

Did you know in 2009:

- there were 25,487 births registered in Northern Ireland
- there were 13,090 baby boys and 12,397 baby girls registered
- the top boy's names were **Jack** (1st), **Matthew** (2nd) and **Daniel** (3rd)
- the top girl's names were **Katie** (1st), **Sophie** (2nd) and **Grace** (3rd)
- there were 1,473 different boy's names and 2,052 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 2009

Rank	1975	1985	1995	2005	2008	2009
1	David	David	Ryan	Jack	Jack	Jack
2	Paul	Christopher	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew
3	John	Stephen	James	Adam	Daniel	Daniel
4	Mark	Mark	Conor	James	Ryan	James
5	Stephen	John	Michael	Daniel	James	Ryan
6	Michael	Paul	Andrew	Ryan	Joshua	Adam
7	William	Michael	Christopher	Joshua	Conor	Charlie
8	James	Andrew	Daniel	Jamie	Dylan	Ethan
9	Jonathan	James	Mark	Ben	Thomas	Thomas
10	Robert	Jonathan	Jordan	Conor	Charlie / Ethan	Jamie

Table 2 Most popular girl's names, 1975 to 2009

Rank	1975	1985	1995	2005	2008	2009
1	Joanne	Laura	Shannon	Katie	Katie	Katie
2	Karen	Emma	Lauren	Emma	Sophie	Sophie
3	Catherine	Claire	Emma	Ellie	Grace	Grace
4	Julie	Sarah	Sarah	Sophie	Jessica	Lucy
5	Sharon	Catherine	Rebecca	Niamh	Emma	Erin
6	Mary	Michelle	Hannah	Hannah	Lucy	Emma
7	Claire	Nicola	Rachel	Amy	Emily	Emily
8	Lisa	Lisa	Amy	Sarah	Chloe	Eva
9	Michelle	Jennifer	Laura	Anna	Eva	Anna
10	Nicola	Danielle	Megan	Leah	Hannah	Chloe

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 2009, listed with count and rank in 2008 and 2009 and change in position

Name		2008 Count	2008 Rank	2009 Count	2009 Rank	Name		2008 Count	2008 Rank	2009 Count	2009 Rank
Jack	(=)	342	1	349	1	Jacob	(↓)	69	45	63	51
Matthew	(=)	290	2	290	2	Max	(↑)	56	68	63	51
Daniel	(=)	270	3	268	3	Andrew	(↑)	45	80	62	54
James	(↑)	260	5	266	4	Joel	(=)	63	54	62	54
Ryan	(↓)	264	4	245	5	Tyler	(↑)	57	63	62	54
Adam	(↑)	175	12	200	6	Aidan	(↑)	57	63	61	57
Charlie	(↑)	176	10	178	7	Finn	(↑)	57	63	61	57
Ethan	(↑)	176	10	178	7	Josh	(↑)	53	74	60	59
