



**Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2002, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 1998 and 2002**

Boys' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Jack	1	1	1	3	3	Sarah	1	1	2	3	3
Sean	2	2	2	2	2	Aoife	2	2	1	2	4
Adam	3	3	4	5	5	Ciara	3	5	3	4	2
Conor	4	4	3	1	1	Emma	4	3	4	6	5
James	5	5	5	4	4	Chloe	5	4	5	1	1
Daniel	6	11	11	9	10	Amy	6	8	8	11	12
Cian	7	6	6	12	12	Katie	7	9	12	13	13
Michael	8	10	9	6	9	Niamh	8	6	6	5	6
David	9	7	7	7	8	Sophie	9	16	17	18	17
Luke	10	9	8	14	15	Lauren	10	6	8	9	10
Dylan	11	8	10	10	7	Megan	11	10	10	10	8
Aaron	12	12	12	8	6	Hannah	12	15	15	21	18
Patrick	13	17	16	18	17	Rachel	13	11	11	7	7
Ryan	14	18	17	13	16	Rebecca	14	14	7	8	9
John	15	15	14	15	13	Leah	15	12	14	27	27
Eoin	16	18	15	16	20	Laura	16	13	13	12	11
Matthew	17	22	24	24	21	Jessica	17	20	21	23	19
Thomas	18	14	18	19	17	Kate	18	22	18	19	22
Ben	19	27	30	38	48	Emily	19	18	19	14	25
Joshua	19	28	34	44	52	Caoimhe	20	19	22	22	24
Shane	21	13	13	11	11	Anna	21	26	28	28	33
Mark	22	16	18	17	14	Shauna	22	17	16	15	14
Jamie	23	20	21	22	26	Ellen	23	24	24	24	26
Darragh	24	21	29	29	28	Nicole	24	21	20	16	16
Oisín	25	23	22	25	37	Roisin	24	25	23	17	20
Liam	26	24	26	21	30	Ava	26	41	44	60	88
Nathan	27	32	32	26	36	Aisling	27	23	25	25	21
Ciarán	28	25	23	30	24	Ella	28	48	65	76	94
Evan	29	30	27	34	32	Grace	29	27	32	30	32
Jake	30	34	42	51	51	Sinead	30	33	29	26	23
Robert	30	33	37	27	27	Saoirse	31	28	30	31	37
Kevin	32	36	25	33	25	Tara	32	32	35	29	39
Joseph	33	31	33	31	40	Molly	33	31	43	63	87
Stephen	33	26	27	23	17	Jennifer	34	39	36	33	28
Alex	35	45	48	57	59	Holly	35	49	53	46	75
Kyle	36	53	50	60	55	Lucy	36	35	38	43	46
Jason	37	45	39	35	33	Shannon	37	29	26	19	15
Brian	38	39	36	36	35	Caitlin	38	34	40	41	54
Cathal	38	38	35	42	31	Aine	39	36	27	32	29
Niall	40	41	38	36	37	Orla	40	38	34	36	31
Andrew	41	37	31	28	23	Mary	41	37	37	37	34
Jordan	42	29	20	20	22	Jade	42	30	31	34	35
Samuel	43	49	57	55	55	Eimear	43	40	33	35	29
Dean	44	35	45	32	29	Zoe	43	42	42	66	60
Paul	45	43	40	39	34	Clodagh	45	42	39	38	39
Lee	46	47	44	46	42	Ellie	46	89	127	166	175
Christopher	47	42	43	40	41	Mia	47	72	104	162	236
Eoghan	48	44	47	41	49	Erin	48	47	49	79	65
William	49	52	46	50	57	Louise	48	50	53	45	36
Ethan	50	51	71	76	83	Eva	50	44	58	60	66
Peter	50	48	53	48	42	Abbie	51	64	67	79	133
Cormac	52	59	54	55	61	Katelyn	52	52	46	82	127
Benjamin	53	66	67	75	77	Maria	53	58	63	71	73
Ronan	54	50	41	44	42	Claire	54	44	41	39	37
Gavin	55	54	54	58	45	Alannah	55	52	53	79	81
Alexander	56	65	72	68	75	Lisa	55	55	47	47	47
Rory	57	61	65	64	53	Kelly	57	69	50	50	53

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Boys' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Scott	58	66	70	83	81	Catherine	58	54	60	51	51
