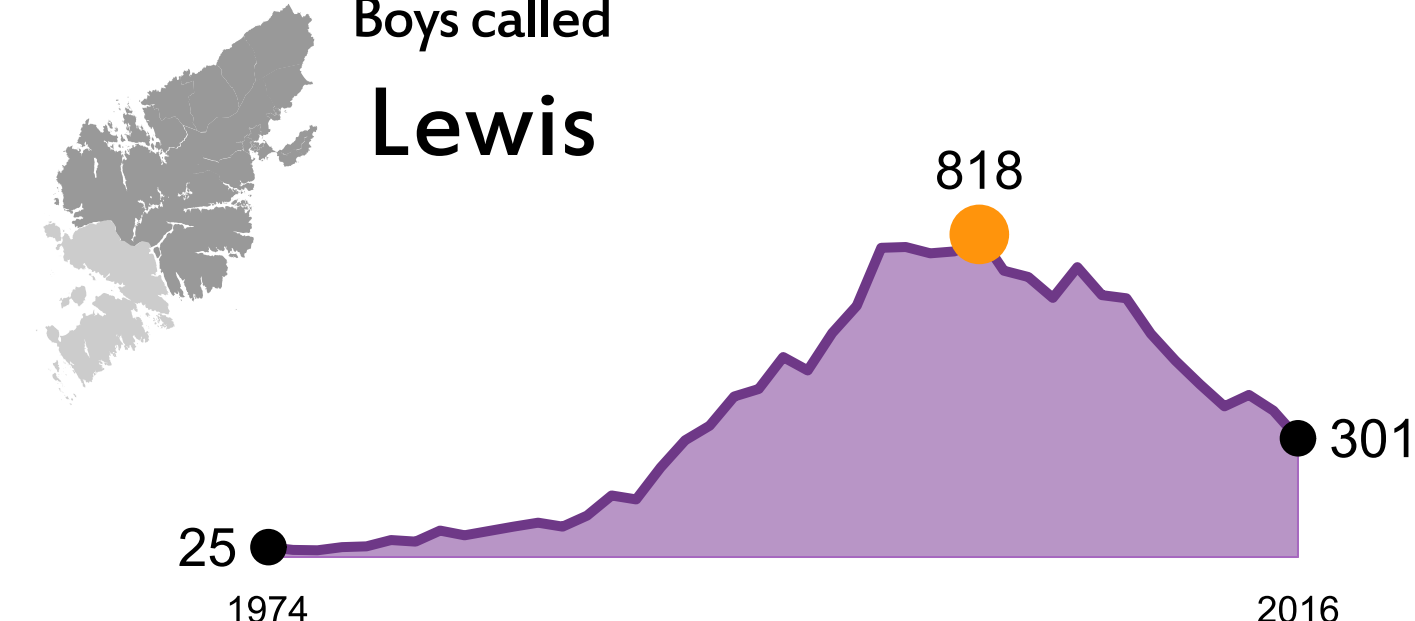
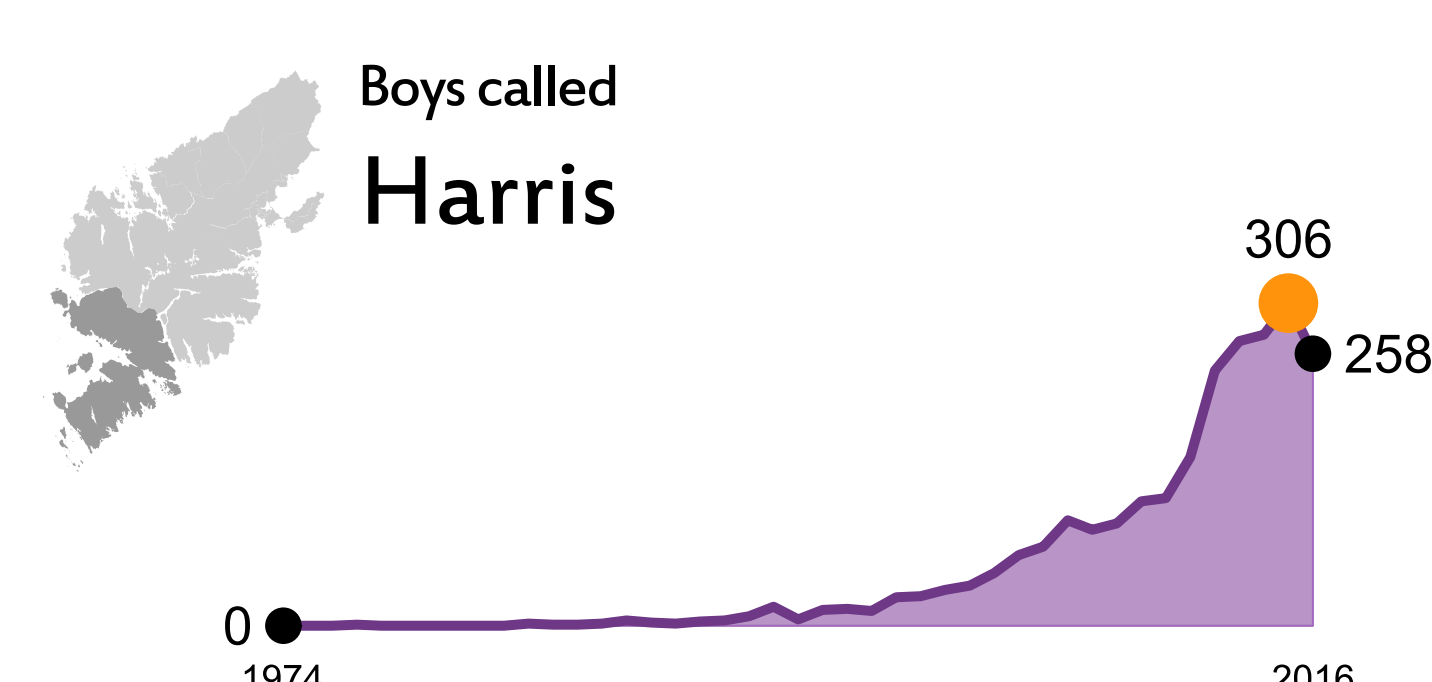


