected in Irish Babies Names 2011 report. Revised tables are available at

<http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/118>

Tables

Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2008, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 2003 and 2008

Boys' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Girls' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Jack	1	1	2	1	2	2	Ava	1	6	6	18	18	24
Sean	2	2	1	2	1	1	Katie	2	4	3	3	2	5
Conor	3	3	3	4	3	4	Sarah	3	1	1	2	3	2
Daniel	4	4	6	6	6	6	Emma	4	2	2	1	1	1
James	5	5	5	5	4	5	Emily	5	8	11	11	13	20
Ryan	6	7	14	12	13	12	Sophie	6	5	5	7	7	6
Adam	7	6	4	3	4	3	Grace	7	9	7	14	20	23
Dylan	8	11	12	11	11	10	Aoife	8	7	4	5	5	3
Luke	9	8	7	8	8	11	Chloe	9	15	14	8	8	8
Alex	10	20	23	24	26	29	Kate	10	10	23	22	14	17
Cian	11	9	8	7	7	8	Lucy	11	14	13	24	22	29
Aaron	12	12	11	9	10	13	Ella	12	3	8	10	11	14
Michael	13	10	9	10	9	7	Leah	13	16	9	9	9	10
Jamie	14	17	10	13	16	23	Ciara	14	12	10	6	6	4
Oisin	15	18	16	21	18	20	Hannah	15	13	16	16	16	13
Darragh	16	13	15	20	15	15	Amy	16	11	11	4	4	9
Liam	17	26	30	27	28	24	Caoimhe	17	17	15	17	12	12
Thomas	18	14	13	16	20	14	Niamh	18	18	18	13	10	11
Patrick	19	19	19	18	24	19	Anna	19	20	21	21	26	22
David	20	16	21	14	12	9	Lauren	20	22	21	19	17	15
Matthew	21	15	17	19	23	25	Ruby	21	34	41	58	121	120
John	22	21	18	17	21	22	Jessica	22	21	20	20	23	19
Cillian	23	22	28	45	40	60	Mia	23	24	25	33	39	44
Ben	24	27	20	14	17	18	Saoirse	24	26	29	36	35	36
Evan	25	23	25	25	25	26	Molly	25	23	25	25	31	37
Eoin	26	24	26	21	14	15	Holly	26	32	33	29	25	28
Joshua	27	29	27	25	22	17	Rachel	27	19	17	12	14	7
Shane	28	25	24	23	19	21	Roisin	28	27	27	23	27	27
Charlie	29	36	36	52	65	79	Lily	29	28	42	52	59	75
Jake	30	28	29	30	36	31	Laura	30	32	24	28	24	21
Harry	31	31	41	50	56	56	Rebecca	31	25	19	15	21	17
Joseph	32	33	39	31	31	32	Megan	32	30	32	26	19	16
Mark	33	30	31	29	27	27	Abbie	33	29	31	27	30	33
Nathan	34	37	32	28	29	28	Julia	34	49	71	97	152	139
Fionn	35	32	39	38	41	66	Ellie	35	31	30	32	38	38
Cathal	36	38	35	31	34	39	Abigail	36	45	44	45	42	54
Callum	37	34	22	34	61	46	Nicole	37	38	36	37	40	34
Kyle	38	38	38	35	32	35	Eva	38	41	44	49	47	55
Samuel	39	35	34	35	34	37	Erin	39	40	34	40	51	42
Ciaran	40	41	33	31	30	30	Ellen	40	35	34	30	28	25
Andrew	41	43	43	39	32	36	Isabelle	41	43	50	62	76	100
Ronan	41	41	47	43	39	51	Olivia	41	42	55	58	69	72
Tadhg	41	47	64	69	68	84	Aisling	43	36	28	31	29	29
Leon	44	75	73	82	82	85	Clodagh	44	39	40	42	41	46
Alexander	45	56	56	47	59	49	Amelia	45	48	74	91	99	163
Noah	46	49	49	61	79	132	Caitlin	46	44	46	34	34	31
Eoghan	47	52	50	41	52	41	Kayla	47	53	59	67	88	106
William	47	44	50	51	54	55	Aine	48	37	37	35	33	32
Finn	49	54	66	57	71	75	Maria	48	58	66	58	55	56
Robert	49	40	37	37	38	34	Zoe	48	54	47	43	45	41
Brian	51	51	52	43	45	40	Tara	51	46	38	39	36	40
Rory	51	48	45	68	48	52	Robyn	52	56	62	50	50	49
Ethan	53	46	54	49	47	44	Eabha	53	62	60	54	62	74
Jayden	54	85	305	323	306	649	Alannah	54	61	54	51	53	49
Max	54	69	72	73	88	97	Aoibhe	55	59	55	64	74	94
Cormac	56	53	42	39	51	56	Sophia	55	51	69	85	71	100
Sam	57	59	58	59	59	70	Eimear	57	51	48	44	43	46
Stephen	58	60	46	42	37	33	Isabel	58	66	68	75	67	115

Table 1 (continued) Top 100 babies' names registered in 2008, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 2003 and 2008

