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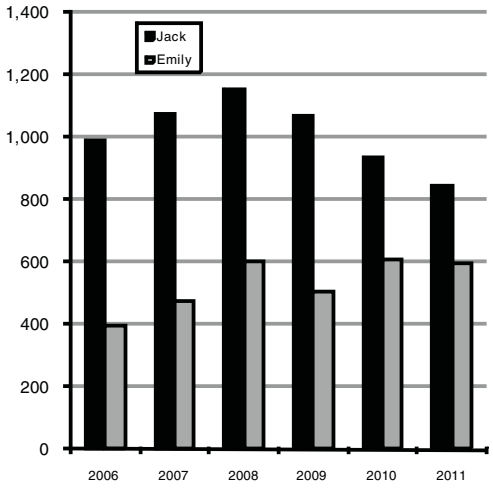

Five most popular babies' names

Boys		Girls	
Name	**Count**	**Name**	**Count**
Jack	840	Emily	596
James	796	Sophie	582
Sean	755	Emma	562
Daniel	711	Grace	503
Conor	709	Lily	496

Jack and Emily most popular names

Jack and Emily were the most popular babies' names registered in 2011. Jack retains the top position it has held every year since 2007, and Emily moved up one place to obtain the number one spot for the first time. There were 840 boys named Jack in 2011, 44 more than the number of boys named James, the second most popular name. There were 596 girls named Emily, but this was only 14 more than the number of girls named Sophie, the second most popular girls' name. *See tables 1 and 2.*

The top five boys' names (Jack, James, Sean, Daniel and Conor) have made up the top five since 2007. 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 has been in the top five since 2000, this is the first time Lily has appeared in the top five. Sarah, who had been in the top five since 1998, dropped just below this to sixth place this year. Emily entered the top 5 in 2008 and returned to the top 5 again in 2010 as the second most popular girls' name. *See table 1.*

There were four first time entries to the top 100 for boys: Mason, Donnacha, Tommy and Zach. The highest new entry at number 70 was Mason, which rose from 128th place in 2010. The names rising in popularity most in the year were Tommy and Mason, up 72 and 58 places respectively. *See tables 1 and 5.*

There was one first time entry to the top 100 for girls: Lexi , climbing from 102nd place in 2010 to 96th this year. The name climbing most places in the year was Michaela, up 86 places in the year after exiting the top 100 in 2005. *See tables 1 and 5.*

In general, the tables show that girls are given a wider variety of names than boys are, with 4,810 girls' names registered and 3,801 boys' names registered. Additionally, 55.7% of girls were given a name in the top 100, compared with 63.3% of boys given a name in the top 100. *See tables 2 and 4.*

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Jack, the most popular boys' name, was also most popular within four of the eight Regional Authority areas. Sean took the number one spot in the Western region as well as joint favourite in the Mid-West region. Ryan was the most popular name in the Border region, Daniel in the Dublin region, while James topped the rankings in the Mid-East region. The most popular girls' name, Emily, was also most popular in the Border, Mid-East and South-West regions. Sophie took the number one spot in the Dublin and South-East regions as well as being joint favourite in the Border region. Sarah was most popular in the Midlands, while Chloe and Grace shared the top spot in the West and Emma topped the rankings in the Mid-West region. *See table 7.*

While the top five names for boys and girls topped the rankings within a number of different areas, names outside the top 5 were also county and city favourites. For boys, Ryan took the number one spot in South Dublin, and counties Laois, Louth, Wicklow, Sligo, Cavan and Donegal. Alex was the most popular name in Cork City and Jamie topped the rankings in County Monaghan.

For girls, there was a wider range of names, outside the top five, that were county and city favourites. These included Aoife, Ava, Caoimhe, Chloe, Ella, Katie, Lucy, Mia, Roisin and Sarah. *See tables 8(a) and 8(b).*

For boys where both parents were stated as being Irish nationals, Conor, Jack and James ranked joint first. Ryan was the most popular choice with parents of UK nationality. Aaron, Leon, Louis, Luca and Samuel were the top ranking boys' names for parents of the EU15 (excluding Ireland and UK). Jakub was highest ranked for parents of the Accession states, while for parents of nationalities outside the EU, Muhammad was the highest ranked name of baby boys registered in Ireland. *See table 9.*

For girls where both parents were Irish nationals, Emma were the most popular name. Ruby was the most popular girls' name with parents of UK nationality. Rebecca and Julia ranked first for parents of the EU 15 (excluding Ireland and UK) and parents of the Accession states respectively. Outside of parents of EU nationality, Sarah was the name that ranked highest of baby girls registered in Ireland. *See table 9.*

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 2011 included baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO. This report contains revisions to the previously published numbers and rankings for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. This is in line with revised births data first published in the Vital Statistics Second Quarter 2011 report.

Most popular babies' names in each regional authority

Regional Authority	Boys	Girls
Border	Ryan	Emily/Sophie
Midland	Jack	Sarah
West	Sean	Chloe/Grace
Dublin	Daniel	Sophie
Mid-East	James	Emily
Mid-West	Jack/Sean	Emma
South-East	Jack	Sophie
South-West	Jack	Emily

Tables

Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2011, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 2006 and 2011

