



## Irish Babies' Names 1999

### Five most popular babies' names

Boys		Girls	
Name	Count	Name	Count
Conor	761	Chloe	615
Sean	760	Aoife	612
Jack	743	Sarah	595
James	629	Ciara	585
Adam	588	Niamh	571

### Conor and Chloe top of the tots again

The most popular babies' names registered in 1999 were Conor and Chloe, respectively for boys and girls. About 3.1% of baby boys were called Conor while 2.6% of baby girls were named Chloe.

The top five names for boys were the same as in 1998: Conor, Sean, Jack, James and Adam. For girls, Ciara and Aoife swapped 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions on last year. Sarah remained in 3<sup>rd</sup> place while Niamh rose one place to 5<sup>th</sup> position, replacing Emma in the top five.

There were 7 new entries to the top 100 for boys: Cameron, Diarmuid, Leon, Lorcan, Neil, Reece and Tadhg. The highest new entry for boys was Leon at 77. For girls there were 11 new entries namely Abbie, Abigail, Aishling, Alana, Casey, Clara, Georgia, Isobel, Katelyn, Kathleen and Lauryn. Lauryn was the highest new entry for girls at 70.

Girls are given a wider variety of names than boys. The top 100 accounted for 68.1% of girls' names compared with 79.5% of boys' names. See Tables 1 and 2.

In three out of the eight regions Conor was the most popular boys' name, as was Jack in another three. Sean was first in Dublin and David in the South West.

Chloe was the most popular girls' name in Dublin and shared first place with Aoife in the South East. Aoife was also first in the South West. Niamh was most popular in the Border and Mid East regions. Rachel was again the favourite in the West in 1999, with Ciara in the Mid West and Sarah in the Midlands.

These results are based on an analysis of the first names recorded on birth returns for registration and vital statistics, begun by the CSO in 1998. Over 90% of birth notifications in 1999 included the 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 1999, by count and rank, with corresponding data for 1998**

Boys' name	Rank		Count		Girls' name	Rank		Count	
	1999	1998	1999	1998		1999	1998	1999	1998
Conor	1	1	761	761	Chloe	1	1	615	575
Sean	2	2	760	662	Aoife	2	4	612	529
Jack	3	3	743	543	Sarah	3	3	595	537
James	4	4	629	472	Ciara	4	2	585	539
Adam	5	5	588	460	Niamh	5	6	571	492
Michael	6	9	527	438	Emma	6	5	549	514
David	7	8	524	439	Rachel	7	7	488	444
Aaron	8	6	500	449	Rebecca	8	9	455	388
Daniel	9	10	479	428	Lauren	9	10	452	363
Dylan	10	7	445	443	Megan	10	8	434	393
Shane	11	11	444	415	Amy	11	12	420	353
Cian	12	12	420	362	Laura	12	11	397	357
Ryan	13	16	418	326	Katie	13	13	378	319
Luke	14	15	410	327	Emily	14	25	285	178
John	15	13	369	340	Shauna	15	14	270	267
Eoin	16	20	347	295	Nicole	16	16	266	245
Mark	17	14	345	339	Roisin	17	20	254	213
Patrick	18	17	343	306	Sophie	18	17	252	242
Thomas	19	17	332	306	Kate	19	22	246	197
Jordan	20	22	308	270	Shannon	19	15	246	255
Liam	21	30	290	197	Hannah	21	18	242	236
Jamie	22	26	289	224	Caoimhe	22	24	236	184
Stephen	23	17	285	306	Jessica	23	19	227	233
Matthew	24	21	259	281	Ellen	24	26	215	154
Oisin	25	37	249	174	Aisling	25	21	209	212
Nathan	26	36	245	178	Sinead	26	23	196	195
Robert	27	27	240	214	Leah	27	27	185	146
Andrew	28	23	239	245	Anna	28	33	171	133
Darragh	29	28	237	211	Tara	29	39	167	114
Ciaran	30	24	230	237	Grace	30	32	166	135
Joseph	31	40	219	168	Saoirse	31	37	160	117
Dean	32	29	214	200	Aine	32	29	155	140
Kevin	33	25	211	233	Jennifer	33	28	154	145
Evan	34	32	208	188	Jade	34	35	150	121
Jason	35	33	201	184	Eimear	35	29	148	140
Brian	36	35	197	181	Orla	36	31	144	138
Niall	36	37	197	174	Mary	37	34	131	128
Ben	38	48	196	137	Clodagh	38	39	127	114
Paul	39	34	189	183	Claire	39	37	118	117
Christopher	40	41	186	167	Michelle	39	42	118	107
Eoghan	41	49	181	122	Caitlin	41	54	112	74
Cathal	42	31	162	195	Olivia	41	83	112	43
Ross	43	39	155	171	Lucy	43	46	105	89
Joshua	44	52	147	108	Courtney	44	43	104	105
Ronan	44	42	147	143	Louise	45	36	103	120
Lee	46	42	143	143	Holly	46	75	101	51
Darren	47	47	142	139	Lisa	47	47	97	88
Peter	48	42	140	143	Danielle	48	41	95	109
Craig	49	50	133	120	Grainne	49	56	94	70
William	50	57	130	95	Kelly	50	53	91	77
Jake	51	51	125	110	Catherine	51	51	89	78
Anthony	52	54	123	99	Leanne	52	44	86	97
Alan	53	46	122	140	Ruth	52	55	86	72
Colm	54	66	117	82	Chelsea	54	56	85	70
Cormac	55	61	115	91	Kayleigh	55	48	84	87
Samuel	55	55	115	96	Fiona	56	51	83	78

