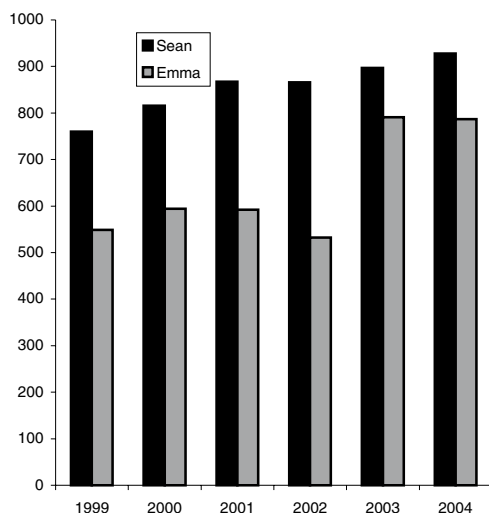




Sean and Emma 1999-2004



Irish Babies' Names 2004

Five most popular babies' names

Boys		Girls	
Name	Count	Name	Count
Sean	928	Emma	787
Jack	835	Katie	574
Conor	736	Sarah	561
Adam	688	Amy	546
James	688	Aoife	534

Sean and Emma most popular again

Sean and Emma were the most popular babies' name registered last year, the second year in a row that they have been top. There were 928 boys named Sean in 2004, 93 more than the second most popular name, Jack. There were 787 girls named Emma, 213 more than the second most popular name, Katie. See Tables 1 and 2.

Exactly the same boys' names have been in the top five since 1999, with only their order changing from year to year. There has been more change in girls' names. This year, Amy replaced Ciara in the top five, and only Aoife and Sarah have retained their top five positions every year since 1999. See Table 1.

There were seven first time entries to the top 100 for boys: Charles, Christian, Hugh, Noah, Odhran, Rian and Tomas. Also, Lorcan and Owen returned to the top 100 after a year's absence. The highest new entry was Noah, which rose from 213th place in 1999 and 132nd last year to reach 79th place. The names rising the most places were Odhran (up 56 places to 100) and Noah (up 53 places to 79). See Table 6.

There were four first time entries to the top 100 for girls: Alex, Amelia, Kayla and Orlaith. Also, Ailbhe, Isabel, and Sara returned to the top 100 after a year's absence. The highest new entry was Isabel, which climbed from 115th place last year to reach 67th place. The names rising the most places were Amelia (up 64 places to 99) and Alex (up 58 places to 93). See Table 6.

In general, the tables show that girls are given a wider variety of names than boys. Over one in three girls (37.5%) were given a name not in the top 100, compared with 27.9% of boys.

The most popular boys' names by region were Sean (Dublin and Mid-East), Jack (Mid-West, South-East and South-West), Conor (Border, Midland) and Michael (West). Emma was the most popular girls' name in every region except for the Border region, where Niamh was most popular. See Table 5.

These results are based on an analysis of the first names recorded on birth returns for registration and vital statistics. Over 97% of birth notifications in 2004 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 2004, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 1999 and 2004

