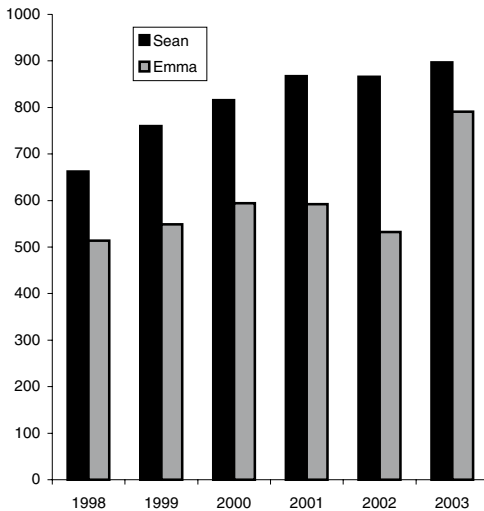




Irish Babies' Names 2003

Sean and Emma 1998-2003



Five most popular babies' names

Boys		Girls	
Name	Count	Name	Count
Sean	897	Emma	791
Jack	800	Sarah	606
Adam	787	Aoife	571
Conor	705	Ciara	535
James	626	Katie	468

Sean and Emma

Sean and Emma were the most popular babies' names registered last year. There were 897 boys named Sean (3.1% of baby boys) and 791 girls named Emma (2.8% of baby girls). *See Tables 1 and 2.*

The top five names for boys remained the same as last year, although the order changed slightly. For girls, Katie replaced Chloe in the top five. *See Table 1.*

There were eight new entries to the top 100 for boys: Cameron, Colin, Daire, Emmanuel, Karl, Max, Reece and Ruairi. The highest new entry was Colin and the highest climber was Kian which rose from 268th place in 1998 to 65th place in 2003. First time entries to the top 100 are Ruairi, Emmanuel and Max. *See Table 1.*

There were nine new names in the top 100 for girls: Alana, Amber, Aoibhe, Cara, Clara, Faye, Naomi, Sophia and Sorchá. The highest new entry was Clara and the highest climber was Abby which rose from 327th place in 1998 to 60th place in 2003. Newcomers to the top 100 are Faye, Naomi, Aoibhe and Sophia.

In general, the tables show that girls are given a wider variety of names than boys. The top 100 accounted for 61.5% of girls' names compared with 71.8% of boys' names.

Sean and Emma were the most popular names in five and six out of the eight regions. Conor was the most popular boys' name in the Border and Mid-West regions, and Jack in the South East. Sarah was the most popular girls' name in the Midlands and Aoife in the South East. *See Table 5.*

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 2003 included baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO.

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Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2003, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 1998 and 2003