Boys' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Girls' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Jack	1	1	1	1	1	2	Emily	1	2	7	5	8	11
James	2	4	5	5	5	5	Sophie	2	1	1	6	5	5
Sean	3	2	2	2	2	1	Emma	3	3	3	4	2	2
Daniel	4	3	3	4	4	6	Grace	4	7	5	7	9	7
Conor	5	5	4	3	3	3	Lily	5	14	20	29	28	42
Ryan	6	6	6	6	7	14	Sarah	6	5	4	3	1	1
Adam	7	7	7	7	6	4	Lucy	7	4	8	11	14	13
Harry	8	20	28	31	31	41	Ava	8	6	2	1	6	6
Michael	9	12	10	13	10	9	Chloe	9	9	10	9	15	14
Alex	10	8	8	10	20	23	Katie	10	8	6	2	4	3
Dylan	10	10	11	8	11	112	Ella	11	11	18	12	3	8
Luke	12	9	9	9	8	7	Mia	12	20	14	23	24	25
Cian	13	14	12	11	9	8	Aoife	13	10	9	8	7	4
Jamie	14	11	13	14	17	10	Caoimhe	14	24	21	16	17	15
Oisin	15	17	17	16	18	16	Kate	15	19	13	10	10	23
Aaron	16	13	16	12	12	11	Leah	15	16	15	13	16	9
Liam	17	15	15	17	26	30	Hannah	17	22	23	15	13	16
Thomas	18	22	18	19	14	13	Anna	18	13	16	20	20	21
Darragh	19	16	14	15	13	15	Saoirse	19	18	25	24	26	29
Charlie	20	19	27	29	36	36	Ruby	20	23	17	21	34	41
Patrick	21	18	19	18	19	19	Kayla	21	41	43	48	53	59
Cillian	22	21	21	23	22	28	Lauren	22	21	12	19	22	21
Noah	23	26	41	46	49	49	Holly	23	11	21	26	32	33
David	24	25	25	21	16	21	Ellie	24	28	36	35	31	30
Matthew	24	23	23	20	15	17	Amy	25	14	11	16	11	11
John	26	24	21	22	21	18	Ciara	26	17	19	14	12	10
Evan	27	27	24	25	23	25	Isabelle	27	26	32	41	43	50
Ben	28	28	26	24	27	20	Olivia	28	27	39	41	42	55
Nathan	29	30	32	34	37	32	Sophia	29	33	50	56	51	69
Fionn	30	35	34	35	32	39	Niamh	30	25	87	18	18	18
Ethan	31	34	45	53	46	54	Jessica	31	30	27	22	21	20
Eoin	32	29	20	26	24	26	Amelia	32	34	39	45	48	74
Joshua	33	36	30	27	29	27	Molly	33	31	26	25	23	25
Jake	34	30	35	30	28	29	Roisin	34	32	27	28	27	27
Callum	35	32	29	37	34	22	Julia	35	35	31	34	49	71
Finn	36	46	48	49	54	66	Laura	36	38	30	30	32	24
Kyle	36	37	40	38	38	38	Zoe	37	46	42	47	54	47
Tadhg	38	40	42	41	47	64	Megan	38	37	33	32	30	32
Samuel	39	38	37	39	35	34	Rachel	39	29	29	27	19	17
Aidan	40	48	46	60	55	65	Rebecca	40	48	35	31	25	19
Joseph	41	38	36	32	33	39	Aisling	41	41	45	41	36	28
Rian	42	54	60	62	58	77	Nicole	42	40	41	37	38	36
Shane	43	33	30	28	25	24	Abbie	43	44	44	33	29	31
Cathal	44	42	47	36	38	35	Clodagh	44	39	34	44	39	40
Sam	45	41	43	57	59	58	Eve	45	60	62	62	73	57
Max	46	48	56	56	69	72	Robyn	46	43	52	52	56	62
William	47	47	55	46	44	50	Ellen	47	47	48	39	35	34
Ronan	48	50	38	43	41	47	Erin	47	36	37	39	40	34
Alexander	49	51	50	45	56	56	Faye	49	56	60	77	87	74
Jayden	50	45	49	54	85	305	Cara	50	52	58	61	68	67
Mark	50	44	33	33	30	31	Isabella	51	51	70	64	72	64
Leon	52	57	52	44	75	73	Eva	52	44	38	38	41	44
Robert	53	43	44	49	40	37	Abigail	53	49	46	36	45	44
Oliver	54	52	62	83	76	101	Layla	54	50	74	106	127	165
Eoghan	55	55	39	48	52	50	Maria	54	53	54	49	58	66
Rory	56	56	52	49	48	45	Sadhbh	56	64	69	67	70	76
Ciaran	57	53	54	40	41	33	Maja	57	54	54	73	110	225
Kevin	58	67	51	59	44	48	Aine	58	58	47	50	37	37

Table 1 (continued) Top 100 babies' names registered in 2011, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 2006 and 2011

Boys' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Girls' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Cormac	59	58	58	54	53	42	Sofia	58	80	130	119	150	135
Andrew	60	58	58	41	43	43	Aoibhinn	60	67	64	94	82	84
Jakub	61	60	57	64	105	134	Freya	60	63	67	110	97	123
Oscar	62	61	66	65	81	92	Alannah	62	66	58	54	61	54
Bobby	63	62	85	109	108	128	Charlotte	62	69	72	68	82	70
Jacob	64	75	111	110	94	118	Eabha	64	56	56	53	62	60
Tyler	65	78	130	146	123	172	Caitlin	65	75	53	46	44	46
Tom	66	62	63	76	74	71	Alice	66	70	76	85	79	80
Senan	67	74	85	85	101	95	Elizabeth	67	60	64	78	63	63
Rhys	68	65	74	67	76	104	Amber	68	70	74	75	68	65
Christopher	69	69	61	61	61	53	Aoibheann	69	76	79	71	91	76
Mason	70	128	240	252	242	418	Mary	69	59	61	60	57	52
Jason	71	75	72	72	68	60	Isabel	71	64	64	59	66	68
Killian	72	62	73	65	61	59	Millie	72	86	91	88	84	123
Dara	73	72	76	81	80	77	Zuzanna	73	74	70	85	133	343
Benjamin	74	65	68	63	56	68	Aimee	74	55	49	66	64	51
Alan	75	68	64	73	65	80	Maya	74	83	89	103	99	137
Donnacha	76	102	116	100	118	115	Orla	74	83	67	72	59	52
Josh	77	69	65	75	63	67	Tara	74	62	51	51	46	38
Stephen	77	88	77	58	60	46	Katelyn	78	68	57	56	47	43
Leo	79	94	112	96	91	87	Lilly	78	77	109	102	114	151
Filip	80	71	87	95	134	202	Michaela	78	164	183	134	103	143
Lucas	80	78	79	105	91	118	Sara	78	88	90	80	81	112
Oran	80	78	91	86	86	97	Brooke	82	72	85	75	73	133
Anthony	83	86	80	80	71	70	Zara	82	89	77	62	80	90
Scott	83	72	71	71	67	56	Eimear	84	77	73	58	51	48
Alfie	85	99	112	146	195	184	Lena	85	83	119	189	212	298
Niall	86	91	69	83	76	60	Ruth	86	100	91	110	101	94
Peter	87	84	67	70	65	62	Aoibhe	87	79	62	55	59	55
Calum	88	94	92	69	50	44	Muireann	87	120	107	96	91	130
Martin	88	85	74	81	73	76	Madison	89	100	96	110	153	175
Odhran	88	75	82	89	104	107	Clara	90	95	82	83	84	80
Tommy	88	160	166	169	150	155	Emilia	91	92	98	128	189	181
Brian	92	82	69	49	51	52	Meabh	92	107	111	88	110	121
Sebastian	92	92	133	137	132	199	Shauna	92	86	79	70	50	39
Ruairi	94	88	88	86	97	83	Sinead	94	98	82	73	65	61
Edward	95	100	104	93	82	115	Victoria	94	95	98	106	77	100
Zach	96	105	119	121	107	132	Lexi	96	102	137	257	349	620
Paul	97	90	78	76	72	62	Alexandra	97	89	78	92	67	79
Tomas	97	86	81	89	99	92	Isobel	97	81	82	81	89	106
Hugh	99	126	92	100	111	107	Kayleigh	97	89	86	65	55	58
Daithi	100	93	124	139	130	186	Daisy	100	72	97	159	164	175