Craig	59	40	49	49	50	Eve	58	46	64	86	68
Alan	60	59	51	53	46	Alison	60	62	62	58	45
Callum	60	76	69	79	99	Michelle	61	62	48	39	42
Aidan	62	73	74	69	65	Elizabeth	62	60	57	57	59
Josh	62	81	89	107	112	Fiona	63	74	69	56	51
Anthony	64	56	58	52	54	Robyn	63	51	60	62	69
Killian	65	55	61	59	58	Abby	65	77	144	202	327
Cillian	66	58	59	61	60	Aimee	66	74	107	68	88
Fionn	66	68	64	97	91	Danielle	66	58	76	48	41
Harry	68	56	63	70	100	Abigail	68	66	82	93	106
Kieran	69	72	60	73	67	Kayleigh	68	74	73	55	48
Brandon	70	83	67	67	74	Ruth	68	56	71	52	55
Sam	71	89	94	87	92	Grainne	71	66	52	49	56
Darren	72	62	52	47	47	Olivia	71	61	51	41	83
Kian	73	63	99	184	268	Jodie	73	72	78	97	99
Martin	74	70	62	64	64	Leanne	74	56	76	52	44
Ross	74	63	56	43	39	Maeve	75	70	59	65	69
Colm	76	71	65	54	66	Alice	76	87	74	87	90
Diarmuid	77	83	84	94	102	Isabelle	77	104	127	177	163
Ian	78	87	78	64	62	Alexandra	78	68	87	91	67
Keith	79	74	86	74	63	Jane	78	78	79	68	64
Tadhg	80	88	92	96	104	Alanna	80	86	86	87	73
Leon	81	68	77	77	112	Lara	80	117	98	139	153
Jonathan	82	86	73	87	86	Emer	82	80	66	63	63
Richard	82	75	82	63	73	Courtney	83	82	53	44	43
Brendan	84	90	76	84	78	Victoria	83	100	89	82	97
Owen	84	83	84	85	82	Andrea	85	85	72	66	83
Padraig	84	79	78	61	68	Lily	85	91	142	202	214
Gary	87	98	89	72	71	Siobhan	87	65	74	76	50
Finn	88	95	131	175	147	Zara	87	83	89	105	138
Edward	89	77	81	81	79	Nadine	89	143	104	149	75
Connor	90	101	106	118	71	Rachael	89	79	69	71	60
Tom	90	94	119	127	117	Charlotte	91	87	95	119	126
Eric	92	106	94	90	75	Sara	91	84	111	124	80
Charlie	93	114	122	125	142	Heather	93	112	127	115	94
Oran	94	96	138	105	137	Ailbhe	94	107	114	115	146
Daragh	95	80	82	92	95	Isabel	94	129	132	146	146
Denis	95	117	119	113	119	Michaela	94	70	68	58	49
Dara	97	90	100	118	115	Sadhbh	94	103	104	188	103
Lorcan	97	93	92	95	102	Stephanie	94	91	92	78	69
Seamus	99	111	101	107	95	Eabha	99	160	152	221	236
Steven	99	131	97	97	83	Laoise	100	113	109	124	153

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Boys' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Jack	868	930	846	743	543	Sarah	655	650	626	595	537
Sean	866	867	816	760	662	Aoife	585	601	633	612	529
Adam	798	833	653	588	460	Ciara	577	552	608	585	539
Conor	748	702	700	761	761	Emma	532	592	594	549	514
James	581	613	594	629	472	Chloe	516	556	553	615	575
Daniel	559	475	467	479	428	Amy	485	447	451	420	353
Cian	536	557	557	420	362	Katie	418	422	398	378	319
Michael	520	483	483	527	438	Niamh	407	477	519	571	492
David	501	549	492	524	439	Sophie	404	303	266	252	242
Luke	489	517	488	410	327	Lauren	402	477	451	452	363