Boys' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	Girls' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Sean	1	1	2	2	2	2	Emma	1	1	4	3	4	6
Jack	2	2	1	1	1	3	Katie	2	5	7	9	12	13
Conor	3	4	4	4	3	1	Sarah	3	2	1	1	2	3
Adam	4	3	3	3	4	5	Amy	4	9	6	8	8	11
James	4	5	5	5	5	4	Aoife	5	3	2	2	1	2
Daniel	6	6	6	11	11	9	Ciara	6	4	3	5	3	4
Cian	7	8	7	6	6	12	Sophie	7	6	9	16	17	18
Luke	8	11	10	9	8	14	Chloe	8	8	5	4	5	1
Michael	9	7	8	10	9	6	Leah	9	10	15	12	14	27
Aaron	10	13	12	12	12	8	Niamh	10	11	8	6	6	5
Dylan	11	10	11	8	10	10	Ella	11	14	28	48	65	76
David	12	9	9	7	7	7	Caioimhe	12	12	20	19	22	22
Ryan	13	12	14	18	17	13	Emily	13	20	19	18	19	14
Eoin	14	15	16	18	15	16	Kate	14	17	18	22	18	19
Darragh	15	15	24	21	29	29	Rachel	14	7	13	11	11	7
Jamie	16	23	23	20	21	22	Hannah	16	13	12	15	15	21
Ben	17	18	19	27	30	38	Lauren	17	15	10	6	8	9
Oisín	18	20	25	23	22	25	Ava	18	24	26	41	44	60
Shane	19	21	21	13	13	11	Megan	19	16	11	10	10	10
Thomas	20	14	18	14	18	19	Grace	20	23	29	27	32	30
John	21	22	15	15	14	15	Rebecca	21	17	14	14	7	8
Joshua	22	17	19	28	34	44	Lucy	22	29	36	35	38	43
Matthew	23	25	17	22	24	24	Jessica	23	19	17	20	21	23
Patrick	24	19	13	17	16	18	Laura	24	21	16	13	13	12
Evan	25	26	29	30	27	34	Holly	25	28	35	49	53	46
Alex	26	29	35	45	48	57	Anna	26	22	21	26	28	28
Mark	27	27	22	16	18	17	Roisin	27	27	24	25	23	17
Liam	28	24	26	24	26	21	Ellen	28	25	23	24	24	24
Nathan	29	28	27	32	32	26	Aisling	29	29	27	23	25	25
Ciaran	30	30	28	25	23	30	Abbie	30	33	51	64	67	79
Joseph	31	32	33	31	33	31	Molly	31	37	33	31	43	63
Andrew	32	36	41	37	31	28	Shauna	32	26	22	17	16	15
Kyle	32	35	36	53	50	60	Aine	33	32	39	36	27	32
Cathal	34	39	38	38	35	42	Caitlin	34	31	38	34	40	41
Samuel	34	37	43	49	57	55	Saoirse	35	36	31	28	30	31
Jake	36	31	30	34	42	51	Tara	36	40	32	32	35	29
Stephen	37	33	33	26	27	23	Katelyn	37	35	52	52	46	82
Robert	38	34	30	33	37	27	Ellie	38	38	46	89	127	166
Ronan	39	51	54	50	41	44	Mia	39	44	47	72	104	162
Cillian	40	60	66	58	59	61	Nicole	40	34	24	21	20	16
Fionn	41	66	66	68	64	97	Clodagh	41	46	45	42	39	38
Scott	42	59	58	66	70	83	Abigail	42	54	68	66	82	93
Paul	43	48	45	43	40	39	Eimear	43	46	43	40	33	35
Kevin	44	38	32	36	25	33	Mary	44	45	41	37	37	37
Brian	45	40	38	39	36	36	Zoe	45	41	43	42	42	66
Lee	46	42	46	47	44	46	Shannon	46	52	37	29	26	19
Ethan	47	44	50	51	71	76	Aimee	47	48	66	74	107	68
Rory	48	52	57	61	65	64	Eva	47	55	50	44	58	60
Jason	49	45	37	45	39	35	Sinead	47	38	30	33	29	26
Niall	50	54	40	41	38	36	Robyn	50	49	63	51	60	62
Cormac	51	56	52	59	54	55	Erin	51	42	48	47	49	79
Eoghan	52	41	48	44	47	41	Orla	52	53	40	38	34	36
Christopher	53	46	47	42	43	40	Alannah	53	49	55	52	53	79
William	54	55	49	52	46	50	Jennifer	54	43	34	39	36	33
Ross	55	68	74	63	56	43	Abby	55	60	65	77	144	202
Harry	56	56	68	56	63	70	Maria	55	56	53	58	63	71
Benjamin	57	53	53	66	67	75	Grainne	57	68	71	66	52	49
Josh	58	56	62	81	89	107	Jade	57	61	42	30	31	34

Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2004, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 1999 and 2004

Boys' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	Girls' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Alexander	59	49	56	65	72	68	Eve	59	56	58	46	64	86
Sam	59	70	71	89	94	87	Lily	59	75	85	91	142	202
Callum	61	46	60	76	69	79	Jodie	61	66	73	72	78	97
Aidan	62	64	62	73	74	69	Eabha	62	74	99	160	152	221
Dean	62	42	44	35	45	32	Kelly	63	59	57	69	50	50
Gavin	64	62	55	54	54	58	Catherine	64	71	58	54	60	51
Charlie	65	79	93	114	122	125	Elizabeth	64	51	62	60	57	57
Peter	66	50	50	48	53	48	Alanna	66	66	80	86	86	87
Kian	67	65	73	63	99	184	Isabel	67	115	94	129	132	146
Tadhg	68	84	80	88	92	96	Alexandra	68	88	78	68	87	91
Colin	69	81	110	92	78	79	Louise	69	56	48	50	53	45
Killian	70	67	65	55	61	59	Olivia	69	72	71	61	51	41
Finn	71	75	88	95	131	175	Kayleigh	71	63	68	74	73	55
Craig	72	63	59	40	49	49	Sophia	71	100	108	126	111	108
Kieran	73	72	69	72	60	73	Cara	73	86	102	91	92	134
Colm	74	73	76	71	65	54	Aoibhe	74	94	131	166	258	188
Martin	74	73	74	70	62	64	Maeve	74	77	75	70	59	65
Darren	76	76	72	62	52	47	Charlotte	76	72	91	87	95	119
Alan	77	71	60	59	51	53	Isabelle	76	100	77	104	127	177
Brandon	78	76	70	83	67	67	Amber	78	94	108	100	84	115
Noah	79	132	148	176	252	213	Jane	79	70	78	78	79	68
Anthony	80	68	64	56	58	52	Ruth	79	64	68	56	71	52
Dara	81	86	97	90	100	118	Alice	81	83	76	87	74	87
Leon	82	85	81	68	77	77	Victoria	82	79	83	100	89	82
Connor	83	76	90	101	106	118	Danielle	83	86	66	58	76	48
Padraig	84	89	84	79	78	61	Fiona	83	80	63	74	69	56
Tomas	84	109	103	101	115	122	Orlaith	83	106	131	148	98	139
Daragh	86	88	95	80	82	92	Claire	86	61	54	44	41	39
Diarmuid	87	97	77	83	84	94	Sadhbh	86	75	94	103	104	188
Max	88	97	123	114	129	152	Kayla	88	106	116	187	163	238
Oran	88	80	94	96	138	105	Alana	89	94	102	96	127	100
Owen	88	103	84	83	84	85	Michaela	90	94	94	70	68	58
Hugh	91	101	106	117	109	102	Alison	91	83	60	62	62	58
Lorcan	91	119	97	93	92	95	Lisa	91	64	55	55	47	47
Charles	93	107	122	103	124	125	Alex	93	151	146	117	152	202
Christian	93	104	116	131	111	130	Leanne	94	80	74	56	76	52
Daire	95	92	116	98	106	122	Michelle	94	77	61	62	48	39
Edward	95	86	89	77	81	81	Sara	94	106	91	84	111	124
Jonathan	97	90	82	86	73	87	Siobhan	97	100	87	65	74	76
Jordan	98	61	42	29	20	20	Faye	98	91	123	133	140	238
Tom	98	83	90	94	119	127	Ailbhe	99	115	94	107	114	115
Karl	100	97	110	78	94	71	Amelia	99	163	210	299	265	270
Odhran	100	156	163	121	138	184	Naomi	99	93	108	126	144	129
Rian	100	129	116	108	124	152							