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Boys' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Girls' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Jack	840	935	1,068	1,151	1,073	987	Emily	596	605	500	599	475	396
James	796	746	711	737	713	678	Sophie	582	608	640	582	556	497
Sean	755	827	934	970	965	994	Emma	562	571	627	637	632	593
Daniel	711	792	842	828	725	636	Grace	503	489	528	566	473	450
Conor	709	726	776	857	821	731	Lily	496	371	336	248	232	153
Ryan	685	669	641	670	553	431	Sarah	466	537	568	651	656	698
Adam	637	581	618	645	659	693	Lucy	463	543	463	418	404	390
Harry	499	364	305	276	251	193	Ava	446	501	635	695	555	463
Michael	496	463	499	483	521	509	Chloe	437	441	411	453	388	375
Alex	492	551	503	501	401	367	Katie	436	451	502	667	566	571
Dylan	492	491	480	519	516	455	Ella	434	380	346	407	601	447
Luke	487	519	501	516	538	536	Mia	400	344	362	299	275	235
Cian	461	424	469	493	527	520	Aoife	399	425	459	518	527	546
Jamie	448	468	466	481	412	494	Caoimhe	398	323	326	355	361	363
Oisin	436	401	423	454	407	413	Kate	350	348	364	419	426	307
Aaron	423	439	444	485	485	488	Leah	350	369	358	402	364	444
Liam	412	412	457	437	339	295	Hannah	349	333	321	390	407	357
Thomas	403	347	411	432	440	432	Anna	348	378	357	342	316	320
Darragh	401	409	465	458	472	429	Saoirse	339	355	275	279	247	217
Charlie	396	376	312	292	221	218	Ruby	323	325	353	305	222	158
Patrick	390	387	399	433	402	392	Kayla	306	186	183	161	136	112
Cillian	360	351	346	350	377	300	Lauren	305	339	371	343	283	320
Noah	333	315	211	181	163	158	Holly	297	380	326	264	224	203
David	331	332	326	403	418	383	Ellie	293	265	211	208	227	215
Matthew	331	344	343	408	430	395	Amy	289	371	385	355	415	396
John	312	343	346	377	392	394	Ciara	284	364	337	400	410	408
Evan	298	314	333	317	360	364	Isabelle	265	275	233	190	167	129
Ben	294	305	324	349	336	385	Olivia	252	271	197	190	172	120
Nathan	282	297	253	245	215	255	Sophia	251	218	147	126	137	87
Fionn	255	265	249	239	246	195	Niamh	249	292	314	344	340	350
Ethan	253	272	200	170	176	139	Jessica	246	245	257	304	298	322
Eoin	251	299	368	311	354	356	Amelia	235	216	197	173	141	80
Joshua	249	259	260	302	311	341	Molly	229	243	268	268	281	235
Jake	247	297	248	286	320	297	Roisin	223	224	257	250	233	233
Callum	245	293	301	224	239	368	Julia	213	213	236	213	140	85
Finn	242	191	187	172	150	116	Laura	212	198	243	245	224	248
Kyle	242	232	216	223	210	202	Zoe	204	170	188	162	135	141
Tadhg	232	221	206	192	170	122	Megan	203	204	232	229	229	210
Samuel	230	227	238	218	225	224	Rachel	196	247	247	263	323	355
Aidan	229	187	197	151	149	120	Rebecca	195	162	219	239	267	324
Joseph	214	227	247	268	242	195	Aisling	183	186	170	190	209	224
Rian	213	161	151	144	139	86	Nicole	176	192	194	198	200	191
Shane	209	277	260	294	343	366	Abbie	174	176	176	225	231	211
Cathal	208	202	195	233	210	219	Clodagh	168	195	224	178	199	161
Sam	196	210	204	155	138	128	Eve	164	122	118	114	87	117
Max	194	187	164	165	116	98	Robyn	163	180	137	141	125	108
William	190	190	166	181	179	149	Ellen	159	168	155	193	214	196
Ronan	187	180	225	191	200	164	Erin	159	210	204	193	189	196
Alexander	183	177	179	185	145	134	Faye	156	128	122	91	69	80
Jayden	177	193	182	167	83	13	Cara	155	144	123	115	96	91
Mark	177	195	250	254	264	265	Isabella	154	145	105	113	92	99
Leon	171	154	172	188	106	97	Eva	152	176	201	196	178	146
Robert	169	198	203	172	207	206	Abigail	139	158	165	200	162	146
Oliver	167	172	141	98	99	61	Layla	134	150	100	62	47	29
Eoghan	164	160	223	179	154	149	Maria	134	137	133	158	119	92
Rory	159	155	172	172	169	170	Sadhbh	132	117	111	107	95	78
Ciaran	155	166	170	217	200	227	Maja	131	132	133	96	53	19
Kevin	143	120	175	152	179	159	Aine	130	124	159	157	203	175

