

Did you know in 2007:

- there were 24,972 births registered in Northern Ireland
- there were 12,797 baby boys and 12,175 baby girls registered
- the top boy's names were **Jack** (1st), **James** (2nd) and **Matthew** (3rd)
- the top girl's names were **Katie** (1st), **Grace** (2nd) and **Sophie** (3rd)
- there were 1,433 different boy's names and 2,039 different girl's names registered
- only James remains in the top 10 boys' list from 1975
- none of the top 10 girls' names were in the 1975 top 10 list

Table 1 Most popular boy's names, 1975 to 2007

Rank	1975	1985	1995	2005	2006	2007
1	David	David	Ryan	Jack	Jack	Jack
2	Paul	Christopher	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	James
3	John	Stephen	James	Adam	Ryan	Matthew
4	Mark	Mark	Conor	James	James	Daniel
5	Stephen	John	Michael	Daniel	Daniel	Ryan
6	Michael	Paul	Andrew	Ryan	Adam	Adam
7	William	Michael	Christopher	Joshua	Joshua	Joshua
8	James	Andrew	Daniel	Jamie	Callum	Thomas
9	Jonathan	James	Mark	Ben	Ben	Dylan
10	Robert	Jonathan	Jordan	Conor	Ethan	Ben

Table 2 Most popular girl's names, 1975 to 2007

Rank	1975	1985	1995	2005	2006	2007
1	Joanne	Laura	Shannon	Katie	Katie	Katie
2	Karen	Emma	Lauren	Emma	Grace	Grace
3	Catherine	Claire	Emma	Ellie	Sophie	Sophie
4	Julie	Sarah	Sarah	Sophie	Emma	Lucy
5	Sharon	Catherine	Rebecca	Niamh	Ellie	Emma
6	Mary	Michelle	Hannah	Hannah	Lucy	Ellie
7	Claire	Nicola	Rachel	Amy	Sarah	Sarah
8	Lisa	Lisa	Amy	Sarah	Hannah	Hannah
9	Michelle	Jennifer	Laura	Anna	Jessica	Erin
10	Nicola	Danielle	Megan	Leah	Erin	Anna

Analysis is based on first names recorded on birth registrations with only the first name used. Different spellings of a name have been treated as separate names, e.g. Conor and Connor. Names containing accents have been analysed without those accents, e.g. Séan was analysed as Sean.

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Table 3 Most popular 100 boy's names in 2007, listed with count and rank in 2006 and 2007 and change in position

Name		2006 Count	2006 Rank	2007 Count	2007 Rank
Jack	(=)	312	1	311	1
James	(↑)	256	4	280	2
Matthew	(↓)	280	2	268	3
Daniel	(↑)	225	5	259	4
Ryan	(↓)	269	3	255	5
Adam	(=)	216	6	194	6
Joshua	(=)	207	7	185	7
Thomas	(↑)	165	13	185	7
Dylan	(↑)	164	15	178	9
Ben	(↓)	192	9	171	10
Ethan	(↓)	184	10	170	11
Conor	(=)	169	12	167	12
Charlie	(↑)	116	20	149	13
Aaron	(↑)	131	18	148	14
Callum	(↓)	198	8	146	15
Jamie	(↓)	170	11	146	15
Sean	(↓)	153	16	142	17
Michael	(↓)	137	17	141	18
Harry	(↑)	111	22	139	19
Luke	(↓)	165	13	139	19
Lewis	(↑)	104	23	116	21
Jake	(↓)	125	19	114	22
Oisín	(↑)	95	29	114	22
Nathan	(↑)	102	26	108	24
Shea	(↑)	99	27	105	25
Samuel	(↑)	80	36	102	26
Joseph	(↑)	93	30	101	27
Oliver	(↑)	60	53	96	28
David	(↓)	97	28	93	29
Eoin	(↓)	103	24	90	30
Patrick	(↓)	103	24	90	30
William	(↓)	92	33	89	32
Andrew	(↓)	93	30	86	33
John	(↓)	93	30	86	33
Darragh	(↑)	62	50	85	35
Kyle	(↑)	58	54	81	36
Corey	(=)	78	37	80	37
Jay	(↑)	62	50	77	38
Ronan	(↑)	74	40	77	38
Alexander	(↑)	50	67	75	40
Reece	(↓)	77	38	73	41
Cameron	(=)	73	42	72	42
Robert	(↑)	43	74	72	42
Odhrán	(↓)	76	39	71	44
Calum	(↓)	115	21	69	45
Rhys	(↓)	74	40	69	45
Alex	(↑)	51	65	68	47
Mark	(↓)	69	46	67	48
Rory	(↓)	81	35	67	48
Caolan	(↓)	66	48	64	50

