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Emilia and Paul favourite baby names in 2023

Rank two and three for Marie and Emma as well as Jakob and Elias

Vienna, 2024-08-29 – Emilia and Paul topped the list of first names for newborns in Austria in 2023. This is shown by an analysis by Statistics Austria of the first first names of all 37 596 girls and 40 009 boys born that year. Parents chose the name Emilia 638 times for girls and Paul 687 times for boys (1.7% each).

“After taking second place in 2022, Emilia was the most popular name for girls for the first time in 2023. The previous year’s winner Emma fell to the third place. For boys, Paul once again took first place, as in 2021 and 2018. Maximilian, the most popular first name in 2022, fell to fourth place. The first name Anna has been in the top ten since 1991 and has always been in the top three from 1996 up to 2021,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistic Austria.

Emilia first reached number 10 on the list of most popular girls’ first names in 2013 and has ranked third or second since 2019. **Paul** made up two places on the previous year and has always been in the top ten since 2012, taking the top spot in 2018 and 2021 and second place in 2017 and 2019.

Top places for Emilia, Marie and Emma as well as Paul, Jakob and Elias

In the hit list of girls’ names 2023, Emilia is followed by **Marie** in second place, up one place on the previous year, and has appeared in the list of the ten most common girls’ first names since 2009. In third place – two places lower than in the previous year – is **Emma**, who has been in the top ten since 2010, including first place in 2019 and 2022 and second place from 2013 to 2018. Rank 4 is occupied by **Anna**, moving up one place compared to 2022. Anna has been in the top ten since 1991 and always in the top three from 1996 to 2021, including 13 times in first place. In fifth place comes **Mia**, who dropped one place compared to the previous year. **Sophia** follows in sixth place, remaining as popular as in the previous year. In seventh and eighth place follow **Valentina** and **Lena**, who were each one place higher than in the previous year. Rank 9 is held by **Lea**, a re-entrant to the top ten who moved up two places compared to 2022. Number ten is **Laura**, who slipped three places compared to the previous year.

The hit list of boys’ names in 2023 is continued after Paul in second place with **Jakob**, who moved up two places compared to the previous year and has been in the list of the ten most popular boys’ names since 2010, with the exception of 2012 (eleventh place). **Elias** follows on rank 3, moving up three places on the previous year and thus achieving a place among the top three for the first time since his first top ten ranking in 2010. **Maximilian** and **Felix** occupy fourth and fifth place respectively, each slipping three places compared to the previous year. Maximilian has been in the top ten since 2005 and – with the exception of fourth place in 2018 – in the top 3 since 2009, while Felix has been in the top ten almost continuously since 2007 (with the exception of 2010 and 2011 – both ranked twelfth – and 2015 ranked eleventh). Rank 6 is occupied by **Noah**, who only reached the top ten for the first time in 2021 and dropped one place compared to the previous year. **Leon** holds rank 7, two places higher than in 2022, followed by **David** in eighth place, one place lower than in the previous year. In ninth place is **Tobias**, who has been in the top ten almost continuously since 2000, with the exception of 2019 and 2022 (on eleventh place each). On rank 10 follows **Jonas**, who slipped two places compared to the previous year.

In the **hit list of first names**, the **first names in the original spelling without special characters** are ranked (see table). In addition, the results for all first names that have occurred **at least twice since 1984** are available in an [interactive map](#) and as [open data](#) files broken down regionally to the level of the political districts. For detailed results and further information please refer to our [website](#).

Hit list of most popular first names of newborns 2023

Rank 2023– first name	Frequency			Rank 2022
	absolute	in %	% cumulative	
girls' name				
1 – Emilia	638	1,7	1,7	2
2 – Marie	554	1,5	3,2	3
3 – Emma	517	1,4	4,5	1
4 – Anna	514	1,4	5,9	5
5 – Mia	509	1,4	7,3	4
6 – Sophia	471	1,3	8,5	6
7 – Valentina	446	1,2	9,7	8
8 – Lena	434	1,2	10,9	9
9 – Lea	427	1,1	12,0	11
10 – Laura	420	1,1	13,1	7
boys' name				
1 – Paul	687	1,7	1,7	3
2 – Jakob	660	1,7	3,4	4
3 – Elias	625	1,6	4,9	6
4 – Maximilian	620	1,6	6,5	1
5 – Felix	596	1,5	8,0	2
6 – Noah	577	1,4	9,4	5
7 – Leon	572	1,4	10,8	9
8 – David	535	1,3	12,2	7
9 – Tobias	528	1,3	13,5	11
10 – Jonas	520	1,3	14,8	8

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Vital statistics. – Contains the first names in the original spelling without special characters.

Information on methodology, definitions: The data on first names of newborns are based on reports of the registry offices of Austria on live births (“Notification of Birth”), which are 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 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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