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2009

Jack and Sophie 2004-2009
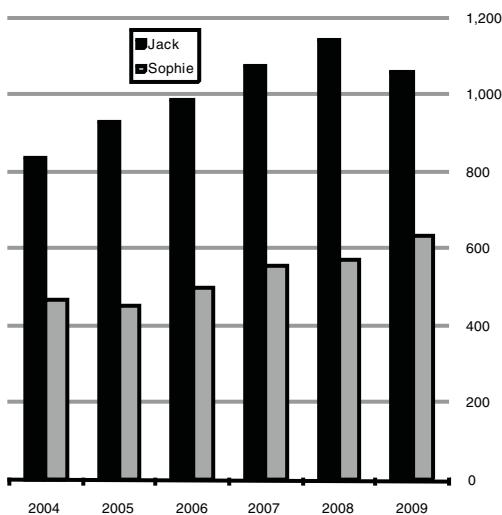
Five most popular babies' names

Boys		Girls	
Name	**Count**	**Name**	**Count**
Jack	1,061	Sophie	635
Sean	927	Ava	630
Daniel	832	Emma	621
Conor	775	Sarah	565
James	705	Grace	522

Jack and Sophie most popular names

Jack and Sophie were the most popular babies' names registered in 2009. Jack retains the top position it held in 2007 and 2008, while this is the first time Sophie has taken the number one spot, climbing from sixth in 2008. There were 1,061 boys named Jack in 2009, 134 more than the number of boys named Sean, the second most popular name. There were 635 girls named Sophie, but this was only 5 more than the number of girls named Ava, the second most popular girls' name. *See tables 1 and 2.*

The top five boys' names (Jack, Sean, Daniel, Conor and James) also made up the top five in 2007 and 2008. 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, this is the first time Grace has appeared in the top five. Ava entered the top 5 in 2008 and Sophie has been in the top five twice since 1998 – in 2006 and 2007. *See table 1.*

There were three first time entries to the top 100 for boys: Bobby, Shay and Szymon. The highest new entry at number 85 was Bobby, which rose from 109th place in 2008. The names rising most in popularity in the year were Szymon and Lucas, up 30 and 25 places respectively. *See tables 1 and 5.*

There were six first time entries to the top 100 for girls: Layla, Oliwia, Hollie, Madison, Daisy and Emilia. The highest new entry at number 74 was Layla climbing from 106th place in 2008. The names climbing most places in the year were Daisy, up 61 places and Hollie, up 48 places. *See tables 1 and 5.*

In general, the tables show that girls are given a wider variety of names than boys are, with 4,816 girls' names registered and 3,924 boys' names registered. Additionally, 56.5 % of girls were given a name in the top 100, compared with 65.0% 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 six of the eight Regional Authority areas. Daniel was the most popular name in the Dublin region while Sean took the number one place in the Western Region. Sophie also featured as the most popular girls' name in the Dublin, Mid-East, Mid-West and South-East regions. Ava took the number one place in the Border and South-West regions, while Emma was the most popular in the Midlands 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 Louth and Sligo. Ryan and Jack were the most popular names in Monaghan, while in Galway City, Oisin shared the number one place.

For girls, the tenth most popular name, Chloe, ranked first in Cavan. Aoife was the most popular name in Donegal and Lucy, the most popular in North Tipperary. Rachel and Emily got pride of place in Longford and Hannah and Emma in Carlow. Katie ranked first in Offaly, Mayo, Sligo and Monaghan. *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 2009 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	Ava
Midland	Jack	Emma
West	Sean	Sarah
Dublin	Daniel	Sophie
Mid-East	Jack	Sophie
Mid-West	Jack	Sophie
South-East	Jack	Sophie
South-West	Jack	Ava

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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

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Tables

Table 1   Top 100 babies' names registered in 2009, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 2004 and 2009