Boys' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Sean	1	2	2	2	2	2	Emma	1	4	3	4	6	5
Jack	2	1	1	1	3	3	Sarah	2	1	1	2	3	3
Adam	3	3	3	4	5	5	Aoife	3	2	2	1	2	4
Conor	4	4	4	3	1	1	Ciara	4	3	5	3	4	2
James	5	5	5	5	4	4	Katie	5	7	9	12	13	13
Daniel	6	6	11	11	9	10	Sophie	6	9	16	17	18	17
Michael	7	8	10	9	6	9	Rachel	7	13	11	11	7	7
Cian	8	7	6	6	12	12	Chloe	8	5	4	5	1	1
David	9	9	7	7	7	8	Amy	9	6	8	8	11	12
Dylan	10	11	8	10	10	7	Leah	10	15	12	14	27	27
Luke	11	10	9	8	14	15	Niamh	11	8	6	6	5	6
Ryan	12	14	18	17	13	16	Caoimhe	12	20	19	22	22	24
Aaron	13	12	12	12	8	6	Hannah	13	12	15	15	21	18
Thomas	14	18	14	18	19	17	Ella	14	28	48	65	76	94
Darragh	15	24	21	29	29	28	Lauren	15	10	6	8	9	10
Eoin	15	16	18	15	16	20	Megan	16	11	10	10	10	8
Joshua	17	19	28	34	44	52	Kate	17	18	22	18	19	22
Ben	18	19	27	30	38	48	Rebecca	17	14	14	7	8	9
Patrick	19	13	17	16	18	17	Jessica	19	17	20	21	23	19
Oisín	20	25	23	22	25	37	Emily	20	19	18	19	14	25
Shane	21	21	13	13	11	11	Laura	21	16	13	13	12	11
John	22	15	15	14	15	13	Anna	22	21	26	28	28	33
Jamie	23	23	20	21	22	26	Grace	23	29	27	32	30	32
Liam	24	26	24	26	21	30	Ava	24	26	41	44	60	88
Matthew	25	17	22	24	24	21	Ellen	25	23	24	24	24	26
Evan	26	29	30	27	34	32	Shauna	26	22	17	16	15	14
Mark	27	22	16	18	17	14	Roisin	27	24	25	23	17	20
Nathan	28	27	32	32	26	36	Holly	28	35	49	53	46	75
Alex	29	35	45	48	57	59	Aisling	29	27	23	25	25	21
Ciaran	30	28	25	23	30	24	Lucy	29	36	35	38	43	46
Jake	31	30	34	42	51	51	Caitlin	31	38	34	40	41	54
Joseph	32	33	31	33	31	40	Aine	32	39	36	27	32	29
Stephen	33	33	26	27	23	17	Abbie	33	51	64	67	79	133
Robert	34	30	33	37	27	27	Nicole	34	24	21	20	16	16
Kyle	35	36	53	50	60	55	Katelyn	35	52	52	46	82	127
Andrew	36	41	37	31	28	23	Saoirse	36	31	28	30	31	37
Samuel	37	43	49	57	55	55	Molly	37	33	31	43	63	87
Kevin	38	32	36	25	33	25	Ellie	38	46	89	127	166	175
Cathal	39	38	38	35	42	31	Sinead	38	30	33	29	26	23
Brian	40	38	39	36	36	35	Tara	40	32	32	35	29	39
Eoghan	41	48	44	47	41	49	Zoe	41	43	42	42	66	60
Dean	42	44	35	45	32	29	Erin	42	48	47	49	79	65
Lee	42	46	47	44	46	42	Jennifer	43	34	39	36	33	28
Ethan	44	50	51	71	76	83	Mia	44	47	72	104	162	236
Jason	45	37	45	39	35	33	Mary	45	41	37	37	37	34
Callum	46	60	76	69	79	99	Clodagh	46	45	42	39	38	39
Christopher	46	47	42	43	40	41	Eimear	46	43	40	33	35	29
Paul	48	45	43	40	39	34	Aimee	48	66	74	107	68	88
Alexander	49	56	65	72	68	75	Alannah	49	55	52	53	79	81
Peter	50	50	48	53	48	42	Robyn	49	63	51	60	62	69
Ronan	51	54	50	41	44	42	Elizabeth	51	62	60	57	57	59
Rory	52	57	61	65	64	53	Shannon	52	37	29	26	19	15
Benjamin	53	53	66	67	75	77	Orla	53	40	38	34	36	31
Niall	54	40	41	38	36	37	Abigail	54	68	66	82	93	106
William	55	49	52	46	50	57	Eva	55	50	44	58	60	66
Cormac	56	52	59	54	55	61	Eve	56	58	46	64	86	68
Harry	56	68	56	63	70	100	Louise	56	48	50	53	45	36
Josh	56	62	81	89	107	112	Maria	56	53	58	63	71	73

Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2003, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank between 1998 and 2002

Boys' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Scott	59	58	66	70	83	81	Kelly	59	57	69	50	50	53
Cillian	60	66	58	59	61	60	Abby	60	65	77	144	202	327
Jordan	61	42	29	20	20	22	Claire	61	54	44	41	39	37
Gavin	62	55	54	54	58	45	Jade	61	42	30	31	34	35
Craig	63	59	40	49	49	50	Kayleigh	63	68	74	73	55	48
Aidan	64	62	73	74	69	65	Lisa	64	55	55	47	47	47
Kian	65	73	63	99	184	268	Ruth	64	68	56	71	52	55
Fionn	66	66	68	64	97	91	Alanna	66	80	86	86	87	73
Killian	67	65	55	61	59	58	Jodie	66	73	72	78	97	99
Anthony	68	64	56	58	52	54	Grainne	68	71	66	52	49	56
Ross	68	74	63	56	43	39	Nadine	68	89	143	104	149	75
Sam	70	71	89	94	87	92	Jane	70	78	78	79	68	64
Alan	71	60	59	51	53	46	Catherine	71	58	54	60	51	51
Kieran	72	69	72	60	73	67	Charlotte	72	91	87	95	119	126
Colm	73	76	71	65	54	66	Olivia	72	71	61	51	41	83
Martin	73	74	70	62	64	64	Eabha	74	99	160	152	221	236
Finn	75	88	95	131	175	147	Lily	75	85	91	142	202	214
Brandon	76	70	83	67	67	74	Sadhbh	75	94	103	104	188	103
Connor	76	90	101	106	118	71	Maeve	77	75	70	59	65	69
Darren	76	72	62	52	47	47	Michelle	77	61	62	48	39	42
Charlie	79	93	114	122	125	142	Victoria	79	83	100	89	82	97
Oran	80	94	96	138	105	137	Clara	80	102	107	89	90	111
Brendan	81	84	90	76	84	78	Fiona	80	63	74	69	56	51
Colin	81	110	92	78	79	70	Leanne	80	74	56	76	52	44
Tom	83	90	94	119	127	117	Alice	83	76	87	74	87	90
Tadhg	84	80	88	92	96	104	Alison	83	60	62	62	58	45
Leon	85	81	68	77	77	112	Heather	83	93	112	127	115	94
Dara	86	97	90	100	118	115	Cara	86	102	91	92	134	153
Edward	86	89	77	81	81	79	Danielle	86	66	58	76	48	41
Daragh	88	95	80	82	92	95	Alexandra	88	78	68	87	91	67
Padraig	89	84	79	78	61	68	Sorcha	88	102	107	80	74	78
Jonathan	90	82	86	73	87	86	Stephanie	90	94	91	92	78	69
Keith	90	79	74	86	74	63	Andrea	91	85	85	72	66	83
Daire	92	116	98	106	122	107	Faye	91	123	133	140	238	276
Reece	92	101	82	98	97	109	Naomi	93	108	126	144	129	120
Ruairi	92	103	105	103	113	119	Alana	94	102	96	127	100	134
Cameron	95	103	108	86	97	119	Amber	94	108	100	84	115	83
Emmanuel	95	107	138	210	204	268	Aoibhe	94	131	166	258	188	304
Diarmuid	97	77	83	84	94	102	Courtney	94	83	82	53	44	43
Ian	97	78	87	78	64	62	Michaela	94	94	70	68	58	49
Karl	97	110	78	94	71	69	Laoise	99	100	113	109	124	153
Max	97	123	114	129	152	170	Isabelle	100	77	104	127	177	163
							Siobhan	100	87	65	74	76	50
							Sophia	100	108	126	111	108	138