Boys' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Girls' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Kevin	59	44	48	47	44	38	Katelyn	59	47	43	41	37	35
Aidan	60	55	65	71	62	64	Mary	60	57	52	48	44	45
Christopher	61	61	53	60	53	46	Cara	61	68	67	66	73	86
Rian	62	58	77	84	100	129	Eve	62	73	57	57	59	56
Benjamin	63	56	68	55	57	53	Isabella	63	72	64	93	108	151
Jakub	63	105	134	306	504	649	Zara	63	80	90	88	104	105
Oscar	65	81	92	79	107	111	Kayleigh	65	55	58	58	71	63
Dean	66	79	69	63	62	42	Aimee	66	64	51	46	47	48
Killian	67	61	59	62	70	67	Sadhbh	66	70	76	73	86	75
Rhys	67	76	104	107	114	143	Charlotte	68	82	70	67	76	72
Calum	69	50	44	70	117	109	Shannon	69	71	49	56	46	52
Peter	70	65	62	64	66	50	Shauna	70	50	39	38	32	26
Jason	71	68	60	65	49	45	Aoibheann	71	91	76	112	129	120
Scott	71	67	56	58	42	59	Orla	72	59	52	53	52	53
Alan	73	65	80	72	77	71	Maja	73	110	225	876	671	657
Ross	73	93	80	66	55	68	Sinead	74	65	61	47	47	38
Paul	75	72	62	54	43	48	Amber	75	68	65	70	78	94
Josh	76	63	67	56	58	56	Brooke	76	73	133	135	141	200
Tom	77	74	71	79	98	83	Faye	77	87	74	106	98	91
Lee	78	70	55	46	46	42	Eiizabeth	78	63	63	69	64	51
Anthony	79	71	70	75	80	68	Natalia	78	150	225	455	409	834
Gavin	79	64	75	66	64	62	Sara	80	81	112	125	94	106
Martin	81	73	76	76	74	73	Alisha	81	93	82	91	114	124
Dara	82	80	77	81	81	86	Isobel	81	89	106	88	114	106
Niall	82	76	60	53	50	54	Clara	83	84	80	93	113	80
Oliver	84	76	101	121	119	142	Alanna	84	110	84	79	66	66
Senan	85	101	95	109	114	167	Alice	85	79	80	82	81	83
Oran	86	86	97	78	88	80	Zuzanna	85	133	343	695	-	-
Ruairi	87	97	84	93	104	92	Grainne	87	102	86	104	57	68
Christian	88	86	99	92	93	104	Meabh	87	110	121	101	131	121
Kian	88	101	85	74	67	65	Abby	89	75	93	71	55	60
Odhran	88	104	107	106	100	156	Alexandra	89	67	79	81	68	88
Tomas	91	99	92	86	84	109	Millie	89	84	123	127	181	212
Lorcan	92	112	105	111	91	119	Aoibhinn	92	82	84	120	142	167
Kacper	93	108	213	399	504	-	Jennifer	92	95	72	63	54	43
Edward	94	82	115	104	95	86	Maeve	94	78	88	85	74	77
Filip	95	134	202	278	441	504	Muireann	94	91	130	122	125	159
Diarmuid	96	82	91	77	87	97	Orlaith	94	75	73	78	83	106
Leo	96	91	87	97	104	119	Alicia	97	107	100	88	105	106
Billy	98	120	103	101	107	156	Hazel	98	87	88	99	110	131
Patryk	98	123	201	236	953	649	Michelle	99	103	108	84	94	77
Hugh	100	111	107	99	91	101	Taylor	99	89	108	114	110	110

Table 2 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2008, in order of popularity - numbers registered between 2003 and 2008