Boys' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Girls' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Jack	1	1	1	2	1	2	Sophie	1	6	5	5	7	7
Sean	2	2	2	1	2	1	Ava	2	1	6	6	18	18
Daniel	3	4	4	6	6	6	Emma	3	4	2	2	1	1
Conor	4	3	3	3	4	3	Sarah	4	3	1	1	2	3
James	5	5	5	5	5	4	Grace	5	7	9	7	14	20
Ryan	6	6	7	14	12	13	Emily	6	5	8	11	11	13
Adam	7	7	6	4	3	4	Katie	7	2	4	3	3	2
Michael	8	13	10	9	10	9	Lucy	8	11	14	13	24	22
Alex	9	10	20	23	24	26	Aoife	9	8	7	4	5	5
Luke	10	9	8	7	8	8	Chloe	10	9	15	14	8	8
Dylan	11	8	11	12	11	11	Amy	11	16	11	11	4	4
Cian	12	11	9	8	7	7	Lauren	12	20	22	21	19	17
Jamie	13	14	17	10	13	16	Kate	13	10	10	23	22	14
Darragh	14	16	13	15	20	15	Mia	14	23	24	25	33	39
Liam	15	17	26	30	27	28	Leah	15	13	16	9	9	9
Aaron	16	12	12	11	9	10	Anna	16	19	20	21	21	26
Oisin	17	15	18	16	21	18	Ruby	17	21	34	41	58	121
Thomas	18	18	14	13	16	20	Ella	18	12	3	8	10	11
Patrick	19	19	19	19	18	24	Lily	19	29	28	42	52	59
Eoin	20	26	24	26	21	14	Ciara	20	14	12	10	6	6
John	21	22	21	18	17	21	Caoimhe	21	17	17	15	17	12
Cillian	22	23	22	28	45	40	Hannah	22	15	13	16	16	16
Matthew	23	21	15	17	19	23	Holly	23	26	32	33	29	25
Evan	24	25	23	25	25	25	Niamh	24	18	18	18	13	10
Ben	25	24	27	20	14	17	Saoirse	25	24	26	29	36	35
David	25	20	16	21	14	12	Molly	26	25	23	25	25	31
Charlie	27	29	36	36	52	65	Jessica	27	22	21	20	20	23
Harry	28	31	31	41	50	56	Roisin	27	28	27	27	23	27
Callum	29	37	34	22	34	61	Rachel	29	27	19	17	12	14
Shane	30	28	25	24	23	19	Laura	30	30	32	24	28	24
Joshua	31	27	29	27	25	22	Julia	31	34	49	71	97	152
Nathan	32	34	37	32	28	29	Isabelle	32	41	43	50	62	76
Mark	33	33	30	31	29	27	Megan	33	32	30	32	26	19
Fionn	34	35	32	39	38	41	Clodagh	34	44	39	40	42	41
Jake	35	30	28	29	30	36	Rebecca	35	31	25	19	15	21
Joseph	36	32	33	39	31	31	Ellie	36	35	31	30	32	38
Samuel	37	39	35	34	35	34	Erin	37	39	40	34	40	51
Ronan	38	41	41	47	43	39	Eva	38	38	41	44	49	47
Eoghan	39	47	52	50	41	52	Amelia	39	45	48	74	91	99
Kyle	40	38	38	38	35	32	Nicole	40	37	38	36	37	40
Noah	41	46	49	49	61	79	Olivia	40	41	42	55	58	69
Tadhg	42	41	47	64	69	68	Zoe	42	48	54	47	43	45
Robert	43	49	40	37	37	38	Kayla	43	47	53	59	67	88
Sam	44	57	59	58	59	59	Abbie	44	33	29	31	27	30
Ethan	45	53	46	54	49	47	Aisling	45	43	36	28	31	29
Aidan	46	60	55	65	71	62	Abigail	46	36	45	44	45	42
Cathal	47	36	38	35	31	34	Aine	47	48	37	37	35	33
Finn	48	49	54	66	57	71	Ellen	48	40	35	34	30	28
Jayden	49	54	85	305	323	306	Aimee	49	66	64	51	46	47
Alexander	50	45	56	56	47	59	Sophia	50	55	51	69	85	71
Kevin	51	59	44	48	47	44	Tara	51	51	46	38	39	36
Rory	52	51	48	45	68	48	Robyn	52	52	56	62	50	50
Ciaran	53	40	41	33	31	30	Maja	53	73	110	225	876	671
Leon	53	44	75	73	82	82	Caitlin	54	46	44	46	34	34
William	55	47	44	50	51	54	Maria	54	48	58	66	58	55
Max	56	54	69	72	73	88	Eabha	56	53	62	60	54	62
Cormac	57	56	53	42	39	51	Katelyn	57	59	47	43	41	37
Andrew	58	41	43	43	39	32	Alannah	58	54	61	54	51	53

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Boys' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Girls' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Jakub	58	63	105	134	306	504	Cara	59	61	68	67	66	73
Rian	60	62	58	77	84	100	Faye	59	77	87	74	106	98
Christopher	61	61	61	53	60	53	Mary	61	60	57	52	48	44
Oliver	62	84	76	101	121	119	Aoibhe	62	55	59	55	64	74
Tom	62	77	74	71	79	98	Aoibhinn	62	92	82	84	120	142
Alan	64	73	65	80	72	77	Isabel	62	58	66	68	75	67
Oscar	65	65	81	92	79	107	Elizabeth	65	78	63	63	69	64
Josh	66	76	63	67	56	58	Eve	66	62	73	57	57	59
Peter	67	70	65	62	64	66	Orla	67	72	59	52	53	52
Benjamin	68	63	56	68	55	57	Freya	68	109	97	123	130	205
Brian	68	51	51	52	43	45	Sadhbh	68	66	70	76	73	86
Niall	70	82	76	60	53	50	Isabella	70	63	72	64	93	108
Scott	70	71	67	56	58	42	Zuzanna	70	85	133	343	695	-
Jason	72	71	68	60	65	49	Charlotte	72	68	82	70	67	76
Dara	73	82	80	77	81	81	Eimear	73	57	51	48	44	43
Martin	73	81	73	76	76	74	Amber	74	75	68	65	70	78
Rhys	75	67	76	104	107	114	Layla	74	106	127	165	160	275
Killian	76	67	61	59	62	70	Alice	76	85	79	80	82	81
Paul	76	75	72	62	54	43	Zara	77	63	80	90	88	104
Stephen	76	58	60	46	42	37	Alexandra	78	89	67	79	81	68
Lucas	79	104	91	119	157	212	Aoibheann	79	71	91	76	112	129
Anthony	80	79	71	70	75	80	Oliwia	80	103	120	256	389	-
Tomas	81	91	99	92	86	84	Shauna	80	70	50	39	38	32
Dean	82	66	79	69	63	62	Clara	82	83	84	80	93	113
Odhran	82	88	104	107	106	100	Sinead	83	74	65	61	47	47
Ross	82	73	93	80	66	55	Isobel	84	81	89	106	88	114
Bobby	85	109	108	128	105	146	Brooke	85	76	73	133	135	141
Senan	85	85	101	95	109	114	Natalia	86	78	150	225	455	409
Filip	87	95	134	202	278	441	Kayleigh	87	65	55	58	58	71
Ruairi	88	87	97	84	93	104	Maeve	87	94	78	88	85	74
Gavin	89	79	64	75	66	64	Maya	87	103	99	137	181	146
Lee	90	78	70	55	46	46	Sara	90	80	81	112	125	94
Oran	90	86	86	97	78	88	Orlaith	91	94	75	73	78	83
Calum	92	69	50	44	70	117	Millie	92	89	84	123	127	181
Hugh	92	100	111	107	99	91	Ruth	92	111	101	94	73	79
Lorcan	92	92	112	105	111	91	Shannon	94	69	71	49	56	46
Kacper	95	93	108	213	399	504	Hollie	95	143	164	119	109	114
Kian	95	88	101	85	74	67	Madison	96	111	153	175	222	294
Patryk	97	98	123	201	236	953	Daisy	97	158	164	175	195	219
Shay	97	119	134	134	156	167	Emilia	97	129	189	181	374	409
Charles	99	114	90	83	99	93	Victoria	97	107	77	100	116	82
Christian	99	88	86	99	92	93	Jennifer	100	92	95	72	63	54
Colm	99	116	82	73	86	74	Taylor	100	99	89	108	114	110
Szymon	99	129	175	223	518	-							

