



**Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2001, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank in 1998, 1999 and 2000**

Boys' name	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2001	2000	1999	1998
Jack	1	1	3	3	Sarah	1	2	3	3
Sean	2	2	2	2	Aoife	2	1	2	4
Adam	3	4	5	5	Emma	3	4	6	5
Conor	4	3	1	1	Chloe	4	5	1	1
James	5	5	4	4	Ciara	5	3	4	2
Cian	6	6	12	12	Lauren	6	8	9	10
David	7	7	7	8	Niamh	6	6	5	6
Dylan	8	10	10	7	Amy	8	8	11	12
Luke	9	8	14	15	Katie	9	12	13	13
Michael	10	9	6	9	Megan	10	10	10	8
Daniel	11	11	9	10	Rachel	11	11	7	7
Aaron	12	12	8	6	Leah	12	14	27	27
Shane	13	13	11	11	Laura	13	13	12	11
Thomas	14	18	19	17	Rebecca	14	7	8	9
John	15	14	15	13	Hannah	15	15	21	18
Mark	16	18	17	14	Sophie	16	17	18	17
Patrick	17	16	18	17	Shauna	17	16	15	14
Eoin	18	15	16	20	Emily	18	19	14	25
Ryan	18	17	13	16	Caoimhe	19	22	22	24
Jamie	20	21	22	26	Jessica	20	21	23	19
Darragh	21	29	29	28	Nicole	21	20	16	16
Matthew	22	24	24	21	Kate	22	18	19	22
Oisín	23	22	25	37	Aisling	23	25	25	21
Liam	24	26	21	30	Ellen	24	24	24	26
Ciarán	25	23	30	24	Roisin	25	23	17	20
Stephen	26	27	23	17	Anna	26	28	28	33
Ben	27	30	38	48	Grace	27	32	30	32
Joshua	28	34	44	52	Saoirse	28	30	31	37
Jordan	29	20	20	22	Shannon	29	26	19	15
Evan	30	27	34	32	Jade	30	31	34	35
Joseph	31	33	31	40	Molly	31	43	63	87
Nathan	32	32	26	36	Tara	32	35	29	39
Robert	33	37	27	27	Sinead	33	29	26	23
Jake	34	42	51	51	Caitlin	34	40	41	54
Dean	35	45	32	29	Lucy	35	38	43	46
Kevin	36	25	33	25	Aine	36	27	32	29
Andrew	37	31	28	23	Mary	37	37	37	34
Cathal	38	35	42	31	Orla	38	34	36	31
Brian	39	36	36	35	Jennifer	39	36	33	28
Craig	40	49	49	50	Eimear	40	33	35	29
Niall	41	38	36	37	Ava	41	44	60	88
Christopher	42	43	40	41	Clodagh	42	39	38	39
Paul	43	40	39	34	Zoe	42	42	66	60
Eoghan	44	47	41	49	Claire	44	41	39	37
Alex	45	48	57	59	Eva	44	58	60	66
Jason	45	39	35	33	Eve	46	64	86	68
Lee	47	44	46	42	Erin	47	49	79	65
Peter	48	53	48	42	Ella	48	65	76	94
Samuel	49	57	55	55	Holly	49	53	46	75
Ronan	50	41	44	42	Louise	50	53	45	36
Ethan	51	71	76	83	Robyn	51	60	62	69
William	52	46	50	57	Alannah	52	53	79	81
Kyle	53	50	60	55	Katelyn	52	46	82	127
Gavin	54	54	58	45	Catherine	54	60	51	51
Killian	55	61	59	58	Lisa	55	47	47	47
Anthony	56	58	52	54	Leanne	56	76	52	44
Harry	56	63	70	100	Ruth	56	71	52	55

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Boys' name	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2001	2000	1999	1998
Cillian	58	59	61	60	Danielle	58	76	48	41
Alan	59	51	53	46	Maria	58	63	71	73
Cormac	59	54	55	61	Elizabeth	60	57	57	59
Rory	61	65	64	53	Olivia	61	51	41	83
Darren	62	52	47	47	Alison	62	62	58	45
Kian	63	99	184	268	Michelle	62	48	39	42
Ross	63	56	43	39	Abbie	64	67	79	133