Boys' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Girls' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Jack	1,141	1,073	987	931	835	800	Ava	685	555	463	339	308	255
Sean	963	965	994	893	928	897	Katie	663	566	571	575	574	468
Conor	847	821	731	705	736	705	Sarah	645	656	698	642	561	606
Daniel	819	725	636	654	630	617	Emma	631	632	593	703	787	791
James	733	713	678	699	688	626	Emily	596	475	396	385	346	273
Ryan	667	553	431	432	451	425	Sophie	573	556	497	451	468	432
Adam	643	659	693	710	688	787	Grace	562	473	450	369	295	258
Dylan	514	516	456	467	479	478	Aoife	514	527	546	492	534	571
Luke	512	538	536	544	544	474	Chloe	449	388	375	440	453	412
Alex	498	401	367	336	322	268	Kate	416	426	307	284	342	295
Cian	490	527	520	561	546	501	Lucy	412	404	390	275	276	203
Aaron	480	485	488	488	503	411	Ella	405	601	447	405	381	327
Michael	478	521	509	484	527	525	Leah	397	364	444	427	424	395
Jamie	474	412	494	408	406	327	Ciara	394	410	408	484	500	535
Oisín	451	407	413	370	384	342	Hannah	390	407	357	350	340	340
Darragh	447	472	429	377	414	356	Amy	355	415	396	510	546	410
Liam	436	339	295	297	310	316	Caoimhe	353	361	363	345	357	357
Thomas	431	440	432	397	371	375	Niamh	341	340	350	375	421	370
Patrick	427	402	392	381	357	343	Anna	339	316	320	290	245	265
David	399	418	383	401	459	480	Lauren	335	283	320	312	318	311
Matthew	396	430	395	379	361	304	Ruby	304	222	158	99	41	42
John	372	392	394	386	366	333	Jessica	303	298	322	311	264	292
Cillian	348	377	300	167	176	116	Mia	297	275	235	192	163	131
Ben	346	336	385	401	399	348	Saoirse	277	247	217	186	176	172
Evan	316	360	364	324	337	303	Molly	266	281	235	261	206	163
Eoin	307	354	356	370	429	356	Holly	263	224	203	228	253	213
Joshua	302	311	341	324	364	352	Rachel	261	323	355	381	342	431
Shane	292	343	366	355	379	335	Roisin	249	233	233	280	237	222
Charlie	291	221	218	148	118	79	Lily	244	232	153	119	101	66
Jake	284	320	297	276	206	236	Laura	242	224	248	231	261	268
Harry	273	251	193	150	137	118	Rebecca	235	267	324	353	290	295
Joseph	268	242	195	226	232	218	Megan	228	229	210	248	299	310
Mark	253	264	265	285	316	302	Abbie	224	231	211	236	210	182
Nathan	243	215	255	296	271	275	Julia	210	140	85	61	30	32
Fionn	238	246	195	184	172	102	Ellie	208	227	215	193	169	153
Cathal	231	210	219	226	209	170	Abigail	199	162	146	146	140	102
Callum	222	239	368	216	130	138	Nicole	197	200	191	172	161	179
Kyle	219	210	202	210	216	200	Eva	194	178	146	131	127	100
Samuel	217	225	224	210	209	193	Erin	193	189	196	158	119	135
Ciaran	216	200	227	226	253	244	Ellen	191	214	196	220	222	253
Andrew	191	189	182	183	216	199	Isabelle	189	167	129	98	72	51
Ronan	191	200	164	169	182	132	Olivia	189	172	120	99	83	70
Tadhg	191	170	122	112	100	73	Aisling	188	209	224	204	217	203
Leon	186	106	97	77	76	71	Clodagh	177	199	161	152	153	125
Alexander	185	145	134	152	132	136	Amelia	170	141	80	63	53	25
Noah	178	163	158	123	83	33	Caitlin	167	164	143	191	189	192
Eoghan	177	154	149	171	145	158	Kayla	159	136	112	86	64	47
William	177	179	149	149	141	125	Aine	157	203	175	187	190	183
Finn	172	150	116	137	92	83	Maria	157	119	92	99	103	91
Robert	172	207	206	205	196	204	Zoe	157	135	141	150	132	136
Brian	170	156	145	169	165	169	Tara	144	151	173	165	175	147
Rory	170	169	170	114	156	130	Eabha	139	125	108	126	122	117
Ethan	167	176	139	151	160	141	Ruby	137	114	111	109	95	68
Jayden	165	83	13	8	9	2	Alannah	128	117	121	123	113	117
Max	165	116	98	92	67	56	Aoibhe	126	118	120	95	75	53
Cormac	163	153	185	183	147	118	Sophia	126	137	87	65	81	51
Sam	154	138	128	134	132	93	Eimear	125	137	138	148	135	125
Stephen	153	131	165	170	205	214	Isabel	124	101	88	76	85	43

Table 2 (continued) Top 100 babies' names registered in 2008, in order of popularity - numbers registered between 2003 and 2008

Boys' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Girls' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Kevin	151	179	159	152	166	180	Katelyn	123	142	152	153	171	173
Aidan	150	149	120	106	124	109	Mary	121	124	124	133	133	128
Christopher	148	130	144	132	142	138	Cara	114	96	91	87	76	60
Rian	142	139	86	75	59	36	Eve	113	87	117	106	101	91
Benjamin	137	145	109	143	135	129	Isabella	112	92	99	62	46	29
Jakub	137	68	39	8	3	2	Zara	112	79	65	64	49	48
Oscar	131	89	68	80	54	45	Kayleigh	110	126	115	99	81	80
Dean	130	94	106	118	124	147	Aimee	107	108	128	141	127	119
Killian	129	130	127	120	96	101	Sadhbh	107	95	78	77	65	66
Rhys	129	99	58	54	48	30	Charlotte	106	72	86	86	72	70
Calum	127	159	179	110	46	46	Shannon	105	93	137	107	129	114
Peter	125	121	125	117	108	134	Shauna	102	139	162	168	194	231
Jason	122	117	126	116	155	140	Aoibheann	99	67	78	48	37	42
Scott	122	119	134	135	168	117	Orla	97	118	124	115	116	113
Alan	115	121	83	98	86	91	Maja	96	53	19	2	3	3
Ross	115	76	83	115	139	94	Sinead	95	105	110	137	127	153
Paul	112	111	125	145	167	137	Amber	94	96	95	84	71	53
Josh	111	126	114	142	134	118	Brooke	91	87	40	36	33	19
Tom	109	107	100	80	60	74	Faye	90	69	80	53	54	57
Lee	103	114	138	162	161	147	Elizabeth	89	110	106	85	91	116
Anthony	101	113	104	89	81	94	Natalia	89	41	19	6	7	2
Gavin	101	123	95	115	123	113	Sara	87	76	50	40	57	47
Martin	99	109	91	86	88	86	Alisha	85	66	73	63	43	40
Dara	98	93	86	78	80	70	Isobel	85	68	52	64	43	47
Niall	98	99	126	147	152	128	Clara	81	71	74	62	44	62
Oliver	97	99	61	46	46	30	Alanna	77	53	71	70	89	75
Senan	96	72	65	53	48	21	Alice	76	81	74	68	68	61
Oran	93	81	64	81	67	77	Zuzanna	76	45	11	3	-	-
Ruairi	91	74	78	68	57	59	Grainne	75	59	70	55	102	74
Christian	88	81	62	69	64	51	Meabh	75	53	45	56	36	40
Kian	88	72	77	91	102	106	Abby	73	85	61	79	103	88
Odhran	88	69	56	55	59	25	Alexandra	73	98	75	69	84	59
Tomas	87	73	68	74	72	46	Millie	73	71	44	39	23	18
Lorcan	85	64	57	50	66	40	Aoibhinn	72	72	71	42	33	24
Kacper	84	66	17	5	3	-	Jennifer	72	65	84	97	106	133
Edward	83	85	53	58	63	70	Maeve	71	82	67	65	75	64
Filip	81	47	19	9	4	3	Muireann	71	67	42	41	40	27
Diarmuid	80	85	69	84	68	56	Orlaith	71	85	83	72	66	47
Leo	80	78	73	64	57	40	Alicia	70	55	55	64	48	47
Billy	78	54	59	61	54	25	Hazel	69	69	67	60	45	37
Patryk	78	52	20	13	1	2	Michelle	68	57	51	66	57	64
Hugh	76	65	56	62	66	54	Taylor	68	68	51	45	45	46
Total in top 100	25,106	24,065	22,822	22,059	21,858	20,123		20,739	19,841	18,589	17,964	17,414	16,326
Total with first name recorded	38,593	36,010	33,085	31,360	30,985	29,249		36,472	34,610	31,152	29,666	29,050	28,006
Top 100 as % of total	65.1	66.8	69.0	70.3	70.5	68.8		56.9	57.3	59.7	60.6	59.9	58.3
Total births registered	38,593	36,010	33,085	31,369	31,817	31,414		36,472	34,610	31,152	29,673	29,867	30,103

Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2008, in alphabetical order - rank between 2003 and 2008

Boys' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Girls' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Aaron	12	12	11	9	10	13	Abbie	33	29	31	27	30	33
Adam	7	6	4	3	4	3	Abby	89	75	93	71	55	60
Aidan	60	55	65	71	62	64	Abigail	36	45	44	45	42	54
Alan	73	65	80	72	77	71	Aimee	66	64	51	46	47	48
Alex	10	20	23	24	26	29	Aine	48	37	37	35	33	32
Alexander	45	56	56	47	59	49	Aisling	43	36	28	31	29	29
Andrew	41	43	43	39	32	36	Alanna	84	110	84	79	66	66
Anthony	79	71	70	75	80	68	Alannah	54	61	54	51	53	49
Ben	24	27	20	14	17	18	Alexandra	89	67	79	81	68	88
Benjamin	63	56	68	55	57	53	Alice	85	79	80	82	81	83
Billy	98	120	103	101	107	156	Alicia	97	107	100	88	105	106
Brian	51	51	52	43	45	40	Alisha	81	93	82	91	114	124
Callum	37	34	22	34	61	46	Amber	75	68	65	70	78	94
Calum	69	50	44	70	117	109	Amelia	45	48	74	91	99	163
Cathal	36	38	35	31	34	39	Amy	16	11	11	4	4	9
Charlie	29	36	36	52	65	79	Anna	19	20	21	21	26	22
Christian	88	86	99	92	93	104	Aoibhe	55	59	55	64	74	94
Christopher	61	61	53	60	53	46	Aoibheann	71	91	76	112	129	120
Cian	11	9	8	7	7	8	Aoibhinn	92	82	84	120	142	167
Ciaran	40	41	33	31	30	30	Aoife	8	7	4	5	5	3
Cillian	23	22	28	45	40	60	Ava	1	6	6	18	18	24
Conor	3	3	3	4	3	4	Brooke	76	73	133	135	141	200
Cormac	56	53	42	39	51	56	Caitlin	46	44	46	34	34	31
Daniel	4	4	6	6	6	6	Caoimhe	17	17	15	17	12	12
Dara	82	80	77	81	81	86	Cara	61	68	67	66	73	86
Darragh	16	13	15	20	15	15	Charlotte	68	82	70	67	76	72
David	20	16	21	14	12	9	Chloe	9	15	14	8	8	8
Dean	66	79	69	63	62	42	Ciara	14	12	10	6	6	4
Diarmuid	96	82	91	77	87	97	Clara	83	84	80	93	113	80
Dylan	8	11	12	11	11	10	Clodagh	44	39	40	42	41	46
Edward	94	82	115	104	95	86	Eabha	53	62	60	54	62	74
Eoghan	47	52	50	41	52	41	Eimear	57	51	48	44	43	46
Eoin	26	24	26	21	14	15	Elizabeth	78	63	63	69	64	51
Ethan	53	46	54	49	47	44	Ella	12	3	8	10	11	14
Evan	25	23	25	25	25	26	Ellen	40	35	34	30	28	25
Filip	95	134	202	278	441	504	Ellie	35	31	30	32	38	38
Finn	49	54	66	57	71	75	Emily	5	8	11	11	13	20
Fionn	35	32	39	38	41	66	Emma	4	2	2	1	1	1
Gavin	79	64	75	66	64	62	Erin	39	40	34	40	51	42
Harry	31	31	41	50	56	56	Eva	38	41	44	49	47	55
Hugh	100	111	107	99	91	101	Eve	62	73	57	57	59	56
Jack	1	1	2	1	2	2	Faye	77	87	74	106	98	91
Jake	30	28	29	30	36	31	Grace	7	9	7	14	20	23
Jakub	63	105	134	306	504	649	Grainne	87	102	86	104	57	68
James	5	5	5	5	4	5	Hannah	15	13	16	16	16	13
Jamie	14	17	10	13	16	23	Hazel	98	87	88	99	110	131
Jason	71	68	60	65	49	45	Holly	26	32	33	29	25	28
Jayden	54	85	305	323	306	649	Isabel	58	66	68	75	67	115
John	22	21	18	17	21	22	Isabella	63	72	64	93	108	151
Joseph	32	33	39	31	31	32	Isabelle	41	43	50	62	76	100
Josh	76	63	67	56	58	56	Isobel	81	89	106	88	114	106
Joshua	27	29	27	25	22	17	Jennifer	92	95	72	63	54	43
Kacper	93	108	213	399	504	-	Jessica	22	21	20	20	23	19
Kevin	59	44	48	47	44	38	Julia	34	49	71	97	152	139
Kian	88	101	85	74	67	65	Kate	10	10	23	22	14	17
Killian	67	61	59	62	70	67	Katelyn	59	47	43	41	37	35
Kyle	38	38	38	35	32	35	Katie	2	4	3	3	2	5
Lee	78	70	55	46	46	42	Kayla	47	53	59	67	88	106

