

The most popular names in Scotland, 2002

Birth forenames in 2002

The following tables give the top 100 boys' and girls' birth names in 2002

1. in order of popularity
2. in alphabetic order
3. second names in order of popularity
4. also available for downloading is a file containing the top ten boys' and girls' names for each of the 32 Scottish local authority areas.

Boys' names

For the fourth year in a row **Jack** was the favourite name for boys. In fact the top five boys' names in 2002 remained in the same position as they were in 2001. **Lewis**, in second place, has also held that position since 1999.

Liam and Matthew have both moved into the top ten (7th and 8th place respectively), while **Kyle** (up 8 places to 12th), **Ben** (up 9 places to 13th), **Nathan** (up 8 places to 20th), **Joshua** (up 7 places to 23rd), **Aaron** (up 10 places to 27th) and **Josh** (up 14 places to 28th) have moved significantly up the table.

Longstanding favourites such as **Andrew** (down 10 places to 17th) **David** (down 8 places to 25th) and **John** (down 7 places to 31st), have dropped significantly, and other major drops in popularity have been **Jordan** (down 15 places to 34th) and **Craig** (down 14 places to 40th)

Names dropping out of the top hundred are **Greg, Martin, Alistair, Nicholas and Anthony**

The biggest jump in placings has been **Charlie** (up 31 places to 78th), which also figures in the girls' top 100.

By mid-December 2002, more than 24,500 boys' names had been registered, with nearly 2,000 different first names being used. The top 50 names accounted for just over 60% of the total and nearly 1250 boys were given unique (for 2002) first names.

Girls' names

Chloe has been the favourite girls' name since 1998. Last year Chloe was substantially more popular than any other name, but this year, other names such as **Sophie, Emma and Amy** have closed the gap considerably. Sophie has in fact run Chloe quite close in 2002. Another impressive advance was made by **Ellie** (up 11 places to 6th). Other big movers in the top 50 are **Louise** (up 16 places to 28th) and **Jennifer** (up 11 places to 29th).

Lauren has had a significant drop in popularity in 2002 (down six places to 8th), while **Shannon** (down 7 places to 23rd), **Olivia** (down 10 places to 35th), **Cara** (down 14 places to 42nd) and **Beth** (down 13 places to 50th) have dropped sharply.

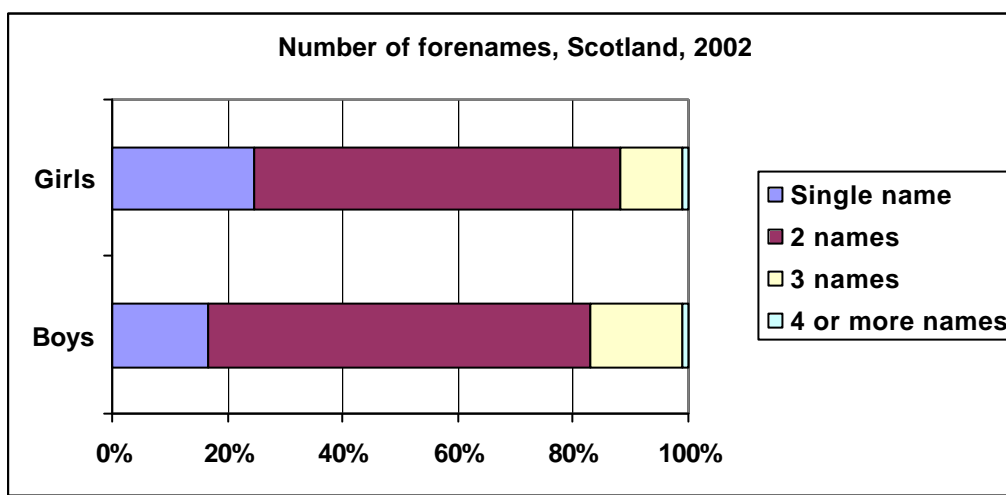
Kirsten, Sara, Jasmine and Victoria have all dropped out of the top 100, along with **Jordan**, which also dropped significantly in the boys' list.

The biggest jump in placings for girls' names has been **Alicia**, which has moved up to 82nd place from a distant 168th place last year – a jump of 86 places.