Thomas	(↓)	181	8	174	9	Christopher	(↓)	68	46	57	60
Jamie	(↑)	172	13	163	10	Aodhan	(↑)	28	110	56	61
Dylan	(↓)	181	8	162	11	Ciaran	(↓)	62	58	55	62
Harry	(↑)	143	16	162	11	Isaac	(↑)	54	71	55	62
Conor	(↓)	186	7	161	13	Kyle	(↓)	66	49	54	64
Aaron	(=)	154	14	142	14	Odhran	(↓)	78	38	54	64
Callum	(↑)	140	18	138	15	Riley	(↑)	43	83	52	66
Joshua	(↓)	195	6	135	16	Reuben	(↑)	49	77	51	67
Oliver	(↑)	137	21	135	16	Cormac	(↓)	60	59	50	68
Sean	(↓)	143	16	131	18	Logan	(↑)	39	86	49	69
Ben	(↓)	152	15	125	19	Sam	(↓)	63	54	49	69
Luke	(↓)	140	18	118	20	Carter	(↑)	53	74	47	71
Jake	(=)	137	21	116	21	Peter	(↓)	56	68	46	72
Michael	(↑)	115	24	116	21	Ruairi	(↑)	43	83	46	72
Lucas	(↑)	63	54	114	23	Caolan	(↓)	64	52	45	74
Eoin	(↑)	102	28	112	24	Mark	(↓)	60	59	45	74
Nathan	(↑)	107	26	108	25	Shane	(↓)	55	70	44	76
Shea	(↑)	103	27	108	25	Tiernan	(↓)	64	52	44	76
Lewis	(↓)	139	20	107	27	Fionn	(↑)	39	86	42	78
Oisin	(↓)	121	23	102	28	Leo	(↑)	38	89	42	78
Patrick	(=)	102	28	102	28	Reece	(↓)	74	43	42	78
Noah	(↑)	75	42	101	30	Ross	(↑)	44	81	42	78
Alex	(↑)	91	32	97	31	Connor	(↓)	53	74	41	82
John	(↑)	86	35	91	32	Cillian	(↑)	34	98	40	83
Jay	(↑)	90	34	88	33	Niall	(↓)	58	62	39	84
Rhys	(↓)	112	25	88	33	Owen	(↓)	57	63	39	84
Samuel	(↑)	82	37	87	35	Dara	(=)	39	86	38	86
Ronan	(↓)	91	32	86	36	Stephen	(↑)	36	93	38	86
Liam	(↓)	86	35	80	37	Oran	(↓)	43	83	37	88
Jayden	(↑)	57	63	79	38	Cody	(↑)	32	101	36	89
Joseph	(↓)	93	31	79	38	Scott	(↓)	48	78	36	89
William	(↓)	97	30	75	40	Leon	(↑)	28	110	35	91
Alexander	(=)	77	41	74	41	Oscar	(↑)	25	118	35	91
Darragh	(↓)	78	38	72	42	Evan	(↑)	31	105	34	93
Rory	(↑)	59	61	71	43	Lorcan	(↑)	35	97	34	93
David	(↑)	67	48	70	44	Mason	(↑)	34	98	34	93
Corey	(↑)	66	49	69	45	Shay	(↑)	26	116	34	93
Alfie	(↑)	65	51	68	46	Tom	(↓)	38	89	34	93
Jude	(↓)	78	38	68	46	Charles	(↑)	19	144	33	98
Eoghan	(↓)	68	46	65	48	Robert	(↓)	54	71	33	98
Benjamin	(↓)	70	44	64	49	Cian	(↑)	32	101	32	100
Cameron	(↑)	54	71	64	49	Kevin	(↑)	32	101	32	100
Caleb	(↑)	63	54	63	51						