Alexander	65	72	68	75	Siobhan	65	74	76	50
Benjamin	66	67	75	77	Abigail	66	82	93	106
Scott	66	70	83	81	Grainne	66	52	49	56
Fionn	68	64	97	91	Alexandra	68	87	91	67
Leon	68	77	77	112	Kelly	69	50	50	53
Martin	70	62	64	64	Maeve	70	59	65	69
Colm	71	65	54	66	Michaela	70	68	58	49
Kieran	72	60	73	67	Jodie	72	78	97	99
Aidan	73	74	69	65	Mia	72	104	162	236
Keith	74	86	74	63	Aimee	74	107	68	88
Richard	75	82	63	73	Fiona	74	69	56	51
Callum	76	69	79	99	Kayleigh	74	73	55	48
Edward	77	81	81	79	Abby	77	144	202	327
Karl	78	94	71	69	Jane	78	79	68	64
Padraig	79	78	61	68	Rachael	79	69	71	60
Daragh	80	82	92	95	Emer	80	66	63	63
Josh	81	89	107	112	Georgia	81	87	96	106
Reece	82	98	97	109	Courtney	82	53	44	43
Brandon	83	67	67	74	Zara	83	89	105	138
Diarmuid	83	84	94	102	Sara	84	111	124	80
Owen	83	84	85	82	Andrea	85	72	66	83
Jonathan	86	73	87	86	Alanna	86	86	87	73
Ian	87	78	64	62	Alice	87	74	87	90
Tadhg	88	92	96	104	Charlotte	87	95	119	126
Sam	89	94	87	92	Ellie	89	127	166	175
Brendan	90	76	84	78	Hazel	89	101	135	117
Dara	90	100	118	115	Cara	91	92	134	153
Colin	92	78	79	70	Kellie	91	163	111	122
Lorcan	93	92	95	102	Lily	91	142	202	214
Tom	94	119	127	117	Stephanie	91	92	78	69
Finn	95	131	175	147	Margaret	95	120	97	97
Oran	96	138	105	137	Alana	96	127	100	134
Philip	97	74	78	87	Claudia	97	144	142	106
Daire	98	106	122	107	Gemma	97	92	84	56
Gary	98	89	72	71	Isobel	97	127	92	175
Shaun	98	102	90	87	Amber	100	84	115	83
					Lorna	100	111	93	90
					Victoria	100	89	82	97

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<b>Boys' name</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>Girls' name</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
Jack	930	846	743	543	Sarah	650	626	595	537
Sean	867	816	760	662	Aoife	601	633	612	529
Adam	833	653	588	460	Emma	592	594	549	514
Conor	702	700	761	761	Chloe	556	553	615	575
James	613	594	629	472	Ciara	552	608	585	539
Cian	557	557	420	362	Lauren	477	451	452	363
David	549	492	524	439	Niamh	477	519	571	492
Dylan	538	477	445	443	Amy	447	451	420	353
Luke	517	488	410	327	Katie	422	398	378	319
Michael	483	483	527	438	Megan	401	441	434	393
Daniel	475	467	479	428	Rachel	400	428	488	444
Aaron	459	401	500	449	Leah	374	302	185	146
Shane	385	400	444	415	Laura	361	315	397	357
Thomas	377	351	332	306	Rebecca	350	485	455	388
John	372	398	369	340	Hannah	343	299	242	236
Mark	366	351	345	339	Sophie	303	266	252	242
Patrick	365	362	343	306	Shauna	299	288	270	267
Eoin	349	368	347	295	Emily	287	262	285	178
Ryan	349	356	418	326	Caoimhe	274	253	236	184
Jamie	342	294	289	224	Jessica	262	260	227	233
Darragh	298	245	237	211	Nicole	259	261	266	245
Matthew	287	275	259	281	Kate	258	263	246	197
Oisín	283	287	249	174	Aisling	248	213	209	212