By December 2002, just under 23,500 girls had been registered, with over 3,000 different names being used. The top 50 girls' names accounted for just less than half of the registrations, and nearly 2,000 girls in Scotland were given unique (for 2002) names.

Additional names

The number of forenames given in 2002 is summarised in the following chart:



James, John, William and Alexander are more popular as second names than Jack is as a first name. The top 10 boys second names account for more than half of all second names.

Louise and **Elizabeth**, as second names, are both twice as popular as Chloe, the leading first name for girls. The top 20 girls' second names account for about half of all the second names used.

Regional variations

Jack is the top boys' name in 16 of the 32 council areas, with Lewis being top in 11 of the areas.

Chloe was the top girls' name in 9 council areas, whilst Sophie was top in 6 and Amy was top in 4. There was a lot of variation in favourite girls' names across the areas of Scotland.

England and Wales

An analysis by the Office for National Statistics covering England and Wales has shown that Jack and Chloe are again the most popular names in 2002. In Wales, the most popular boys' name is Joshua, which in Scotland is in 23rd place. Further details can be found on the ONS website (www.statistics.gov.uk).

Further information

An Occasional Paper published in January 2001, entitled "**Popular Forenames in Scotland, 1900 – 2000**", gives details of trends in forenames in the 20th century.

An Occasional Paper on **Surnames in Scotland** will be published on the General Register Office for Scotland website early in 2003.

The Registrar General's registration records, which date back to 1855, have been augmented to include a computerised index to the Church of Scotland parish registers back to 1553. This has enabled customers to analyse the frequency of occurrence of Scottish forenames and surnames over four centuries. For further information on the availability of data please contact [GROS Customer Services](#).

There are many websites dedicated to name lists. The two given below give much background information and links to other sites of interest.

www.babynames.com

www.eponym.org

Notes

1. All births have, by law, to be registered, and the records sent in by local registrars to the General Register Office for Scotland. This allows the production of tables showing the most popular first forenames, not just for a section of the population or those announced in a particular newspaper, but for all new babies born in Scotland.
2. All the information for 2002 contained in these tables is provisional. It is based on births registered up to mid-December 2002. The information for 2001 contained in this paper is for the full year, and therefore varies from that contained in last year's paper.
3. The rankings were based on the first forename recorded on the birth register.
4. Different spellings, e.g. Stephen, Steven, were counted separately.
5. Accents were ignored.

Top 100 boys' names, Scotland 2002, together with changes since 2001

2002			2001		Change in Ranking
Rank	Name	Count	Rank	Count	2001 - 2002
1	Jack	804	1	833	No change
2	Lewis	739	2	770	No change
3	Cameron	571	3	609	No change
4	Ryan	499	4	577	No change
5	James	482	5	510	No change
6	Jamie	400	10	418	+4
7	Liam	391	11	411	+4
8	Matthew	386	13	406	+5
9	Ross	381	9	431	No change
10	Callum	380	6	486	-4
11	Dylan	367	8	451	-3
12	Kyle	361	20	314	+8
13	Ben	358	22	307	+9
14	Connor	357	18	361	+4
15	Adam	350	12	407	-3
16	Daniel	341	14	399	-2
17	Andrew	338	7	474	-10
18	Scott	306	15	377	-3
19	Kieran	296	16	364	-3
20	Nathan	293	28	244	+8
21	Aidan	284	25	269	+4
22	Michael	283	21	310	-1
23	Joshua	282	30	230	+7
24	Thomas	281	23	300	-1
25	David	267	17	363	-8
26	Alexander	255	29	239	+3
27	Aaron	249	37	211	+10
28	Josh	237	42	200	+14
29	Euan	225	33	222	+4
30	Sean	219	27	251	-3
31	John	217	24	275	-7
32	Luke	203	31=	224	-1
33	Calum	199	31=	224	-2
34	Jordan	197	19	329	-15
35	Ewan	194	39=	202	+4
36	Robert	192	43	194	+7
37	Christopher	185	39=	202	+2
38	Mark	178	44	172	+6
39	Jay	174	47=	164	+8
40	Craig	173	26	262	-14
41	Finlay	171	49	162	+8
42	Fraser	169	39=	202	-3
43=	Declan	167	36	213	-7
43=	William	167	35	218	-8
45	Robbie	162	34	220	-11
46	Ethan	157	47=	164	+1
47	Logan	154	55	139	+8
48	Reece	147	38	203	-10
49	Samuel	144	51	156	+2
50	Joseph	143	50	160	No change

