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Yet again - Jack and Chloe are top babies' names!

Jack and **Chloe** continued to be the most popular names given to babies in England and Wales in 2002. Jack has now been the most popular boys' name for the past eight years and Chloe the top girls' name for the past six years. Jack actually increased slightly in popularity compared with 2001, while Chloe saw a small decrease.

For the seventh year running, the top five boys' names remained virtually the same, although **Joshua** and **Thomas** exchanged places at numbers two and three respectively. There were changes in the girls' top five, with **Ellie** moving up seven places to number four, knocking out **Megan**, which dropped three places to number six.

In Wales alone, the top boys' name changed from **Jack** to **Joshua**, although **Chloe** remained the top girls' name. A top ten for Wales is attached.

Other changes in 2002 include:

New entries to the boys' top 50 were **Harvey** (up 15 places to number 46), **Charles** (up four to number 47) and **Alfie** (up five to number 49). **Benjamin** rose eight places to number six, while **Ben** climbed ten places to number 21. **Harry** dropped five places to number 11 while **William** went up six places to number seven. **Jordan** saw a big decrease in popularity, down 18 places to number 43 while **Harrison**, **Christopher** and **Joe** dropped out of the top 50 altogether.

In the girls' top 50, **Isabelle** was the highest new entry, up ten places to number 47, followed by **Maisie**, up 18 places to number 48 and **Isabella**, up five to squeeze in at number 50. **Millie**, **Lily**, **Amelia** and **Leah** all rose seven places to numbers 35, 29, 25 and 24 respectively. **Emma** dropped nine places to number 27 while **Jade** and **Laura** both went down eight places to numbers 32 and 45 respectively. **Niamh**, **Natasha** and **Alexandra** all dropped out of the top 50.

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Bubbling under the top 50, up-and-coming boys names included **Isaac**, up 11 places to number 64, **Finlay**, up 23 to number 79, **Leo**, up 13 to number 88 and **Finley**, up 25 to number 93. Among girls' names, **Louise** went up 22 places to number 60, **Alicia** increased 24 places to number 61, **Aaliyah**, up 112 to number 92 and **Lara**, up 47 to number 96.

Less common boys' names that showed noticeable increases in popularity in 2002, but are not high enough to rank, are **Rio**, **Elijah**, **Shay** and **Spencer**. **Romeo** and **Brooklyn** both saw small increases in popularity. **Robbie** saw a decrease compared with 2001.

For girls', some names which appeared in are **Chardonnay**, **Ashanti**, **Shakira** and **Arwen**. The name **Kylie** saw a very small decrease in popularity from 2001.

A further look at the names list can be seen on the National Statistics website at:

www.statistics.gov.uk/CCI/nugget.asp?ID=184

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. A list of the top 50 boys' and girls' names in 2002 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 2002. 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 2002

Boys

1.	Jack	
2.	Joshua	+1
3.	Thomas	-1
4.	James	
5.	Daniel	
6.	Benjamin	+8
7.	William	+6
8.	Samuel	-1
9.	Joseph	-1
10.	Oliver	+2
11.	Harry	-5
12.	Matthew	-3
13.	Luke	-2
14.	Lewis	-4
15.	George	+1
16.	Callum	-1
17.	Adam	
18.	Ethan	+3
19.	Alexander	+1
20.	Ryan	-2
21.	Ben	+10
22.	Mohammed	+4
23.	Liam	-1
24.	Jake	-5
25.	Nathan	+4
26.	Connor	-2
27.	Cameron	-4
28.	Dylan	
29.	Charlie	+3
30.	Jacob	
31.	Owen	+7
32.	Jamie	-5
33.	Max	+2
34.	Michael	-1
35.	Kieran	-1
36.	Aaron	+4
37.	Brandon	
38.	Bradley	-2
39.	Kyle	+3
40.	Tyler	+1
41.	Louis	-2
42.	Alex	+3
43.	Jordan	-18
44.	Reece	-1
45.	Edward	-1
46.	Harvey	New Entry +15
47.	Charles	New Entry +4
48.	David	-2
49.	Alfie	New Entry +5
50.	Robert	-3

Girls

1.	Chloe	
2.	Emily	
3.	Jessica	+1
4.	Ellie	+7
5.	Sophie	
6.	Megan	-3
7.	Charlotte	
8.	Lucy	+2
9.	Hannah	-1
10.	Olivia	-1
11.	Lauren	-5
12.	Katie	+1
13.	Amy	-1
14.	Molly	+2
15.	Holly	+4
16.	Ella	+4
17.	Bethany	
18.	Rebecca	-3
19.	Grace	+4
20.	Mia	+5
21.	Georgia	-7
22.	Abigail	
23.	Caitlin	-2
24.	Leah	+7
25.	Amelia	+7
26.	Eleanor	+1
27.	Emma	-9
28.	Jasmine	+1
29.	Lily	+7
30.	Elizabeth	+3
31.	Shannon	-5
32.	Jade	-8
33.	Alice	-5
34.	Courtney	-4
35.	Millie	+7
36.	Anna	-2
37.	Amber	-2
38.	Erin	+3
39.	Sarah	-1
40.	Phoebe	
41.	Abbie	+3
42.	Daisy	+6
43.	Zoe	
44.	Rachel	-5
45.	Laura	-8
46.	Nicole	-1
47.	Isabelle	New Entry +10
48.	Maisie	New Entry +18
49.	Paige	-3
50.	Isabella	New Entry +5

+/- indicates movement since 2001

Top 50 boys' and girls' names in Wales in 2002

Boys			Girls		
1.	Joshua	+2	1.	Chloe	
2.	Jack	-1	2.	Megan	
3.	Thomas	-1	3.	Ellie	+5
4.	Dylan	+3	4.	Emily	-1
5.	Rhys		5.	Jessica	
6.	Daniel	-2	6.	Sophie	
7.	Ethan	+3	7.	Caitlin	+3
8.	Luke	+5	8.	Lauren	-4
9.	James	-1	9.	Ffion	-2
10.	Benjamin	+11	10.	Lucy	+6

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