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Jack	1,061	1,141	1,073	987	931	835	Sophie	635	573	556	497	451	468
Sean	927	963	965	994	893	928	Ava	630	685	555	463	339	308
Daniel	832	819	725	636	654	630	Emma	621	631	632	593	703	787
Conor	775	847	821	731	705	736	Sarah	565	645	656	698	642	561
James	705	733	713	678	699	688	Grace	522	562	473	450	369	295
Ryan	633	667	553	431	432	451	Emily	498	596	475	396	385	346
Adam	611	643	659	693	710	688	Katie	496	663	566	571	575	574
Michael	499	478	521	509	484	527	Lucy	460	412	404	390	275	276
Alex	496	498	401	367	336	322	Aoife	449	514	527	546	492	534
Luke	495	512	538	536	544	544	Chloe	409	449	388	375	440	453
Dylan	470	514	516	456	467	479	Amy	382	355	415	396	510	546
Cian	467	490	527	520	561	546	Lauren	369	335	283	320	312	318
Jamie	463	474	412	494	408	406	Kate	361	416	426	307	284	342
Darragh	462	447	472	429	377	414	Mia	360	297	275	235	192	163
Liam	453	436	339	295	297	310	Leah	357	397	364	444	427	424
Aaron	439	480	485	488	488	503	Anna	353	339	316	320	290	245
Oisin	420	451	407	413	370	384	Ruby	350	304	222	158	99	41
Thomas	408	431	440	432	397	371	Ella	343	405	601	447	405	381
Patrick	397	427	402	392	381	357	Lily	334	244	232	153	119	101
Eoin	367	307	354	356	370	429	Ciara	331	394	410	408	484	500
John	346	372	392	394	386	366	Caoimhe	324	353	361	363	345	357
Cillian	344	348	377	300	167	176	Hannah	320	390	407	357	350	340
Matthew	341	396	430	395	379	361	Holly	318	263	224	203	228	253
Evan	328	316	360	364	324	337	Niamh	313	341	340	350	375	421
Ben	321	346	336	385	401	399	Saoirse	275	277	247	217	186	176
David	321	399	418	383	401	459	Molly	268	266	281	235	261	206
Charlie	307	291	221	218	148	118	Jessica	255	303	298	322	311	264
Harry	302	273	251	193	150	137	Roisin	255	249	233	233	280	237
Callum	297	222	239	368	216	130	Rachel	244	261	323	355	381	342
Shane	258	292	343	366	355	379	Laura	237	242	224	248	231	261
Joshua	256	302	311	341	324	364	Julia	235	210	140	85	61	30
Nathan	252	243	215	255	296	271	Isabelle	231	189	167	129	98	72
Mark	249	253	264	265	285	316	Megan	230	228	229	210	248	299
Fionn	247	238	246	195	184	172	Clodagh	224	177	199	161	152	153
Jake	245	284	320	297	276	206	Rebecca	219	235	267	324	353	290
Joseph	244	268	242	195	226	232	Ellie	210	208	227	215	193	169
Samuel	237	217	225	224	210	209	Erin	201	193	189	196	158	119
Ronan	223	191	200	164	169	182	Eva	198	194	178	146	131	127
Eoghan	220	177	154	149	171	145	Amelia	196	170	141	80	63	53
Kyle	213	219	210	202	210	216	Nicole	192	197	200	191	172	161
Noah	210	178	163	158	123	83	Olivia	192	189	172	120	99	83
Tadhg	205	191	170	122	112	100	Zoe	188	157	135	141	150	132
Robert	202	172	207	206	205	196	Kayla	179	159	136	112	86	64
Sam	201	154	138	128	134	132	Abbie	171	224	231	211	236	210
Ethan	197	167	176	139	151	160	Aisling	169	188	209	224	204	217
Aidan	196	150	149	120	106	124	Abigail	164	199	162	146	146	140
Cathal	191	231	210	219	226	209	Aine	158	157	203	175	187	190
Finn	185	172	150	116	137	92	Ellen	153	191	214	196	220	222
Jayden	181	165	83	13	8	9	Aimee	151	107	108	128	141	127
Alexander	177	185	145	134	152	132	Sophia	146	126	137	87	65	81
Kevin	174	151	179	159	152	166	Tara	142	144	151	173	165	175
Rory	172	170	169	170	114	156	Robyn	136	139	125	108	126	122
Ciaran	170	216	200	227	226	253	Maja	133	96	53	19	2	3
Leon	170	186	106	97	77	76	Caitlin	131	167	164	143	191	189
William	164	177	179	149	149	141	Maria	131	157	119	92	99	103
Max	163	165	116	98	92	67	Eabha	130	137	114	111	109	95
Cormac	158	163	153	185	183	147	Katelyn	127	123	142	152	153	171
Andrew	157	191	189	182	183	216	Alannah	123	128	117	121	123	113