Liam	267	257	290	197	Ellen	241	217	215	154
Ciarán	264	286	230	237	Roisin	239	246	254	213
Stephen	263	250	285	306	Anna	232	193	171	133
Ben	258	234	196	137	Grace	200	172	166	135
Joshua	257	216	147	108	Saoirse	192	176	160	117
Jordan	249	315	308	270	Shannon	191	198	246	255
Evan	248	250	208	188	Jade	175	175	150	121
Joseph	243	220	219	168	Molly	172	105	74	42
Nathan	242	223	245	178	Tara	168	153	167	114
Robert	240	200	240	214	Sinead	162	180	196	195
Jake	224	161	125	110	Caitlin	160	130	112	74
Dean	221	157	214	200	Lucy	157	136	105	89
Kevin	220	264	211	233	Aine	156	194	155	140
Andrew	218	230	239	245	Mary	153	140	131	128
Cathal	198	207	162	195	Orla	149	167	144	138
Brian	197	204	197	181	Jennifer	147	151	154	145
Craig	185	140	133	120	Eimear	146	168	148	140
Niall	179	199	197	174	Ava	137	103	77	41
Christopher	174	159	186	167	Clodagh	129	135	127	114
Paul	165	182	189	183	Zoe	129	115	69	65
Eoghan	162	153	181	122	Claire	127	127	118	117
Alex	160	150	112	93	Eva	127	82	77	59
Jason	160	191	201	184	Eve	126	76	50	56
Lee	158	158	143	143	Erin	120	91	58	60
Peter	151	131	140	143	Ella	112	75	60	39
Samuel	146	119	115	96	Holly	107	84	101	51
Ronan	139	165	147	143	Louise	103	84	103	120
Ethan	135	83	76	53	Robyn	100	80	76	53
William	130	156	130	95	Alannah	96	84	58	44
Kyle	126	139	99	96	Katelyn	96	94	55	28
Gavin	124	126	110	142	Catherine	94	80	89	78
Killian	121	105	100	94	Lisa	93	93	97	88
Anthony	115	118	123	99	Leanne	88	63	86	97
Harry	115	95	86	42	Ruth	88	68	86	72

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Boys' name	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2001	2000	1999	1998
Cillian	114	111	98	92	Danielle	87	63	95	109
Alan	113	134	122	140	Maria	87	78	62	52
Cormac	113	126	115	91	Elizabeth	86	83	82	68
Rory	112	89	90	100	Olivia	84	88	112	43
Darren	110	133	142	139	Alison	82	79	78	93
Kian	106	50	14	5	Michelle	82	92	118	107
Ross	106	124	155	171	Abbie	81	73	58	26
Alexander	102	81	88	66	Siobhan	78	64	60	79
Benjamin	97	88	77	65	Abigail	77	54	44	35
Scott	97	85	69	56	Grainne	77	85	94	70
Fionn	94	90	47	47	Alexandra	76	50	46	57
Leon	94	71	75	33	Kelly	75	89	91	77
Martin	91	104	90	87	Maeve	74	81	70	53
Colm	87	89	117	82	Michaela	74	72	78	85
Kieran	85	109	81	81	Jodie	73	62	42	37
Aidan	84	75	87	86	Mia	73	41	22	10
Keith	81	61	79	88	Aimee	72	40	66	41
Richard	78	64	91	68	Fiona	72	71	83	78
Callum	76	86	71	43	Kayleigh	72	65	84	87
Edward	75	65	70	58	Abby	70	27	17	6
Karl	74	54	85	74	Jane	68	61	66	61
Padraig	73	70	98	77	Rachael	66	71	62	65
Daragh	71	64	52	45	Emer	65	74	74	62
Josh	70	58	42	33	Georgia	64	50	43	35
Reece	68	51	47	35	Courtney	60	84	104	105
Brandon	67	88	89	67	Zara	59	49	38	24
Diarmuid	67	62	51	39	Sara	58	38	33	46
Owen	67	62	65	55	Andrea	57	67	69	43