Dylan	485	538	477	445	443	Megan	387	401	441	434	393
Aaron	467	459	401	500	449	Hannah	368	343	299	242	236
Patrick	366	365	362	343	306	Rachel	364	400	428	488	444
Ryan	365	349	356	418	326	Rebecca	361	350	485	455	388
John	362	372	398	369	340	Leah	351	374	302	185	146
Eoin	361	349	368	347	295	Laura	349	361	315	397	357
Matthew	351	287	275	259	281	Jessica	302	262	260	227	233
Thomas	349	377	351	332	306	Kate	301	258	263	246	197
Ben	345	258	234	196	137	Emily	278	287	262	285	178
Joshua	345	257	216	147	108	Caoimhe	272	274	253	236	184
Shane	343	385	400	444	415	Anna	247	232	193	171	133
Mark	336	366	351	345	339	Shauna	232	299	288	270	267
Jamie	333	342	294	289	224	Ellen	229	241	217	215	154
Darragh	310	298	245	237	211	Nicole	228	259	261	266	245
Oisín	300	283	287	249	174	Roisin	228	239	245	254	213
Liam	290	267	257	290	197	Ava	216	137	103	77	41
Nathan	258	242	223	245	178	Aisling	210	248	213	209	212
Ciaran	252	264	286	230	237	Ella	204	112	75	60	39
Evan	245	248	250	208	188	Grace	191	200	172	166	135
Jake	227	224	161	125	110	Sinead	182	162	180	196	195
Robert	227	240	200	240	214	Saoirse	181	192	176	160	117
Kevin	214	220	264	211	233	Tara	180	168	153	167	114
Joseph	201	243	220	219	168	Molly	179	172	105	74	42
Stephen	201	263	250	285	306	Jennifer	176	147	151	154	145
Alex	193	160	150	112	93	Holly	171	107	84	101	51
Kyle	190	126	139	99	96	Lucy	169	157	136	105	89
Jason	183	160	191	201	184	Shannon	166	191	198	246	255
Brian	179	197	204	197	181	Caitlin	151	160	130	112	74
Cathal	179	198	207	162	195	Aine	149	156	194	155	140
Niall	175	179	199	197	174	Orla	141	149	167	144	138
Andrew	172	218	230	239	245	Mary	140	153	140	131	128
Jordan	171	249	315	308	270	Jade	139	175	175	150	121
Samuel	166	146	119	115	96	Eimear	133	146	168	148	140
Dean	157	221	157	214	200	Zoe	133	129	115	69	65
Paul	154	165	182	189	183	Clodagh	127	129	135	127	114
Lee	153	158	158	143	143	Ellie	122	54	32	21	18
Christopher	150	174	159	186	167	Mia	119	73	41	22	10
Eoghan	144	162	153	181	122	Erin	117	120	91	58	60
William	139	130	156	130	95	Louise	117	103	84	103	120
Ethan	128	135	83	76	53	Eva	112	127	82	77	59
Peter	128	151	131	140	143	Abbie	111	81	73	58	26
Cormac	127	113	126	115	91	Katelyn	109	96	94	55	28
Benjamin	125	97	88	77	65	Maria	104	87	78	62	52
Ronan	122	139	165	147	143	Claire	96	127	127	118	117
Gavin	121	124	126	110	142	Alannah	93	96	84	58	44
Alexander	119	102	81	88	66	Lisa	93	93	93	97	88
Rory	116	112	89	90	100	Kelly	92	75	89	91	77

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Boys' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Scott	114	97	85	69	56	Catherine	91	94	80	89	78
Craig	111	185	140	133	120	Eve	91	126	76	50	56
Alan	110	113	134	122	140	Alison	89	82	79	78	93