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Boys' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	Girls' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Sean	928	897	866	867	816	760	Emma	787	791	532	592	594	549
Jack	835	800	868	930	846	743	Katie	574	468	418	422	398	378
Conor	736	705	748	702	700	761	Sarah	561	606	655	650	626	595
Adam	688	787	798	833	653	588	Amy	546	410	485	447	451	420
James	688	626	581	613	594	629	Aoife	534	571	585	601	633	612
Daniel	630	617	559	475	467	479	Ciara	500	535	577	552	608	585
Cian	546	501	536	557	557	420	Sophie	468	432	404	303	266	252
Luke	544	474	489	517	488	410	Chloe	453	412	516	556	553	615
Michael	527	525	520	483	483	527	Leah	424	395	351	374	302	185
Aaron	503	411	467	459	401	500	Niamh	421	370	407	477	519	571
Dylan	479	478	485	538	477	445	Ella	381	327	204	112	75	60
David	459	480	501	549	492	524	Caioimhe	357	357	272	274	253	236
Ryan	451	425	365	349	356	418	Emily	346	273	278	287	262	285
Eoin	429	356	361	349	368	347	Kate	342	295	301	258	263	246
Darragh	414	356	310	298	245	237	Rachel	342	431	364	400	428	488
Jamie	406	327	333	342	294	289	Hannah	340	340	368	343	299	242
Ben	399	348	345	258	234	196	Lauren	318	311	402	477	451	452
Oisín	384	342	300	283	287	249	Ava	308	255	216	137	103	77
Shane	379	335	343	385	400	444	Megan	299	310	387	401	441	434
Thomas	371	375	349	377	351	332	Grace	295	258	191	200	172	166
John	366	333	362	372	398	369	Rebecca	290	295	361	350	485	455
Joshua	364	352	345	257	216	147	Lucy	276	203	169	157	136	105
Matthew	361	304	351	287	275	259	Jessica	264	292	302	262	260	227
Patrick	357	343	366	365	362	343	Laura	261	268	349	361	315	397
Evan	337	303	245	248	250	208	Holly	253	213	171	107	84	101
Alex	322	268	193	160	150	112	Anna	245	265	247	232	193	171
Mark	316	302	336	366	351	345	Roisin	237	222	228	239	245	254
Liam	310	316	290	267	257	290	Ellen	222	253	229	241	217	215
Nathan	271	275	258	242	223	245	Aisling	217	203	210	248	213	209
Ciaran	253	244	252	264	286	230	Abbie	210	182	111	81	73	58
Joseph	232	218	201	243	220	219	Molly	206	163	179	172	105	74
Andrew	216	199	172	218	230	239	Shauna	194	231	232	299	288	270
Kyle	216	200	190	126	139	99	Aine	190	183	149	156	194	155
Cathal	209	170	179	198	207	162	Caitlin	189	192	151	160	130	112
Samuel	209	193	166	146	119	115	Saoirse	176	172	181	192	176	160
Jake	206	236	227	224	161	125	Tara	175	147	180	168	153	167
Stephen	205	214	201	263	250	285	Katelyn	171	173	109	96	94	55
Robert	196	204	227	240	200	240	Ellie	169	153	122	54	32	21
Ronan	182	132	122	139	165	147	Mia	163	131	119	73	41	22
Cillian	176	116	99	114	111	98	Nicole	161	179	228	259	261	266
Fionn	172	102	99	94	90	47	Clodagh	153	125	127	129	135	127
Scott	168	117	114	97	85	69	Abigail	140	102	75	77	54	44
Paul	167	137	154	165	182	189	Eimear	135	125	133	146	168	148
Kevin	166	180	214	220	264	211	Mary	133	128	140	153	140	131
Brian	165	169	179	197	204	197	Zoe	132	136	133	129	115	69
Lee	161	147	153	158	158	143	Shannon	129	114	166	191	198	246
Ethan	160	141	128	135	83	76	Aimee	127	119	77	72	40	66
Rory	156	130	116	112	89	90	Eva	127	100	112	127	82	77
Jason	155	140	183	160	191	201	Sinead	127	153	182	162	180	196
Niall	152	128	175	179	199	197	Robyn	122	117	82	100	80	76
Cormac	147	118	127	113	126	115	Erin	119	135	117	120	91	58
Eoghan	145	158	144	162	153	181	Orla	116	113	141	149	167	144
Christopher	142	138	150	174	159	186	Alannah	113	117	93	96	84	58
William	141	125	139	130	156	130	Jennifer	106	133	176	147	151	154
Ross	139	94	85	106	124	155	Abby	103	88	79	70	27	17
Harry	137	118	98	115	95	86	Maria	103	91	104	87	78	62
Benjamin	135	129	125	97	88	77	Grainne	102	74	74	77	85	94
Josh	134	118	109	70	58	42	Jade	102	84	139	175	175	150