Jonathan	66	77	57	51	Alanna	56	51	49	52
Ian	65	70	90	90	Alice	55	64	49	40
Tadhg	64	55	49	38	Charlotte	55	47	34	29
Sam	63	54	57	46	Ellie	54	32	21	18
Brendan	59	73	66	60	Hazel	54	43	28	33
Dara	59	49	35	32	Cara	53	48	29	21
Colin	58	70	71	70	Kellie	53	23	36	31
Lorcan	57	55	50	39	Lily	53	28	17	13
Tom	56	38	30	31	Stephanie	53	48	59	53
Finn	55	31	15	19	Margaret	52	35	42	38
Oran	53	27	43	23	Alana	50	32	40	25
Philip	52	75	73	49	Claudia	49	27	26	35
Daire	50	44	33	36	Gemma	49	48	53	70
Gary	50	58	82	69	Isobel	49	32	45	18
Shaun	50	47	55	49	Amber	48	52	35	43
					Lorna	48	38	44	40
					Victoria	48	49	55	38
Total in top 100	21,079	20,169	19,736	17,340		17,033	16,308	15,928	14,061
Total with first name recorded	27,710	25,947	24,824	21,786		26,251	24,550	23,402	20,472
Top 100 as % of total	76.1	77.7	79.5	79.6		64.9	66.4	68.1	68.7
Total births registered	29,753	27,896	27,508	27,580		28,129	26,343	25,846	25,971

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Boys' name	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2001	2000	1999	1998
Aaron	12	12	8	6	Abbie	64	67	79	133
Adam	3	4	5	5	Abby	77	144	202	327
Aidan	73	74	69	65	Abigail	66	82	93	106
Alan	59	51	53	46	Aimee	74	107	68	88
Alex	45	48	57	59	Aine	36	27	32	29
Alexander	65	72	68	75	Aisling	23	25	25	21
Andrew	37	31	28	23	Alana	96	127	100	134
Anthony	56	58	52	54	Alanna	86	86	87	73
Ben	27	30	38	48	Alannah	52	53	79	81
Benjamin	66	67	75	77	Alexandra	68	87	91	67
Brandon	83	67	67	74	Alice	87	74	87	90
Brendan	90	76	84	78	Alison	62	62	58	45
Brian	39	36	36	35	Amber	100	84	115	83
Callum	76	69	79	99	Amy	8	8	11	12
Cathal	38	35	42	31	Andrea	85	72	66	83
Christopher	42	43	40	41	Anna	26	28	28	33
Cian	6	6	12	12	Aoife	2	1	2	4
Ciaran	25	23	30	24	Ava	41	44	60	88
Cillian	58	59	61	60	Caitlin	34	40	41	54
Colin	92	78	79	70	Caoimhe	19	22	22	24
Colm	71	65	54	66	Cara	91	92	134	153
Conor	4	3	1	1	Catherine	54	60	51	51
Cormac	59	54	55	61	Charlotte	87	95	119	126
Craig	40	49	49	50	Chloe	4	5	1	1
Daire	98	106	122	107	Ciara	5	3	4	2
Daniel	11	11	9	10	Claire	44	41	39	37
Dara	90	100	118	115	Claudia	97	144	142	106
Daragh	80	82	92	95	Clodagh	42	39	38	39
Darragh	21	29	29	28	Courtney	82	53	44	43
Darren	62	52	47	47	Danielle	58	76	48	41
David	7	7	7	8	Eimear	40	33	35	29
Dean	35	45	32	29	Elizabeth	60	57	57	59
Diarmuid	83	84	94	102	Ella	48	65	76	94
Dylan	8	10	10	7	Ellen	24	24	24	26
Edward	77	81	81	79	Ellie	89	127	166	175
Eoghan	44	47	41	49	Emer	80	66	63	63
Eoin	18	15	16	20	Emily	18	19	14	25
Ethan	51	71	76	83	Emma	3	4	6	5
Evan	30	27	34	32	Erin	47	49	79	65
Finn	95	131	175	147	Eva	44	58	60	66
Fionn	68	64	97	91	Eve	46	64	86	68
Gary	98	89	72	71	Fiona	74	69	56	51
Gavin	54	54	58	45	Gemma	97	92	84	56