Name		2006 Count	2006 Rank	2007 Count	2007 Rank
Jude	(↑)	54	59	64	50
Joel	(↓)	62	50	63	52
Ciarán	(↑)	54	59	62	53
Noah	(↓)	67	47	62	53
Tiernan	(↑)	55	56	61	55
Aidan	(=)	55	56	57	56
Benjamin	(↓)	92	33	57	56
Sam	(↓)	70	45	57	56
Liam	(↑)	50	67	56	59
Cormac	(↑)	51	65	55	60
Niall	(↑)	52	63	55	60
Finn	(↑)	34	87	53	62
Christopher	(↓)	73	42	52	63
Jacob	(↓)	53	61	51	64
Tyler	(↑)	43	74	50	65
Ross	(↑)	35	85	49	66
Ruairi	(↑)	44	73	49	66
Shane	(↓)	53	61	48	68
Peter	(↓)	72	44	47	69
Caleb	(↑)	40	78	46	70
Owen	(↓)	56	55	46	70
Reuben	(↑)	34	87	46	70
Jonathan	(↓)	52	63	45	73
Connor	(↓)	50	67	43	74
Dara	(↑)	27	104	43	74
Josh	(=)	42	76	42	76
Stephen	(↑)	38	81	42	76
Tom	(↑)	38	81	42	76
Carter	(↓)	55	56	40	79
Cillian	(↑)	25	110	40	79
Zach	(↑)	16	145	40	79
Harvey	(↓)	40	78	39	82
Lee	(↑)	37	83	39	82
Max	(↓)	49	70	39	82
Scott	(↓)	64	49	39	82
Taylor	(↑)	32	90	39	82
Isaac	(↑)	27	104	38	87
Lorcan	(↓)	39	80	37	88
Alfie	(↑)	21	124	36	89
Ashton	(↑)	23	116	36	89
Cody	(↑)	19	131	36	89
Leo	(↑)	31	93	36	89
Lucas	(↑)	24	113	36	89
Paul	(↓)	45	71	36	89
Daire	(↑)	28	100	35	95
Oran	(↓)	45	71	35	95
Fionn	(↓)	31	93	34	97
Logan	(↓)	37	83	34	97
Charles	(↑)	28	100	33	99
Eoghan	(↓)	35	85	33	99

Table 4 Top 5 boy's names by Health Board, 2007

Eastern Board		
Name	Count	Rank
Jack	110	1
Daniel	102	2
Matthew	101	3
James	97	4
Ryan	85	5

Northern Board		
Name	Count	Rank
Jack	80	1
Daniel	69	2
Matthew	66	3
James	64	4
Ryan	59	5

Southern Board		
Name	Count	Rank
Jack	75	1
James	75	1
Daniel	65	3
Ryan	62	4
Matthew	61	5

Western Board		
Name	Count	Rank
Ryan	49	1
Jack	46	2
James	44	3
Matthew	40	4
Adam	37	5
Dylan	37	5

Table 5 Most popular 100 girl's names in 2007, listed with count and rank in 2006 and 2007 and change in position

Name		2006 Count	2006 Rank	2007 Count	2007 Rank
Katie	(=)	297	1	281	1
Grace	(=)	231	2	234	2
Sophie	(=)	221	3	208	3
Lucy	(↑)	193	6	202	4
Emma	(↓)	213	4	195	5
Ellie	(↓)	194	5	189	6
Sarah	(=)	171	7	184	7
Hannah	(=)	169	8	176	8
Erin	(↑)	159	10	172	9
Anna	(↑)	130	20	165	10
Emily	(↑)	139	17	161	11
Chloe	(↓)	158	11	159	12
Amy	(↑)	143	14	153	13
Jessica	(↓)	164	9	153	13
Caitlin	(↓)	149	13	137	15
Eva	(↑)	80	31	134	16
Aoife	(↓)	143	14	133	17
Molly	(↑)	117	21	132	18
Cara	(↑)	100	24	131	19
Rebecca	(↓)	135	18	131	19
Niamh	(↓)	151	12	129	21
Ella	(↑)	96	25	124	22
Aimee	(↓)	131	19	123	23
Leah	(↓)	142	16	114	24
Olivia	(↓)	101	23	111	25
Rachel	(↑)	89	27	103	26
Mia	(↓)	95	26	101	27
Ruby	(↑)	54	45	98	28
Megan	(↓)	115	22	87	29
Holly	(↓)	85	29	86	30
Caoimhe	(↑)	74	32	83	31
Eimear	(↑)	70	33	76	32
Zara	(↑)	67	34	76	32
Abigail	(↑)	57	41	75	34
Lauren	(↓)	87	28	75	34
Lily	(↑)	38	52	75	34
Charlotte	(↑)	52	48	72	37
Eve	(↓)	60	36	70	38
Abbie	(↓)	81	30	69	39
Shannon	(↓)	58	38	68	40
Nicole	(↓)	58	38	66	41
Brooke	(↑)	34	59	64	42
Ciara	(↓)	67	34	64	42
Madison	(↓)	59	37	64	42
Zoe	(↓)	55	43	58	45
Ava	(↑)	27	81	56	46
Ellen	(↓)	54	45	56	46
Laura	(↓)	55	43	56	46
Aine	(↑)	36	54	55	49
Sophia	(↑)	34	59	53	50
Evie	(↑)	36	54	46	51