# Scottish islands inspiring choices of baby names?

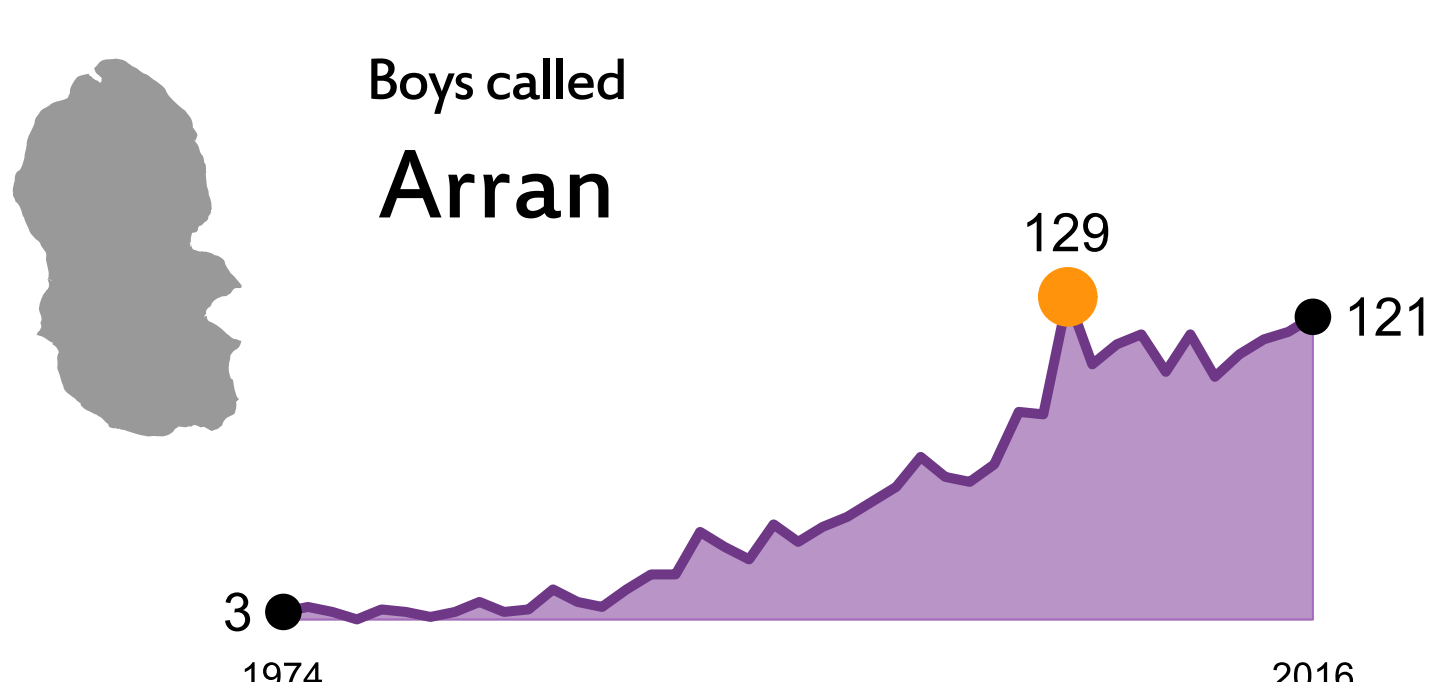
The inspiration for baby names comes from many different sources. Scottish islands appear to have influenced parents' choice of names for their babies.