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Boys' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Girls' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Cormac	141	139	159	167	153	185	Sofia	130	85	50	54	41	39
Andrew	140	139	159	192	189	182	Aoibhinn	128	111	117	72	72	71
Jakub	139	136	160	138	68	39	Freya	128	119	112	59	62	44
Oscar	135	135	132	132	89	68	Alannah	122	113	123	130	117	121
Bobby	133	127	96	72	66	44	Charlotte	122	108	104	106	72	86
Jacob	131	100	69	71	75	49	Eabha	121	128	131	140	114	111
Tyler	127	99	57	48	52	27	Caitlin	116	93	134	168	164	143
Tom	126	127	139	113	107	100	Alice	115	99	95	76	81	74
Senan	121	103	96	97	72	65	Elizabeth	108	122	117	90	110	106
Rhys	120	126	107	131	99	58	Amber	107	99	100	94	96	95
Christopher	117	116	143	149	130	144	Aoibheann	106	92	88	102	67	78
Mason	115	59	22	18	17	5	Mary	106	123	120	121	124	124
Jason	114	100	109	123	117	126	Isabel	101	117	117	124	101	88
Killian	113	127	108	132	130	127	Millie	97	80	77	75	71	44
Dara	111	109	106	99	93	86	Zuzanna	94	96	105	76	45	11
Benjamin	108	126	115	139	145	109	Aimee	92	129	152	108	108	128
Alan	103	117	138	116	121	83	Maya	92	81	80	64	61	38
Donnacha	100	72	66	76	57	52	Orla	92	81	112	98	118	124
Josh	99	116	133	114	126	114	Tara	92	121	145	144	151	173
Stephen	99	91	105	154	131	165	Katelyn	91	110	128	126	142	152
Leo	97	78	68	81	78	73	Lilly	91	91	60	65	52	33
Filip	96	113	95	82	47	19	Michaela	91	38	33	46	57	35
Lucas	96	99	103	73	78	49	Sara	91	78	79	88	76	50
Oran	96	99	87	93	81	64	Brooke	90	97	84	94	87	40
Anthony	94	92	100	101	113	104	Zara	90	77	94	114	79	65
Scott	94	109	112	126	119	134	Eimear	89	91	102	125	137	138
Alfie	92	74	68	48	25	24	Lena	83	81	56	30	24	13
Niall	91	84	113	98	99	126	Ruth	82	67	77	59	60	60
Peter	90	96	128	127	121	125	Aoibhe	81	89	118	127	118	120
Calum	89	78	82	128	159	179	Muireann	81	56	61	71	67	42
Martin	89	95	107	99	109	91	Madison	80	67	71	59	40	27
Odhran	89	100	98	88	69	56	Clara	79	72	86	81	71	74
Tommy	89	43	37	38	41	34	Emilia	77	76	69	49	29	25
Brian	88	98	113	172	156	145	Meabh	75	62	59	75	53	45
Sebastian	88	81	53	53	48	21	Shauna	75	80	88	104	139	162
Ruairi	86	91	93	93	74	78	Sinead	73	69	86	96	105	110
Edward	85	73	75	85	85	53	Victoria	73	72	69	62	83	55
Zach	82	69	63	62	67	43	Lexi	72	65	46	20	12	4
Paul	81	89	104	113	111	125	Alexandra	71	77	92	73	98	75
Tomas	81	92	99	88	73	68	Isobel	71	84	86	86	68	52
Hugh	79	60	82	76	65	56	Kayleigh	71	77	82	110	126	115
Daithi	78	79	60	52	49	23	Daisy	68	97	70	39	36	27
Total in top 100	24,203	24,151	24,514	24,908	23,759	22,409		20,301	20,390	20,384	20,823	19,567	18,129
Total with first name recorded	38,223	38,244	38,403	38,917	36,010	33,085		36,427	36,732	36,525	36,807	34,610	31,152
Top 100 as % of total	63.3	63.1	63.8	64.0	66.0	67.3		55.7	55.5	55.8	56.5	56.5	58.2
Total names registered	3,801	3,910	3,946	3,900	3,604	3,250		4,810	4,762	4,849	4,796	4,554	4,147
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Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2011, in alphabetical order - rank between 2006 and 2011

