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# Most popular baby names in 2021: Marie and Paul

## Other top places in the first names hit list for Emilia and Anna as well as Jakob and Maximilian

Vienna, 2022-08-10 – According to Statistics Austria, Marie and Paul topped the list of first names of newborns in 2021. This is the result of an analysis of the first names (in the original spelling, without special characters) of all 41 841 girls and 44 237 boys born this year in Austria. Parents chose the name Marie 795 times (1.9 %) for girls and Paul 810 times (1.8 %) for boys.

“Marie was the most popular name for girls in 2021, as it was the year before. The top climbers of the year were Valentina (rank 8) and Laura (rank 7), which moved up four and three places respectively compared to the previous year. Paul took the top spot for boys’ names for the first time since 2018. He was also the top climber, moving up four places compared to last year. Lea and David, on the other hand, each slipped three places compared to the previous year,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistik Austria.

**Marie** entered the list of the top ten most common girls’ names in 2009 at number 8 and became more popular year after year, reaching number 3 in both 2016 and 2017. **Paul** first landed at number 10 in 2012 and has subsequently always ranked in the top 10, including the top spot in 2018 and number 2 in 2017 and 2019.

### Top places for Marie, Emilia and Anna as well as Paul, Jakob and Maximilian

In the hit list of girls’ names in 2021, Marie is followed by **Emilia** in second place, who has been in the top 10 since 2013, and has moved up one place from the previous year. In third place, one place lower than the previous year, comes **Anna**, which has been in the top 10 since 1991 and has reached top 3 rankings since 1996, including 13 times in first place. In fourth place comes **Emma**, just as popular as in the previous year. **Lena** and **Mia** are in fifth and sixth place, respectively, thus swapping their ranks from the previous year. The top climbers, **Laura** and **Valentina**, follow in seventh and eighth place, whereby the former, coming from tenth place, has been in the top 10 since 1996 and the latter, coming from twelfth place, has reached tenth place four times since 2010. Rank 9 is occupied by **Hannah**, who climbed up two places compared to the previous year. **Lea** follows in tenth place, slipping three places compared to 2020.

The hit list of boys’ names in 2021 is continued after Paul in second place by **Jakob**, who lost one place compared to the previous year, but has been in the top 10 consistently since 2010 with the exception of 2012 (eleventh place). **Maximilian** follows in third place, ranking equal to the previous year and having always achieved top 10 places since 2005. **Elias** is in fourth place, two places better than last year. **David**, last year’s runner-up, is in fifth place. **Felix** is in sixth place, two places worse than in 2020. **Leon** is in seventh place, up one place compared to the previous year. **Tobias** in eighth place made up two places on the previous year. **Jonas** is in ninth place, two places worse than the previous year. **Noah**, a newcomer to the top 10, was ranked two places better than in the last two years.

In the **hit list of first names**, the **first first names in the original spelling without special characters** are ranked (see table). In addition, the results of the first names in the original spelling without special characters for all first names that have occurred **at least twice since 1984** are available in an [interactive map](#), broken down regionally to the level of the political districts.

For detailed results and further information please refer to [website](#).

## Hit list of most popular first names of newborns 2021

Rank / First name	Frequency		
	absolute	in %	% cumulative
<b>girls' names</b>			
1 - Marie	795	1.9	1.9
2 - Emilia	690	1.6	3.5
3 - Anna	684	1.6	5.2
4 - Emma	671	1.6	6.8
5 - Lena	634	1.5	8.3
6 - Mia	596	1.4	9.7
7 - Laura	575	1.4	11.1
8 - Valentina	544	1.3	12.4
9 - Hannah	541	1.3	13.7
10 - Lea	536	1.3	15.0
<b>boys' names</b>			
1 - Paul	810	1.8	1.8
2 - Jakob	779	1.8	3.6
3 - Maximilian	771	1.7	5.3
4 - Elias	747	1.7	7.0
5 - David	711	1.6	8.6
6 - Felix	697	1.6	10.2
7 - Leon	663	1.5	11.7
8 - Tobias	647	1.5	13.2
9 - Jonas	637	1.4	14.6
10 - Noah	616	1.4	16.0

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**Information on methodology:** The data on first names of newborns are based on reports of the registry offices of Austria on live births (“Notification of Birth”), which have been transmitted from the Central Civil Status Register since 1 November 2014. All first names of newborns whose mothers have their main residence in Austria at the time of birth are recorded. From 1984 to 2009, only the first names of babies with Austrian citizenship were collected. From 2010 onwards, the respective first names of all babies are included, irrespective of their nationality. For the hit list of first names, the **first first names** are used in their **original spelling without special characters**. In order to be able to merge homonymous first names with different special characters, they are normalised, i.e. transcoded back to simple ASCII characters.

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