Table 2 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2003, in order of popularity - numbers registered between 1998 and 2003

Boys' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Sean	897	866	867	816	760	662	Emma	791	532	592	594	549	514
Jack	800	868	930	846	743	543	Sarah	606	655	650	626	595	537
Adam	787	798	833	653	588	460	Aoife	571	585	601	633	612	529
Conor	705	748	702	700	761	761	Ciara	535	577	552	608	585	539
James	626	581	613	594	629	472	Katie	468	418	422	398	378	319
Daniel	617	559	475	467	479	428	Sophie	432	404	303	266	252	242
Michael	525	520	483	483	527	438	Rachel	431	364	400	428	488	444
Cian	501	536	557	557	420	362	Chloe	412	516	556	553	615	575
David	480	501	549	492	524	439	Amy	410	485	447	451	420	353
Dylan	478	485	538	477	445	443	Leah	395	351	374	302	185	146
Luke	474	489	517	488	410	327	Niamh	370	407	477	519	571	492
Ryan	425	365	349	356	418	326	Caoimhe	357	272	274	253	236	184
Aaron	411	467	459	401	500	449	Hannah	340	368	343	299	242	236
Thomas	375	349	377	351	332	306	Ella	327	204	112	75	60	39
Darragh	356	310	298	245	237	211	Lauren	311	402	477	451	452	363
Eoin	356	361	349	368	347	295	Megan	310	387	401	441	434	393
Joshua	352	345	257	216	147	108	Kate	295	301	258	263	246	197
Ben	348	345	258	234	196	137	Rebecca	295	361	350	485	455	388
Patrick	343	366	365	362	343	306	Jessica	292	302	262	260	227	233
Oisín	342	300	283	287	249	174	Emily	273	278	287	262	285	178
Shane	335	343	385	400	444	415	Laura	268	349	361	315	397	357
John	333	362	372	398	369	340	Anna	265	247	232	193	171	133
Jamie	327	333	342	294	289	224	Grace	258	191	200	172	166	135
Liam	316	290	267	257	290	197	Ava	255	216	137	103	77	41
Matthew	304	351	287	275	259	281	Ellen	253	229	241	217	215	154
Evan	303	245	248	250	208	188	Shauna	231	232	299	288	270	267
Mark	302	336	366	351	345	339	Roisin	222	228	239	245	254	213
Nathan	275	258	242	223	245	178	Holly	213	171	107	84	101	51
Alex	268	193	160	150	112	93	Aisling	203	210	248	213	209	212
Ciaran	244	252	264	286	230	237	Lucy	203	169	157	136	105	89
Jake	236	227	224	161	125	110	Caitlin	192	151	160	130	112	74
Joseph	218	201	243	220	219	168	Aine	183	149	156	194	155	140
Stephen	214	201	263	250	285	306	Abbie	182	111	81	73	58	26
Robert	204	227	240	200	240	214	Nicole	179	228	259	261	266	245
Kyle	200	190	126	139	99	96	Katelyn	173	109	96	94	55	28
Andrew	199	172	218	230	239	245	Saoirse	172	181	192	176	160	117
Samuel	193	166	146	119	115	96	Molly	163	179	172	105	74	42
Kevin	180	214	220	264	211	233	Ellie	153	122	54	32	21	18
Cathal	170	179	198	207	162	195	Sinead	153	182	162	180	196	195
Brian	169	179	197	204	197	181	Tara	147	180	168	153	167	114
Eoghan	158	144	162	153	181	122	Zoe	136	133	129	115	69	65
Dean	147	157	221	157	214	200	Erin	135	117	120	91	58	60
Lee	147	153	158	158	143	143	Jennifer	133	176	147	151	154	145
Ethan	141	128	135	83	76	53	Mia	131	119	73	41	22	10
Jason	140	183	160	191	201	184	Mary	128	140	153	140	131	128
Callum	138	110	76	86	71	43	Clodagh	125	127	129	135	127	114
Christopher	138	150	174	159	186	167	Eimear	125	133	146	168	148	140
Paul	137	154	165	182	189	183	Aimee	119	77	72	40	66	41
Alexander	136	119	102	81	88	66	Alannah	117	93	96	84	58	44
Peter	134	128	151	131	140	143	Robyn	117	82	100	80	76	53
Ronan	132	122	139	165	147	143	Elizabeth	116	83	86	83	82	68
Rory	130	116	112	89	90	100	Shannon	114	166	191	198	246	255
Benjamin	129	125	97	88	77	65	Orla	113	141	149	167	144	138
Niall	128	175	179	199	197	174	Abigail	102	75	77	54	44	35
William	125	139	130	156	130	95	Eva	100	112	127	82	77	59
Cormac	118	127	113	126	115	91	Eve	91	91	126	76	50	56
Harry	118	98	115	95	86	42	Louise	91	117	103	84	103	120
Josh	118	109	70	58	42	33	Maria	91	104	87	78	62	52