Callum	110	76	86	71	43	Michelle	86	82	92	118	107
Aidan	109	84	75	87	86	Elizabeth	83	86	83	82	68
Josh	109	70	58	42	33	Fiona	82	72	71	83	78
Anthony	103	115	118	123	99	Robyn	82	100	80	76	53
Killian	100	121	105	100	94	Abby	79	70	27	17	6
Cillian	99	114	111	98	92	Aimee	77	72	40	66	41
Fionn	99	94	90	47	47	Danielle	77	87	63	95	109
Harry	98	115	95	86	42	Abigail	75	77	54	44	35
Kieran	94	85	109	81	81	Kayleigh	75	72	65	84	87
Brandon	92	67	88	89	67	Ruth	75	88	68	86	72
Sam	88	63	54	57	46	Grainne	74	77	85	94	70
Darren	87	110	133	142	139	Olivia	74	84	88	112	43
Kian	86	106	50	14	5	Jodie	73	73	62	42	37
Martin	85	91	104	90	87	Leanne	71	88	63	86	97
Ross	85	106	124	155	171	Maeve	69	74	81	70	53
Colm	83	87	89	117	82	Alice	66	55	64	49	40
Diarmuid	75	67	62	51	39	Isabelle	64	46	32	20	20
Ian	73	65	70	90	90	Alexandra	63	76	50	46	57
Keith	71	81	61	79	88	Jane	63	68	61	66	61
Tadhg	68	64	55	49	38	Alanna	62	56	51	49	52
Leon	67	94	71	75	33	Lara	62	40	44	27	21
Jonathan	66	66	77	57	51	Emer	60	65	74	74	62
Richard	66	78	64	91	68	Courtney	59	60	84	104	105
Brendan	65	59	73	66	60	Victoria	59	48	49	55	38
Owen	65	67	62	65	55	Andrea	58	57	67	69	43
Padraig	65	73	70	98	77	Lily	58	53	28	17	13
Gary	64	50	58	82	69	Siobhan	56	78	64	60	79
Finn	63	55	31	15	19	Zara	56	59	49	38	24
Edward	62	75	65	70	58	Nadine	55	29	41	24	51
Connor	61	49	44	35	69	Rachael	55	66	71	62	65
Tom	61	56	38	30	31	Charlotte	54	55	47	34	29
Eric	59	45	54	55	66	Sara	54	58	38	33	46
Charlie	58	40	36	32	20	Heather	53	43	32	35	39
Oran	55	53	27	43	23	Ailbhe	52	45	37	35	22
Daragh	54	71	64	52	45	Isabel	52	33	31	25	22
Denis	54	39	38	40	29	Michaela	52	74	72	78	85
Dara	51	59	49	35	32	Sadhbh	52	47	41	19	36
Lorcan	51	57	55	50	39	Stephanie	52	53	48	59	53
Seamus	50	43	48	42	45	Eabha	51	26	25	15	10
Steven	50	33	53	47	53	Laoise	50	42	39	33	21
Total in top 100	20,826	21,079	20,169	19,736	17,340		16,942	17,033	16,308	15,928	14,061
Total with first name recorded	28,314	27,710	25,947	24,824	21,786		27,005	26,251	24,550	23,402	20,472
Top 100 as % of total	73.6	76.1	77.7	79.5	79.6		62.7	64.9	66.4	68.1	68.7
Total births registered	31,001	29,753	27,896	27,508	27,580		29,520	28,129	26,343	25,846	25,971

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Boys' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Aaron	12	12	12	8	6	Abbie	51	64	67	79	133
Adam	3	3	4	5	5	Abby	65	77	144	202	327
Aidan	62	73	74	69	65	Abigail	68	66	82	93	106
Alan	60	59	51	53	46	Ailbhe	94	107	114	115	146
Alex	35	45	48	57	59	Aimee	66	74	107	68	88
Alexander	56	65	72	68	75	Aine	39	36	27	32	29
Andrew	41	37	31	28	23	Aisling	27	23	25	25	21
Anthony	64	56	58	52	54	Alanna	80	86	86	87	73
Ben	19	27	30	38	48	Alannah	55	52	53	79	81