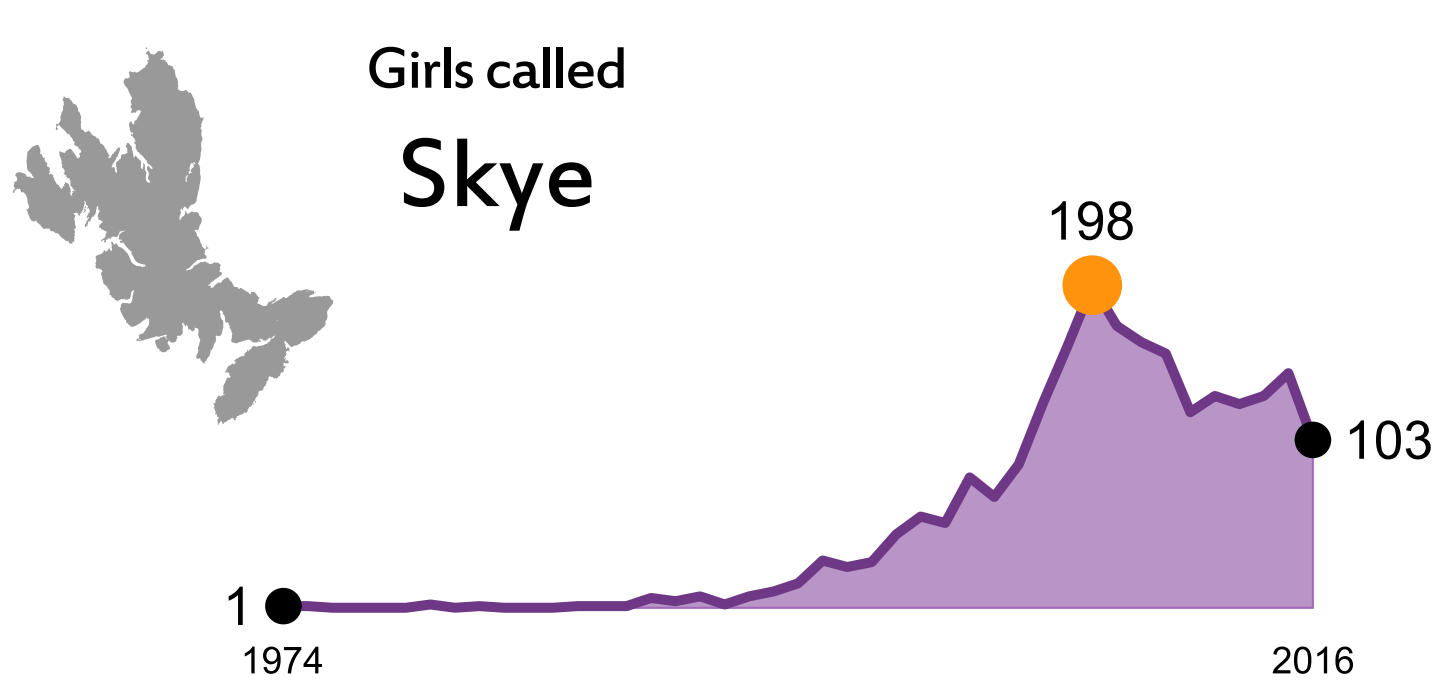
Lewis began to grow in popularity in the 90s and reached a peak of 818 in 2003.