Table 4 Top 5 boy's names by Health & Social Care Trust, 2009

Belfast HSCT		Northern HSCT		South Eastern HSCT		Southern HSCT		Western HSCT	
Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count
Daniel	58	Jack	73	Jack	69	Jack	97	Jack	60
Matthew	53	Daniel	72	James	57	James	73	Matthew	59
Jack	50	Matthew	67	Daniel (=)	51	Ryan	69	Adam	43
James	38	Ryan	58	Matthew (=)	51	Matthew	60	James	42
Dylan	36	James	56	Ryan	47	Daniel	59	Ryan	40

Table 5 Most popular 100 girl's names in 2009, listed with count and rank in 2008 and 2009 and change in position

Name		2008 Count	2008 Rank	2009 Count	2009 Rank	Name		2008 Count	2008 Rank	2009 Count	2009 Rank
Katie	(=)	281	1	254	1	Eve	(↓)	56	43	47	52
Sophie	(=)	221	2	253	2	Amber	(↑)	24	101	46	54
Grace	(=)	217	3	239	3	Kayla	(↑)	39	58	46	54
Lucy	(↑)	198	6	201	4	Hollie	(↓)	42	54	45	56
Erin	(↑)	166	11	186	5	Orlaith	(↓)	42	54	45	56
Emma	(↓)	205	5	178	6	Amelia	(↑)	37	61	41	58
Emily	(=)	192	7	171	7	Cora	(↑)	32	75	40	59
Eva	(↑)	178	9	169	8	Beth	(↓)	53	45	39	60
Anna	(↑)	158	14	165	9	Laura	(↓)	45	53	39	60
Chloe	(↓)	179	8	164	10	Poppy	(↑)	25	96	39	60
Jessica	(↓)	206	4	157	11	Scarlett	(↑)	16	138	39	60
Aoife	(↑)	154	15	152	12	Zoe	(↓)	60	41	39	60
Ellie	(=)	162	13	151	13	Alexandra	(↓)	37	61	37	65
Hannah	(↓)	172	10	151	13	Isla	(↑)	26	95	37	65
Sarah	(↓)	163	12	144	15	Aine	(↑)	35	68	35	67
Amy	(↑)	122	22	141	16	Kate	(↑)	30	78	35	67
Olivia	(↑)	123	21	139	17	Naomi	(↑)	29	84	35	67
Ella	(↑)	125	20	132	18	Bethany	(↓)	37	61	34	70
Niamh	(↓)	144	16	129	19	Freya	(↑)	23	106	34	70
Aimee	(↑)	105	30	124	20	Paige	(↓)	34	69	34	70
Mia	(↓)	126	19	124	20	Orla	(↓)	36	65	33	73
Ruby	(↑)	108	27	123	22	Summer	(↓)	36	65	33	73
Cara	(↑)	109	25	118	23	Victoria	(↓)	34	69	33	73
Ava	(=)	111	24	115	24	Casey	(↑)	29	84	32	76
Leah	(↓)	138	17	113	25	Jasmine	(↑)	28	88	32	76
Holly	(↑)	84	33	108	26	Mollie	(↓)	38	60	32	76
Molly	(↓)	117	23	108	26	Phoebe	(↓)	40	56	32	76
Lily	(↑)	84	33	107	28	Alice	(↑)	22	110	31	80
Caitlin	(↓)	136	18	105	29	Julia	(↓)	34	69	30	81
Megan	(↓)	108	27	98	30	Shannon	(↓)	39	58	30	81
Rebecca	(↓)	109	25	94	31	Clara	(↓)	34	69	29	83
Lauren	(↓)	108	27	81	32	Connie	(↑)	29	84	29	83
Rachel	(=)	84	33	80	33	Faye	(↑)	10	198	29	83
Abigail	(↓)	86	31	77	34	Heidi	(↑)	20	121	28	86
Charlotte	(↑)	71	38	77	34	Kayleigh	(↑)	27	91	28	86
Caoimhe	(↓)	86	31	72	36	Lexi	(↑)	11	185	28	86
Zara	(↑)	66	40	71	37	Sara	(↓)	33	73	28	86
Evie	(↑)	53	45	69	38	Aoibheann	(↓)	30	78	27	90
Nicole	(=)	69	39	67	39	Daisy	(↑)	15	148	27	90
Sophia	(↑)	53	45	67	39	Darcy	(↑)	25	96	27	90
Brooke	(↓)	82	36	61	41	Tara	(↑)	23	106	27	90
Isabella	(↑)	50	48	60	42	Alex	(↓)	30	78	26	94
Eimear	(↑)	50	48	56	43	Cassie	(↓)	28	88	26	94
Mya	(↑)	47	51	55	44	Elizabeth	(↑)	24	101	26	94
Abbie	(↓)	78	37	54	45	Taylor	(↑)	17	131	26	94
Faith	(↑)	40	56	54	45	Clíodhna	(↓)	27	91	25	98
Ellen	(↓)	54	44	52	47	Alana	(↑)	20	121	24	99
Ciara	(↓)	60	41	51	48	Courtney	(↓)	25	96	24	99
Clodagh	(↑)	47	51	48	49	Jodie	(↓)	31	77	24	99
Madison	(↑)	49	50	48	49	Kara	(↑)	15	148	24	99
Maria	(↑)	36	65	48	49	Miley	(↑)	4	370	24	99
Annie	(↑)	37	61	47	52						

Table 6 Top 5 girl's names by Health & Social Care Trust, 2009

Belfast HSCT		Northern HSCT		South Eastern HSCT		Southern HSCT		Western HSCT	
Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count
Sophie	55	Lucy	61	Sophie	59	Grace	63	Emma (=)	41
Grace (=)	46	Grace (=)	55	Katie	51	Katie	62	Katie (=)	41
Katie (=)	46	Sophie (=)	55	Erin	43	Anna (=)	49	Aoife (=)	39
Eva	35	Katie	54	Lucy	42	Emily (=)	49	Grace (=)	39
Lucy	34	Hannah	45	Grace (=)	36	Sophie	48	Sophie	36
				Jessica (=)	36				

Table 7 Most popular 100 boy's and girl's names in 2009 listed with 2008 and 2009 rank in alphabetical order