2002			2001		Change in Ranking
Rank	Name	Count	Rank	Count	2001 - 2002
51	Brandon	140	45	168	-6
52	Benjamin	134	59	122	+7
53	Lee	132	57	134	+4
54	Sam	131	53	142	-1
55	Owen	127	56	136	+1
56	Rory	124	63=	110	+7
57	Harry	117	54	141	-3
58	Paul	116	46	165	-12
59	Jake	105	52	150	-7
60	Shaun	104	68=	101	+8
61	Steven	100	58	132	-3
62	Rhys	98	63=	110	+1
63	Max	92	73	82	+10
64	Blair	91	61	114	-3
65=	Aiden	88	74=	80	+9
65=	Taylor	88	66=	104	+1
67	Oliver	86	80	76	+13
68	Gregor	81	62	112	-6
69	Kai	80	84	73	+15
70	Stuart	79	65	107	-5
71	Dean	78	68=	101	-3
72	Stephen	76	60	117	-12
73	Jonathan	75	81=	74	+8
74	Angus	73	71=	83	-3
75=	Ciaran	71	74=	80	-1
75=	Darren	71	70	97	-5
75=	Jason	71	71=	83	-4
78=	Charlie	70	109=	48	+31
78=	Jacob	70	97=	54	+19
78=	Marc	70	66=	104	-12
78=	Peter	70	74=	80	+2
82	Louis	67	81=	74	-1
83	Murray	65	87	67	+4
84	Conor	62	77=	79	-7
85	Tyler	61	85=	69	No change
86	Kian	58	106=	50	+20
87	Gary	57	85=	69	-2
88	Mohammed	56	90	59	+2
89=	Charles	54	106=	50	+17
89=	Duncan	54	102=	52	+13
91=	George	52	88	65	-3
91=	Joe	52	81=	74	-10
91=	Patrick	52	95=	55	+4
94=	Arran	50	92=	57	-2
94=	Bradley	50	104=	51	+10
94=	Finn	50	125	37	+31
97	Grant	49	111=	47	+14
98=	Alex	47	130	32	+32
98=	Elliot	47	120	39	+22
98=	Leon	47	89	60	-9
98=	Mitchell	47	100=	53	+2

Top 100 girls' names, Scotland 2002, together with changes since 2001

2002			2001		Change in Ranking 2001 - 2002
Rank	Name	Count	Rank	Count	
1	Chloe	557	1	711	No change
2	Sophie	497	9	429	+7
3	Emma	474	4	503	+1
4	Amy	472	2=	536	-2
5	Erin	412	6	489	+1
6	Ellie	403	17	256	+11
7	Rachel	387	11	381	+4
8	Lauren	382	2=	536	-6
9	Megan	377	5	496	-4
10	Hannah	356	7	447	-3
11	Rebecca	352	8	446	-3
12	Emily	321	12	362	No change
13	Caitlin	311	10	395	-3
14	Lucy	307	13	342	-1
15	Holly	278	19=	238	+4
16	Katie	265	14	336	-2
17	Nicole	242	15	291	-2
18	Sarah	239	18	244	No change
19	Abbie	231	19=	238	No change
20	Morgan	208	21	230	+1
21	Anna	204	23	212	+2
22	Niamh	203	22	216	No change
23	Shannon	192	16	277	-7
24=	Eilidh	182	24	206	No change
24=	Zoe	182	27	187	+3
26	Leah	179	33=	167	+7
27	Jessica	176	35	166	+8
28	Louise	166	44	133	+16
29	Jennifer	161	40	139	+11
30	Eve	158	31	173	+1
31	Molly	157	30	178	-1
32	Aimee	156	36	162	+4
33	Courtney	154	29	182	-4
34	Jade	149	32	172	-2
35	Olivia	145	25	201	-10
36	Kirsty	144	33=	167	-3
37	Charlotte	134	38	156	+1
38	Rachael	128	47	130	+9
39	Laura	127	26	188	-13
40	Bethany	124	48	126	+8
41	Taylor	122	39	143	-2
42	Cara	121	28	184	-14
43	Abby	119	45=	131	+2
44	Abigail	118	62	89	+18
45	Mia	114	61	91	+16
46	Samantha	113	43	134	-3
47	Jodie	111	41	138	-6
48	Kayleigh	107	49=	116	+1
49	Heather	105	45=	131	-4
50	Beth	104	37	157	-13