Harry	56	63	70	100	Georgia	81	87	96	106
Ian	87	78	64	62	Grace	27	32	30	32
Jack	1	1	3	3	Grainne	66	52	49	56
Jake	34	42	51	51	Hannah	15	15	21	18
James	5	5	4	4	Hazel	89	101	135	117
Jamie	20	21	22	26	Holly	49	53	46	75
Jason	45	39	35	33	Isobel	97	127	92	175
John	15	14	15	13	Jade	30	31	34	35
Jonathan	86	73	87	86	Jane	78	79	68	64
Jordan	29	20	20	22	Jennifer	39	36	33	28
Joseph	31	33	31	40	Jessica	20	21	23	19
Josh	81	89	107	112	Jodie	72	78	97	99
Joshua	28	34	44	52	Kate	22	18	19	22
Karl	78	94	71	69	Katelyn	52	46	82	127

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Boys' name	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2001	2000	1999	1998
Keith	74	86	74	63	Katie	9	12	13	13
Kevin	36	25	33	25	Kayleigh	74	73	55	48
Kian	63	99	184	268	Kellie	91	163	111	122
Kieran	72	60	73	67	Kelly	69	50	50	53
Killian	55	61	59	58	Laura	13	13	12	11
Kyle	53	50	60	55	Lauren	6	8	9	10
Lee	47	44	46	42	Leah	12	14	27	27
Leon	68	77	77	112	Leanne	56	76	52	44
Liam	24	26	21	30	Lily	91	142	202	214
Lorcan	93	92	95	102	Lisa	55	47	47	47
Luke	9	8	14	15	Lorna	100	111	93	90
Mark	16	18	17	14	Louise	50	53	45	36
Martin	70	62	64	64	Lucy	35	38	43	46
Matthew	22	24	24	21	Maeve	70	59	65	69
Michael	10	9	6	9	Margaret	95	120	97	97
Nathan	32	32	26	36	Maria	58	63	71	73
Niall	41	38	36	37	Mary	37	37	37	34
Oisin	23	22	25	37	Megan	10	10	10	8
Oran	96	138	105	137	Mia	72	104	162	236
Owen	83	84	85	82	Michaela	70	68	58	49
Padraig	79	78	61	68	Michelle	62	48	39	42
Patrick	17	16	18	17	Molly	31	43	63	87
Paul	43	40	39	34	Niamh	6	6	5	6
Peter	48	53	48	42	Nicole	21	20	16	16
Philip	97	74	78	87	Olivia	61	51	41	83
Reece	82	98	97	109	Orla	38	34	36	31
Richard	75	82	63	73	Rachael	79	69	71	60
Robert	33	37	27	27	Rachel	11	11	7	7
Ronan	50	41	44	42	Rebecca	14	7	8	9
Rory	61	65	64	53	Robyn	51	60	62	69
Ross	63	56	43	39	Roisin	25	23	17	20
Ryan	18	17	13	16	Ruth	56	71	52	55
Sam	89	94	87	92	Saoirse	28	30	31	37
Samuel	49	57	55	55	Sara	84	111	124	80
Scott	66	70	83	81	Sarah	1	2	3	3
Sean	2	2	2	2	Shannon	29	26	19	15
Shane	13	13	11	11	Shauna	17	16	15	14
Shaun	98	102	90	87	Sinead	33	29	26	23
Stephen	26	27	23	17	Siobhan	65	74	76	50
Tadhg	88	92	96	104	Sophie	16	17	18	17
Thomas	14	18	19	17	Stephanie	91	92	78	69
Tom	94	119	127	117	Tara	32	35	29	39
William	52	46	50	57	Victoria	100	89	82	97
					Zara	83	89	105	138
					Zoe	42	42	66	60

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<b>Boys' name</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>Girls' name</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
Aaron	459	401	500	449	Abbie	81	73	58	26
Adam	833	653	588	460	Abby	70	27	17	6
Aidan	84	75	87	86	Abigail	77	54	44	35
Alan	113	134	122	140	Aimee	72	40	66	41
Alex	160	150	112	93	Aine	156	194	155	140