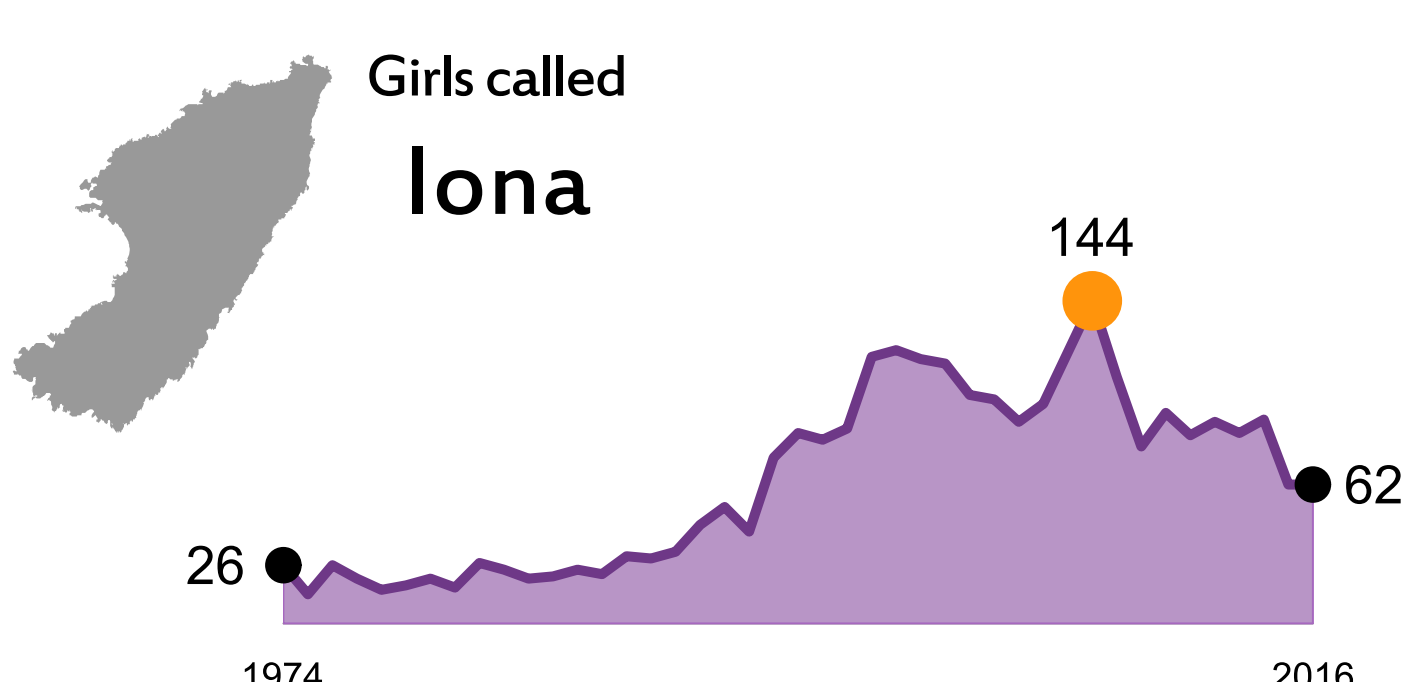
Harris was rarely used as a forename before 2000 but has increased in recent years with 306 baby boys in 2015.