Benjamin	53	66	67	75	77	Alexandra	78	68	87	91	67
Brandon	70	83	67	67	74	Alice	76	87	74	87	90
Brendan	84	90	76	84	78	Alison	60	62	62	58	45
Brian	38	39	36	36	35	Amy	6	8	8	11	12
Callum	60	76	69	79	99	Andrea	85	85	72	66	83
Cathal	38	38	35	42	31	Anna	21	26	28	28	33
Charlie	93	114	122	125	142	Aoife	2	2	1	2	4
Christopher	47	42	43	40	41	Ava	26	41	44	60	88
Cian	7	6	6	12	12	Caitlin	38	34	40	41	54
Ciaran	28	25	23	30	24	Caoimhe	20	19	22	22	24
Cillian	66	58	59	61	60	Catherine	58	54	60	51	51
Colm	76	71	65	54	66	Charlotte	91	87	95	119	126
Connor	90	101	106	118	71	Chloe	5	4	5	1	1
Conor	4	4	3	1	1	Ciara	3	5	3	4	2
Cormac	52	59	54	55	61	Claire	54	44	41	39	37
Craig	59	40	49	49	50	Clodagh	45	42	39	38	39
Daniel	6	11	11	9	10	Courtney	83	82	53	44	43
Dara	97	90	100	118	115	Danielle	66	58	76	48	41
Daragh	95	80	82	92	95	Eabha	99	160	152	221	236
Darragh	24	21	29	29	28	Eimear	43	40	33	35	29
Darren	72	62	52	47	47	Elizabeth	62	60	57	57	59
David	9	7	7	7	8	Ella	28	48	65	76	94
Dean	44	35	45	32	29	Ellen	23	24	24	24	26
Denis	95	117	119	113	119	Ellie	46	89	127	166	175
Diarmuid	77	83	84	94	102	Emer	82	80	66	63	63
Dylan	11	8	10	10	7	Emily	19	18	19	14	25
Edward	89	77	81	81	79	Emma	4	3	4	6	5
Eoghan	48	44	47	41	49	Erin	48	47	49	79	65
Eoin	16	18	15	16	20	Eva	50	44	58	60	66
Eric	92	106	94	90	75	Eve	58	46	64	86	68
Ethan	50	51	71	76	83	Fiona	63	74	69	56	51
Evan	29	30	27	34	32	Grace	29	27	32	30	32
Finn	88	95	131	175	147	Grainne	71	66	52	49	56
Fionn	66	68	64	97	91	Hannah	12	15	15	21	18
Gary	87	98	89	72	71	Heather	93	112	127	115	94
Gavin	55	54	54	58	45	Holly	35	49	53	46	75
Harry	68	56	63	70	100	Isabel	94	129	132	146	146
Ian	78	87	78	64	62	Isabelle	77	104	127	177	163
Jack	1	1	1	3	3	Jade	42	30	31	34	35
Jake	30	34	42	51	51	Jane	78	78	79	68	64
James	5	5	5	4	4	Jennifer	34	39	36	33	28
Jamie	23	20	21	22	26	Jessica	17	20	21	23	19
Jason	37	45	39	35	33	Jodie	73	72	78	97	99
John	15	15	14	15	13	Kate	18	22	18	19	22
Jonathan	82	86	73	87	86	Katelyn	52	52	46	82	127
Jordan	42	29	20	20	22	Katie	7	9	12	13	13
Joseph	33	31	33	31	40	Kayleigh	68	74	73	55	48
Josh	62	81	89	107	112	Kelly	57	69	50	50	53

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Boys' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Joshua	19	28	34	44	52	Laoise	100	113	109	124	153
Keith	79	74	86	74	63	Lara	80	117	98	139	153
Kevin	32	36	25	33	25	Laura	16	13	13	12	11
Kian	73	63	99	184	268	Lauren	10	6	8	9	10
Kieran	69	72	60	73	67	Leah	15	12	14	27	27
Killian	65	55	61	59	58	Leanne	74	56	76	52	44
Kyle	36	53	50	60	55	Lily	85	91	142	202	214
Lee	46	47	44	46	42	Lisa	55	55	47	47	47
Leon	81	68	77	77	112	Louise	48	50	53	45	36
Liam	26	24	26	21	30	Lucy	36	35	38	43	46
