Anna and Paul were the most popular baby names in 2018

Vienna, 2019-09-17 – In 2018, Anna and Paul topped the charts of first names given to new born babies in Austria, as Statistics Austria reports. This result is based on a list of first names in original spelling and without special characters. In total, names of 41,739 new born girls and 43,796 boys were analysed. Parents chose the name Anna 869 times (2.1%) for girls and Paul 830 times (1.9%) for boys. Anna reached the number one position for the 13th time since 2002 and Paul topped the list for the first time since entering the top ten in 2012. These results are also displayed in an interactive map of baby names (available in German only), showing first names by sex and region since 1984.

In addition to the charts of most popular first names in original spelling, statistics of first names with the same etymological provenance – summarized under the most common spelling in the period from 1984 to 2018 – are published. According to this statistics, Anna and Lukas were the most common names in 2018.

For more detailed information (also on methods and definitions) please refer to the German version.