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Jakub	157	137	68	39	8	3	Cara	121	114	96	91	87	76
Rian	150	142	139	86	75	59	Faye	121	90	69	80	53	54
Christopher	141	148	130	144	132	142	Mary	119	121	124	124	133	133
Oliver	139	97	99	61	46	46	Aoibhe	117	126	118	120	95	75
Tom	139	109	107	100	80	60	Aoibhinn	117	72	72	71	42	33
Alan	138	115	121	83	98	86	Isabel	117	124	101	88	76	85
Oscar	131	131	89	68	80	54	Elizabeth	116	89	110	106	85	91
Josh	129	111	126	114	142	134	Eve	115	113	87	117	106	101
Peter	127	125	121	125	117	108	Orla	112	97	118	124	115	116
Benjamin	113	137	145	109	143	135	Freya	111	59	62	44	37	19
Brian	113	170	156	145	169	165	Sadhbh	111	107	95	78	77	65
Niall	112	98	99	126	147	152	Isabella	105	112	92	99	62	46
Scott	112	122	119	134	135	168	Zuzanna	105	76	45	11	3	-
Jason	109	122	117	126	116	155	Charlotte	103	106	72	86	86	72
Dara	106	98	93	86	78	80	Eimear	101	125	137	138	148	135
Martin	106	99	109	91	86	88	Amber	100	94	96	95	84	71
Rhys	105	129	99	58	54	48	Layla	100	62	47	29	28	12
Killian	104	129	130	127	120	96	Alice	93	76	81	74	68	68
Paul	104	112	111	125	145	167	Zara	92	112	79	65	64	49
Stephen	104	153	131	165	170	205	Alexandra	91	73	98	75	69	84
Lucas	102	73	78	49	28	15	Aoibheann	88	99	67	78	48	37
Anthony	100	101	113	104	89	81	Oliwia	87	63	50	16	8	-
Tomas	99	87	73	68	74	72	Shauna	87	102	139	162	168	194
Dean	97	130	94	106	118	124	Clara	86	81	71	74	62	44
Odhran	97	88	69	56	55	59	Sinead	85	95	105	110	137	127
Ross	97	115	76	83	115	139	Isobel	84	85	68	52	64	43
Bobby	95	71	66	44	56	30	Brooke	83	91	87	40	36	33
Senan	95	96	72	65	53	48	Natalia	81	89	41	19	6	7
Filip	93	81	47	19	9	4	Maeve	80	71	82	67	65	75
Ruairi	92	91	74	78	68	57	Maya	80	63	61	38	24	31
Gavin	91	101	123	95	115	123	Kayleigh	80	110	126	115	99	81
Lee	87	103	114	138	162	161	Sara	78	87	76	50	40	57
Oran	87	93	81	64	81	67	Orlaith	77	71	85	83	72	66
Calum	82	127	159	179	110	46	Millie	76	73	71	44	39	23
Hugh	82	76	65	56	62	66	Ruth	76	58	60	60	77	70
Lorcan	82	85	64	57	50	66	Shannon	74	105	93	137	107	129
Kacper	79	84	66	17	5	3	Hollie	71	42	36	46	49	43
Kian	79	88	72	77	91	102	Madison	70	58	40	27	18	11
Patryk	77	78	52	20	13	1	Daisy	69	39	36	27	22	18
Shay	77	63	47	39	28	23	Emilia	69	48	29	25	9	7
Charles	76	68	79	79	62	64	Victoria	69	61	83	55	44	67
Christian	76	88	81	62	69	64	Jennifer	68	72	65	84	97	106
Colm	76	66	85	97	74	88	Taylor	68	68	68	51	45	45
Szymon	76	58	30	16	3	-							
Total in top 100	24,737	25,106	24,212	23,204	22,473	22,346		20,447	20,739	19,954	19,025	18,483	18,162
Total with first name recorded	38,082	38,593	36,010	33,085	31,360	30,985		36,196	36,472	34,610	31,152	29,666	29,050
Top 100 as % of total	65.0	65.1	67.2	70.1	71.7	72.1		56.5	56.9	57.7	61.1	62.3	62.5
Total names registered	3,924	3,886	3,604	3,250	3,030	3,022		4,816	4,777	4,554	4,147	3,780	3,843
Total births registered	38,082	38,593	36,010	33,085	31,369	31,817		36,196	36,472	34,610	31,152	29,673	29,867

Table 3   Top 100 babies' names registered in 2009, in alphabetical order - rank between 2004 and 2009