Boys' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Girls' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Aaron	16	13	16	12	12	11	Abbie	43	44	44	33	29	31
Adam	7	7	7	7	6	4	Abigail	53	49	46	36	45	44
Aidan	40	48	46	60	55	65	Aimee	74	55	49	66	64	51
Alan	75	68	64	73	65	80	Aine	58	58	47	50	37	37
Alex	10	8	8	10	20	23	Aisling	41	41	45	41	36	28
Alexander	49	51	50	45	56	56	Alannah	62	66	58	54	61	54
Alfie	85	99	112	146	195	184	Alexandra	97	89	78	92	67	79
Andrew	60	58	58	41	43	43	Alice	66	70	76	85	79	80
Anthony	83	86	80	80	71	70	Amber	68	70	74	75	68	65
Ben	28	28	26	24	27	20	Amelia	32	34	39	45	48	74
Benjamin	74	65	68	63	56	68	Amy	25	14	11	16	11	11
Bobby	63	62	85	109	108	128	Anna	18	13	16	20	20	21
Brian	92	82	69	49	51	52	Aoibhe	87	79	62	55	59	55
Callum	35	32	29	37	34	22	Aoibheann	69	76	79	71	91	76
Calum	88	94	92	69	50	44	Aoibhinn	60	67	64	94	82	84
Cathal	44	42	47	36	38	35	Aoife	13	10	9	8	7	4
Charlie	20	19	27	29	36	36	Ava	8	6	2	1	6	6
Christopher	69	69	61	61	61	53	Brooke	82	72	85	75	73	133
Cian	13	14	12	11	9	8	Caitlin	65	75	53	46	44	46
Ciaran	57	53	54	40	41	33	Caoimhe	14	24	21	16	17	15
Cillian	22	21	21	23	22	28	Cara	50	52	58	61	68	67
Conor	5	5	4	3	3	3	Charlotte	62	69	72	68	82	70
Cormac	59	58	58	54	53	42	Chloe	9	9	10	9	15	14
Daithi	100	93	124	139	130	186	Ciara	26	17	19	14	12	10
Daniel	4	3	3	4	4	6	Clara	90	95	82	83	84	80
Dara	73	72	76	81	80	77	Clodagh	44	39	34	44	39	40
Darragh	19	16	14	15	13	15	Daisy	100	72	97	159	164	175
David	24	25	25	21	16	21	Eabha	64	56	56	53	62	60
Donnacha	76	102	116	100	118	115	Eimear	84	77	73	58	51	48
Dylan	10	10	11	8	11	12	Elizabeth	67	60	64	78	63	63
Edward	95	100	104	93	82	115	Ella	11	11	18	12	3	8
Eoghan	55	55	39	48	52	50	Ellen	47	47	48	39	35	34
Eoin	32	29	20	26	24	26	Ellie	24	28	36	35	31	30
Ethan	31	34	45	53	46	54	Emilia	91	92	98	128	189	181
Evan	27	27	24	25	23	25	Emily	1	2	7	5	8	11
Filip	80	71	87	95	134	202	Emma	3	3	3	4	2	2
Finn	36	46	48	49	54	66	Erin	47	36	37	39	40	34
Fionn	30	35	34	35	32	39	Eva	52	44	38	38	41	44
Harry	8	20	28	31	31	41	Eve	45	60	62	62	73	57
Hugh	99	126	92	100	111	107	Faye	49	56	60	77	87	74
Jack	1	1	1	1	1	2	Freya	60	63	67	110	97	123
Jacob	64	75	111	110	94	118	Grace	4	7	5	7	9	7
Jake	34	30	35	30	28	29	Hannah	17	22	23	15	13	16
Jakub	61	60	57	64	105	134	Holly	23	11	21	26	32	33
James	2	4	5	5	5	5	Isabel	71	64	64	59	66	68
Jamie	14	11	13	14	17	10	Isabella	51	51	70	64	72	64
Jason	71	75	72	72	68	60	Isabelle	27	26	32	41	43	50
Jayden	50	45	49	54	85	305	Isobel	97	81	82	81	89	106
John	26	24	21	22	21	18	Jessica	31	30	27	22	21	20
Joseph	41	38	36	32	33	39	Julia	35	35	31	34	49	71
Josh	77	69	65	75	63	67	Kate	15	19	13	10	10	23
Joshua	33	36	30	27	29	27	Katelyn	78	68	57	56	47	43
Kevin	58	67	51	59	44	48	Katie	10	8	6	2	4	3
Killian	72	62	73	65	61	59	Kayla	21	41	43	48	53	59
Kyle	36	37	40	38	38	38	Kayleigh	97	89	86	65	55	58
Leo	79	94	112	96	91	87	Laura	36	38	30	30	32	24
Leon	52	57	52	44	75	73	Lauren	22	21	12	19	22	21
Liam	17	15	15	17	26	30	Layla	54	50	74	106	127	165

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Boys' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Girls' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Lucas	80	78	79	105	91	118	Leah	15	16	15	13	16	9
Luke	12	9	9	9	8	7	Lena	85	83	119	189	212	298
Mark	50	44	33	33	30	31	Lexi	96	102	137	257	349	620
Martin	88	85	74	81	73	76	Lilly	78	77	109	102	114	151
Mason	70	128	240	252	242	418	Lily	5	14	20	29	28	42
Matthew	24	23	23	20	15	17	Lucy	7	4	8	11	14	13
Max	46	48	56	56	69	72	Madison	89	100	96	110	153	175
Michael	9	12	10	13	10	9	Maja	57	54	54	73	110	225
Nathan	29	30	32	34	37	32	Maria	54	53	54	49	58	66
Niall	86	91	69	83	76	60	Mary	69	59	61	60	57	52
Noah	23	26	41	46	49	49	Maya	74	83	89	103	99	137
Odhran	88	75	82	89	104	107	Meabh	92	107	111	88	110	121
Oisin	15	17	17	16	18	16	Megan	38	37	33	32	30	32
Oliver	54	52	62	83	76	101	Mia	12	20	14	23	24	25
Oran	80	78	91	86	86	97	Michaela	78	164	183	134	103	143
Oscar	62	61	66	65	81	92	Millie	72	86	91	88	84	123
Patrick	21	18	19	18	19	19	Molly	33	31	26	25	23	25
Paul	97	90	78	76	72	62	Muireann	87	120	107	96	91	130
Peter	87	84	67	70	65	62	Niamh	30	25	87	18	18	18
Rhys	68	65	74	67	76	104	Nicole	42	40	41	37	38	36
Rian	42	54	60	62	58	77	Olivia	28	27	39	41	42	55
Robert	53	43	44	49	40	37	Orla	74	83	67	72	59	52
Ronan	48	50	38	43	41	47	Rachel	39	29	29	27	19	17
Rory	56	56	52	49	48	45	Rebecca	40	48	35	31	25	19
Ruairi	94	88	88	86	97	83	Robyn	46	43	52	52	56	62
Ryan	6	6	6	6	7	14	Roisin	34	32	27	28	27	27
Sam	45	41	43	57	59	58	Ruby	20	23	17	21	34	41
Samuel	39	38	37	39	35	34	Ruth	86	100	91	110	101	94
Scott	83	72	71	71	67	56	Sadhbh	56	64	69	67	70	76
Sean	3	2	2	2	2	1	Saoirse	19	18	25	24	26	29
Sebastian	92	92	133	137	132	199	Sara	78	88	90	80	81	112
Senan	67	74	85	85	101	95	Sarah	6	5	4	3	1	1
Shane	43	33	30	28	25	24	Shauna	92	86	79	70	50	39
Stephen	77	88	77	58	60	46	Sinead	94	98	82	73	65	61
Tadhg	38	40	42	41	47	64	Sofia	58	80	130	119	150	135
Thomas	18	22	18	19	14	13	Sophia	29	33	50	56	51	69
Tom	66	62	63	76	74	71	Sophie	2	1	1	6	5	5
Tomas	97	86	81	89	99	92	Tara	74	62	51	51	46	38
Tommy	88	160	166	169	150	155	Victoria	94	95	98	106	77	100
Tyler	65	78	130	146	123	172	Zara	82	89	77	62	80	90
William	47	47	55	46	44	50	Zoe	37	46	42	47	54	47
Zach	96	105	119	121	107	132	Zuzanna	73	74	70	85	133	343