Table 3 (continued) Top 100 babies' names registered in 2008, in alphabetical order - rank between 2003 and 2008

Boys' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Girls' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Leo	96	91	87	97	104	119	Kayleigh	65	55	58	58	71	63
Leon	44	75	73	82	82	85	Laura	30	32	24	28	24	21
Liam	17	26	30	27	28	24	Lauren	20	22	21	19	17	15
Lorcan	92	112	105	111	91	119	Leah	13	16	9	9	9	10
Luke	9	8	7	8	8	11	Lily	29	28	42	52	59	75
Mark	33	30	31	29	27	27	Lucy	11	14	13	24	22	29
Martin	81	73	76	76	74	73	Maeve	94	78	88	85	74	77
Matthew	21	15	17	19	23	25	Maja	73	110	225	876	671	657
Max	54	69	72	73	88	97	Maria	48	58	66	58	55	56
Michael	13	10	9	10	9	7	Mary	60	57	52	48	44	45
Nathan	34	37	32	28	29	28	Meabh	87	110	121	101	131	121
Niall	82	76	60	53	50	54	Megan	32	30	32	26	19	16
Noah	46	49	49	61	79	132	Mia	23	24	25	33	39	44
Odhran	88	104	107	106	100	156	Michelle	99	103	108	84	94	77
Oisín	15	18	16	21	18	20	Millie	89	84	123	127	181	212
Oliver	84	76	101	121	119	142	Molly	25	23	25	25	31	37
Oran	86	86	97	78	88	80	Muireann	94	91	130	122	125	159
Oscar	65	81	92	79	107	111	Natalia	78	150	225	455	409	834
Patrick	19	19	19	18	24	19	Niamh	18	18	18	13	10	11
Patryk	98	123	201	236	953	649	Nicole	37	38	36	37	40	34
Paul	75	72	62	54	43	48	Olivia	41	42	55	58	69	72
Peter	70	65	62	64	66	50	Orla	72	59	52	53	52	53
Rhys	67	76	104	107	114	143	Orlaith	94	75	73	78	83	106
Rian	62	58	77	84	100	129	Rachel	27	19	17	12	14	7
Robert	49	40	37	37	38	34	Rebecca	31	25	19	15	21	17
Ronan	41	41	47	43	39	51	Robyn	52	56	62	50	50	49
Rory	51	48	45	68	48	52	Roisin	28	27	27	23	27	27
Ross	73	93	80	66	55	68	Ruby	21	34	41	58	121	120
Ruairi	87	97	84	93	104	92	Sadhbh	66	70	76	73	86	75
Ryan	6	7	14	12	13	12	Saoirse	24	26	29	36	35	36
Sam	57	59	58	59	59	70	Sara	80	81	112	125	94	106
Samuel	39	35	34	35	34	37	Sarah	3	1	1	2	3	2
Scott	71	67	56	58	42	59	Shannon	69	71	49	56	46	52
Sean	2	2	1	2	1	1	Shauna	70	50	39	38	32	26
Senan	85	101	95	109	114	167	Sinead	74	65	61	47	47	38
Shane	28	25	24	23	19	21	Sophia	55	51	69	85	71	100
Stephen	58	60	46	42	37	33	Sophie	6	5	5	7	7	6
Tadhg	41	47	64	69	68	84	Tara	51	46	38	39	36	40
Thomas	18	14	13	16	20	14	Taylor	99	89	108	114	110	110
Tom	77	74	71	79	98	83	Zara	63	80	90	88	104	105
Tomas	91	99	92	86	84	109	Zoe	48	54	47	43	45	41
William	47	44	50	51	54	55	Zuzanna	85	133	343	695	-	-

Table 4 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2008, in alphabetical order, numbers registered between 2003 and 2008