Boys' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Girls' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Aaron	16	12	12	11	9	10	Abbie	44	33	29	31	27	30
Adam	7	7	6	4	3	4	Abigail	46	36	45	44	45	42
Aidan	46	60	55	65	71	62	Aimee	49	66	64	51	46	47
Alan	64	73	65	80	72	77	Aine	47	48	37	37	35	33
Alex	9	10	20	23	24	26	Aisling	45	43	36	28	31	29
Alexander	50	45	56	56	47	59	Alannah	58	54	61	54	51	53
Andrew	58	41	43	43	39	32	Alexandra	78	89	67	79	81	68
Anthony	80	79	71	70	75	80	Alice	76	85	79	80	82	81
Ben	25	24	27	20	14	17	Amber	74	75	68	65	70	78
Benjamin	68	63	56	68	55	57	Amelia	39	45	48	74	91	99
Bobby	85	109	108	128	105	146	Amy	11	16	11	11	4	4
Brian	68	51	51	52	43	45	Anna	16	19	20	21	21	26
Callum	29	37	34	22	34	61	Aoibhe	62	55	59	55	64	74
Calum	92	69	50	44	70	117	Aoibheann	79	71	91	76	112	129
Cathal	47	36	38	35	31	34	Aoibhinn	62	92	82	84	120	142
Charles	99	114	90	83	99	93	Aoife	9	8	7	4	5	5
Charlie	27	29	36	36	52	65	Ava	2	1	6	6	18	18
Christian	99	88	86	99	92	93	Brooke	85	76	73	133	135	141
Christopher	61	61	61	53	60	53	Caitlin	54	46	44	46	34	34
Cian	12	11	9	8	7	7	Caoimhe	21	17	17	15	17	12
Ciaran	53	40	41	33	31	30	Cara	59	61	68	67	66	73
Cillian	22	23	22	28	45	40	Charlotte	72	68	82	70	67	76
Colm	99	116	82	73	86	74	Chloe	10	9	15	14	8	8
Conor	4	3	3	3	4	3	Ciara	20	14	12	10	6	6
Cormac	57	56	53	42	39	51	Clara	82	83	84	80	93	113
Daniel	3	4	4	6	6	6	Clodagh	34	44	39	40	42	41
Dara	73	82	80	77	81	81	Daisy	97	158	164	175	195	219
Darragh	14	16	13	15	20	15	Eabha	56	53	62	60	54	62
David	25	20	16	21	14	12	Eimear	73	57	51	48	44	43
Dean	82	66	79	69	63	62	Elizabeth	65	78	63	63	69	64
Dylan	11	8	11	12	11	11	Ella	18	12	3	8	10	11
Eoghan	39	47	52	50	41	52	Ellen	48	40	35	34	30	28
Eoin	20	26	24	26	21	14	Ellie	36	35	31	30	32	38
Ethan	45	53	46	54	49	47	Emilia	97	129	189	181	374	409
Evan	24	25	23	25	25	25	Emily	6	5	8	11	11	13
Filip	87	95	134	202	278	441	Emma	3	4	2	2	1	1
Finn	48	49	54	66	57	71	Erin	37	39	40	34	40	51
Fionn	34	35	32	39	38	41	Eva	38	38	41	44	49	47
Gavin	89	79	64	75	66	64	Eve	66	62	73	57	57	59
Harry	28	31	31	41	50	56	Faye	59	77	87	74	106	98
Hugh	92	100	111	107	99	91	Freya	68	109	97	123	130	205
Jack	1	1	1	2	1	2	Grace	5	7	9	7	14	20
Jake	35	30	28	29	30	36	Hannah	22	15	13	16	16	16
Jakub	58	63	105	134	306	504	Hollie	95	143	164	119	109	114
James	5	5	5	5	5	4	Holly	23	26	32	33	29	25
Jamie	13	14	17	10	13	16	Isabel	62	58	66	68	75	67
Jason	72	71	68	60	65	49	Isabella	70	63	72	64	93	108
Jayden	49	54	85	305	323	306	Isabelle	32	41	43	50	62	76
John	21	22	21	18	17	21	Isobel	84	81	89	106	88	114
Joseph	36	32	33	39	31	31	Jennifer	100	92	95	72	63	54
Josh	66	76	63	67	56	58	Jessica	27	22	21	20	20	23
Joshua	31	27	29	27	25	22	Julia	31	34	49	71	97	152
Kacper	95	93	108	213	399	504	Kate	13	10	10	23	22	14
Kevin	51	59	44	48	47	44	Katelyn	57	59	47	43	41	37
Kian	95	88	101	85	74	67	Katie	7	2	4	3	3	2
Killian	76	67	61	59	62	70	Kayla	43	47	53	59	67	88
Kyle	40	38	38	38	35	32	Kayleigh	87	65	55	58	58	71
Lee	90	78	70	55	46	46	Laura	30	30	32	24	28	24

Table 3 (continued)   Top 100 babies' names registered in 2009, in alphabetical order - rank between 2004 and 2009

Boys' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Girls' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Leon	53	44	75	73	82	82	Lauren	12	20	22	21	19	17
Liam	15	17	26	30	27	28	Layla	74	106	127	165	160	275
Lorcan	92	92	112	105	111	91	Leah	15	13	16	9	9	9
Lucas	79	104	91	119	157	212	Lily	19	29	28	42	52	59
Luke	10	9	8	7	8	8	Lucy	8	11	14	13	24	22
Mark	33	33	30	31	29	27	Madison	96	111	153	175	222	294
Martin	73	81	73	76	76	74	Maeve	87	94	78	88	85	74
Matthew	23	21	15	17	19	23	Maja	53	73	110	225	876	671
Max	56	54	69	72	73	88	Maria	54	48	58	66	58	55
Michael	8	13	10	9	10	9	Mary	61	60	57	52	48	44
Nathan	32	34	37	32	28	29	Maya	87	103	99	137	181	146
Niall	70	82	76	60	53	50	Megan	33	32	30	32	26	19
Noah	41	46	49	49	61	79	Mia	14	23	24	25	33	39
Odhran	82	88	104	107	106	100	Millie	92	89	84	123	127	181
Oisin	17	15	18	16	21	18	Molly	26	25	23	25	25	31
Oliver	62	84	76	101	121	119	Natalia	86	78	150	225	455	409
Oran	90	86	86	97	78	88	Niamh	24	18	18	18	13	10
Oscar	65	65	81	92	79	107	Nicole	40	37	38	36	37	40
Patrick	19	19	19	19	18	24	Olivia	40	41	42	55	58	69
Patryk	97	98	123	201	236	953	Oliwia	80	103	120	256	389	-
Paul	76	75	72	62	54	43	Orla	67	72	59	52	53	52
Peter	67	70	65	62	64	66	Orlaith	91	94	75	73	78	83
Rhys	75	67	76	104	107	114	Rachel	29	27	19	17	12	14
Rian	60	62	58	77	84	100	Rebecca	35	31	25	19	15	21
Robert	43	49	40	37	37	38	Robyn	52	52	56	62	50	50
Ronan	38	41	41	47	43	39	Roisin	27	28	27	27	23	27
Rory	52	51	48	45	68	48	Ruby	17	21	34	41	58	121
Ross	82	73	93	80	66	55	Ruth	92	111	101	94	73	79
Ruairi	88	87	97	84	93	104	Sadhbh	68	66	70	76	73	86
Ryan	6	6	7	14	12	13	Saoirse	25	24	26	29	36	35
Sam	44	57	59	58	59	59	Sara	90	80	81	112	125	94
Samuel	37	39	35	34	35	34	Sarah	4	3	1	1	2	3
Scott	70	71	67	56	58	42	Shannon	94	69	71	49	56	46
Sean	2	2	2	1	2	1	Shauna	80	70	50	39	38	32
Senan	85	85	101	95	109	114	Sinead	83	74	65	61	47	47
Shane	30	28	25	24	23	19	Sophia	50	55	51	69	85	71
Shay	97	119	134	134	156	167	Sophie	1	6	5	5	7	7
Stephen	76	58	60	46	42	37	Tara	51	51	46	38	39	36
Szymon	99	129	175	223	518	-	Taylor	100	99	89	108	114	110
Tadhg	42	41	47	64	69	68	Victoria	97	107	77	100	116	82
Thomas	18	18	14	13	16	20	Zara	77	63	80	90	88	104
Tom	62	77	74	71	79	98	Zoe	42	48	54	47	43	45
Tomas	81	91	99	92	86	84	Zuzanna	70	85	133	343	695	-
William	55	47	44	50	51	54							