2002			2001		Change in Ranking
Rank	Name	Count	Rank	Count	2001 - 2002
51	Stephanie	94	54=	105	+3
52	Iona	92	49=	116	-3
53=	Georgia	91	51	115	-2
53=	Isla	91	70	71	+17
55	Robyn	90	42	136	-13
56	Melissa	88	52=	111	-4
57	Brooke	83	69	72	+12
58	Grace	81	89=	50	+31
59	Caitlyn	79	75	66	+16
60	Jenna	78	58=	94	-2
61	Amber	77	60	92	-1
62	Natasha	73	52=	111	-10
63=	Lisa	72	65=	78	+2
63=	Skye	72	88	52	+25
65=	Gemma	70	58=	94	-7
65=	Hayley	70	129	34	+64
67=	Freya	69	94=	47	+27
67=	Kelsey	69	82=	56	+15
69	Claire	66	56	102	-13
70=	Alice	62	72=	67	+2
70=	Natalie	62	68	73	-2
72=	Catherine	61	63	86	-9
72=	Danielle	61	54=	105	-18
72=	Demi	61	91=	49	+19
75=	Eva	59	79	59	+4
75=	Paige	59	81	57	+6
77	Kate	58	96=	46	+19
78=	Chelsea	57	57	96	+21
78=	Kayla	57	132	33	+54
78=	Nicola	57	64	83	-14
78=	Ciara	57	71	68	-7
82=	Alicia	53	168=	25	+86
82=	Elizabeth	53	72=	67	-10
82=	Rebekah	53	78	60	-4
85=	Alex	51	136	31	+51
85=	Kara	51	77	62	-8
87=	Carly	49	72=	67	-15
87=	Charlie	49	112=	40	+25
89=	Hollie	48	86=	54	-3
89=	Elle	48	127	35	+38
91=	Catriona	47	76	65	-15
91=	Kaitlyn	47	115	39	+24
91=	Kiera	47	82=	56	-9
94=	Carla	46	98=	45	+4
94=	Fiona	46	108=	41	+14
96=	Alexandra	45	65=	78	-31
96=	Ella	45	137	31	+41
98=	Katherine	43	104=	43	+6
98=	Naomi	43	134	33	+36
98=	Rosie	43	96=	46	-2

Top 100 boys' and girls names, Scotland 2002: listed alphabetically

Name	Count	Rank	Name	Count	Rank
Aaron	249	27	Abbie	231	19
Adam	350	15	Abby	119	43
Aidan	284	21	Abigail	118	44
Aiden	88	65=	Aimee	156	32
Alex	47	98=	Alex	51	85=
Alexander	255	26	Alexandra	45	96=
Andrew	338	17	Alice	62	70=
Angus	73	74	Alicia	53	82=
Arran	50	94=	Amber	77	61
Ben	358	13	Amy	472	4
Benjamin	134	52	Anna	204	21
Blair	91	64	Beth	104	50
Bradley	50	94=	Bethany	124	40
Brandon	140	51	Brooke	83	57
Callum	380	10	Caitlin	311	13
Calum	199	33	Caitlyn	79	59
Cameron	571	3	Cara	121	42
Charles	54	89=	Carla	46	94=
Charlie	70	78=	Carly	49	87=
Christopher	185	37	Catherine	61	72=
Ciaran	71	75=	Catriona	47	91=
Connor	357	14	Charlie	49	87=
Conor	62	84	Charlotte	134	37
Craig	173	40	Chelsea	57	78=
Daniel	341	16	Chloe	557	1
Darren	71	75=	Ciara	57	78=
David	267	25	Claire	66	69
Dean	78	71	Courtney	154	33
Declan	167	43=	Danielle	61	72=
Duncan	54	89=	Demi	61	72=
Dylan	367	11	Eilidh	182	24=
Elliot	47	98=	Elizabeth	53	82=
Ethan	157	46	Ella	45	96=
Euan	225	29	Elle	48	89=
Ewan	194	35	Ellie	403	6
Finlay	171	41	Emily	321	12
Finn	50	94=	Emma	474	3
Fraser	169	42	Erin	412	5
Gary	57	87	Eva	59	75=
George	52	91=	Eve	158	30
Grant	49	97	Fiona	46	94=
Gregor	81	68	Freya	69	67=
Harry	117	57	Gemma	70	65=
Jack	804	1	Georgia	91	53=
Jacob	70	78=	Grace	81	58
Jake	105	59	Hannah	356	10
James	482	5	Hayley	70	65=
Jamie	400	6	Heather	105	49
Jason	71	75=	Hollie	48	89=
Jay	174	39	Holly	278	15
Joe	52	91=	Iona	92	52
John	217	31	Isla	91	53=
Jonathan	75	73	Jade	149	34