Name		2006 Count	2006 Rank	2007 Count	2007 Rank
Clodagh	(↑)	31	70	44	52
Beth	(↓)	54	45	43	53
Jodie	(↑)	33	61	42	54
Maria	(↑)	29	79	42	54
Georgia	(↑)	33	61	41	56
Catherine	(↓)	57	41	39	57
Faith	(↑)	32	68	39	57
Kate	(↓)	44	49	39	57
Rhianna	(↓)	58	38	39	57
Casey	(↑)	21	98	38	61
Alex	(↓)	33	61	36	62
Cora	(↓)	37	53	36	62
Isabella	(↑)	22	93	35	64
Lara	(↓)	33	61	35	64
Mya	(↑)	25	86	35	64
Naomi	(↑)	31	70	34	67
Annie	(↓)	33	61	33	68
Bethany	(↓)	41	50	33	68
Orla	(↓)	35	56	32	70
Mollie	(↑)	27	81	31	71
Orlaith	(↓)	33	61	30	72
Rebekah	(↑)	24	88	30	72
Clara	(↓)	31	70	29	74
Alexandra	(↑)	28	80	28	75
Hollie	(↓)	33	61	28	75
Rihanna	(↑)	16	130	27	77
Saoirse	(↑)	26	84	27	77
Cassie	(↑)	14	145	26	79
Paige	(↓)	31	70	26	79
Poppy	(↑)	27	81	26	79
Rachael	(↑)	24	88	26	79
Daisy	(↑)	13	154	25	83
Alisha	(↓)	31	70	24	84
Amber	(↓)	31	70	24	84
Amelia	(↑)	18	114	24	84
Aoibheann	(↑)	20	101	24	84
Courtney	(↓)	40	51	24	84
Kayla	(↓)	30	77	24	84
Natasha	(↑)	25	86	24	84
Alanna	(↑)	15	137	23	91
Alicia	(↓)	30	77	23	91
Faye	(↑)	17	121	23	91
Leona	(↑)	6	265	23	91
Phoebe	(↑)	17	121	23	91
Robyn	(↑)	17	121	23	91
Jenna	(↓)	22	93	22	97
Julia	(↑)	14	145	22	97
Louise	(↓)	24	88	22	97
Meabh	(↑)	21	98	22	97
Sara	(↑)	10	184	22	97
Sienna	(↑)	20	101	22	97

Table 6 Top 5 girl's names by Health Board, 2007

Eastern Board		
Name	Count	Rank
Katie	118	1
Sophie	84	2
Lucy	78	3
Grace	73	4
Emma	71	5

Northern Board		
Name	Count	Rank
Katie	66	1
Grace	62	2
Sarah	55	3
Ellie	53	4
Anna	51	5
Erin	51	5

Southern Board		
Name	Count	Rank
Katie	68	1
Grace	60	2
Ellie	58	3
Lucy	55	4
Sophie	50	5

Western Board		
Name	Count	Rank
Grace	39	1
Cara	37	2
Sarah	36	3
Aoife	35	4
Emma	35	4

Table 7 Most popular 100 boy's and girl's names in 2007 listed with 2006 and 2007 rank in alphabetical order