Table 4   Top 100 babies' names registered in 2009, in alphabetical order, numbers registered between 2004 and 2009

Boys' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Girls' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Aaron	439	480	485	488	488	503	Abbie	171	224	231	211	236	210
Adam	611	643	659	693	710	688	Abigail	164	199	162	146	146	140
Aidan	196	150	149	120	106	124	Aimee	151	107	108	128	141	127
Alan	138	115	121	83	98	86	Aine	158	157	203	175	187	190
Alex	496	498	401	367	336	322	Aisling	169	188	209	224	204	217
Alexander	177	185	145	134	152	132	Alannah	123	128	117	121	123	113
Andrew	157	191	189	182	183	216	Alexandra	91	73	98	75	69	84
Anthony	100	101	113	104	89	81	Alice	93	76	81	74	68	68
Ben	321	346	336	385	401	399	Amber	100	94	96	95	84	71
Benjamin	113	137	145	109	143	135	Amelia	196	170	141	80	63	53
Bobby	95	71	66	44	56	30	Amy	382	355	415	396	510	546
Brian	113	170	156	145	169	165	Anna	353	339	316	320	290	245
Callum	297	222	239	368	216	130	Aoibhe	117	126	118	120	95	75
Calum	82	127	159	179	110	46	Aoibheann	88	99	67	78	48	37
Cathal	191	231	210	219	226	209	Aoibhinn	117	72	72	71	42	33
Charles	76	68	79	79	62	64	Aoife	449	514	527	546	492	534
Charlie	307	291	221	218	148	118	Ava	630	685	555	463	339	308
Christian	76	88	81	62	69	64	Brooke	83	91	87	40	36	33
Christopher	141	148	130	144	132	142	Caitlin	131	167	164	143	191	189
Cian	467	490	527	520	561	546	Caoimhe	324	353	361	363	345	357
Ciaran	170	216	200	227	226	253	Cara	121	114	96	91	87	76
Cillian	344	348	377	300	167	176	Charlotte	103	106	72	86	86	72
Colm	76	66	85	97	74	88	Chloe	409	449	388	375	440	453
Conor	775	847	821	731	705	736	Ciara	331	394	410	408	484	500
Cormac	158	163	153	185	183	147	Clara	86	81	71	74	62	44
Daniel	832	819	725	636	654	630	Clodagh	224	177	199	161	152	153
Dara	106	98	93	86	78	80	Daisy	69	39	36	27	22	18
Darragh	462	447	472	429	377	414	Eabha	130	137	114	111	109	95
David	321	399	418	383	401	459	Eimear	101	125	137	138	148	135
Dean	97	130	94	106	118	124	Elizabeth	116	89	110	106	85	91
Dylan	470	514	516	456	467	479	Ella	343	405	601	447	405	381
Eoghan	220	177	154	149	171	145	Ellen	153	191	214	196	220	222
Eoin	367	307	354	356	370	429	Ellie	210	208	227	215	193	169
Ethan	197	167	176	139	151	160	Emilia	69	48	29	25	9	7
Evan	328	316	360	364	324	337	Emily	498	596	475	396	385	346
Filip	93	81	47	19	9	4	Emma	621	631	632	593	703	787
Finn	185	172	150	116	137	92	Erin	201	193	189	196	158	119
Fionn	247	238	246	195	184	172	Eva	198	194	178	146	131	127
Gavin	91	101	123	95	115	123	Eve	115	113	87	117	106	101
Harry	302	273	251	193	150	137	Faye	121	90	69	80	53	54
Hugh	82	76	65	56	62	66	Freya	111	59	62	44	37	19
Jack	1,061	1,141	1,073	987	931	835	Grace	522	562	473	450	369	295
Jake	245	284	320	297	276	206	Hannah	320	390	407	357	350	340
Jakub	157	137	68	39	8	3	Hollie	71	42	36	46	49	43
James	705	733	713	678	699	688	Holly	318	263	224	203	228	253
Jamie	463	474	412	494	408	406	Isabel	117	124	101	88	76	85
Jason	109	122	117	126	116	155	Isabella	105	112	92	99	62	46
Jayden	181	165	83	13	8	9	Isabelle	231	189	167	129	98	72
John	346	372	392	394	386	366	Isobel	84	85	68	52	64	43
Joseph	244	268	242	195	226	232	Jennifer	68	72	65	84	97	106
Josh	129	111	126	114	142	134	Jessica	255	303	298	322	311	264
Joshua	256	302	311	341	324	364	Julia	235	210	140	85	61	30
Kacper	79	84	66	17	5	3	Kate	361	416	426	307	284	342
Kevin	174	151	179	159	152	166	Katelyn	127	123	142	152	153	171
Kian	79	88	72	77	91	102	Katie	496	663	566	571	575	574
Killian	104	129	130	127	120	96	Kayla	179	159	136	112	86	64
Kyle	213	219	210	202	210	216	Kayleigh	80	110	126	115	99	81
Lee	87	103	114	138	162	161	Laura	237	242	224	248	231	261