Boys' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Girls' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Aaron	480	485	488	488	503	411	Abbie	224	231	211	236	210	182
Adam	643	659	693	710	688	787	Abby	73	85	61	79	103	88
Aidan	150	149	120	106	124	109	Abigail	199	162	146	146	140	102
Alan	115	121	83	98	86	91	Aimee	107	108	128	141	127	119
Alex	498	401	367	336	322	268	Aine	157	203	175	187	190	183
Alexander	185	145	134	152	132	136	Aisling	188	209	224	204	217	203
Andrew	191	189	182	183	216	199	Alanna	77	53	71	70	89	75
Anthony	101	113	104	89	81	94	Alannah	128	117	121	123	113	117
Ben	346	336	385	401	399	348	Alexandra	73	98	75	69	84	59
Benjamin	137	145	109	143	135	129	Alice	76	81	74	68	68	61
Billy	78	54	59	61	54	25	Alicia	70	55	55	64	48	47
Brian	170	156	145	169	165	169	Alisha	85	66	73	63	43	40
Callum	222	239	368	216	130	138	Amber	94	96	95	84	71	53
Calum	127	159	179	110	46	46	Amelia	170	141	80	63	53	25
Cathal	231	210	219	226	209	170	Amy	355	415	396	510	546	410
Charlie	291	221	218	148	118	79	Anna	339	316	320	290	245	265
Christian	88	81	62	69	64	51	Aoibhe	126	118	120	95	75	53
Christopher	148	130	144	132	142	138	Aoibheann	99	67	78	48	37	42
Cian	490	527	520	561	546	501	Aoibhinn	72	72	71	42	33	24
Ciaran	216	200	227	226	253	244	Aoife	514	527	546	492	534	571
Cillian	348	377	300	167	176	116	Ava	685	555	463	339	308	255
Conor	847	821	731	705	736	705	Brooke	91	87	40	36	33	19
Cormac	163	153	185	183	147	118	Caitlin	167	164	143	191	189	192
Daniel	819	725	636	654	630	617	Caoimhe	353	361	363	345	357	357
Dara	98	93	86	78	80	70	Cara	114	96	91	87	76	60
Darragh	447	472	429	377	414	356	Charlotte	106	72	86	86	72	70
David	399	418	383	401	459	480	Chloe	449	388	375	440	453	412
Dean	130	94	106	118	124	147	Ciara	394	410	408	484	500	535
Diarmuid	80	85	69	84	68	56	Clara	81	71	74	62	44	62
Dylan	514	516	456	467	479	478	Clodagh	177	199	161	152	153	125
Edward	83	85	53	58	63	70	Eabha	137	114	111	109	95	68
Eoghan	177	154	149	171	145	158	Eimear	125	137	138	148	135	125
Eoin	307	354	356	370	429	356	Elizabeth	89	110	106	85	91	116
Ethan	167	176	139	151	160	141	Ella	405	601	447	405	381	327
Evan	316	360	364	324	337	303	Ellen	191	214	196	220	222	253
Filip	81	47	19	9	4	3	Ellie	208	227	215	193	169	153
Finn	172	150	116	137	92	83	Emily	596	475	396	385	346	273
Fionn	238	246	195	184	172	102	Emma	631	632	593	703	787	791
Gavin	101	123	95	115	123	113	Erin	193	189	196	158	119	135
Harry	273	251	193	150	137	118	Eva	194	178	146	131	127	100
Hugh	76	65	56	62	66	54	Eve	113	87	117	106	101	91
Jack	1,141	1,073	987	931	835	800	Faye	90	69	80	53	54	57
Jake	284	320	297	276	206	236	Grace	562	473	450	369	295	258
Jakub	137	68	39	8	3	2	Grainne	75	59	70	55	102	74
James	733	713	678	699	688	626	Hannah	390	407	357	350	340	340
Jamie	474	412	494	408	406	327	Hazel	69	69	67	60	45	37
Jason	122	117	126	116	155	140	Holly	263	224	203	228	253	213
Jayden	165	83	13	8	9	2	Isabel	124	101	88	76	85	43
John	372	392	394	386	366	333	Isabella	112	92	99	62	46	29
Joseph	268	242	195	226	232	218	Isabelle	189	167	129	98	72	51
Josh	111	126	114	142	134	118	Isobel	85	68	52	64	43	47
Joshua	302	311	341	324	364	352	Jennifer	72	65	84	97	106	133
Kacper	84	66	17	5	3	-	Jessica	303	298	322	311	264	292
Kevin	151	179	159	152	166	180	Julia	210	140	85	61	30	32
Kian	88	72	77	91	102	106	Kate	416	426	307	284	342	295
Killian	129	130	127	120	96	101	Katelyn	123	142	152	153	171	173
Kyle	219	210	202	210	216	200	Katie	663	566	571	575	574	468
Lee	103	114	138	162	161	147	Kayla	159	136	112	86	64	47

Table 4 (continued) Top 100 babies' names registered in 2008, in alphabetical order, numbers registered between 2003 and 2008