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	1999	1998	1999	1998		1999	1998	1999	1998
Alex	57	59	112	93	Elizabeth	57	59	82	68
Gavin	58	45	110	142	Alison	58	45	78	93
Killian	59	58	100	94	Michaela	58	49	78	85
Kyle	60	55	99	96	Ava	60	88	77	41
Cillian	61	60	98	92	Eva	60	66	77	59
Padraig	61	68	98	77	Robyn	62	69	76	53
Richard	63	73	91	68	Emer	63	63	74	62
Ian	64	62	90	90	Molly	63	87	74	42
Martin	64	64	90	87	Maeve	65	69	70	53
Rory	64	53	90	100	Andrea	66	83	69	43
Brandon	67	74	89	67	Zoe	66	60	69	65
Alexander	68	75	88	66	Aimee	68	88	66	41
Aidan	69	65	87	86	Jane	68	64	66	61
Harry	70	100	86	42	Lauryn	70	236	64	10
Karl	71	69	85	74	Maria	71	73	62	52
Gary	72	71	82	69	Natasha	71	78	62	48
Kieran	73	67	81	81	Rachael	71	60	62	65
Keith	74	63	79	88	Nicola	74	62	61	63
Benjamin	75	77	77	65	Sorcha	74	78	61	48
Ethan	76	83	76	53	Ella	76	94	60	39
Leon	77	112	75	33	Siobhan	76	50	60	79
Philip	78	87	73	49	Stephanie	78	69	59	53
Callum	79	99	71	43	Abbie	79	133	58	26
Colin	79	70	71	70	Alannah	79	81	58	44
Edward	81	79	70	58	Erin	79	65	58	60
Gerard	81	79	70	58	Katelyn	82	127	55	28
Scott	83	81	69	56	Victoria	82	97	55	38
Brendan	84	78	66	60	Gemma	84	56	53	70
Owen	85	82	65	55	Melissa	84	99	53	37
Dillon	86	89	59	48	Eve	86	68	50	56
Jonathan	87	86	57	51	Alanna	87	73	49	52
Sam	87	92	57	46	Alice	87	90	49	40
Barry	89	83	56	53	Karen	87	69	49	53
Eric	90	75	55	66	Clara	90	111	47	34
Shaun	90	87	55	49	Alexandra	91	67	46	57
Daragh	92	95	52	45	Isobel	92	175	45	18
Donal	92	89	52	48	Abigail	93	106	44	35
Diarmuid	94	102	51	39	Aishling	93	117	44	33
Lorcan	95	102	50	39	Lorna	93	90	44	40
Tadhg	96	104	49	38	Georgia	96	106	43	35
Cameron	97	119	47	29	Jodie	97	99	42	37
Fionn	97	91	47	47	Margaret	97	97	42	38
Neil	97	109	47	35	Kathleen	99	120	41	32
Reece	97	109	47	35	Alana	100	134	40	25
Steven	97	83	47	53	Casey	100	106	40	35
Total in top 100			19,736	17,340				15,928	14,061
Total with first name recorded			24,824	21,786				23,402	20,472
Top 100 as % of total			79.5	79.6				68.1	68.7
Total births registered			27,508	27,580				25,846	25,971