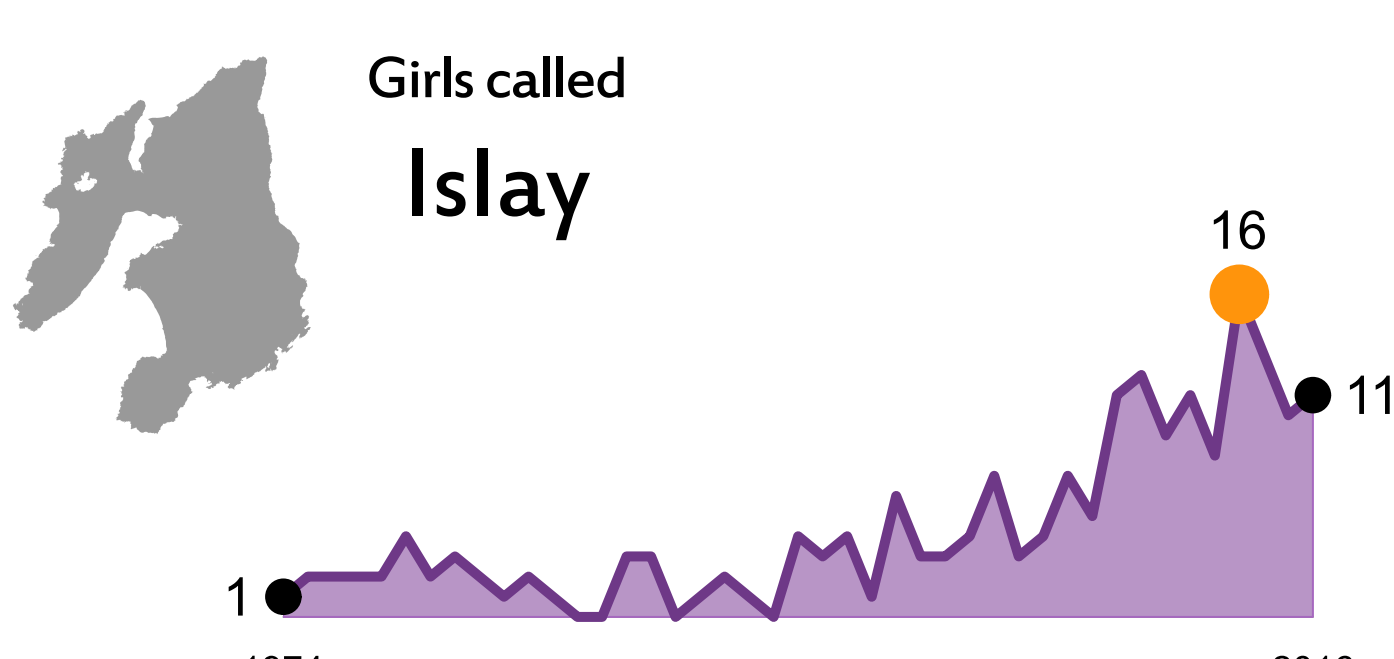
Arran increased during the 90s to reach a peak of 129 in 2006.



Skye was rarely used until the mid 1990s. It rose to a peak of 198 in 2007 but has fallen in popularity in recent years.



Iona increased in popularity in the mid 1990s and reached a peak of 144 in 2007.



Few baby girls were given the name Islay with the same spelling as the island. The alternative spelling, Isla, was the 4th most popular name in 2016.

A few parents opted for more unusual island names for their babies. Jura, Gigha, Eriskay, Kerrera, Coll, Tiree and Uist were all names given to babies in Scotland over the last 42 years.