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Ten years on top for Jack

Jack and **Emily** were the most popular names given to babies in England and Wales in 2004. Jack has now been the top boys' name for ten years while Emily has been most popular for two years.

Chloe, the most popular girls' name for seven years until 2002 dropped to number five, behind **Ellie**, **Jessica** and **Sophie**. Parents of baby boys have remained consistent in their choices, with the top five of **Jack**, **Joshua**, **Thomas**, **James** and **Daniel** unchanged since 2002.

Looking at the top 50 names for boys, **Henry** jumped six places to enter at 48, followed by **Toby**, up one place to 50. **David** and **Reece** dropped out of the top 50.

Last year's big climber **Alfie** was less popular this year, down nine places to 27, while **Charlie** went up nine places to 16. **Mohammed** went up again to enter the top 20 for the first time.

Evie was the highest new entry in the girls' top 50, up 22 places to 39. Other new entries for girls were **Madison** (up 30 to 43) – **Maddison** also featured in the top 100 – and **Niamh** (up seven to 48).

Rachel, **Sarah** and **Shannon** all dropped out of the top 50. Other leading girls' names increasing in 2004 were **Lily** (up eight to number 16), **Isabelle** (up 12 to 30) and **Ruby** (up 19 to 31).

In Wales, the top boys' name was **Joshua** ahead of **Jack** with **Dylan**, **Ethan**, **Rhys** and **Morgan** also making the top 10. **Megan** was most popular for girls in Wales with **Emily** in fourth and **Ffion** and **Caitlin** also making the top 10.

Some up-and-coming girls' names that didn't make this year's top 50 were **Keira** (up 100 places to 51) and **Kiera** (up 30 to 92). If the two spellings were added together they would have been 30th most popular. **Scarlett** jumped 53 places to 72.

Leo showed a big increase for boys (up 22 places to 59), as did **Louie** (up 21 to 91) and **Freddie** (up 23 to 96).

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Less common boys' names that showed noticeable increases in popularity in 2004 but are not high enough to rank in the top 100 include **Bobby**, **Ashton** and **Jenson**. The girls' names **Maya**, **Sienna** and **Abi** all showed big increases in popularity, although numbers remain relatively low.

A further 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>

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. A list of the top 50 boys' and girls' names in 2004 is attached, as are the top ten boys' and girls' names in Wales. There are no regional breakdowns available for England.
2. The most popular names in Scotland are **Lewis** and **Emma**. More details are available from the Press Office for the General Register Office for Scotland on 0131 244 2967.

Top 50 boys' and girls' names in England and Wales in 2004

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

Top 10 boys' and girls' names in Wales in 2004

Boys

1.	Joshua	
2.	Jack	
3.	Thomas	
4.	Dylan	+1
5.	Ethan	-1
6.	Rhys	+1
7.	Daniel	-1
8.	Morgan	
9.	James	
10.	Benjamin	+3

Girls

1.	Megan	
2.	Ellie	+1
3.	Chloe	-1
4.	Emily	
5.	Sophie	+2
6.	Ffion	-1
7.	Katie	+1
8.	Jessica	+1
9.	Caitlin	-3
10.	Lucy	+6