Table 4 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2011, in alphabetical order, numbers registered between 2006 and 2011

Boys' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Girls' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Aaron	423	439	444	485	485	488	Abbie	174	176	176	225	231	211
Adam	637	581	618	645	659	693	Abigail	139	158	165	200	162	146
Aidan	229	187	197	151	149	120	Aimee	92	129	152	108	108	128
Alan	103	117	138	116	121	83	Aine	130	124	159	157	203	175
Alex	492	551	503	501	401	367	Aisling	183	186	170	190	209	224
Alexander	183	177	179	185	145	134	Alannah	122	113	123	130	117	121
Alfie	92	74	68	48	25	24	Alexandra	71	77	92	73	98	75
Andrew	140	139	159	192	189	182	Alice	115	99	95	76	81	74
Anthony	94	92	100	101	113	104	Amber	107	99	100	94	96	95
Ben	294	305	324	349	336	385	Amelia	235	216	197	173	141	80
Benjamin	108	126	115	139	145	109	Amy	289	371	385	355	415	396
Bobby	133	127	96	72	66	44	Anna	348	378	357	342	316	320
Brian	88	98	113	172	156	145	Aoibhe	81	89	118	127	118	120
Callum	245	293	301	224	239	368	Aoibheann	106	92	88	102	67	78
Calum	89	78	82	128	159	179	Aoibhinn	128	111	117	72	72	71
Cathal	208	202	195	233	210	219	Aoife	399	425	459	518	527	546
Charlie	396	376	312	292	221	218	Ava	446	501	635	695	555	463
Christopher	117	116	143	149	130	144	Brooke	90	97	84	94	87	40
Cian	461	424	469	493	527	520	Caitlin	116	93	134	168	164	143
Ciaran	155	166	170	217	200	227	Caoimhe	398	323	326	355	361	363
Cillian	360	351	346	350	377	300	Cara	155	144	123	115	96	91
Conor	709	726	776	857	821	731	Charlotte	122	108	104	106	72	86
Cormac	141	139	159	167	153	185	Chloe	437	441	411	453	388	375
Daithi	78	79	60	52	49	23	Ciara	284	364	337	400	410	408
Daniel	711	792	842	828	725	636	Clara	79	72	86	81	71	74
Dara	111	109	106	99	93	86	Clodagh	168	195	224	178	199	161
Darragh	401	409	465	458	472	429	Daisy	68	97	70	39	36	27
David	331	332	326	403	418	383	Eabha	121	128	131	140	114	111
Donnacha	100	72	66	76	57	52	Eimear	89	91	102	125	137	138
Dylan	492	491	480	519	516	455	Elizabeth	108	122	117	90	110	106
Edward	85	73	75	85	85	53	Ella	434	380	346	407	601	447
Eoghan	164	160	223	179	154	149	Ellen	159	168	155	193	214	196
Eoin	251	299	368	311	354	356	Ellie	293	265	211	208	227	215
Ethan	253	272	200	170	176	139	Emilia	77	76	69	49	29	25
Evan	298	314	333	317	360	364	Emily	596	605	500	599	475	396
Filip	96	113	95	82	47	19	Emma	562	571	627	637	632	593
Finn	242	191	187	172	150	116	Erin	159	210	204	193	189	196
Fionn	255	265	249	239	246	195	Eva	152	176	201	196	178	146
Harry	499	364	305	276	251	193	Eve	164	122	118	114	87	117
Hugh	79	60	82	76	65	56	Faye	156	128	122	91	69	80
Jack	840	935	1,068	1,151	1,073	987	Freya	128	119	112	59	62	44
Jacob	131	100	69	71	75	49	Grace	503	489	528	566	473	450
Jake	247	297	248	286	320	297	Hannah	349	333	321	390	407	357
Jakub	139	136	160	138	68	39	Holly	297	380	326	264	224	203
James	796	746	711	737	713	678	Isabel	101	117	117	124	101	88
Jamie	448	468	466	481	412	494	Isabella	154	145	105	113	92	99
Jason	114	100	109	123	117	126	Isabelle	265	275	233	190	167	129
Jayden	177	193	182	167	83	13	Isobel	71	84	86	86	68	52
John	312	343	346	377	392	394	Jessica	246	245	257	304	298	322
Joseph	214	227	247	268	242	195	Julia	213	213	236	213	140	85
Josh	99	116	133	114	126	114	Kate	350	348	364	419	426	307
Joshua	249	259	260	302	311	341	Katelyn	91	110	128	126	142	152
Kevin	143	120	175	152	179	159	Katie	436	451	502	667	566	571
Killian	113	127	108	132	130	127	Kayla	306	186	183	161	136	112
Kyle	242	232	216	223	210	202	Kayleigh	71	77	82	110	126	115
Leo	97	78	68	81	78	73	Laura	212	198	243	245	224	248
Leon	171	154	172	188	106	97	Lauren	305	339	371	343	283	320
Liam	412	412	457	437	339	295	Layla	134	150	100	62	47	29