Table 2 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2004, in order of popularity - numbers registered between 1999 and 2004

Boys' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	Girls' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Alexander	132	136	119	102	81	88	Eve	101	91	91	126	76	50
Sam	132	93	88	63	54	57	Lily	101	66	58	53	28	17
Callum	130	138	110	76	86	71	Jodie	99	75	73	73	62	42
Aidan	124	109	109	84	75	87	Eabha	95	68	51	26	25	15
Dean	124	147	157	221	157	214	Kelly	92	90	92	75	89	91
Gavin	123	113	121	124	126	110	Catherine	91	72	91	94	80	89
Charlie	118	79	58	40	36	32	Elizabeth	91	116	83	86	83	82
Peter	108	134	128	151	131	140	Alanna	89	75	62	56	51	49
Kian	102	106	86	106	50	14	Isabel	85	43	52	33	31	25
Tadhg	100	73	68	64	55	49	Alexandra	84	59	63	76	50	46
Colin	99	75	43	58	70	71	Louise	83	91	117	103	84	103
Killian	96	101	100	121	105	100	Olivia	83	70	74	84	88	112
Finn	92	83	63	55	31	15	Kayleigh	81	80	75	72	65	84
Craig	91	111	111	185	140	133	Sophia	81	51	46	35	38	37
Kieran	89	87	94	85	109	81	Cara	76	60	48	53	48	29
Colm	88	86	83	87	89	117	Aoibhe	75	53	33	24	12	19
Martin	88	86	85	91	104	90	Maeve	75	64	69	74	81	70
Darren	87	80	87	110	133	142	Charlotte	72	70	54	55	47	34
Alan	86	91	110	113	134	122	Isabelle	72	51	64	46	32	20
Brandon	85	80	92	67	88	89	Amber	71	53	46	48	52	35
Noah	83	33	26	18	7	9	Jane	70	73	63	68	61	66
Anthony	81	94	103	115	118	123	Ruth	70	76	75	88	68	86
Dara	80	70	51	59	49	35	Alice	68	61	66	55	64	49
Leon	76	71	67	94	71	75	Victoria	67	63	59	48	49	55
Connor	75	80	61	49	44	35	Danielle	66	60	77	87	63	95
Padraig	72	68	65	73	70	98	Fiona	66	62	82	72	71	83
Tomas	72	46	48	49	39	33	Orlaith	66	47	33	28	44	27
Daragh	71	69	54	71	64	52	Claire	65	84	96	127	127	118
Diarmuid	68	56	75	67	62	51	Sadhbh	65	66	52	47	41	19
Max	67	56	37	40	32	20	Kayla	64	47	42	21	23	13
Oran	67	77	55	53	27	43	Alana	63	53	48	50	32	40
Owen	67	53	65	67	62	65	Michaela	62	53	52	74	72	78
Hugh	66	54	46	39	43	45	Alison	61	61	89	82	79	78
Lorcan	66	40	51	57	55	50	Lisa	61	76	93	93	93	97
Charles	64	48	39	48	35	32	Alex	58	29	29	40	25	17
Christian	64	51	40	33	42	29	Leanne	57	62	71	88	63	86
Daire	63	59	40	50	44	33	Michelle	57	64	86	82	92	118
Edward	63	70	62	75	65	70	Sara	57	47	54	58	38	33
Jonathan	61	64	66	66	77	57	Siobhan	55	51	56	78	64	60
Jordan	60	114	171	249	315	308	Faye	54	57	36	31	29	13
Tom	60	74	61	56	38	30	Ailbhe	53	43	52	45	37	35
Karl	59	56	43	74	54	85	Amelia	53	25	18	10	11	10
Odhran	59	25	23	38	27	14	Naomi	53	55	46	35	27	30
Rian	59	36	40	44	35	20							
Total in top 100	22346	20989	20826	21079	20169	19736		18162	17229	16942	17033	16308	15928
Total with first name recorded	30985	29249	28314	27710	25947	24824		29050	28006	27005	26251	24550	23402
Top 100 as % of total	72.1	71.8	73.6	76.1	77.7	79.5		62.5	61.5	62.7	64.9	66.4	68.1
Total births registered	31817	31414	31001	29753	27896	27508		29867	30103	29520	28129	26343	25846

Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2004, in alphabetical order - rank between 1999 and 2004