Table 2 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2003, in order of popularity - numbers registered between 1998 and 2002

Boys' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Scott	117	114	97	85	69	56	Kelly	90	92	75	89	91	77
Cillian	116	99	114	111	98	92	Abby	88	79	70	27	17	6
Jordan	114	171	249	315	308	270	Claire	84	96	127	127	118	117
Gavin	113	121	124	126	110	142	Jade	84	139	175	175	150	121
Craig	111	111	185	140	133	120	Kayleigh	80	75	72	65	84	87
Aidan	109	109	84	75	87	86	Lisa	76	93	93	93	97	88
Kian	106	86	106	50	14	5	Ruth	76	75	88	68	86	72
Fionn	102	99	94	90	47	47	Alanna	75	62	56	51	49	52
Killian	101	100	121	105	100	94	Jodie	75	73	73	62	42	37
Anthony	94	103	115	118	123	99	Grainne	74	74	77	85	94	70
Ross	94	85	106	124	155	171	Nadine	74	55	29	41	24	51
Sam	93	88	63	54	57	46	Jane	73	63	68	61	66	61
Alan	91	110	113	134	122	140	Catherine	72	91	94	80	89	78
Kieran	87	94	85	109	81	81	Charlotte	70	54	55	47	34	29
Colm	86	83	87	89	117	82	Olivia	70	74	84	88	112	43
Martin	86	85	91	104	90	87	Eabha	68	51	26	25	15	10
Finn	83	63	55	31	15	19	Lily	66	58	53	28	17	13
Brandon	80	92	67	88	89	67	Sadhbh	66	52	47	41	19	36
Connor	80	61	49	44	35	69	Maeve	64	69	74	81	70	53
Darren	80	87	110	133	142	139	Michelle	64	86	82	92	118	107
Charlie	79	58	40	36	32	20	Victoria	63	59	48	49	55	38
Oran	77	55	53	27	43	23	Clara	62	48	45	49	47	34
Brendan	75	65	59	73	66	60	Fiona	62	82	72	71	83	78
Colin	75	43	58	70	71	70	Leanne	62	71	88	63	86	97
Tom	74	61	56	38	30	31	Alice	61	66	55	64	49	40
Tadhg	73	68	64	55	49	38	Alison	61	89	82	79	78	93
Leon	71	67	94	71	75	33	Heather	61	53	43	32	35	39
Dara	70	51	59	49	35	32	Cara	60	48	53	48	29	21
Edward	70	62	75	65	70	58	Danielle	60	77	87	63	95	109
Daragh	69	54	71	64	52	45	Alexandra	59	63	76	50	46	57
Padraig	68	65	73	70	98	77	Sorcha	59	48	45	59	61	48
Jonathan	64	66	66	77	57	51	Stephanie	58	52	53	48	59	53
Keith	64	71	81	61	79	88	Andrea	57	58	57	67	69	43
Daire	59	40	50	44	33	36	Faye	57	36	31	29	13	8
Reece	59	49	68	51	47	35	Naomi	55	46	35	27	30	32
Ruairi	59	48	46	46	40	29	Alana	53	48	50	32	40	25
Cameron	57	48	44	61	47	29	Amber	53	46	48	52	35	43
Emmanuel	57	44	28	10	10	5	Aoibhe	53	33	24	12	19	7
Diarmuid	56	75	67	62	51	39	Courtney	53	59	60	84	104	105
Ian	56	73	65	70	90	90	Michaela	53	52	74	72	78	85
Karl	56	43	74	54	85	74	Laoise	52	50	42	39	33	21
Max	56	37	40	32	20	14	Isabelle	51	64	46	32	20	20
							Siobhan	51	56	78	64	60	79
							Sophia	51	46	35	38	37	24
Total in top 100	20989	20826	21079	20169	19736	17340		17229	16942	17033	16308	15928	14061
Total with first name recorded	29249	28314	27710	25947	24824	21786		28006	27005	26251	24550	23402	20472
Top 100 as % of total	71.8	73.6	76.1	77.7	79.5	79.6		61.5	62.7	64.9	66.4	68.1	68.7
Total births registered	31414	31001	29753	27896	27508	27580		30103	29520	28129	26343	25846	25971

Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2003, in alphabetical order - rank between 1998 and 2003

Boys' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Aaron	13	12	12	12	8	6	Abbie	33	51	64	67	79	133
Adam	3	3	3	4	5	5	Abby	60	65	77	144	202	327
Aidan	64	62	73	74	69	65	Abigail	54	68	66	82	93	106
Alan	71	60	59	51	53	46	Aimee	48	66	74	107	68	88
Alex	29	35	45	48	57	59	Aine	32	39	36	27	32	29
Alexander	49	56	65	72	68	75	Aisling	29	27	23	25	25	21
Andrew	36	41	37	31	28	23	Alana	94	102	96	127	100	134
Anthony	68	64	56	58	52	54	Alanna	66	80	86	86	87	73
Ben	18	19	27	30	38	48	Alannah	49	55	52	53	79	81
Benjamin	53	53	66	67	75	77	Alexandra	88	78	68	87	91	67
Brandon	76	70	83	67	67	74	Alexandra	83	76	87	74	87	90
Brendan	81	84	90	76	84	78	Alison	83	60	62	62	58	45
Brian	40	38	39	36	36	35	Amber	94	108	100	84	115	83
Callum	46	60	76	69	79	99	Amy	9	6	8	8	11	12
Cameron	95	103	108	86	97	119	Andrea	91	85	85	72	66	83
Cathal	39	38	38	35	42	31	Anna	22	21	26	28	28	33
Charlie	79	93	114	122	125	142	Aoibhe	94	131	166	258	188	304
Christopher	46	47	42	43	40	41	Aoife	3	2	2	1	2	4
Cian	8	7	6	6	12	12	Ava	24	26	41	44	60	88
Ciaran	30	28	25	23	30	24	Caitlin	31	38	34	40	41	54
Cillian	60	66	58	59	61	60	Caoimhe	12	20	19	22	22	24
Colin	81	110	92	78	79	70	Cara	86	102	91	92	134	153
Colm	73	76	71	65	54	66	Catherine	71	58	54	60	51	51
Connor	76	90	101	106	118	71	Charlotte	72	91	87	95	119	126
Conor	4	4	4	3	1	1	Chloe	8	5	4	5	1	1
Cormac	56	52	59	54	55	61	Ciara	4	3	5	3	4	2
Craig	63	59	40	49	49	50	Claire	61	54	44	41	39	37
Daire	92	116	98	106	122	107	Clara	80	102	107	89	90	111
Daniel	6	6	11	11	9	10	Clodagh	46	45	42	39	38	39
Dara	86	97	90	100	118	115	Courtney	94	83	82	53	44	43
Daragh	88	95	80	82	92	95	Danielle	86	66	58	76	48	41
Darragh	15	24	21	29	29	28	Eabha	74	99	160	152	221	236
Darren	76	72	62	52	47	47	Eimear	46	43	40	33	35	29
David	9	9	7	7	7	8	Elizabeth	51	62	60	57	57	59
Dean	42	44	35	45	32	29	Ella	14	28	48	65	76	94
Diarmuid	97	77	83	84	94	102	Ellen	25	23	24	24	24	26
Dylan	10	11	8	10	10	7	Ellie	38	46	89	127	166	175
Edward	86	89	77	81	81	79	Emily	20	19	18	19	14	25
Emmanuel	95	107	138	210	204	268	Emma	1	4	3	4	6	5
Eoghan	41	48	44	47	41	49	Erin	42	48	47	49	79	65
Eoin	15	16	18	15	16	20	Eva	55	50	44	58	60	66
Ethan	44	50	51	71	76	83	Eve	56	58	46	64	86	68
Evan	26	29	30	27	34	32	Faye	91	123	133	140	238	276
Finn	75	88	95	131	175	147	Fiona	80	63	74	69	56	51
Fionn	66	66	68	64	97	91	Grace	23	29	27	32	30	32
Gavin	62	55	54	54	58	45	Grainne	68	71	66	52	49	56
Harry	56	68	56	63	70	100	Hannah	13	12	15	15	21	18
Ian	97	78	87	78	64	62	Heather	83	93	112	127	115	94
Jack	2	1	1	1	3	3	Holly	28	35	49	53	46	75
Jake	31	30	34	42	51	51	Isabelle	100	77	104	127	177	163
James	5	5	5	5	4	4	Jade	61	42	30	31	34	35
Jamie	23	23	20	21	22	26	Jane	70	78	78	79	68	64
Jason	45	37	45	39	35	33	Jennifer	43	34	39	36	33	28
John	22	15	15	14	15	13	Jessica	19	17	20	21	23	19
Jonathan	90	82	86	73	87	86	Jodie	66	73	72	78	97	99
Jordan	61	42	29	20	20	22	Kate	17	18	22	18	19	22
Joseph	32	33	31	33	31	40	Katelyn	35	52	52	46	82	127
Josh	56	62	81	89	107	112	Katie	5	7	9	12	13	13