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Boys' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Girls' name	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Lucas	96	99	103	73	78	49	Leah	350	369	358	402	364	444
Luke	487	519	501	516	538	536	Lena	83	81	56	30	24	13
Mark	177	195	250	254	264	265	Lexi	72	65	46	20	12	4
Martin	89	95	107	99	109	91	Lilly	91	91	60	65	52	33
Mason	115	59	22	18	17	5	Lily	496	371	336	248	232	153
Matthew	331	344	343	408	430	395	Lucy	463	543	463	418	404	390
Max	194	187	164	165	116	98	Madison	80	67	71	59	40	27
Michael	496	463	499	483	521	509	Maja	131	132	133	96	53	19
Nathan	282	297	253	245	215	255	Maria	134	137	133	158	119	92
Niall	91	84	113	98	99	126	Mary	106	123	120	121	124	124
Noah	333	315	211	181	163	158	Maya	92	81	80	64	61	38
Odhran	89	100	98	88	69	56	Meabh	75	62	59	75	53	45
Oisin	436	401	423	454	407	413	Megan	203	204	232	229	229	210
Oliver	167	172	141	98	99	61	Mia	400	344	362	299	275	235
Oran	96	99	87	93	81	64	Michaela	91	38	33	46	57	35
Oscar	135	135	132	132	89	68	Millie	97	80	77	75	71	44
Patrick	390	387	399	433	402	392	Molly	229	243	268	268	281	235
Paul	81	89	104	113	111	125	Muireann	81	56	61	71	67	42
Peter	90	96	128	127	121	125	Niamh	249	292	314	344	340	350
Rhys	120	126	107	131	99	58	Nicole	176	192	194	198	200	191
Rian	213	161	151	144	139	86	Olivia	252	271	197	190	172	120
Robert	169	198	203	172	207	206	Orla	92	81	112	98	118	124
Ronan	187	180	225	191	200	164	Rachel	196	247	247	263	323	355
Rory	159	155	172	172	169	170	Rebecca	195	162	219	239	267	324
Ruairi	86	91	93	93	74	78	Robyn	163	180	137	141	125	108
Ryan	685	669	641	670	553	431	Roisin	223	224	257	250	233	233
Sam	196	210	204	155	138	128	Ruby	323	325	353	305	222	158
Samuel	230	227	238	218	225	224	Ruth	82	67	77	59	60	60
Scott	94	109	112	126	119	134	Sadhbh	132	117	111	107	95	78
Sean	755	827	934	970	965	994	Saoirse	339	355	275	279	247	217
Sebastian	88	81	53	53	48	21	Sara	91	78	79	88	76	50
Senan	121	103	96	97	72	65	Sarah	466	537	568	651	656	698
Shane	209	277	260	294	343	366	Shauna	75	80	88	104	139	162
Stephen	99	91	105	154	131	165	Sinead	73	69	86	96	105	110
Tadhg	232	221	206	192	170	122	Sofia	130	85	50	54	41	39
Thomas	403	347	411	432	440	432	Sophia	251	218	147	126	137	87
Tom	126	127	139	113	107	100	Sophie	582	608	640	582	556	497
Tomas	81	92	99	88	73	68	Tara	92	121	145	144	151	173
Tommy	89	43	37	38	41	34	Victoria	73	72	69	62	83	55
Tyler	127	99	57	48	52	27	Zara	90	77	94	114	79	65
William	190	190	166	181	179	149	Zoe	204	170	188	162	135	141
Zach	82	69	63	62	67	43	Zuzanna	94	96	105	76	45	11
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Table 5 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2010 and 2011, and between 2006 and 2011, measured by change in rank

Rank - Boys			
	2011	2010	Change in Rank
Tommy	88	160	72
Mason	70	128	58
Hugh	99	126	27
Donnacha	76	102	26
Leo	79	94	15

Rank - Girls			
	2011	2010	Change in Rank
Michaela	78	164	86
Muireann	87	120	33
Sofia	58	80	22
Kayla	21	41	20
Eve	45	60	15
Meabh	92	107	15

Rank - Boys			
	2011	2006	Change in Rank
Mason	70	418	348
Jayden	50	305	255
Filip	80	202	122
Tyler	65	172	107
Sebastian	92	199	107

Rank - Girls			
	2011	2006	Change in Rank
Lexi	96	620	524
Zuzanna	73	343	270
Lena	85	298	213
Maja	57	225	168
Layla	54	165	111

Table 6 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2010 and 2011, and between 2006 and 2011, measured by number of names

Number of Boys			
	2011	2010	Increase in Number
Harry	499	364	135
Adam	637	581	56
Mason	115	59	56
Thomas	403	347	56
Rian	213	161	52

Number of Girls			
	2011	2010	Increase in Number
Lily	496	371	125
Kayla	306	186	120
Caoimhe	398	323	75
Mia	400	344	56
Ella	434	380	54

Number of Boys			
	2011	2006	Increase in Number
Harry	499	193	306
Ryan	685	431	254
Charlie	396	218	178
Noah	333	158	175
Jayden	177	13	164

Number of Girls			
	2011	2006	Increase in Number
Lily	496	153	343
Emily	596	396	200
Kayla	306	112	194
Mia	400	235	165
Ruby	323	158	165

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

Year	Regional Authority	Boys		Girls	
		Name	%	Name	%
2011	Border	Ryan	2.67	Emily/Sophie	1.95
	Midland	Jack	2.59	Sarah	1.89
	West	Sean	2.73	Chloe/Grace	1.61
	Dublin	Daniel	2.05	Sophie	1.42
	Mid-East	James	2.21	Emily	2.05
	Mid-West	Jack/Sean	2.49	Emma	2.45
	South-East	Jack	3.19	Sophie	1.88
	South-West	Jack	2.32	Emily	1.74
	Ireland	Jack	2.20	Emily	1.64
2010	Border	Jack	2.40	Emma	1.75
	Midland	Jack	3.30	Sophie	1.76
	West	Conor	2.63	Sarah	1.83
	Dublin	Daniel	2.28	Sophie	1.91
	Mid-East	Sean	2.65	Emily	1.88
	Mid-West	Jack	3.35	Emma	2.40
	South-East	Jack	2.75	Emma	1.75
	South-West	Jack	2.84	Lucy	1.80
	Ireland	Jack	2.44	Sophie	1.66
2009	Border	Jack	2.12	Ava	1.67
	Midland	Jack	2.73	Emma	2.24
	West	Sean	3.06	Sarah	1.99
	Dublin	Daniel	2.46	Sophie	1.99
	Mid-East	Jack	2.78	Sophie	2.15
	Mid-West	Jack	3.56	Sophie	2.08
	South-East	Jack	3.66	Sophie	1.85
	South-West	Jack	3.08	Ava	2.00
	Ireland	Jack	2.78	Sophie	1.75
2008	Border	Jack	2.91	Katie	2.15
	Midland	Jack	3.39	Grace	2.03
	West	Jack	2.57	Emma	2.03
	Dublin	Sean	2.47	Ava	1.89
	Mid-East	Jack	3.24	Emma	1.87
	Mid-West	Jack	3.01	Sarah	2.32
	South-East	Jack	3.88	Emily	2.10
	South-West	Jack	3.32	Sarah	2.26
	Ireland	Jack	2.96	Ava	1.89
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

