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Jack and Chloe top babies names again

Schoolyards will be resounding with the names **Jack** and **Chloe** for years to come, as parents in England and Wales continued to favour them in 2001. Jack has been the most popular boys' name for the past seven years and Chloe the top girls' name for the past five years.

For the sixth year running, the top five boys' names remain virtually the same (although **Joshua** and **James** exchanged places from 2000, at numbers three and four respectively). The top three girls' names remain the same, while **Jessica** moved up one place to number four and **Sophie** moved up two places to number five, knocking **Charlotte** out the top five.

Other changes in 2001 include:

Tyler, at number 41, is the highest new entry in the boys' top 50, up 10 places from last year. **Harrison** is the only other new entry, up eight places to number 48. **Ethan** has shown the biggest increase in popularity, up 11 places to number 21. Other names gaining in favour last year were **Dylan** (up 10 to number 28) and **Owen** and **Louis** (both up eight to numbers 38 and 39 respectively). Less popular were **Robert** (down six to number 47) and **Christopher** (down seven to number 49). **Rhys** and **Charles** dropped out the top 50 altogether. **Harry**, maybe one to watch next year, remained stationary at number six.

There are two new entries in the girls' top 50, **Erin** (up ten to 41) and **Millie** (up ten to 42). **Mia** displayed the biggest increase (up 20 to number 25), while **Holly** (up 10 to number 19) and **Lily** (up 11 to number 36) also showed big rises in popularity. Faring less well were **Courtney** (down nine to number 30) and **Natasha** (down 10 to number 49), while **Chelsea** and **Imogen** dropped out the top 50 altogether.

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Looking outside the top 50, two boys names which emerged last year were **Leo** (up 42 places to number 101) and **Marshall** (up 183 to number 153). Some other names which are starting to appear (but not high enough to rank) are **Maximus**, **Rocco** and **Fynn**.

Some girls' names that showed an outstanding increase in popularity included **Angelina** (up 277 to 483), **Willow** (up 175 to number 245) and **Mya** (up 119 to 276).

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. A list of the top 50 boys' and girls' names in 2001 is attached, as are the top ten boys' and girls' names in Wales. There are no regional breakdowns available for England.
2. Analysis by the General Register Office (Scotland) has found that Jack and Chloe were the most popular names given to babies in Scotland in 2001. Further details can be found on their website (www.gro-scotland.gov.uk).
3. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office.
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Top 50 boys' and girls' names in England and Wales in 2001

Boys			Girls		
1.	Jack		1.	Chloe	
2.	Thomas		2.	Emily	
3.	Joshua	+1	3.	Megan	
4.	James	-1	4.	Jessica	+1
5.	Daniel		5.	Sophie	+2
6.	Harry		6.	Lauren	
7.	Samuel		7.	Charlotte	-3
8.	Joseph		8.	Hannah	+1
9.	Matthew		9.	Olivia	-1
10.	Lewis	+3	10.	Lucy	
11.	Luke		11.	Ellie	+4
12.	Oliver	+2	12.	Amy	+2
13.	William-1		13.	Katie	+3
14.	Benjamin	+2	14.	Georgia	-3
15.	Callum	-5	15.	Rebecca	-3
16.	George	+1	16.	Molly	+3
17.	Adam	+3	17.	Bethany	-4
18.	Ryan	-3	18.	Emma	-1
19.	Jake	+3	19.	Holly	+10
20.	Alexander	+1	20.	Ella	+6
21.	Ethan	+11	21.	Caitlin	+2
22.	Liam	-4	22.	Abigail	-4
23.	Cameron	+1	23.	Grace	-3
24.	Connor	-1	24.	Jade	+1
25.	Jordan	-6	25.	Mia	+20
26.	Mohammed	+1	26.	Shannon	-4
27.	Jamie	+1	27.	Eleanor	-3
28.	Dylan	+10	28.	Alice	
29.	Nathan	-4	29.	Jasmine	+3
30.	Jacob	-1	30.	Courtney	-9
31.	Ben		31.	Leah	-4
32.	Charlie	+1	32.	Amelia	+3
33.	Michael	-3	33.	Elizabeth	+1
34.	Kieran	-8	34.	Anna	-3
35.	Max	+2	35.	Amber	+2
36.	Bradley	-2	36.	Lily	+11
37.	Brandon	-2	37.	Laura	-7
38.	Owen	+8	38.	Sarah	-5
39.	Louis	+8	39.	Rachel	-3
40.	Aaron	-4	40.	Phoebe	-2
41.	Tyler	New Entry +10	41.	Erin	New Entry +10
42.	Kyle	-3	42.	Millie	New Entry +10
43.	Reece	-3	43.	Zoe	-2
44.	Edward		44.	Abbie	
45.	Alex	+3	45.	Nicole	-2
46.	David	-3	46.	Paige	-4
47.	Robert	-6	47.	Niamh	-7
48.	Harrison	New Entry +8	48.	Daisy	+2
49.	Christopher	-7	49.	Natasha	-10
50.	Joe	-1	50.	Alexandra	-2

+/- indicates movement since 2000

Top 10 babies names in Wales in 2001

Boys			Girls		
1.	Jack	+1	1.	Chloe	
2.	Thomas	-1	2.	Megan	
3.	Joshua		3.	Emily	
4.	Daniel	+2	4.	Lauren	+1
5.	Rhys		5.	Jessica	+2
6.	Callum	-2	6.	Sophie	-2
7.	Dylan	+15	7.	Ffion	+2
8.	James	+2	8.	Ellie	+4
9.	Lewis	+7	9.	Hannah	-3
10.	Ethan	+8	10.	Caitlin	+5

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