Alexander	102	81	88	66	Aisling	248	213	209	212
Andrew	218	230	239	245	Alana	50	32	40	25
Anthony	115	118	123	99	Alanna	56	51	49	52
Ben	258	234	196	137	Alannah	96	84	58	44
Benjamin	97	88	77	65	Alexandra	76	50	46	57
Brandon	67	88	89	67	Alice	55	64	49	40
Brendan	59	73	66	60	Alison	82	79	78	93
Brian	197	204	197	181	Amber	48	52	35	43
Callum	76	86	71	43	Amy	447	451	420	353
Cathal	198	207	162	195	Andrea	57	67	69	43
Christopher	174	159	186	167	Anna	232	193	171	133
Cian	557	557	420	362	Aoife	601	633	612	529
Ciaran	264	286	230	237	Ava	137	103	77	41
Cillian	114	111	98	92	Caitlin	160	130	112	74
Colin	58	70	71	70	Caoimhe	274	253	236	184
Colm	87	89	117	82	Cara	53	48	29	21
Conor	702	700	761	761	Catherine	94	80	89	78
Cormac	113	126	115	91	Charlotte	55	47	34	29
Craig	185	140	133	120	Chloe	556	553	615	575
Daire	50	44	33	36	Ciara	552	608	585	539
Daniel	475	467	479	428	Claire	127	127	118	117
Dara	59	49	35	32	Claudia	49	27	26	35
Daragh	71	64	52	45	Clodagh	129	135	127	114
Darragh	298	245	237	211	Courtney	60	84	104	105
Darren	110	133	142	139	Danielle	87	63	95	109
David	549	492	524	439	Eimear	146	168	148	140
Dean	221	157	214	200	Elizabeth	86	83	82	68
Diarmuid	67	62	51	39	Ella	112	75	60	39
Dylan	538	477	445	443	Ellen	241	217	215	154
Edward	75	65	70	58	Ellie	54	32	21	18
Eoghan	162	153	181	122	Emer	65	74	74	62
Eoin	349	368	347	295	Emily	287	262	285	178
Ethan	135	83	76	53	Emma	592	594	549	514
Evan	248	250	208	188	Erin	120	91	58	60
Finn	55	31	15	19	Eva	127	82	77	59
Fionn	94	90	47	47	Eve	126	76	50	56
Gary	50	58	82	69	Fiona	72	71	83	78
Gavin	124	126	110	142	Gemma	49	48	53	70
Harry	115	95	86	42	Georgia	64	50	43	35
Ian	65	70	90	90	Grace	200	172	166	135
Jack	930	846	743	543	Grainne	77	85	94	70
Jake	224	161	125	110	Hannah	343	299	242	236
James	613	594	629	472	Hazel	54	43	28	33
Jamie	342	294	289	224	Holly	107	84	101	51
Jason	160	191	201	184	Isobel	49	32	45	18
John	372	398	369	340	Jade	175	175	150	121
Jonathan	66	77	57	51	Jane	68	61	66	61
Jordan	249	315	308	270	Jennifer	147	151	154	145
Joseph	243	220	219	168	Jessica	262	260	227	233
Josh	70	58	42	33	Jodie	73	62	42	37
Joshua	257	216	147	108	Kate	258	263	246	197
Karl	74	54	85	74	Katelyn	96	94	55	28

**Table 4 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2001, in alphabetical order, numbers registered in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001**

Boys' name	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2001	2000	1999	1998
Keith	81	61	79	88	Katie	422	398	378	319
Kevin	220	264	211	233	Kayleigh	72	65	84	87
Kian	106	50	14	5	Kellie	53	23	36	31
Kieran	85	109	81	81	Kelly	75	89	91	77
Killian	121	105	100	94	Laura	361	315	397	357
Kyle	126	139	99	96	Lauren	477	451	452	363