Table 8a Most popular boys' names, classified by area of residence of mother, between 2009 and 2011

	2011	2010	2009
STATE	**Jack**	**Jack**	**Jack**
LEINSTER	**James**	**Sean**	**Jack**
Carlow	James	Sean	Sean
Dublin City	James/Sean	Daniel	Sean
South Dublin	Ryan	Alex	Sean
Fingal	Daniel	Daniel	Daniel
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	James	Daniel/James	James
Kildare	Sean	Sean	Jack
Kilkenny	Jack	James	Jack
Laois	Ryan	Jack	Daniel
Longford	James	Daniel	Conor
Louth	Ryan	Ryan	Ryan
Meath	Jack/James	Sean	Sean
Offaly	Jack	Jack	Sean
Westmeath	Conor	Jack	Conor
Wexford	Jack	Jack	Jack
Wicklow	Ryan	Jack	Jack
MUNSTER	**Jack**	**Jack**	**Jack**
Clare	Sean	Sean	Sean
Cork City	Alex	Sean	Jack
Cork County	Jack	Jack	Jack
Kerry	Jack	Ryan	Jack
Limerick City	Jack	Alex	Sean
Limerick County	Daniel	Jack	Jack
North Tipperary	Jack	Jack	Jack
South Tipperary	Jack	James	Jack
Waterford City	Jack	Jack	Jack
Waterford County	Jack	Jack	Jack
CONNACHT	**Sean**	**Conor/Jack**	**Sean**
Galway City	James/Sean	Conor/Michael	Jack/Oisin/Sean
Galway County	Conor	Jack	Sean
Leitrim	Daniel	Sean	Daniel/Sean
Mayo	Sean	Conor	Jack
Roscommon	Sean	Conor	Sean
Sligo	Ryan	Adam	Ryan
ULSTER (PART OF)	**Ryan**	**Jack**	**Jack**
Cavan	Ryan	James	James/Sean
Donegal	Ryan	Jack	Jack
Monaghan	Jamie	Jack	Jack/Ryan

Table 8b Most popular girls' names, classified by area of residence of mother, between 2009 and 2011

	2011	2010	2009
STATE	**Emily**	**Sophie**	**Sophie**
LEINSTER	**Emily**	**Sophie**	**Sophie**
Carlow	Emily	Holly	Emma/Hannah
Dublin City	Ava	Sophie	Ava
South Dublin	Ella/Sophie	Sophie	Sophie
Fingal	Sophie	Sophie	Sophie
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Emma	Emily	Sophie
Kildare	Emily	Lucy	Sophie
Kilkenny	Caoimhe	Emma	Grace
Laois	Sarah	Sarah	Ava
Longford	Mia	Sarah	Emily/Rachel
Louth	Emily	Emily	Sophie
Meath	Grace	Emily/Sophie	Sarah
Offaly	Aoife/Grace/Sarah	Sophie	Katie
Westmeath	Emily/Lucy	Lucy	Emma
Wexford	Mia	Sarah	Ava
Wicklow	Chloe/Sophie	Sophie	Emma
MUNSTER	**Emma**	**Emma**	**Emma**
Clare	Emma	Emma	Sarah
Cork City	Katie/Sophie	Sophie	Ava
Cork County	Sarah	Lucy	Ava
Kerry	Ava/Emma	Sarah	Emma
Limerick City	Ava/Sophie	Ellie	Sophie
Limerick County	Emma	Emma	Emma
North Tipperary	Emma	Emma	Lucy
South Tipperary	Sophie	Lucy	Sophie
Waterford City	Grace	Sophie	Sophie
Waterford County	Ella	Emma	Sophie
CONNACHT	**Grace**	**Emma**	**Katie/Sarah**
Galway City	Roisin	Ciara	Emma
Galway County	Caoimhe	Sarah	Emma
Leitrim	Emma/Grace	Katie	Ava
Mayo	Ava/Sophie	Grace	Katie
Roscommon	Katie	Emma	Sarah
Sligo	Emma	Emma/Saoirse	Katie
ULSTER (PART OF)	**Sophie**	**Katie/Sarah**	**Aoife/Katie**
Cavan	Chloe	Aoife	Chloe
Donegal	Sarah	Chloe	Aoife
Monaghan	Emma	Katie	Katie

Table 9 Most popular babies' names registered, classified by nationality of parents

Nationality of mother	Nationality of father	Boys' name	Girls' name
Ireland	Ireland	Conor/Jack/James	Emma
Ireland	United Kingdom	Harry	Emily
Ireland	EU15 excl. Irl & UK	Noah	Isabella/Lily
Ireland	Accession states (EU27 excl. EU15)	Jakub	Julia/Laura/Maja/Zuzanna
Ireland	Other	Adam/Daniel	Mia
Ireland	Not stated	Jack	Lily
United Kingdom	Ireland	James	Emily
EU15 excl. Irl & UK	Ireland	Thomas	Sofia
Accession states (EU27 excl. EU15)	Ireland	Daniel	Sophie
Other	Ireland	Sean	Aoife
Not stated	Ireland	James/Luke	Chloe/Emily/Emma
United Kingdom	United Kingdom	Ryan	Ruby
EU15 excl. Irl & UK	EU15 excl. Irl & UK	Aaron/Leon/Louis/Luca/Samuel	Rebecca
Accession states (EU27 excl. EU15)	Accession states (EU27 excl. EU15)	Jakub	Julia
Other	Other	Muhammad	Sarah
Remainder		David	Julia

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 2011 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 360 boys named Cillian, another 113 had the alternate spelling Killian. Similarly, with Lily and Lilly, there were 496 girls named Lily and another 91 named Lilly, but these have been recorded as separate names.

Variants of names and abbreviations have also been treated as separate names. For example, Jack, Sean and John account between them for 1,907 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank first, third and twenty-sixth 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. Seán was recorded as Sean.

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	Laois
	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

Nationality Groups

The category EU15 excl Ireland and the UK consists of: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

The category EU15 to EU27 consists of the states: Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.