

Did you know in 2010:

- there were 25,770 births registered in Northern Ireland
- there were 13,148 baby boys and 12,622 baby girls registered
- the top boy's names were **Jack** (1st), **Daniel** (2nd) and **James** (3rd)
- the top girl's names were **Sophie** (1st), **Katie** (2nd) and **Grace** (3rd)
- there were 1,555 different boy's names and 2,071 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 2010

Rank	1975	1985	1995	2005	2009	2010
1	David	David	Ryan	Jack	Jack	Jack
2	Paul	Christopher	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Daniel
3	John	Stephen	James	Adam	Daniel	James
4	Mark	Mark	Conor	James	James	Matthew
5	Stephen	John	Michael	Daniel	Ryan	Ryan
6	Michael	Paul	Andrew	Ryan	Adam	Harry
7	William	Michael	Christopher	Joshua	Charlie	Ethan
8	James	Andrew	Daniel	Jamie	Ethan	Charlie
9	Jonathan	James	Mark	Ben	Thomas	Adam
10	Robert	Jonathan	Jordan	Conor	Jamie	Conor

Table 2 Most popular girl's names, 1975 to 2010

Rank	1975	1985	1995	2005	2009	2010
1	Joanne	Laura	Shannon	Katie	Katie	Sophie
2	Karen	Emma	Lauren	Emma	Sophie	Katie
3	Catherine	Claire	Emma	Ellie	Grace	Grace
4	Julie	Sarah	Sarah	Sophie	Lucy	Emily
5	Sharon	Catherine	Rebecca	Niamh	Erin	Olivia
6	Mary	Michelle	Hannah	Hannah	Emma	Lucy
7	Claire	Nicola	Rachel	Amy	Emily	Ellie
8	Lisa	Lisa	Amy	Sarah	Eva	Jessica
9	Michelle	Jennifer	Laura	Anna	Anna	Emma
10	Nicola	Danielle	Megan	Leah	Chloe	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 2010, listed with count and rank in 2009 and 2010 and change in position

Name		2009 Count	2009 Rank	2010 Count	2010 Rank	Name		2009 Count	2009 Rank	2010 Count	2010 Rank
Jack	(=)	349	1	321	1	Joel	(↑)	62	54	68	50
Daniel	(↑)	268	3	270	2	Finn	(↑)	61	57	67	52
James	(↑)	266	4	250	3	Alexander	(↓)	74	41	66	53
Matthew	(↓)	290	2	230	4	Jayden	(↓)	79	38	65	54
Ryan	(=)	245	5	219	5	Caolan	(↑)	45	74	63	55
Harry	(↑)	162	11	191	6	Logan	(↑)	49	69	63	55
Ethan	(=)	178	7	189	7	Isaac	(↑)	55	62	62	57