Boys' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Girls' name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Leo	80	78	73	64	57	40	Kayleigh	110	126	115	99	81	80
Leon	186	106	97	77	76	71	Laura	242	224	248	231	261	268
Liam	436	339	295	297	310	316	Lauren	335	283	320	312	318	311
Lorcan	85	64	57	50	66	40	Leah	397	364	444	427	424	395
Luke	512	538	536	544	544	474	Lily	244	232	153	119	101	66
Mark	253	264	265	285	316	302	Lucy	412	404	390	275	276	203
Martin	99	109	91	86	88	86	Maeve	71	82	67	65	75	64
Matthew	396	430	395	379	361	304	Maja	96	53	19	2	3	3
Max	165	116	98	92	67	56	Maria	157	119	92	99	103	91
Michael	478	521	509	484	527	525	Mary	121	124	124	133	133	128
Nathan	243	215	255	296	271	275	Meabh	75	53	45	56	36	40
Niall	98	99	126	147	152	128	Megan	228	229	210	248	299	310
Noah	178	163	158	123	83	33	Mia	297	275	235	192	163	131
Odhran	88	69	56	55	59	25	Michelle	68	57	51	66	57	64
Oisín	451	407	413	370	384	342	Millie	73	71	44	39	23	18
Oliver	97	99	61	46	46	30	Molly	266	281	235	261	206	163
Oran	93	81	64	81	67	77	Muireann	71	67	42	41	40	27
Oscar	131	89	68	80	54	45	Natalia	89	41	19	6	7	2
Patrick	427	402	392	381	357	343	Niamh	341	340	350	375	421	370
Patryk	78	52	20	13	1	2	Nicole	197	200	191	172	161	179
Paul	112	111	125	145	167	137	Olivia	189	172	120	99	83	70
Peter	125	121	125	117	108	134	Orla	97	118	124	115	116	113
Rhys	129	99	58	54	48	30	Orlaith	71	85	83	72	66	47
Rian	142	139	86	75	59	36	Rachel	261	323	355	381	342	431
Robert	172	207	206	205	196	204	Rebecca	235	267	324	353	290	295
Ronan	191	200	164	169	182	132	Robyn	139	125	108	126	122	117
Rory	170	169	170	114	156	130	Roisin	249	233	233	280	237	222
Ross	115	76	83	115	139	94	Ruby	304	222	158	99	41	42
Ruairi	91	74	78	68	57	59	Sadhbh	107	95	78	77	65	66
Ryan	667	553	431	432	451	425	Saoirse	277	247	217	186	176	172
Sam	154	138	128	134	132	93	Sara	87	76	50	40	57	47
Samuel	217	225	224	210	209	193	Sarah	645	656	698	642	561	606
Scott	122	119	134	135	168	117	Shannon	105	93	137	107	129	114
Sean	963	965	994	893	928	897	Shauna	102	139	162	168	194	231
Senan	96	72	65	53	48	21	Sinead	95	105	110	137	127	153
Shane	292	343	366	355	379	335	Sophia	126	137	87	65	81	51
Stephen	153	131	165	170	205	214	Sophie	573	556	497	451	468	432
Tadhg	191	170	122	112	100	73	Tara	144	151	173	165	175	147
Thomas	431	440	432	397	371	375	Taylor	68	68	51	45	45	46
Tom	109	107	100	80	60	74	Zara	112	79	65	64	49	48
Tomas	87	73	68	74	72	46	Zoe	157	135	141	150	132	136
William	177	179	149	149	141	125	Zuzanna	76	45	11	3	-	-
Total in top 100	25,106	24,065	22,822	22,059	21,858	20,123		20,739	19,841	18,589	17,964	17,414	16,326
Total with first name recorded	38,593	36,010	33,085	31,360	30,985	29,249		36,472	34,610	31,152	29,666	29,050	28,006
Top 100 as % of total	65.1	66.8	69.0	70.3	70.5	68.8		56.9	57.3	59.7	60.6	59.9	58.3
Total births registered	38,593	36,010	33,085	31,369	31,817	31,414		36,472	34,610	31,152	29,673	29,867	30,103

Table 5 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2007 and 2008, and between 2003 and 2008, measured by change in rank

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2008	2007	Change in Rank		2008	2007	Change in Rank
Jakub	63	105	42	Natalia	78	150	72
Filip	95	134	39	Zuzanna	85	133	48
Leon	44	75	31	Maja	73	110	37
Jayden	54	85	31	Alanna	84	110	26
Patryk	98	123	25	Meabh	87	110	23

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2008	2003	Change in Rank		2008	2003	Change in Rank
Jayden	54	649	595	Natalia	78	834	756
Jakub	63	649	586	Zuzanna	85	836*	751
Kacper	93	651*	558	Maja	73	657	584
Patryk	98	649	551	Brooke	76	200	124
Filip	95	504	409	Millie	89	212	123

*There were no occurrences of this name in the given year. Ranking is based on one place lower than those with one occurrence.

Table 6 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2007 and 2008, and between 2003 and 2008, measured by number of names

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2008	2007	Increase in Number		2008	2007	Increase in Number
Ryan	667	553	114	Ava	685	555	130
Alex	498	401	97	Emily	596	475	121
Liam	436	339	97	Katie	663	566	97
Daniel	819	725	94	Grace	562	473	89
Jayden	165	83	82	Ruby	304	222	82

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2008	2003	Increase in Number		2008	2003	Increase in Number
Jack	1141	800	341	Ava	685	255	430
Ryan	667	425	242	Emily	596	273	323
Cillian	348	116	232	Grace	562	258	304
Alex	498	268	230	Ruby	304	42	262
Charlie	291	79	212	Lucy	412	203	209