Table 4 (continued) Top 100 babies' names registered in 2009, in alphabetical order, numbers registered between 2004 and 2009

Boys' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Girls' name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Leon	170	186	106	97	77	76	Lauren	369	335	283	320	312	318
Liam	453	436	339	295	297	310	Layla	100	62	47	29	28	12
Lorcan	82	85	64	57	50	66	Leah	357	397	364	444	427	424
Lucas	102	73	78	49	28	15	Lily	334	244	232	153	119	101
Luke	495	512	538	536	544	544	Lucy	460	412	404	390	275	276
Mark	249	253	264	265	285	316	Madison	70	58	40	27	18	11
Martin	106	99	109	91	86	88	Maeve	80	71	82	67	65	75
Matthew	341	396	430	395	379	361	Maja	133	96	53	19	2	3
Max	163	165	116	98	92	67	Maria	131	157	119	92	99	103
Michael	499	478	521	509	484	527	Mary	119	121	124	124	133	133
Nathan	252	243	215	255	296	271	Maya	80	63	61	38	24	31
Niall	112	98	99	126	147	152	Megan	230	228	229	210	248	299
Noah	210	178	163	158	123	83	Mia	360	297	275	235	192	163
Odhran	97	88	69	56	55	59	Millie	76	73	71	44	39	23
Oisin	420	451	407	413	370	384	Molly	268	266	281	235	261	206
Oliver	139	97	99	61	46	46	Natalia	81	89	41	19	6	7
Oran	87	93	81	64	81	67	Niamh	313	341	340	350	375	421
Oscar	131	131	89	68	80	54	Nicole	192	197	200	191	172	161
Patrick	397	427	402	392	381	357	Olivia	192	189	172	120	99	83
Patryk	77	78	52	20	13	1	Oliwia	87	63	50	16	8	-
Paul	104	112	111	125	145	167	Orla	112	97	118	124	115	116
Peter	127	125	121	125	117	108	Orlaith	77	71	85	83	72	66
Rhys	105	129	99	58	54	48	Rachel	244	261	323	355	381	342
Rian	150	142	139	86	75	59	Rebecca	219	235	267	324	353	290
Robert	202	172	207	206	205	196	Robyn	136	139	125	108	126	122
Ronan	223	191	200	164	169	182	Roisin	255	249	233	233	280	237
Rory	172	170	169	170	114	156	Ruby	350	304	222	158	99	41
Ross	97	115	76	83	115	139	Ruth	76	58	60	60	77	70
Ruairi	92	91	74	78	68	57	Sadhbh	111	107	95	78	77	65
Ryan	633	667	553	431	432	451	Saoirse	275	277	247	217	186	176
Sam	201	154	138	128	134	132	Sara	78	87	76	50	40	57
Samuel	237	217	225	224	210	209	Sarah	565	645	656	698	642	561
Scott	112	122	119	134	135	168	Shannon	74	105	93	137	107	129
Sean	927	963	965	994	893	928	Shauna	87	102	139	162	168	194
Senan	95	96	72	65	53	48	Sinead	85	95	105	110	137	127
Shane	258	292	343	366	355	379	Sophia	146	126	137	87	65	81
Shay	77	63	47	39	28	23	Sophie	635	573	556	497	451	468
Stephen	104	153	131	165	170	205	Tara	142	144	151	173	165	175
Szymon	76	58	30	16	3	-	Taylor	68	68	68	51	45	45
Tadhg	205	191	170	122	112	100	Victoria	69	61	83	55	44	67
Thomas	408	431	440	432	397	371	Zara	92	112	79	65	64	49
Tom	139	109	107	100	80	60	Zoe	188	157	135	141	150	132
Tomas	99	87	73	68	74	72	Zuzanna	105	76	45	11	3	-
William	164	177	179	149	149	141							
Total in top 100	24,737	25,106	24,212	23,204	22,473	22,346		20,447	20,739	19,954	19,025	18,483	18,162
Total with first name recorded	38,082	38,593	36,010	33,085	31,360	30,985		36,196	36,472	34,610	31,152	29,666	29,050
Top 100 as % of total	65.0	65.1	67.2	70.1	71.7	72.1		56.5	56.9	57.7	61.1	62.3	62.5
Total names registered	3,924	3,886	3,604	3,250	3,030	3,022		4,816	4,777	4,554	4,147	3,780	3,843
Total births registered	38,082	38,593	36,010	33,085	31,369	31,817		36,196	36,472	34,610	31,152	29,673	29,867

Table 5 Babies' names with most growth in popularity between 2008 and 2009, and between 2004 and 2009, measured by change in rank

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2009	**2008**	**Change in Rank**		**2009**	**2008**	**Change in Rank**
Szymon	99	129	30	Daisy	97	158	61
Lucas	79	104	25	Hollie	95	143	48
Bobby	85	109	24	Freya	68	109	41
Oliver	62	84	22	Layla	74	106	32
Shay	97	119	22	Emilia	97	129	32

Rank - Boys				Rank - Girls			
	2009	**2004**	**Change in Rank**		**2009**	**2004**	**Change in Rank**
Patryk	97	953	856	Zuzanna	70	*1241	1171
Szymon	99	*954	855	Oliwia	80	*1241	1161
Jakub	58	504	446	Maja	53	671	618
Kacper	95	504	409	Natalia	86	409	323
Filip	87	441	354	Emilia	97	409	312

*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 2008 and 2009, and between 2004 and 2009, measured by number of names