Table 3 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2003, in alphabetical order - rank between 1998 and 2003

Boys' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Joshua	17	19	28	34	44	52	Kayleigh	63	68	74	73	55	48
Karl	97	110	78	94	71	69	Kelly	59	57	69	50	50	53
Keith	90	79	74	86	74	63	Laoise	99	100	113	109	124	153
Kevin	38	32	36	25	33	25	Laura	21	16	13	13	12	11
Kian	65	73	63	99	184	268	Lauren	15	10	6	8	9	10
Kieran	72	69	72	60	73	67	Leah	10	15	12	14	27	27
Killian	67	65	55	61	59	58	Leanne	80	74	56	76	52	44
Kyle	35	36	53	50	60	55	Lily	75	85	91	142	202	214
Lee	42	46	47	44	46	42	Lisa	64	55	55	47	47	47
Leon	85	81	68	77	77	112	Louise	56	48	50	53	45	36
Liam	24	26	24	26	21	30	Lucy	29	36	35	38	43	46
Luke	11	10	9	8	14	15	Maeve	77	75	70	59	65	69
Mark	27	22	16	18	17	14	Maria	56	53	58	63	71	73
Martin	73	74	70	62	64	64	Mary	45	41	37	37	37	34
Matthew	25	17	22	24	24	21	Megan	16	11	10	10	10	8
Max	97	123	114	129	152	170	Mia	44	47	72	104	162	236
Michael	7	8	10	9	6	9	Michaela	94	94	70	68	58	49
Nathan	28	27	32	32	26	36	Michelle	77	61	62	48	39	42
Niall	54	40	41	38	36	37	Molly	37	33	31	43	63	87
Oisin	20	25	23	22	25	37	Nadine	68	89	143	104	149	75
Oran	80	94	96	138	105	137	Naomi	93	108	126	144	129	120
Padraig	89	84	79	78	61	68	Niamh	11	8	6	6	5	6
Patrick	19	13	17	16	18	17	Nicole	34	24	21	20	16	16
Paul	48	45	43	40	39	34	Olivia	72	71	61	51	41	83
Peter	50	50	48	53	48	42	Orla	53	40	38	34	36	31
Reece	92	101	82	98	97	109	Rachel	7	13	11	11	7	7
Robert	34	30	33	37	27	27	Rebecca	17	14	14	7	8	9
Ronan	51	54	50	41	44	42	Robyn	49	63	51	60	62	69
Rory	52	57	61	65	64	53	Roisin	27	24	25	23	17	20
Ross	68	74	63	56	43	39	Ruth	64	68	56	71	52	55
Ruairi	92	103	105	103	113	119	Sadhbh	75	94	103	104	188	103
Ryan	12	14	18	17	13	16	Saoirse	36	31	28	30	31	37
Sam	70	71	89	94	87	92	Sarah	2	1	1	2	3	3
Samuel	37	43	49	57	55	55	Shannon	52	37	29	26	19	15
Scott	59	58	66	70	83	81	Shauna	26	22	17	16	15	14
Sean	1	2	2	2	2	2	Sinead	38	30	33	29	26	23
Shane	21	21	13	13	11	11	Siobhan	100	87	65	74	76	50
Stephen	33	33	26	27	23	17	Sophia	100	108	126	111	108	138
Tadhg	84	80	88	92	96	104	Sophie	6	9	16	17	18	17
Thomas	14	18	14	18	19	17	Sorcha	88	102	107	80	74	78
Tom	83	90	94	119	127	117	Stephanie	90	94	91	92	78	69
William	55	49	52	46	50	57	Tara	40	32	32	35	29	39
							Victoria	79	83	100	89	82	97
							Zoe	41	43	42	42	66	60

Table 4 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2003, in alphabetical order, numbers registered between 1998 and 2003