Table 7 Most popular babies' names registered in each regional authority

Year	Regional Authority	Boys		Girls	
		Name	%	Name	%
2008	Border	Jack	2.70	Emma	2.18
	Midland	Jack	3.38	Katie	2.02
	West	Jack	2.57	Emma	2.05
	Dublin	Sean	2.49	Ava	1.87
	Mid-East	Jack	3.27	Katie	2.09
	Mid-West	Jack	3.04	Sarah	2.33
	South-East	Jack	3.89	Emily	2.12
	South-West	Jack	3.31	Sarah	2.27
	Ireland	Jack	2.96	Ava	1.88
2007	Border	Jack	2.65	Sarah	2.08
	Midland	Jack	2.73	Katie	2.26
	West	Jack	2.94	Emma	2.58
	Dublin	Sean	2.77	Sophie	1.84
	Mid-East	Jack	3.35	Ella	1.89
	Mid-West	Jack	4.06	Emma	2.24
	South-East	Jack	3.51	Ella	2.20
	South-West	Jack	3.15	Sarah	2.02
	Ireland	Jack	2.98	Sarah	1.90
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

Table 8a Most popular boys' names, classified by area of residence of mother, between 2006 and 2008

	2008	2007	2006
STATE	Jack	Jack	Sean
LEINSTER	Jack	Jack	Sean
Carlow	Ryan	Jack	Jack
Dublin City	Sean	Sean	Sean
South Dublin	Alex/Sean	Sean	Sean
Fingal	Sean	Jack	Sean
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	James/Sean	James	Sean
Kildare	Jack	Sean	Sean
Kilkenny	Conor	James	Sean
Laois	Jack	Jack	Conor
Longford	Daniel/Jack	Daniel	Patrick
Louth	Daniel	Sean	Jack
Meath	Sean	Jack	Jack/Sean
Offaly	Sean	Sean	James
Westmeath	Jack	James	Jack/Sean
Wexford	Jack	Jack	Jack
Wicklow	Jack	Jack	Daniel
MUNSTER	Jack	Jack	Jack
Clare	Conor	Jack	Jack
Cork City	Ryan	Jamie	Sean
Cork County	Jack	Jack	Jack
Kerry	Jack	Sean	Jack
Limerick City	Dylan	Sean	Alex/Darragh/Jack/Jake/John
Limerick County	Jack	Jack	Sean
North Tipperary	Jack	Jack	Jack
South Tipperary	Jack	Jack	Jack
Waterford City	Jack	Jamie	Sean
Waterford County	Jack	Jack	Jack/Sean
CONNACHT	Jack	Jack	Jack
Galway City	Daniel	Michael	Sean
Galway County	Jack	Conor	Jack
Leitrim	Jack	James	Conor
Mayo	James	Sean	Jack
Roscommon	Conor/Jack/James	Adam/Jack/James/Sean	Conor/Jack
Sligo	Matthew	Jack	Conor
ULSTER (PART OF)	Oisín	Jack	Jack
Cavan	Conor	Cian	Jack
Donegal	Oisín	Jack	Jack
Monaghan	Conor/Jack/Oisín	Conor	Jack/James/Jamie

Table 8b Most popular girl's names, classified by area of residence of mother, between 2006 and 2008

	2008	2007	2006
STATE	Ava	Sarah	Sarah
LEINSTER	Katie	Ella	Sarah
Carlow	Sarah	Emily	Emma
Dublin City	Ava	Ella	Sophie
South Dublin	Katie	Emma	Katie
Fingal	Ava/Emily	Emma	Sophie
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Grace	Sarah	Sophie
Kildare	Sarah	Sarah	Aoife
Kilkenny	Emma	Emma/Sarah	Sarah
Laois	Ava/Grace/Sophie	Katie/Sarah	Sarah
Longford	Sarah	Ava	Leah/Sarah
Louth	Emma	Sarah	Katie
Meath	Katie/Sophie	Katie	Sarah
Offaly	Grace	Katie	Emma
Westmeath	Katie	Emma	Emma/Katie
Wexford	Katie	Ella	Katie
Wicklow	Ella/Katie	Ava/Lucy/Sophie	Sarah
MUNSTER	Sarah	Sarah	Sarah
Clare	Ava/Leah	Emma	Lauren
Cork City	Ava	Leah	Sarah
Cork County	Sarah	Emma	Sarah
Kerry	Sarah	Sarah	Grace
Limerick City	Sarah	Leah	Sarah
Limerick County	Sarah	Emma	Aoife/Emma
North Tipperary	Grace	Ava	Emma
South Tipperary	Sarah	Ava/Sarah	Sarah
Waterford City	Ava	Aoife/Sophie	Emma
Waterford County	Aoife/Ava/Emma	Sarah	Niamh/Sarah
CONNACHT	Katie/Emma	Emma	Sarah
Galway City	Laura	Aoife	Sarah
Galway County	Katie	Emma	Aoife
Leitrim	Aoife/Caoimhe/Emma/Katie	Sarah	Leah/Rachel
Mayo	Emma/Sarah	Sarah	Sarah
Roscommon	Ava	Aoife/Sarah	Sarah
Sligo	Katie	Ava/Rachel/Sarah/Sophie	Katie
ULSTER (PART OF)	Emma	Ella	Sarah
Cavan	Emma/Sarah	Katie	Sarah
Donegal	Katie	Niamh	Emma
Monaghan	Emma	Emily	Niamh

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 2008 included the baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO.
- 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 222 boys named Callum, another 127 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 2,476 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank first, second and twenty-second 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.
- NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions** The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
South-West	Cork City Cork County Kerry