Charlie	(↓)	178	7	188	8	Aidan	(↓)	61	57	60	58
Adam	(↓)	200	6	167	9	Cormac	(↑)	50	68	60	58
Conor	(↑)	161	13	167	9	Kyle	(↑)	54	64	60	58
Noah	(↑)	101	30	164	11	Rory	(↓)	71	43	59	61
Jamie	(↓)	163	10	163	12	Cillian	(↑)	40	83	54	62
Thomas	(↓)	174	9	157	13	Ollie	(↑)	21	133	53	63
Joshua	(↑)	135	16	155	14	Reuben	(↑)	51	67	53	63
Dylan	(↓)	162	11	149	15	Sam	(↑)	49	69	53	63
Oliver	(=)	135	16	142	16	Riley	(=)	52	66	52	66
Luke	(↑)	118	20	123	17	Ruairi	(↑)	46	72	52	66
Callum	(↓)	138	15	120	18	Tiernan	(↑)	44	76	50	68
Ben	(=)	125	19	115	19	Oscar	(↑)	35	91	49	69
Jake	(↑)	116	21	113	20	Andrew	(↓)	62	54	48	70
Michael	(=)	116	21	111	21	Leon	(↑)	35	91	48	70
Sean	(↓)	131	18	109	22	Peter	(=)	46	72	47	72
Oisín	(↑)	102	28	108	23	Zach	(↑)	25	114	46	73
Jacob	(↑)	63	51	106	24	Cameron	(↓)	64	49	45	74
Aaron	(↓)	142	14	104	25	Ciaran	(↓)	55	62	45	74
Alfie	(↑)	68	46	103	26	Connor	(↑)	41	82	45	74
Nathan	(↓)	108	25	102	27	Reece	(↑)	42	78	45	74
Lucas	(↓)	114	23	96	28	Christopher	(↓)	57	60	44	78
Joseph	(↑)	79	38	93	29	Evan	(↑)	34	93	43	79
Lewis	(↓)	107	27	92	30	Aodhan	(↓)	56	61	42	80
Ronan	(↑)	86	36	92	30	Fionn	(↓)	42	78	42	80
Patrick	(↓)	102	28	84	32	Kai	(↑)	21	133	42	80
Shea	(↓)	108	25	83	33	Robert	(↑)	33	98	42	80
Eoin	(↓)	112	24	81	34	Mark	(↓)	45	74	41	84
Tyler	(↑)	62	54	81	34	Josh	(↓)	60	59	40	85
William	(↑)	75	40	80	36	Shane	(↓)	44	76	40	85
Darragh	(↑)	72	42	79	37	Eoghan	(↓)	65	48	39	87
Corey	(↑)	69	45	78	38	Lorcan	(↑)	34	93	37	88
Rhys	(↓)	88	33	77	39	Mason	(↑)	34	93	37	88
Benjamin	(↑)	64	49	76	40	Zac	(↑)	24	117	37	88
John	(↓)	91	32	76	40	Archie	(↑)	22	125	36	91
Odhran	(↑)	54	64	76	40	Carter	(↓)	47	71	36	91
Liam	(↓)	80	37	75	43	Daithi	(↑)	23	121	36	91
Samuel	(↓)	87	35	75	43	Dara	(↓)	38	86	36	91
Alex	(↓)	97	31	71	45	Charles	(↑)	33	98	35	95
David	(↓)	70	44	71	45	Cody	(↓)	36	89	35	95
Max	(↑)	63	51	71	45	Harvey	(↑)	31	102	35	95
Caleb	(↑)	63	51	70	48	Niall	(↓)	39	84	35	95
Jude	(↓)	68	46	70	48	Tom	(↓)	34	93	35	95
Jay	(↓)	88	33	68	50	Padraig	(↑)	24	117	34	100