Boys' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	Girls' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Aaron	10	13	12	12	12	8	Abbie	30	33	51	64	67	79
Adam	4	3	3	3	4	5	Abby	55	60	65	77	144	202
Aidan	62	64	62	73	74	69	Abigail	42	54	68	66	82	93
Alan	77	71	60	59	51	53	Ailbhe	99	115	94	107	114	115
Alex	26	29	35	45	48	57	Aimee	47	48	66	74	107	68
Alexander	59	49	56	65	72	68	Aine	33	32	39	36	27	32
Andrew	32	36	41	37	31	28	Aisling	29	29	27	23	25	25
Anthony	80	68	64	56	58	52	Alana	89	94	102	96	127	100
Ben	17	18	19	27	30	38	Alanna	66	66	80	86	86	87
Benjamin	57	53	53	66	67	75	Alannah	53	49	55	52	53	79
Brandon	78	76	70	83	67	67	Alex	93	151	146	117	152	202
Brian	45	40	38	39	36	36	Alexandra	68	88	78	68	87	91
Callum	61	46	60	76	69	79	Alice	81	83	76	87	74	87
Cathal	34	39	38	38	35	42	Alison	91	83	60	62	62	58
Charles	93	107	122	103	124	125	Amber	78	94	108	100	84	115
Charlie	65	79	93	114	122	125	Amelia	99	163	210	299	265	270
Christian	93	104	116	131	111	130	Amy	4	9	6	8	8	11
Christopher	53	46	47	42	43	40	Anna	26	22	21	26	28	28
Cian	7	8	7	6	6	12	Aoibhe	74	94	131	166	258	188
Ciaran	30	30	28	25	23	30	Aoife	5	3	2	2	1	2
Cillian	40	60	66	58	59	61	Ava	18	24	26	41	44	60
Colin	69	81	110	92	78	79	Caitlin	34	31	38	34	40	41
Colm	74	73	76	71	65	54	Caoimhe	12	12	20	19	22	22
Connor	83	76	90	101	106	118	Cara	73	86	102	91	92	134
Conor	3	4	4	4	3	1	Catherine	64	71	58	54	60	51
Cormac	51	56	52	59	54	55	Charlotte	76	72	91	87	95	119
Craig	72	63	59	40	49	49	Chloe	8	8	5	4	5	1
Daire	95	92	116	98	106	122	Ciara	6	4	3	5	3	4
Daniel	6	6	6	11	11	9	Claire	86	61	54	44	41	39
Dara	81	86	97	90	100	118	Clodagh	41	46	45	42	39	38
Daragh	86	88	95	80	82	92	Danielle	83	86	66	58	76	48
Darragh	15	15	24	21	29	29	Eabha	62	74	99	160	152	221
Darren	76	76	72	62	52	47	Eimear	43	46	43	40	33	35
David	12	9	9	7	7	7	Elizabeth	64	51	62	60	57	57
Dean	62	42	44	35	45	32	Ella	11	14	28	48	65	76
Diarmuid	87	97	77	83	84	94	Ellen	28	25	23	24	24	24
Dylan	11	10	11	8	10	10	Ellie	38	38	46	89	127	166
Edward	95	86	89	77	81	81	Emily	13	20	19	18	19	14
Eoghan	52	41	48	44	47	41	Emma	1	1	4	3	4	6
Eoin	14	15	16	18	15	16	Erin	51	42	48	47	49	79
Ethan	47	44	50	51	71	76	Eva	47	55	50	44	58	60
Evan	25	26	29	30	27	34	Eve	59	56	58	46	64	86
Finn	71	75	88	95	131	175	Faye	98	91	123	133	140	238
Fionn	41	66	66	68	64	97	Fiona	83	80	63	74	69	56
Gavin	64	62	55	54	54	58	Grace	20	23	29	27	32	30
Harry	56	56	68	56	63	70	Grainne	57	68	71	66	52	49
Hugh	91	101	106	117	109	102	Hannah	16	13	12	15	15	21
Jack	2	2	1	1	1	3	Holly	25	28	35	49	53	46
Jake	36	31	30	34	42	51	Isabel	67	115	94	129	132	146
James	4	5	5	5	5	4	Isabelle	76	100	77	104	127	177
Jamie	16	23	23	20	21	22	Jade	57	61	42	30	31	34
Jason	49	45	37	45	39	35	Jane	79	70	78	78	79	68
John	21	22	15	15	14	15	Jennifer	54	43	34	39	36	33
Jonathan	97	90	82	86	73	87	Jessica	23	19	17	20	21	23
Jordan	98	61	42	29	20	20	Jodie	61	66	73	72	78	97
Joseph	31	32	33	31	33	31	Kate	14	17	18	22	18	19
Josh	58	56	62	81	89	107	Katelyn	37	35	52	52	46	82
Joshua	22	17	19	28	34	44	Katie	2	5	7	9	12	13

Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2004, in alphabetical order - rank between 1999 and 2004