BOYS' NAMES					
Name	2008 Rank	2009 Rank	Name	2008 Rank	2009 Rank
Aaron	14	14	Jude	38	46
Adam	12	6	Kevin	101	100
Aidan	63	57	Kyle	49	64
Alex	32	31	Leo	89	78
Alexander	41	41	Leon	110	91
Alfie	51	46	Lewis	20	27
Andrew	80	54	Liam	35	37
Aodhan	110	61	Logan	86	69
Ben	15	19	Lorcan	97	93
Benjamin	44	49	Lucas	54	23
Caleb	54	51	Luke	18	20
Callum	18	15	Mark	59	74
Cameron	71	49	Mason	98	93
Caolan	52	74	Matthew	2	2
Carter	74	71	Max	68	51
Charles	144	98	Michael	24	21
Charlie	10	7	Nathan	26	25
Christopher	46	60	Niall	62	84
Cian	101	100	Noah	42	30
Ciaran	58	62	Odhran	38	64
Cillian	98	83	Oisin	23	28
Cody	101	89	Oliver	21	16
Connor	74	82	Oran	83	88
Conor	7	13	Oscar	118	91
Corey	49	45	Owen	63	84
Cormac	59	68	Patrick	28	28
Daniel	3	3	Peter	68	72
Dara	86	86	Reece	43	78
Darragh	38	42	Reuben	77	67
David	48	44	Rhys	25	33
Dylan	8	11	Riley	83	66
Eoghan	46	48	Robert	71	98
Eoin	28	24	Ronan	32	36
Ethan	10	7	Rory	61	43
Evan	105	93	Ross	81	78
Finn	63	57	Ruairi	83	72
Fionn	86	78	Ryan	4	5
Harry	16	11	Sam	54	69
Isaac	71	62	Samuel	37	35
Jack	1	1	Scott	78	89
Jacob	45	51	Sean	16	18
Jake	21	21	Shane	70	76
James	5	4	Shay	116	93
Jamie	13	10	Shea	27	25
Jay	34	33	Stephen	93	86
Jayden	63	38	Thomas	8	9
Joel	54	54	Tiernan	52	76
John	35	32	Tom	89	93
Joseph	31	38	Tyler	63	54
Josh	74	59	William	30	40
Joshua	6	16			

GIRL'S NAMES					
Name	2008 Rank	2009 Rank	Name	2008 Rank	2009 Rank
Abbie	37	45	Hollie	54	56
Abigail	31	34	Holly	33	26
Aimee	30	20	Isabella	48	42
Aine	68	67	Isla	95	65
Alana	121	99	Jasmine	88	76
Alex	78	94	Jessica	4	11
Alexandra	61	65	Jodie	77	99
Alice	110	80	Julia	69	81
Amber	101	54	Kara	148	99
Amelia	61	58	Kate	78	67
Amy	22	16	Katie	1	1
Anna	14	9	Kayla	58	54
Annie	61	52	Kayleigh	91	86
Aoibheann	78	90	Laura	53	60
Aoife	15	12	Lauren	27	32
Ava	24	24	Leah	17	25
Beth	45	60	Lexi	185	86
Bethany	61	70	Lily	33	28
Brooke	36	41	Lucy	6	4
Caitlin	18	29	Madison	50	49
Caoimhe	31	36	Maria	65	49
Cara	25	23	Megan	27	30
Casey	84	76	Mia	19	20
Cassie	88	94	Miley	370	99
Charlotte	38	34	Mollie	60	76
Chloe	8	10	Molly	23	26
Ciara	41	48	Mya	51	44
Clara	69	83	Naomi	84	67
Cliodhna	91	98	Niamh	16	19
Clodagh	51	49	Nicole	39	39
Connie	84	83	Olivia	21	17
Cora	75	59	Orla	65	73
Courtney	96	99	Orlaith	54	56
Daisy	148	90	Paige	69	70
Darcy	96	90	Phoebe	56	76
Eimear	48	43	Poppy	96	60
Elizabeth	101	94	Rachel	33	33
Ella	20	18	Rebecca	25	31
Ellen	44	47	Ruby	27	22
Ellie	13	13	Sara	73	86
Emily	7	7	Sarah	12	15
Emma	5	6	Scarlett	138	60
Erin	11	5	Shannon	58	81
Eva	9	8	Sophia	45	39
Eve	43	52	Sophie	2	2
Evie	45	38	Summer	65	73
Faith	56	45	Tara	106	90
Faye	198	83	Taylor	131	94
Freya	106	70	Victoria	69	73
Grace	3	3	Zara	40	37
Hannah	10	13	Zoe	41	60
Heidi	121	86			

- the highest climbing boy's names were **Aodhan** (up 49 places to 61), **Charles** (up 46 places to 98) and **Lucas** (up 31 places to 23)
- the highest climbing girl's names were **Miley** (up 271 places to 99), **Faye** (up 115 places to 83) and **Lexi** (up 99 places to 86)