Boys' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Aaron	411	467	459	401	500	449	Abbie	182	111	81	73	58	26
Adam	787	798	833	653	588	460	Abby	88	79	70	27	17	6
Aidan	109	109	84	75	87	86	Abigail	102	75	77	54	44	35
Alan	91	110	113	134	122	140	Aimee	119	77	72	40	66	41
Alex	268	193	160	150	112	93	Aine	183	149	156	194	155	140
Alexander	136	119	102	81	88	66	Aisling	203	210	248	213	209	212
Andrew	199	172	218	230	239	245	Alana	53	48	50	32	40	25
Anthony	94	103	115	118	123	99	Alanna	75	62	56	51	49	52
Ben	348	345	258	234	196	137	Alannah	117	93	96	84	58	44
Benjamin	129	125	97	88	77	65	Alexandra	59	63	76	50	46	57
Brandon	80	92	67	88	89	67	Alice	61	66	55	64	49	40
Brendan	75	65	59	73	66	60	Alison	61	89	82	79	78	93
Brian	169	179	197	204	197	181	Amber	53	46	48	52	35	43
Callum	138	110	76	86	71	43	Amy	410	485	447	451	420	353
Cameron	57	48	44	61	47	29	Andrea	57	58	57	67	69	43
Cathal	170	179	198	207	162	195	Anna	265	247	232	193	171	133
Charlie	79	58	40	36	32	20	Aoibhe	53	33	24	12	19	7
Christopher	138	150	174	159	186	167	Aoife	571	585	601	633	612	529
Cian	501	536	557	557	420	362	Ava	255	216	137	103	77	41
Ciaran	244	252	264	286	230	237	Caitlin	192	151	160	130	112	74
Cillian	116	99	114	111	98	92	Caoimhe	357	272	274	253	236	184
Colin	75	43	58	70	71	70	Cara	60	48	53	48	29	21
Colm	86	83	87	89	117	82	Catherine	72	91	94	80	89	78
Connor	80	61	49	44	35	69	Charlotte	70	54	55	47	34	29
Conor	705	748	702	700	761	761	Chloe	412	516	556	553	615	575
Cormac	118	127	113	126	115	91	Ciara	535	577	552	608	585	539
Craig	111	111	185	140	133	120	Claire	84	96	127	127	118	117
Daire	59	40	50	44	33	36	Clara	62	48	45	49	47	34
Daniel	617	559	475	467	479	428	Clodagh	125	127	129	135	127	114
Dara	70	51	59	49	35	32	Courtney	53	59	60	84	104	105
Daragh	69	54	71	64	52	45	Danielle	60	77	87	63	95	109
Darragh	356	310	298	245	237	211	Eabha	68	51	26	25	15	10
Darren	80	87	110	133	142	139	Eimear	125	133	146	168	148	140
David	480	501	549	492	524	439	Elizabeth	116	83	86	83	82	68
Dean	147	157	221	157	214	200	Ella	327	204	112	75	60	39
Diarmuid	56	75	67	62	51	39	Ellen	253	229	241	217	215	154
Dylan	478	485	538	477	445	443	Ellie	153	122	54	32	21	18
Edward	70	62	75	65	70	58	Emily	273	278	287	262	285	178
Emmanuel	57	44	28	10	10	5	Emma	791	532	592	594	549	514
Eoghan	158	144	162	153	181	122	Erin	135	117	120	91	58	60
Eoin	356	361	349	368	347	295	Eva	100	112	127	82	77	59
Ethan	141	128	135	83	76	53	Eve	91	91	126	76	50	56
Evan	303	245	248	250	208	188	Faye	57	36	31	29	13	8
Finn	83	63	55	31	15	19	Fiona	62	82	72	71	83	78
Fionn	102	99	94	90	47	47	Grace	258	191	200	172	166	135
Gavin	113	121	124	126	110	142	Grainne	74	74	77	85	94	70
Harry	118	98	115	95	86	42	Hannah	340	368	343	299	242	236
Ian	56	73	65	70	90	90	Heather	61	53	43	32	35	39
Jack	800	868	930	846	743	543	Holly	213	171	107	84	101	51
Jake	236	227	224	161	125	110	Isabelle	51	64	46	32	20	20
James	626	581	613	594	629	472	Jade	84	139	175	175	150	121
Jamie	327	333	342	294	289	224	Jane	73	63	68	61	66	61
Jason	140	183	160	191	201	184	Jennifer	133	176	147	151	154	145
John	333	362	372	398	369	340	Jessica	292	302	262	260	227	233
Jonathan	64	66	66	77	57	51	Jodie	75	73	73	62	42	37
Jordan	114	171	249	315	308	270	Kate	295	301	258	263	246	197
Joseph	218	201	243	220	219	168	Katelyn	173	109	96	94	55	28
Josh	118	109	70	58	42	33	Katie	468	418	422	398	378	319