Name	Count	Rank	Name	Count	Rank
Jordan	197	34	Jenna	78	60
Joseph	143	50	Jennifer	161	29
Josh	237	28	Jessica	176	27
Joshua	282	23	Jodie	111	47
Kai	80	69	Kaitlyn	47	91=
Kian	58	86	Kara	51	85=
Kieran	296	19	Kate	58	77
Kyle	361	12	Katherine	43	98=
Lee	132	53	Katie	265	16
Leon	47	98=	Kayla	57	78=
Lewis	739	2	Kayleigh	107	48
Liam	391	7	Kelsey	69	67=
Logan	154	47	Kiera	47	91=
Louis	67	82	Kirsty	144	36
Luke	203	32	Laura	127	39
Marc	70	78=	Lauren	382	8
Mark	178	38	Leah	179	26
Matthew	386	8	Lisa	72	63=
Max	92	63	Louise	166	28
Michael	283	22	Lucy	307	14
Mitchell	47	98=	Megan	377	9
Mohammed	56	88	Melissa	88	56
Murray	65	83	Mia	114	45
Nathan	293	20	Molly	157	31
Oliver	86	67	Morgan	208	20
Owen	127	55	Naomi	43	98=
Patrick	52	91=	Natalie	62	70=
Paul	116	58	Natasha	73	62
Peter	70	78=	Niamh	203	22
Reece	147	48	Nicola	57	78=
Rhys	98	62	Nicole	242	17
Robbie	162	45	Olivia	145	35
Robert	192	36	Paige	59	75=
Rory	124	56	Rachael	128	38
Ross	381	9	Rachel	387	7
Ryan	499	4	Rebecca	352	11
Sam	131	54	Rebekah	53	82=
Samuel	144	49	Robyn	90	55
Scott	306	18	Rosie	43	98=
Sean	219	30	Samantha	113	46
Shaun	104	60	Sarah	239	18
Stephen	76	72	Shannon	192	23
Steven	100	61	Skye	72	63=
Stuart	79	70	Sophie	497	2
Taylor	88	65=	Stephanie	94	51
Thomas	281	24	Taylor	122	41
Tyler	61	85	Zoe	182	24=
William	167	43=			

Top 20 boys' and girls' second names, Scotland 2002

Boys			Girls		
Name	Count		Name	Count	
1	James	1,751	1	Louise	1,187
2	John	1,344	2	Elizabeth	987
3	William	886	3	Jane	656
4	Alexander	877	4	Anne	510
5	David	766	5	Margaret	509
6=	Thomas	683	6	Ann	472
6=	Robert	683	7	Mary	406
8	Andrew	581	8	Catherine	355
9	George	393	9	Rose	337
10	Michael	344	10	Marie	310
11	Joseph	285	11	Helen	217
12	Paul	244	12	Grace	196
13	Scott	234	13	Sarah	179
14	Peter	230	14	May	170
15	Patrick	221	15	Leigh	142
16	Ian	183	16	Jade	134
17	Stuart	181	17	Jean	125
18	Alan	172	18=	Frances	110
19	Daniel	170	18=	Claire	110
20	Charles	167	20	Alice	109