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Coverage
England and Wales

Jessica joins Jack at top

Jack and **Jessica** are the most popular names given to babies in England and Wales in 2005. **Jack** has been the top name for baby boys for 11 years while **Jessica** moves up two places to become the new girls' number one.

Last year's top girls' name, **Emily**, drops to number two. **Sophie** moves up one place to number three and **Olivia** enters the top five for the first time at number four. **Chloe** (the top girls' name between 1997 and 2003) remains at number five.

Joshua, **Thomas** and **James** remain at numbers two, three and four, while **Oliver** replaces **Daniel** at number five.

Leo is the only new entry in the boys' top 50, leaping 20 places to number 37. **Keira** was the highest new entry in the girls' top 50, up 13 to number 38. **Scarlett** has rocketed 25 places to number 47 while **Libby** is up four to number 48.

Some big movers within the top 50 this year are **Ruby** (up 16 to number 15) **Isabella** (up nine to number 25) and **Evie** (up ten to number 29). Among the boys, **Jake** is up nine places to number 17. **Max** rose by seven places to number 29 while **Alfie** regained popularity this year and jumped six places to number 21.

Alex drops out of the boys' top 50 this year, while **Anna**, **Courtney** and **Abbie** are out of favour among the girls.

Bubbling under the top 50 for boys are **Noah** (up 23 places to number 51) **Isaac** (up six to number 53) and **Lucas** (up 18 to number 58). Up-and-coming girls' names are **Sienna** (up 99 to 68) **Ava** (up 65 to 84) and **Gracie** (up 52 to 87).

In Wales, the top boys' name remains **Joshua** ahead of **Jack**, with **Dylan** and **Rhys** in the top ten. **Megan** tops the girls' list again, with **Ffion** at number five, **Seren** at number 12 and **Cerys** at number 13.

A detailed look at this year's popular names can be seen on the National Statistics website:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/nugget.asp?id=184>

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BACKGROUND NOTES

1. A list of the top 50 boys' and girls' names in 2005 is attached, as are the top twenty boys' and girls' names in Wales. There are no regional breakdowns available for England.
2. The most popular names in Scotland are **Lewis** and **Sophie**. More details are available at:
<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/library/pernames/popular-forenames-in-scotland-2005/index.html>
3. The most popular names in Northern Ireland are **Jack** and **Katie**. More details are available at:
http://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/financeandpersonnel/DMB/baby_names.htm

Top 50 boys' and girls' names in England and Wales in 2005

1.	Jack		1.	Jessica	+2
2.	Joshua		2.	Emily	-1
3.	Thomas		3.	Sophie	+1
4.	James		4.	Olivia	+3
5.	Oliver	+2	5.	Chloe	
6.	Daniel	-1	6.	Ellie	-4
7.	Samuel	-1	7.	Grace	+4
8.	William		8.	Lucy	-2
9.	Harry	+2	9.	Charlotte	-1
10.	Joseph		10.	Katie	-1
11.	Benjamin	-2	11.	Ella	+3
12.	Charlie	+4	12.	Megan	-2
13.	Luke	+2	13.	Hannah	-1
14.	Matthew	-2	14.	Amelia	+5
15.	Callum	+3	15.	Ruby	+16
16.	Ethan	-2	16.	Lily	
17.	Jake	+9	17.	Amy	-4
18.	George	-1	18.	Mia	-3
19.	Lewis	-6	19.	Abigail	-2
20.	Alexander	-1	20.	Millie	+2
21.	Alfie	+6	21.	Molly	-1
22.	Jacob	+1	22.	Emma	-4
23.	Mohammed	-3	23.	Holly	
24.	Ryan	-3	24.	Leah	
25.	Dylan	-3	25.	Isabella	+9
26.	Adam	-2	26.	Lauren	-5
27.	Harvey	+5	27.	Caitlin	-2
28.	Liam	+2	28.	Daisy	+4
29.	Max	+7	29.	Evie	+10
30.	Connor	-2	30.	Isabelle	
31.	Tyler	+4	31.	Freya	+2
32.	Ben	-7	32.	Rebecca	-6
33.	Jamie		33.	Erin	+4
34.	Nathan	-3	34.	Georgia	-7
35.	Cameron	-6	35.	Phoebe	+9
36.	Owen	-2	36.	Madison	+7
37.	Leo	new entry +20	37.	Amber	+3
38.	Archie	+8	38.	Keira	new entry +13
39.	Bradley	+3	39.	Poppy	+6
40.	Kyle	-2	40.	Bethany	-12
41.	Michael	-2	41.	Jasmine	-5
42.	Harrison	+5	42.	Elizabeth	-7
43.	Louis	-6	43.	Eleanor	-14
44.	Henry	+4	44.	Alice	-6
45.	Edward	-2	45.	Paige	-4
46.	Aaron	-5	46.	Isabel	+4
47.	Brandon	-3	47.	Scarlett	new entry +25
48.	Toby	+2	48.	Libby	new entry +4
49.	Kieran	-9	49.	Aimee	-3
50.	Charles	-1	50.	Niamh	-2

+/- indicates movement on last year

Top 20 boys' and girls' names in Wales in 2005

Boys

1.	Joshua	
2.	Jack	
3.	Dylan	+1
4.	Thomas	-1
5.	Ethan	
6.	Rhys	
7.	Callum	+5
8.	Samuel	+5
9.	Daniel	-2
10.	Morgan	-2
11.	William	
12.	James	-3
13.	Luke	+6
14.	Oliver	
15.	Ryan	+6
16.	Benjamin	-6
17.	Joseph	
18.	Lewis	-2
19.	Matthew	-1
20.	Cameron	-5

Girls

1.	Megan	
2.	Chloe	+1
3.	Emily	+1
4.	Ellie	-2
5.	Ffion	+1
6.	Sophie	-1
7.	Jessica	+1
8.	Ella	+5
9.	Olivia	+2
10.	Katie	-3
11.	Caitlin	-2
12.	Seren	+15
13.	Cerys	+1
14.	Mia	+2
15.	Lucy	-5
16.	Amelia	+6
17.	Ruby	+ 37
18.	Molly	
19.	Carys	+1
20.	Charlotte	-1

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