Lee	158	158	143	143	Leah	374	302	185	146
Leon	94	71	75	33	Leanne	88	63	86	97
Liam	267	257	290	197	Lily	53	28	17	13
Lorcan	57	55	50	39	Lisa	93	93	97	88
Luke	517	488	410	327	Lorna	48	38	44	40
Mark	366	351	345	339	Louise	103	84	103	120
Martin	91	104	90	87	Lucy	157	136	105	89
Matthew	287	275	259	281	Maeve	74	81	70	53
Michael	483	483	527	438	Margaret	52	35	42	38
Nathan	242	223	245	178	Maria	87	78	62	52
Niall	179	199	197	174	Mary	153	140	131	128
Oisín	283	287	249	174	Megan	401	441	434	393
Oran	53	27	43	23	Mia	73	41	22	10
Owen	67	62	65	55	Michaela	74	72	78	85
Padraig	73	70	98	77	Michelle	82	92	118	107
Patrick	365	362	343	306	Molly	172	105	74	42
Paul	165	182	189	183	Niamh	477	519	571	492
Peter	151	131	140	143	Nicole	259	261	266	245
Philip	52	75	73	49	Olivia	84	88	112	43
Reece	68	51	47	35	Orla	149	167	144	138
Richard	78	64	91	68	Rachael	66	71	62	65
Robert	240	200	240	214	Rachel	400	428	488	444
Ronan	139	165	147	143	Rebecca	350	485	455	388
Rory	112	89	90	100	Robyn	100	80	76	53
Ross	106	124	155	171	Roisin	239	246	254	213
Ryan	349	356	418	326	Ruth	88	68	86	72
Sam	63	54	57	46	Saoirse	192	176	160	117
Samuel	146	119	115	96	Sara	58	38	33	46
Scott	97	85	69	56	Sarah	650	626	595	537
Sean	867	816	760	662	Shannon	191	198	246	255
Shane	385	400	444	415	Shauna	299	288	270	267
Shaun	50	47	55	49	Sinead	162	180	196	195
Stephen	263	250	285	306	Siobhan	78	64	60	79
Tadhg	64	55	49	38	Sophie	303	266	252	242
Thomas	377	351	332	306	Stephanie	53	48	59	53
Tom	56	38	30	31	Tara	168	153	167	114
William	130	156	130	95	Victoria	48	49	55	38
					Zara	59	49	38	24
					Zoe	129	115	69	65
Total in top 100	21,079	20,169	19,736	17,340		17,033	16,308	15,928	14,061
Total with first name recorded	27,710	25,947	24,824	21,786		26,251	24,550	23,402	20,472
Top 100 as % of total	76.1	77.7	79.5	79.6		64.9	66.4	68.1	68.7
Total births registered	29,753	27,896	27,508	27,580		28,129	26,343	25,846	25,971

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

Year	Regional Authority	Boys		Girls	
		Name	%	Name	%
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	
1998	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 93% of birth notifications in 2001 included the baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO. This compares with 93% in 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 650 girls named Sarah, another 58 girls had the alternate spelling Sara.
- Variants of names and abbreviations have also been treated as separate names. For example, Jack, Sean, John and Shaun account between them for 2,219 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank first, second, fifteenth and ninety-eighth 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.