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Boys' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Joshua	352	345	257	216	147	108	Kayleigh	80	75	72	65	84	87
Karl	56	43	74	54	85	74	Kelly	90	92	75	89	91	77
Keith	64	71	81	61	79	88	Laoise	52	50	42	39	33	21
Kevin	180	214	220	264	211	233	Laura	268	349	361	315	397	357
Kian	106	86	106	50	14	5	Lauren	311	402	477	451	452	363
Kieran	87	94	85	109	81	81	Leah	395	351	374	302	185	146
Killian	101	100	121	105	100	94	Leanne	62	71	88	63	86	97
Kyle	200	190	126	139	99	96	Lily	66	58	53	28	17	13
Lee	147	153	158	158	143	143	Lisa	76	93	93	93	97	88
Leon	71	67	94	71	75	33	Louise	91	117	103	84	103	120
Liam	316	290	267	257	290	197	Lucy	203	169	157	136	105	89
Luke	474	489	517	488	410	327	Maeve	64	69	74	81	70	53
Mark	302	336	366	351	345	339	Maria	91	104	87	78	62	52
Martin	86	85	91	104	90	87	Mary	128	140	153	140	131	128
Matthew	304	351	287	275	259	281	Megan	310	387	401	441	434	393
Max	56	37	40	32	20	14	Mia	131	119	73	41	22	10
Michael	525	520	483	483	527	438	Michaela	53	52	74	72	78	85
Nathan	275	258	242	223	245	178	Michelle	64	86	82	92	118	107
Niall	128	175	179	199	197	174	Molly	163	179	172	105	74	42
Oisin	342	300	283	287	249	174	Nadine	74	55	29	41	24	51
Oran	77	55	53	27	43	23	Naomi	55	46	35	27	30	32
Padraig	68	65	73	70	98	77	Niamh	370	407	477	519	571	492
Patrick	343	366	365	362	343	306	Nicole	179	228	259	261	266	245
Paul	137	154	165	182	189	183	Olivia	70	74	84	88	112	43
Peter	134	128	151	131	140	143	Orla	113	141	149	167	144	138
Reece	59	49	68	51	47	35	Rachel	431	364	400	428	488	444
Robert	204	227	240	200	240	214	Rebecca	295	361	350	485	455	388
Ronan	132	122	139	165	147	143	Robyn	117	82	100	80	76	53
Rory	130	116	112	89	90	100	Roisin	222	228	239	245	254	213
Ross	94	85	106	124	155	171	Ruth	76	75	88	68	86	72
Ruairi	59	48	46	46	40	29	Sadhbh	66	52	47	41	19	36
Ryan	425	365	349	356	418	326	Saoirse	172	181	192	176	160	117
Sam	93	88	63	54	57	46	Sarah	606	655	650	626	595	537
Samuel	193	166	146	119	115	96	Shannon	114	166	191	198	246	255
Scott	117	114	97	85	69	56	Shauna	231	232	299	288	270	267
Sean	897	866	867	816	760	662	Sinead	153	182	162	180	196	195
Shane	335	343	385	400	444	415	Siobhan	51	56	78	64	60	79
Stephen	214	201	263	250	285	306	Sophia	51	46	35	38	37	24
Tadhg	73	68	64	55	49	38	Sophie	432	404	303	266	252	242
Thomas	375	349	377	351	332	306	Sorcha	59	48	45	59	61	48
Tom	74	61	56	38	30	31	Stephanie	58	52	53	48	59	53
William	125	139	130	156	130	95	Tara	147	180	168	153	167	114
							Victoria	63	59	48	49	55	38
							Zoe	136	133	129	115	69	65
Total in top 100	20989	20826	21079	20169	19736	17340		17229	16942	17033	16308	15928	14061
Total with first name recorded	29249	28314	27710	25947	24824	21786		28006	27005	26251	24550	23402	20472
Top 100 as % of total	71.8	73.6	76.1	77.7	79.5	79.6		61.5	62.7	64.9	66.4	68.1	68.7
Total births registered	31414	31001	29753	27896	27508	27580		30103	29520	28129	26343	25846	25971

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

Year	Regional Authority	Boys		Girls	
		Name	%	Name	%
2003	Border	Conor	2.60	Emma	3.08
	Midland	Sean	3.50	Sarah	3.27
	West	Sean	3.00	Emma	2.80
	Dublin	Sean	3.11	Emma	2.44
	Mid-East	Sean	4.08	Emma	3.31
	Mid-West	Conor	3.72	Emma	3.55
	South-East	Jack	3.94	Aoife	2.89
	South-West	Sean	3.02	Emma	2.74
	Ireland	Sean	3.07	Emma	2.82
2002	Border	Conor	2.76	Ciara	2.86
	Midland	Adam	3.35	Ciara	3.27
	West	Jack	2.71	Sarah	3.08
	Dublin	Sean	2.56	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 93% of birth notifications in 2003 included the baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO. This compares with 91% in 2002, 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 705 boys named Conor, another 80 boys had the alternate spelling Connor.
- Variants of names and abbreviations have also been treated as separate names. For example, Sean, Jack and John account between them for 2,030 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank first, second and twentysecond 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.