Boys' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	Girls' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Karl	100	97	110	78	94	71	Kayla	88	106	116	187	163	238
Kevin	44	38	32	36	25	33	Kayleigh	71	63	68	74	73	55
Kian	67	65	73	63	99	184	Kelly	63	59	57	69	50	50
Kieran	73	72	69	72	60	73	Laura	24	21	16	13	13	12
Killian	70	67	65	55	61	59	Lauren	17	15	10	6	8	9
Kyle	32	35	36	53	50	60	Leah	9	10	15	12	14	27
Lee	46	42	46	47	44	46	Leanne	94	80	74	56	76	52
Leon	82	85	81	68	77	77	Lily	59	75	85	91	142	202
Liam	28	24	26	24	26	21	Lisa	91	64	55	55	47	47
Lorcan	91	119	97	93	92	95	Louise	69	56	48	50	53	45
Luke	8	11	10	9	8	14	Lucy	22	29	36	35	38	43
Mark	27	27	22	16	18	17	Maeve	74	77	75	70	59	65
Martin	74	73	74	70	62	64	Maria	55	56	53	58	63	71
Matthew	23	25	17	22	24	24	Mary	44	45	41	37	37	37
Max	88	97	123	114	129	152	Megan	19	16	11	10	10	10
Michael	9	7	8	10	9	6	Mia	39	44	47	72	104	162
Nathan	29	28	27	32	32	26	Michaela	90	94	94	70	68	58
Niall	50	54	40	41	38	36	Michelle	94	77	61	62	48	39
Noah	79	132	148	176	252	213	Molly	31	37	33	31	43	63
Odhran	100	156	163	121	138	184	Naomi	99	93	108	126	144	129
Oisín	18	20	25	23	22	25	Niamh	10	11	8	6	6	5
Oran	88	80	94	96	138	105	Nicole	40	34	24	21	20	16
Owen	88	103	84	83	84	85	Olivia	69	72	71	61	51	41
Padraig	84	89	84	79	78	61	Orla	52	53	40	38	34	36
Patrick	24	19	13	17	16	18	Orlaith	83	106	131	148	98	139
Paul	43	48	45	43	40	39	Rachel	14	7	13	11	11	7
Peter	66	50	50	48	53	48	Rebecca	21	17	14	14	7	8
Rian	100	129	116	108	124	152	Robyn	50	49	63	51	60	62
Robert	38	34	30	33	37	27	Roisín	27	27	24	25	23	17
Ronan	39	51	54	50	41	44	Ruth	79	64	68	56	71	52
Rory	48	52	57	61	65	64	Sadhbh	86	75	94	103	104	188
Ross	55	68	74	63	56	43	Saoirse	35	36	31	28	30	31
Ryan	13	12	14	18	17	13	Sara	94	106	91	84	111	124
Sam	59	70	71	89	94	87	Sarah	3	2	1	1	2	3
Samuel	34	37	43	49	57	55	Shannon	46	52	37	29	26	19
Scott	42	59	58	66	70	83	Shauna	32	26	22	17	16	15
Sean	1	1	2	2	2	2	Sinead	47	38	30	33	29	26
Shane	19	21	21	13	13	11	Siobhan	97	100	87	65	74	76
Stephen	37	33	33	26	27	23	Sophia	71	100	108	126	111	108
Tadhg	68	84	80	88	92	96	Sophie	7	6	9	16	17	18
Thomas	20	14	18	14	18	19	Tara	36	40	32	32	35	29
Tom	98	83	90	94	119	127	Victoria	82	79	83	100	89	82
Tomas	84	109	103	101	115	122	Zoe	45	41	43	42	42	66
William	54	55	49	52	46	50							

Table 4 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2004, in alphabetical order, numbers registered between 1999 and 2004

Boys' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	Girls' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Aaron	503	411	467	459	401	500	Abbie	210	182	111	81	73	58
Adam	688	787	798	833	653	588	Abby	103	88	79	70	27	17
Aidan	124	109	109	84	75	87	Abigail	140	102	75	77	54	44
Alan	86	91	110	113	134	122	Ailbhe	53	43	52	45	37	35
Alex	322	268	193	160	150	112	Aimee	127	119	77	72	40	66
Alexander	132	136	119	102	81	88	Aine	190	183	149	156	194	155
Andrew	216	199	172	218	230	239	Aisling	217	203	210	248	213	209
Anthony	81	94	103	115	118	123	Alana	63	53	48	50	32	40
Ben	399	348	345	258	234	196	Alanna	89	75	62	56	51	49
Benjamin	135	129	125	97	88	77	Alannah	113	117	93	96	84	58
Brandon	85	80	92	67	88	89	Alex	58	29	29	40	25	17
Brian	165	169	179	197	204	197	Alexandra	84	59	63	76	50	46
Callum	130	138	110	76	86	71	Alice	68	61	66	55	64	49
Cathal	209	170	179	198	207	162	Alison	61	61	89	82	79	78
Charles	64	48	39	48	35	32	Amber	71	53	46	48	52	35
Charlie	118	79	58	40	36	32	Amelia	53	25	18	10	11	10
Christian	64	51	40	33	42	29	Amy	546	410	485	447	451	420
Christopher	142	138	150	174	159	186	Anna	245	265	247	232	193	171
Cian	546	501	536	557	557	420	Aoibhe	75	53	33	24	12	19
Ciaran	253	244	252	264	286	230	Aoife	534	571	585	601	633	612
Cillian	176	116	99	114	111	98	Ava	308	255	216	137	103	77
Colin	99	75	43	58	70	71	Caitlin	189	192	151	160	130	112
Colm	88	86	83	87	89	117	Caoimhe	357	357	272	274	253	236
Connor	75	80	61	49	44	35	Cara	76	60	48	53	48	29
Conor	736	705	748	702	700	761	Catherine	91	72	91	94	80	89
Cormac	147	118	127	113	126	115	Charlotte	72	70	54	55	47	34
Craig	91	111	111	185	140	133	Chloe	453	412	516	556	553	615
Daire	63	59	40	50	44	33	Ciara	500	535	577	552	608	585
Daniel	630	617	559	475	467	479	Claire	65	84	96	127	127	118
Dara	80	70	51	59	49	35	Clodagh	153	125	127	129	135	127
Daragh	71	69	54	71	64	52	Danielle	66	60	77	87	63	95
Darragh	414	356	310	298	245	237	Eabha	95	68	51	26	25	15
Darren	87	80	87	110	133	142	Eimear	135	125	133	146	168	148
David	459	480	501	549	492	524	Elizabeth	91	116	83	86	83	82
Dean	124	147	157	221	157	214	Ella	381	327	204	112	75	60
Diarmuid	68	56	75	67	62	51	Ellen	222	253	229	241	217	215
Dylan	479	478	485	538	477	445	Ellie	169	153	122	54	32	21
Edward	63	70	62	75	65	70	Emily	346	273	278	287	262	285
Eoghan	145	158	144	162	153	181	Emma	787	791	532	592	594	549
Eoin	429	356	361	349	368	347	Erin	119	135	117	120	91	58
Ethan	160	141	128	135	83	76	Eva	127	100	112	127	82	77
Evan	337	303	245	248	250	208	Eve	101	91	91	126	76	50
Finn	92	83	63	55	31	15	Faye	54	57	36	31	29	13
Fionn	172	102	99	94	90	47	Fiona	66	62	82	72	71	83
Gavin	123	113	121	124	126	110	Grace	295	258	191	200	172	166
Harry	137	118	98	115	95	86	Grainne	102	74	74	77	85	94
Hugh	66	54	46	39	43	45	Hannah	340	340	368	343	299	242
Jack	835	800	868	930	846	743	Holly	253	213	171	107	84	101
Jake	206	236	227	224	161	125	Isabel	85	43	52	33	31	25
James	688	626	581	613	594	629	Isabelle	72	51	64	46	32	20
Jamie	406	327	333	342	294	289	Jade	102	84	139	175	175	150
Jason	155	140	183	160	191	201	Jane	70	73	63	68	61	66
John	366	333	362	372	398	369	Jennifer	106	133	176	147	151	154
Jonathan	61	64	66	66	77	57	Jessica	264	292	302	262	260	227
Jordan	60	114	171	249	315	308	Jodie	99	75	73	73	62	42
Joseph	232	218	201	243	220	219	Kate	342	295	301	258	263	246
Josh	134	118	109	70	58	42	Katelyn	171	173	109	96	94	55
Joshua	364	352	345	257	216	147	Katie	574	468	418	422	398	378