BOY'S NAMES					
Name	2006 Rank	2007 Rank	Name	2006 Rank	2007 Rank
Aaron	18	14	Josh	76	76
Adam	6	6	Joshua	7	7
Aidan	56	56	Jude	59	50
Alex	65	47	Kyle	54	36
Alexander	67	40	Lee	83	82
Alfie	124	89	Leo	93	89
Andrew	30	33	Lewis	23	21
Ashton	116	89	Liam	67	59
Ben	9	10	Logan	83	97
Benjamin	33	56	Lorcan	80	88
Caleb	78	70	Lucas	113	89
Callum	8	15	Luke	13	19
Calum	21	45	Mark	46	48
Cameron	42	42	Matthew	2	3
Caolan	48	50	Max	70	82
Carter	56	79	Michael	17	18
Charles	100	99	Nathan	26	24
Charlie	20	13	Niall	63	60
Christopher	42	63	Noah	47	53
Ciaran	59	53	Odhran	39	44
Cillian	110	79	Oisin	29	22
Cody	131	89	Oliver	53	28
Connor	67	74	Oran	71	95
Conor	12	12	Owen	55	70
Corey	37	37	Patrick	24	30
Cormac	65	60	Paul	71	89
Daire	100	95	Peter	44	69
Daniel	5	4	Reece	38	41
Dara	104	74	Reuben	87	70
Darragh	50	35	Rhys	40	45
David	28	29	Robert	74	42
Dylan	15	9	Ronan	40	38
Eoghan	85	99	Rory	35	48
Eoin	24	30	Ross	85	66
Ethan	10	11	Ruairi	73	66
Finn	87	62	Ryan	3	5
Fionn	93	97	Sam	45	56
Harry	22	19	Samuel	36	26
Harvey	78	82	Scott	49	82
Isaac	104	87	Sean	16	17
Jack	1	1	Shane	61	68
Jacob	61	64	Shea	27	25
Jake	19	22	Stephen	81	76
James	4	2	Taylor	90	82
Jamie	11	15	Thomas	13	7
Jay	50	38	Tiernan	56	55
Joel	50	52	Tom	81	76
John	30	33	Tyler	74	65
Jonathan	63	73	William	33	32
Joseph	30	27	Zach	145	79

GIRL'S NAMES					
Name	2006 Rank	2007 Rank	Name	2006 Rank	2007 Rank
Abbie	30	39	Isabella	93	64
Abigail	41	34	Jenna	93	97
Aimee	19	23	Jessica	9	13
Aine	54	49	Jodie	61	54
Alanna	137	91	Julia	145	97
Alex	61	62	Kate	49	57
Alexandra	80	75	Katie	1	1
Alicia	77	91	Kayla	77	84
Alisha	70	84	Lara	61	64
Amber	70	84	Laura	43	46
Amelia	114	84	Lauren	28	34
Amy	14	13	Leah	16	24
Anna	20	10	Leona	265	91
Annie	61	68	Lily	52	34
Aoibheann	101	84	Louise	88	97
Aoife	14	17	Lucy	6	4
Ava	81	46	Madison	37	42
Beth	45	53	Maria	79	54
Bethany	50	68	Meabh	98	97
Brooke	59	42	Megan	22	29
Caitlin	13	15	Mia	26	27
Caoimhe	32	31	Mollie	81	71
Cara	24	19	Molly	21	18
Casey	98	61	Mya	86	64
Cassie	145	79	Naomi	70	67
Catherine	41	57	Natasha	86	84
Charlotte	48	37	Niamh	12	21
Chloe	11	12	Nicole	38	41
Ciara	34	42	Olivia	23	25
Clara	70	74	Orla	56	70
Clodagh	70	52	Orlaith	61	72
Cora	53	62	Paige	70	79
Courtney	51	84	Phoebe	121	91
Daisy	154	83	Poppy	81	79
Eimear	33	32	Rachael	88	79
Ella	25	22	Rachel	27	26
Ellen	45	46	Rebecca	18	19
Ellie	5	6	Rebekah	88	72
Emily	17	11	Rhianna	38	57
Emma	4	5	Rihanna	130	77
Erin	10	9	Robyn	121	91
Eva	31	16	Ruby	45	28
Eve	36	38	Saoirse	84	77
Evie	54	51	Sara	184	97
Faith	68	57	Sarah	7	7
Faye	121	91	Shannon	38	40
Georgia	61	56	Sienna	101	97
Grace	2	2	Sophia	59	50
Hannah	8	8	Sophie	3	3
Hollie	61	75	Zara	34	32
Holly	29	30	Zoe	43	45

- the highest climbing boy's names were **Zach** (up 66 places to 79), **Cody** (up 42 places to 89) and **Alfie** (up 35 places to 89)
- the highest climbing girl's names were **Leona** (up 174 places to 91), **Sara** (up 87 places to 97) and **Daisy** (up 71 places to 83)