**Table 2 Top 100 babies' names registered in 1999, in alphabetical order, with corresponding data for 1998**

Boys' name	Rank		Count		Girls' name	Rank		Count	
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Aaron	8	6	500	449	Abbie	79	133	58	26
Adam	5	5	588	460	Abigail	93	106	44	35
Aidan	69	65	87	86	Aimee	68	88	66	41
Alan	53	46	122	140	Aine	32	29	155	140
Alex	57	59	112	93	Aishling	93	117	44	33
Alexander	68	75	88	66	Aisling	25	21	209	212
Andrew	28	23	239	245	Alana	100	134	40	25
Anthony	52	54	123	99	Alanna	87	73	49	52
Barry	89	83	56	53	Alannah	79	81	58	44
Ben	38	48	196	137	Alexandra	91	67	46	57
Benjamin	75	77	77	65	Alice	87	90	49	40
Brandon	67	74	89	67	Alison	58	45	78	93
Brendan	84	78	66	60	Amy	11	12	420	353
Brian	36	35	197	181	Andrea	66	83	69	43
Callum	79	99	71	43	Anna	28	33	171	133
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**Table 3 Most popular babies' names registered in each regional authority in 1999**

	Boys		Girls	
	Name	%	Name	%
Border	Conor	3.39	Niamh	2.99
Midland	Conor	3.97	Sarah	3.09
West	Conor	3.38	Rachel	3.04
Dublin	Sean	3.80	Chloe	2.73
Mid-East	Jack	3.49	Niamh	2.83
Mid-West	Jack	3.19	Ciara	3.40
South-East	Jack	3.81	Aoife, Chloe	2.78
South-West	David	3.32	Aoife	2.82
Ireland	Conor	3.07	Chloe	2.63

**Table 4 Most popular babies' names registered in each regional authority in 1998**

	Boys		Girls	
	Name	%	Name	%
Border	Conor	3.94	Chloe	3.18
Midland	Conor	3.17	Ciara	3.36
West	Sean	3.21	Rachel	3.13
Dublin	Sean	3.79	Chloe	2.87
Mid-East	Conor	4.17	Aoife	2.93
Mid-West	Jack	2.98	Chloe	3.28
South-East	Conor	4.02	Chloe	3.39
South-West	Conor, Jack	3.00	Ciara, Sarah	2.92
Ireland	Conor	3.49	Chloe	2.81

## Background Notes

- Source** These results are based on an analysis of the first names recorded on birth returns for registration and vital statistics, begun by the CSO in 1998. Over 90% of birth notifications in 1999 included the baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO. This compares with 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 285 boys named Stephen, another 47 boys had the alternate spelling Steven.
- Variants of names and abbreviations have also been treated as separate names. For example, Sean, Jack and John account between them for 1,872 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank second, third and fifteenth 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. Máire was recorded as Maire.
- Ranking** Names of equal rank have been placed in alphabetical order in Table 1.