Lorcan	97	93	92	95	102	Maeve	75	70	59	65	69
Luke	10	9	8	14	15	Maria	53	58	63	71	73
Mark	22	16	18	17	14	Mary	41	37	37	37	34
Martin	74	70	62	64	64	Megan	11	10	10	10	8
Matthew	17	22	24	24	21	Mia	47	72	104	162	236
Michael	8	10	9	6	9	Michaela	94	70	68	58	49
Nathan	27	32	32	26	36	Michelle	61	62	48	39	42
Niall	40	41	38	36	37	Molly	33	31	43	63	87
Oisín	25	23	22	25	37	Nadine	89	143	104	149	75
Oran	94	96	138	105	137	Niamh	8	6	6	5	6
Owen	84	83	84	85	82	Nicole	24	21	20	16	16
Padraig	84	79	78	61	68	Olivia	71	61	51	41	83
Patrick	13	17	16	18	17	Orla	40	38	34	36	31
Paul	45	43	40	39	34	Rachael	89	79	69	71	60
Peter	50	48	53	48	42	Rachel	13	11	11	7	7
Richard	82	75	82	63	73	Rebecca	14	14	7	8	9
Robert	30	33	37	27	27	Robyn	63	51	60	62	69
Ronan	54	50	41	44	42	Roisin	24	25	23	17	20
Rory	57	61	65	64	53	Ruth	68	56	71	52	55
Ross	74	63	56	43	39	Sadhbh	94	103	104	188	103
Ryan	14	18	17	13	16	Saoirse	31	28	30	31	37
Sam	71	89	94	87	92	Sara	91	84	111	124	80
Samuel	43	49	57	55	55	Sarah	1	1	2	3	3
Scott	58	66	70	83	81	Shannon	37	29	26	19	15
Seamus	99	111	101	107	95	Shauna	22	17	16	15	14
Sean	2	2	2	2	2	Sinead	30	33	29	26	23
Shane	21	13	13	11	11	Siobhan	87	65	74	76	50
Stephen	33	26	27	23	17	Sophie	9	16	17	18	17
Steven	99	131	97	97	83	Stephanie	94	91	92	78	69
Tadhg	80	88	92	96	104	Tara	32	32	35	29	39
Thomas	18	14	18	19	17	Victoria	83	100	89	82	97
Tom	90	94	119	127	117	Zara	87	83	89	105	138
William	49	52	46	50	57	Zoe	43	42	42	66	60

**Table 4 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2002, in alphabetical order, numbers registered between 1998 and 2002**

<b>Boys' name</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>Girls' name</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
Aaron	467	459	401	500	449	Abbie	111	81	73	58	26
Adam	798	833	653	588	460	Abby	79	70	27	17	6
Aidan	109	84	75	87	86	Abigail	75	77	54	44	35
Alan	110	113	134	122	140	Ailbhe	52	45	37	35	22
Alex	193	160	150	112	93	Aimee	77	72	40	66	41
Alexander	119	102	81	88	66	Aine	149	156	194	155	140
Andrew	172	218	230	239	245	Aisling	210	248	213	209	212
Anthony	103	115	118	123	99	Alanna	62	56	51	49	52
Ben	345	258	234	196	137	Alannah	93	96	84	58	44
Benjamin	125	97	88	77	65	Alexandra	63	76	50	46	57
Brandon	92	67	88	89	67	Alice	66	55	64	49	40
Brendan	65	59	73	66	60	Alison	89	82	79	78	93
Brian	179	197	204	197	181	Amy	485	447	451	420	353
Callum	110	76	86	71	43	Andrea	58	57	67	69	43
Cathal	179	198	207	162	195	Anna	247	232	193	171	133
Charlie	58	40	36	32	20	Aoife	585	601	633	612	529
Christopher	150	174	159	186	167	Ava	216	137	103	77	41
Cian	536	557	557	420	362	Caitlin	151	160	130	112	74
Ciaran	252	264	286	230	237	Caoimhe	272	274	253	236	184