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Boys' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	Girls' name	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Karl	59	56	43	74	54	85	Kayla	64	47	42	21	23	13
Kevin	166	180	214	220	264	211	Kayleigh	81	80	75	72	65	84
Kian	102	106	86	106	50	14	Kelly	92	90	92	75	89	91
Kieran	89	87	94	85	109	81	Laura	261	268	349	361	315	397
Killian	96	101	100	121	105	100	Lauren	318	311	402	477	451	452
Kyle	216	200	190	126	139	99	Leah	424	395	351	374	302	185
Lee	161	147	153	158	158	143	Leanne	57	62	71	88	63	86
Leon	76	71	67	94	71	75	Lily	101	66	58	53	28	17
Liam	310	316	290	267	257	290	Lisa	61	76	93	93	93	97
Lorcan	66	40	51	57	55	50	Louise	83	91	117	103	84	103
Luke	544	474	489	517	488	410	Lucy	276	203	169	157	136	105
Mark	316	302	336	366	351	345	Maeve	75	64	69	74	81	70
Martin	88	86	85	91	104	90	Maria	103	91	104	87	78	62
Matthew	361	304	351	287	275	259	Mary	133	128	140	153	140	131
Max	67	56	37	40	32	20	Megan	299	310	387	401	441	434
Michael	527	525	520	483	483	527	Mia	163	131	119	73	41	22
Nathan	271	275	258	242	223	245	Michaela	62	53	52	74	72	78
Niall	152	128	175	179	199	197	Michelle	57	64	86	82	92	118
Noah	83	33	26	18	7	9	Molly	206	163	179	172	105	74
Odhran	59	25	23	38	27	14	Naomi	53	55	46	35	27	30
Oisín	384	342	300	283	287	249	Niamh	421	370	407	477	519	571
Oran	67	77	55	53	27	43	Nicole	161	179	228	259	261	266
Owen	67	53	65	67	62	65	Olivia	83	70	74	84	88	112
Padraig	72	68	65	73	70	98	Orla	116	113	141	149	167	144
Patrick	357	343	366	365	362	343	Orlaith	66	47	33	28	44	27
Paul	167	137	154	165	182	189	Rachel	342	431	364	400	428	488
Peter	108	134	128	151	131	140	Rebecca	290	295	361	350	485	455
Rian	59	36	40	44	35	20	Robyn	122	117	82	100	80	76
Robert	196	204	227	240	200	240	Roisin	237	222	228	239	245	254
Ronan	182	132	122	139	165	147	Ruth	70	76	75	88	68	86
Rory	156	130	116	112	89	90	Sadhbh	65	66	52	47	41	19
Ross	139	94	85	106	124	155	Saoirse	176	172	181	192	176	160
Ryan	451	425	365	349	356	418	Sara	57	47	54	58	38	33
Sam	132	93	88	63	54	57	Sarah	561	606	655	650	626	595
Samuel	209	193	166	146	119	115	Shannon	129	114	166	191	198	246
Scott	168	117	114	97	85	69	Shauna	194	231	232	299	288	270
Sean	928	897	866	867	816	760	Sinead	127	153	182	162	180	196
Shane	379	335	343	385	400	444	Siobhan	55	51	56	78	64	60
Stephen	205	214	201	263	250	285	Sophia	81	51	46	35	38	37
Tadhg	100	73	68	64	55	49	Sophie	468	432	404	303	266	252
Thomas	371	375	349	377	351	332	Tara	175	147	180	168	153	167
Tom	60	74	61	56	38	30	Victoria	67	63	59	48	49	55
Tomas	72	46	48	49	39	33	Zoe	132	136	133	129	115	69
William	141	125	139	130	156	130							
Total in top 100	22346	20989	20826	21079	20169	19736		18162	17229	16942	17033	16308	15928
Total with first name recorded	30985	29249	28314	27710	25947	24824		29050	28006	27005	26251	24550	23402
Top 100 as % of total	72.1	71.8	73.6	76.1	77.7	79.5		62.5	61.5	62.7	64.9	66.4	68.1
Total births registered	31817	31414	31001	29753	27896	27508		29867	30103	29520	28129	26343	25846