Table 4 Top 5 boy's names by Health & Social Care Trust, 2010

Belfast HSCT		Northern HSCT		South Eastern HSCT		Southern HSCT		Western HSCT	
Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count
Jack	59	Daniel	81	Jack	62	James	85	Jack	52
James	56	Jack(=)	69	Harry	50	Jack	79	Ryan	44
Daniel	48	Matthew(=)	69	Daniel	47	Daniel	69	Oisín	37
Charlie(=)	34	Ryan	55	Matthew	43	Matthew	54	Adam(=)	34
Ethan(=)	34	Charlie	52	Oliver	40	Ryan	53	Sean(=)	34

Table 5 Most popular 100 girl's names in 2010, listed with count and rank in 2009 and 2010 and change in position

Name	2009 Count	2009 Rank	2010 Count	2010 Rank	Name	2009 Count	2009 Rank	2010 Count	2010 Rank
Sophie (↑)	253	2	262	1	Mya (↓)	55	44	51	51
Katie (↓)	254	1	235	2	Poppy (↑)	39	60	49	52
Grace (=)	239	3	222	3	Beth (↑)	39	60	48	53
Emily (↑)	171	7	197	4	Freya (↑)	34	70	48	53
Olivia (↑)	139	17	189	5	Kayla (↓)	46	54	47	55
Lucy (↓)	201	4	183	6	Eve (↓)	47	52	46	56
Ellie (↑)	151	13	176	7	Ciara (↓)	51	48	43	57
Jessica (↑)	157	11	166	8	Isla (↑)	37	65	43	57
Emma (↓)	178	6	160	9	Daisy (↑)	27	90	42	59
Anna (↓)	165	9	157	10	Mollie (↑)	32	76	41	60
Aoife (↑)	152	12	155	11	Laura (↓)	39	60	40	61
Chloe (↓)	164	10	155	11	Scarlett (↓)	39	60	40	61
Hannah (=)	151	13	142	13	Lexi (↑)	28	86	38	63
Eva (↓)	169	8	139	14	Nicole (↓)	67	39	38	63
Lily (↑)	107	28	137	15	Aine (↑)	35	67	37	65
Mia (↑)	124	20	137	15	Amber (↓)	46	54	37	65
Erin (↓)	186	5	135	17	Bethany (↑)	34	70	37	65
Ella (=)	132	18	133	18	Ellen (↓)	52	47	37	65
Sarah (↓)	144	15	129	19	Faye (↑)	29	83	37	65
Ava (↑)	115	24	127	20	Hollie (↓)	45	56	37	65
Leah (↓)	113	25	127	20	Julia (↑)	30	81	36	71
Niamh (↓)	129	19	125	22	Lucie (↑)	17	129	36	71
Cara (=)	118	23	124	23	Maria (↓)	48	49	35	73
Molly (↑)	108	26	121	24	Meabh (↑)	23	104	35	73
Holly (↑)	108	26	119	25	Shannon (↑)	30	81	35	73
Amy (↓)	141	16	112	26	Alexandra (↓)	37	65	34	76
Megan (↑)	98	30	99	27	Cora (↓)	40	59	33	77
Caitlin (↑)	105	29	98	28	Lara (↑)	15	138	33	77
Sophia (↑)	67	39	95	29	Orlaith (↓)	45	56	33	77
Ruby (↓)	123	22	92	30	Tara (↑)	27	90	33	77
Evie (↑)	69	38	88	31	Orla (↓)	33	73	32	81
Aimee (↓)	124	20	85	32	Aoibheann (↑)	27	90	31	82
Isabella (↑)	60	42	80	33	Georgia (↑)	14	144	31	82
Rachel (↓)	80	33	74	34	Lexie (↑)	23	104	31	82
Abbie (↑)	54	45	70	35	Summer (↓)	33	73	31	82
Caoimhe (↑)	72	36	70	35	Alice (↓)	31	80	30	86
Lauren (↓)	81	32	67	37	Casey (↓)	32	76	30	86
Rebecca (↓)	94	31	67	37	Lola (↑)	20	116	30	86
Zoe (↑)	39	60	67	37	Naomi (↓)	35	67	30	86
Abigail (↓)	77	34	65	40	Alex (↑)	26	94	29	90
Maisie (↑)	23	104	64	41	Alicia (↑)	18	123	29	90
Brooke (↓)	61	41	62	42	Kate (↓)	35	67	29	90
Charlotte (↓)	77	34	61	43	Lacey (↑)	11	174	29	90
Clodagh (↑)	48	49	60	44	Miley (↑)	24	99	29	90
Amelia (↑)	41	58	59	45	Phoebe (↓)	32	76	29	90
Zara (↓)	71	37	56	46	Cassie (↓)	26	94	28	96
Annie (↑)	47	52	54	47	Heidi (↓)	28	86	28	96
Faith (↓)	54	45	53	48	Sienna (↑)	22	109	27	98
Eimear (↓)	56	43	52	49	Victoria (↓)	33	73	27	98
Madison (=)	48	49	52	49	Gracie (↑)	16	131	26	100

Table 6 Top 5 girl's names by Health & Social Care Trust, 2010

Belfast HSCT		Northern HSCT		South Eastern HSCT		Southern HSCT		Western HSCT	
Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count
Sophie	54	Katie	62	Sophie	65	Katie	53	Grace	60
Katie	44	Grace (=)	60	Emily	52	Emily	47	Aoife	41
Ellie	40	Sophie (=)	60	Olivia	45	Lucy (=)	46	Ava	40
Olivia	39	Lucy	53	Katie	40	Sophie (=)	46	Emma	38
Anna	38	Olivia	46	Eva (=)	34	Grace	45	Sophie	37
				Lucy (=)	34				

Table 7 Most popular 100 boy's and girl's names in 2010 listed with 2009 and 2010 rank in alphabetical order