Cillian	99	114	111	98	92	Catherine	91	94	80	89	78
Colm	83	87	89	117	82	Charlotte	54	55	47	34	29
Connor	61	49	44	35	69	Chloe	516	556	553	615	575
Conor	748	702	700	761	761	Ciara	577	552	608	585	539
Cormac	127	113	126	115	91	Claire	96	127	127	118	117
Craig	111	185	140	133	120	Clodagh	127	129	135	127	114
Daniel	559	475	467	479	428	Courtney	59	60	84	104	105
Dara	51	59	49	35	32	Danielle	77	87	63	95	109
Daragh	54	71	64	52	45	Eabha	51	26	25	15	10
Darragh	310	298	245	237	211	Eimear	133	146	168	148	140
Darren	87	110	133	142	139	Elizabeth	83	86	83	82	68
David	501	549	492	524	439	Ella	204	112	75	60	39
Dean	157	221	157	214	200	Ellen	229	241	217	215	154
Denis	54	39	38	40	29	Ellie	122	54	32	21	18
Diarmuid	75	67	62	51	39	Emer	60	65	74	74	62
Dylan	485	538	477	445	443	Emily	278	287	262	285	178
Edward	62	75	65	70	58	Emma	532	592	594	549	514
Eoghan	144	162	153	181	122	Erin	117	120	91	58	60
Eoin	361	349	368	347	295	Eva	112	127	82	77	59
Eric	59	45	54	55	66	Eve	91	126	76	50	56
Ethan	128	135	83	76	53	Fiona	82	72	71	83	78
Evan	245	248	250	208	188	Grace	191	200	172	166	135
Finn	63	55	31	15	19	Grainne	74	77	85	94	70
Fionn	99	94	90	47	47	Hannah	368	343	299	242	236
Gary	64	50	58	82	69	Heather	53	43	32	35	39
Gavin	121	124	126	110	142	Holly	171	107	84	101	51
Harry	98	115	95	86	42	Isabel	52	33	31	25	22
Ian	73	65	70	90	90	Isabelle	64	46	32	20	20
Jack	868	930	846	743	543	Jade	139	175	175	150	121
Jake	227	224	161	125	110	Jane	63	68	61	66	61
James	581	613	594	629	472	Jennifer	176	147	151	154	145
Jamie	333	342	294	289	224	Jessica	302	262	260	227	233
Jason	183	160	191	201	184	Jodie	73	73	62	42	37
John	362	372	398	369	340	Kate	301	258	263	246	197
Jonathan	66	66	77	57	51	Katelyn	109	96	94	55	28
Jordan	171	249	315	308	270	Katie	418	422	398	378	319
Joseph	201	243	220	219	168	Kayleigh	75	72	65	84	87
Josh	109	70	58	42	33	Kelly	92	75	89	91	77

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Boys' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Joshua	345	257	216	147	108	Laoise	50	42	39	33	21
Keith	71	81	61	79	88	Lara	62	40	44	27	21
Kevin	214	220	264	211	233	Laura	349	361	315	397	357
Kian	86	106	50	14	5	Lauren	402	477	451	452	363
Kieran	94	85	109	81	81	Leah	351	374	302	185	146
Killian	100	121	105	100	94	Leanne	71	88	63	86	97
Kyle	190	126	139	99	96	Lily	58	53	28	17	13
Lee	153	158	158	143	143	Lisa	93	93	93	97	88
Leon	67	94	71	75	33	Louise	117	103	84	103	120
Liam	290	267	257	290	197	Lucy	169	157	136	105	89
Lorcan	51	57	55	50	39	Maeve	69	74	81	70	53
Luke	489	517	488	410	327	Maria	104	87	78	62	52
Mark	336	366	351	345	339	Mary	140	153	140	131	128
Martin	85	91	104	90	87	Megan	387	401	441	434	393
Matthew	351	287	275	259	281	Mia	119	73	41	22	10