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2009	**2008**	**Increase in Number**		**2009**	**2008**	**Increase in Number**
Callum	297	222	75	Lily	334	244	90
Eoin	367	307	60	Mia	360	297	63
Sam	201	154	47	Sophie	635	573	62
Aidan	196	150	46	Holly	318	263	55
Eoghan	220	177	43	Freya	111	59	52

Number of Boys				Number of Girls			
	2009	**2004**	**Increase in Number**		**2009**	**2004**	**Increase in Number**
Jack	1061	835	226	Ava	630	308	322
Daniel	832	630	202	Ruby	350	41	309
Charlie	307	118	189	Lily	334	101	233
Ryan	633	451	182	Grace	522	295	227
Alex	496	322	174	Julia	235	30	205

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

Year	Regional Authority	Boys		Girls	
		Name	%	Name	%
2009	Border	Jack	2.13	Ava	1.69
	Midland	Jack	2.76	Emma	2.22
	West	Sean	3.05	Sarah	2.00
	Dublin	Daniel	2.42	Sophie	2.00
	Mid-East	Jack	2.79	Sophie	2.17
	Mid-West	Jack	3.59	Sophie	2.04
	South-East	Jack	3.67	Sophie	1.87
	South-West	Jack	3.10	Ava	2.01
	Ireland	Jack	2.79	Sophie	1.75
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

Table 8a Most popular boys' names, classified by area of residence of mother, between 2007 and 2009

	2009	2008	2007
STATE	**Jack**	**Jack**	**Jack**
LEINSTER	**Jack**	**Jack**	**Jack**
Carlow	Sean	Ryan	Jack
Dublin City	Sean	Sean	Sean
South Dublin	Sean	Alex/Sean	Sean
Fingal	Daniel	Sean	Jack
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	James/Daniel	James/Sean	James
Kildare	Jack	Jack	Sean
Kilkenny	Jack	Conor	James
Laois	Daniel	Jack	Jack
Longford	Conor	Daniel/Jack	Daniel
Louth	Ryan	Daniel	Sean
Meath	Sean	Sean	Jack
Offaly	Sean	Sean	Sean
Westmeath	Conor	Jack	James
Wexford	Jack	Jack	Jack
Wicklow	Jack	Jack	Jack
MUNSTER	**Jack**	**Jack**	**Jack**
Clare	Sean	Conor	Jack
Cork City	Jack	Ryan	Jamie
Cork County	Jack	Jack	Jack
Kerry	Jack	Jack	Sean
Limerick City	Sean	Dylan	Sean
Limerick County	Jack	Jack	Jack
North Tipperary	Jack	Jack	Jack
South Tipperary	Jack	Jack	Jack
Waterford City	Jack	Jack	Jamie
Waterford County	Jack	Jack	Jack
CONNACHT	**Sean**	**Jack**	**Jack**
Galway City	Sean/Oisin/Jack	Daniel	Michael
Galway County	Sean	Jack	Conor
Leitrim	Sean/Daniel	Jack	James
Mayo	Jack	James	Sean
Roscommon	Sean	Conor/Jack/James	Adam/Jack/James/Sean
Sligo	Ryan	Matthew	Jack
ULSTER (PART OF)	**Jack**	**Oisin**	**Jack**
Cavan	Sean/James	Conor	Cian
Donegal	Jack	Oisin	Jack
Monaghan	Ryan/Jack	Conor/Jack/Oisin	Conor

Table 8b Most popular girl's names, classified by area of residence of mother, between 2007 and 2009

	2009	2008	2007
STATE	**Sophie**	**Ava**	**Sarah**
LEINSTER	**Sophie**	**Katie**	**Ella**
Carlow	Hannah/Emma	Sarah	Emily
Dublin City	Ava	Ava	Ella
South Dublin	Sophie	Katie	Emma
Fingal	Sophie	Ava/Emily	Emma
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Sophie	Grace	Sarah
Kildare	Sophie	Sarah	Sarah
Kilkenny	Grace	Emma	Emma/Sarah
Laois	Ava	Ava/Grace/Sophie	Katie/Sarah
Longford	Rachel/Emily	Sarah	Ava
Louth	Sophie	Emma	Sarah
Meath	Sarah	Katie/Sophie	Katie
Offaly	Katie	Grace	Katie
Westmeath	Emma	Katie	Emma
Wexford	Ava	Katie	Ella
Wicklow	Emma	Ella/Katie	Ava/Lucy/Sophie
MUNSTER	**Emma**	**Sarah**	**Sarah**
Clare	Sarah	Ava/Leah	Emma
Cork City	Ava	Ava	Leah
Cork County	Ava	Sarah	Emma
Kerry	Emma	Sarah	Sarah
Limerick City	Sophie	Sarah	Leah
Limerick County	Emma	Sarah	Emma
North Tipperary	Lucy	Grace	Ava
South Tipperary	Sophie	Sarah	Ava/Sarah
Waterford City	Sophie	Ava	Aoife/Sophie
Waterford County	Sophie	Aoife/Ava/Emma	Sarah
CONNACHT	**Sarah**	**Katie/Emma**	**Emma**
Galway City	Emma	Laura	Aoife
Galway County	Emma	Katie	Emma
Leitrim	Ava	Aoife/Caoimhe/Emma/Katie	Sarah
Mayo	Katie	Emma/Sarah	Sarah
Roscommon	Sarah	Ava	Aoife/Sarah
Sligo	Katie	Katie	Ava/Rachel/Sarah/Sophie
ULSTER (PART OF)	**Katie/Aoife**	**Emma**	**Ella**
Cavan	Chloe	Emma/Sarah	Katie
Donegal	Aoife	Katie	Niamh
Monaghan	Katie	Emma	Emily

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 2009 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 344 boys named Cillian, another 104 had the alternate spelling Killian. Similarly, with Orla and Orlaith, there were 112 girls named Orla and another 77 named Orlaith, 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 2,334 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 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