BOYS' NAMES					
Name	2009 Rank	2010 Rank	Name	2009 Rank	2010 Rank
Aaron	14	25	Joseph	38	29
Adam	6	9	Josh	59	85
Aidan	57	58	Joshua	16	14
Alex	31	45	Jude	46	48
Alexander	41	53	Kai	133	80
Alfie	46	26	Kyle	64	58
Andrew	54	70	Leon	91	70
Aodhan	61	80	Lewis	27	30
Archie	125	91	Liam	37	43
Ben	19	19	Logan	69	55
Benjamin	49	40	Lorcan	93	88
Caleb	51	48	Lucas	23	28
Callum	15	18	Luke	20	17
Cameron	49	74	Mark	74	84
Caolan	74	55	Mason	93	88
Carter	71	91	Matthew	2	4
Charles	98	95	Max	51	45
Charlie	7	8	Michael	21	21
Christopher	60	78	Nathan	25	27
Ciaran	62	74	Niall	84	95
Cillian	83	62	Noah	30	11
Cody	89	95	Odhran	64	40
Connor	82	74	Oisin	28	23
Conor	13	9	Oliver	16	16
Corey	45	38	Ollie	133	63
Cormac	68	58	Oscar	91	69
Daithi	121	91	Padraig	117	100
Daniel	3	2	Patrick	28	32
Dara	86	91	Peter	72	72
Darragh	42	37	Reece	78	74
David	44	45	Reuben	67	63
Dylan	11	15	Rhys	33	39
Eoghan	48	87	Riley	66	66
Eoin	24	34	Robert	98	80
Ethan	7	7	Ronan	36	30
Evan	93	79	Rory	43	61
Finn	57	52	Ruairi	72	66
Fionn	78	80	Ryan	5	5
Harry	11	6	Sam	69	63
Harvey	102	95	Samuel	35	43
Isaac	62	57	Sean	18	22
Jack	1	1	Shane	76	85
Jacob	51	24	Shea	25	33
Jake	21	20	Thomas	9	13
James	4	3	Tiernan	76	68
Jamie	10	12	Tom	93	95
Jay	33	50	Tyler	54	34
Jayden	38	54	William	40	36
Joel	54	50	Zac	117	88
John	32	40	Zach	114	73

GIRL'S NAMES					
Name	2009 Rank	2010 Rank	Name	2009 Rank	2010 Rank
Abbie	45	35	Isabella	42	33
Abigail	34	40	Isla	65	57
Aimee	20	32	Jessica	11	8
Aine	67	65	Julia	81	71
Alex	94	90	Kate	67	90
Alexandra	65	76	Katie	1	2
Alice	80	86	Kayla	54	55
Alicia	123	90	Lacey	174	90
Amber	54	65	Lara	138	77
Amelia	58	45	Laura	60	61
Amy	16	26	Lauren	32	37
Anna	9	10	Leah	25	20
Annie	52	47	Lexi	86	63
Aoibheann	90	82	Lexie	104	82
Aoife	12	11	Lily	28	15
Ava	24	20	Lola	116	86
Beth	60	53	Lucie	129	71
Bethany	70	65	Lucy	4	6
Brooke	41	42	Madison	49	49
Caitlin	29	28	Maisie	104	41
Caoimhe	36	35	Maria	49	73
Cara	23	23	Meabh	104	73
Casey	76	86	Megan	30	27
Cassie	94	96	Mia	20	15
Charlotte	34	43	Miley	99	90
Chloe	10	11	Mollie	76	60
Ciara	48	57	Molly	26	24
Clodagh	49	44	Mya	44	51
Cora	59	77	Naomi	67	86
Daisy	90	59	Niamh	19	22
Eimear	43	49	Nicole	39	63
Ella	18	18	Olivia	17	5
Ellen	47	65	Orla	73	81
Ellie	13	7	Orlaith	56	77
Emily	7	4	Phoebe	76	90
Emma	6	9	Poppy	60	52
Erin	5	17	Rachel	33	34
Eva	8	14	Rebecca	31	37
Eve	52	56	Ruby	22	30
Evie	38	31	Sarah	15	19
Faith	45	48	Scarlett	60	61
Faye	83	65	Shannon	81	73
Freya	70	53	Sienna	109	98
Georgia	144	82	Sophia	39	29
Grace	3	3	Sophie	2	1
Gracie	131	100	Summer	73	82
Hannah	13	13	Tara	90	77
Heidi	86	96	Victoria	73	98
Hollie	56	65	Zara	37	46
Holly	26	25	Zoe	60	37

- the highest climbing boy's names were **Ollie** (up 70 places to 63), **Kai** (up 53 places to 80) and **Zach** (up 41 places to 73)
- the highest climbing girl's names were **Lacey** (up 84 places to 90), **Maisie** (up 63 places to 41) and **Georgia** (up 62 places to 82)