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

Year	Regional Authority	Boys		Girls	
		Name	%	Name	%
2004	Border	Conor	2.42	Niamh	2.36
	Midland	Conor	3.37	Emma	3.17
	West	Michael	2.61	Emma	2.96
	Dublin	Sean	3.46	Emma	2.44
	Mid-East	Sean	3.31	Emma	2.67
	Mid-West	Jack	3.39	Emma	3.43
	South-East	Jack	3.51	Emma	2.92
	South-West	Jack	3.01	Emma	2.70
	Ireland	Sean	2.99	Emma	2.71
2003	Border	Conor	2.60	Emma	3.08
	Midland	Sean	3.50	Sarah	3.27
	West	Sean	3.00	Emma	2.80
	Dublin	Sean	3.11	Emma	2.44
	Mid-East	Sean	4.08	Emma	3.31
	Mid-West	Conor	3.72	Emma	3.55
	South-East	Jack	3.94	Aoife	2.89
	South-West	Sean	3.02	Emma	2.74
	Ireland	Sean	3.07	Emma	2.82
2002	Border	Conor	2.76	Ciara	2.86
	Midland	Adam	3.35	Ciara	3.27
	West	Jack	2.71	Sarah	3.08
	Dublin	Sean	2.56	Sarah	2.22
	Mid-East	Jack	3.66	Sarah	2.63
	Mid-West	Jack	3.28	Sarah	2.48
	South-East	Jack	3.85	Ciara	2.31
	South-West	Jack	3.42	Sarah	2.63
	Ireland	Jack	3.07	Sarah	2.43
2001	Border	Conor	3.48	Chloe	2.80
	Midland	Jack	3.72	Aoife	3.09
	West	Sean	2.76	Ciara	2.62
	Dublin	Adam	3.78	Sarah	2.48
	Mid-East	Jack	3.66	Aoife	2.71
	Mid-West	Jack	3.50	Sarah	2.62
	South-East	Jack	4.36	Ciara	2.93
	South-West	Jack	3.46	Emma	2.68
	Ireland	Jack	3.36	Sarah	2.48
2000	Border	Conor	2.93	Niamh	3.13
	Midland	Jack	3.84	Ciara	3.57
	West	Jack	3.21	Ciara	3.09
	Dublin	Sean	3.87	Sarah	2.61
	Mid-East	Jack	3.77	Aoife	3.14
	Mid-West	Jack	4.19	Sarah	2.99
	South-East	Jack	4.42	Chloe, Rebecca	2.67
	South-West	Sean	3.49	Ciara	3.12
	Ireland	Jack	3.26	Aoife	2.58
1999	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 6 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2003 and 2004, and between 1999 and 2004, measured by change in rank

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2004	2003	Change in Rank		2004	2003	Change in Rank
Odhran	100	156	56	Amelia	99	163	64
Noah	79	132	53	Alex	93	151	58
Rian	100	129	29	Isabel	67	115	48
Lorcan	91	119	28	Sophia	71	100	29
Fionn	41	66	25	Isabelle	76	100	24
Tomas	84	109	25				

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2004	1999	Change in Rank		2004	1999	Change in Rank
Noah	79	213	134	Amelia	99	270	171
Kian	67	184	117	Eabha	62	221	159
Finn	71	175	104	Kayla	88	238	150
Odhran	100	184	84	Abby	55	202	147
Max	88	152	64	Lily	59	202	143

Table 7 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2003 and 2004, and between 1999 and 2004, measured by number of names

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2004	2003	Increase in Number		2004	2003	Increase in Number
Aaron	503	411	92	Amy	546	410	136
Jamie	406	327	79	Katie	574	468	106
Eoin	429	356	73	Emily	346	273	73
Luke	544	474	70	Lucy	276	203	73
Fionn	172	102	70	Ella	381	327	54

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2004	1999	Increase in Number		2004	1999	Increase in Number
Joshua	364	147	217	Ella	381	60	321
Alex	322	112	210	Leah	424	185	239
Ben	399	196	203	Emma	787	549	238
Darragh	414	237	177	Ava	308	77	231
Sean	928	760	168	Sophie	468	252	216

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 97% of birth notifications in 2004 included the baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO. This compares with 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 736 boys named Conor, another 75 boys had the alternate spelling Connor.
- Variants of names and abbreviations have also been treated as separate names. For example, Sean, Jack and John account between them for 2,129 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank first, second and twenty first 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 Pdraig.
- Ranking** Names of equal rank have been placed in alphabetical order in Table 1.