Michael	520	483	483	527	438	Michaela	52	74	72	78	85
Nathan	258	242	223	245	178	Michelle	86	82	92	118	107
Niall	175	179	199	197	174	Molly	179	172	105	74	42
Oisín	300	283	287	249	174	Nadine	55	29	41	24	51
Oran	55	53	27	43	23	Niamh	407	477	519	571	492
Owen	65	67	62	65	55	Nicole	228	259	261	266	245
Padraig	65	73	70	98	77	Olivia	74	84	88	112	43
Patrick	366	365	362	343	306	Orla	141	149	167	144	138
Paul	154	165	182	189	183	Rachael	55	66	71	62	65
Peter	128	151	131	140	143	Rachel	364	400	428	488	444
Richard	66	78	64	91	68	Rebecca	361	350	485	455	388
Robert	227	240	200	240	214	Robyn	82	100	80	76	53
Ronan	122	139	165	147	143	Roisin	228	239	245	254	213
Rory	116	112	89	90	100	Ruth	75	88	68	86	72
Ross	85	106	124	155	171	Sadhbh	52	47	41	19	36
Ryan	365	349	356	418	326	Saoirse	181	192	176	160	117
Sam	88	63	54	57	46	Sara	54	58	38	33	46
Samuel	166	146	119	115	96	Sarah	655	650	626	595	537
Scott	114	97	85	69	56	Shannon	166	191	198	246	255
Seamus	50	43	48	42	45	Shauna	232	299	288	270	267
Sean	866	867	816	760	662	Sinead	182	162	180	196	195
Shane	343	385	400	444	415	Siobhan	56	78	64	60	79
Stephen	201	263	250	285	306	Sophie	404	303	266	252	242
Steven	50	33	53	47	53	Stephanie	52	53	48	59	53
Tadhg	68	64	55	49	38	Tara	180	168	153	167	114
Thomas	349	377	351	332	306	Victoria	59	48	49	55	38
Tom	61	56	38	30	31	Zara	56	59	49	38	24
William	139	130	156	130	95	Zoe	133	129	115	69	65
Total in top 100	20,826	21,079	20,169	19,736	17,340		16,942	17,033	16,308	15,928	14,061
Total with first name recorded	28,314	27,710	25,947	24,824	21,786		27,005	26,251	24,550	23,402	20,472
Top 100 as % of total	73.6	76.1	77.7	79.5	79.6		62.7	64.9	66.4	68.1	68.7
Total births registered	31,001	29,753	27,896	27,508	27,580		29,520	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	%
2002	Border	Conor	2.76	Ciara	2.86
	Midland	Adam	3.35	Ciara	3.27
	West	Jack	2.71	Sarah	3.08
	Dublin	Sean	3.56	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	
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 91% of birth notifications in 2002 included the baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO. This compares with 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 655 girls named Sarah, another 54 girls had the alternate spelling Sara.
- Variants of names and abbreviations have also been treated as separate names. For example, Jack, Sean and John account between them for 2,096 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank first, second 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. Pádraig was recorded as Padraig.
- Ranking** Names of equal rank have been placed in alphabetical order in Table 1.