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AMELIA NEW TOP NAME FOR GIRLS AS OLIVER KEEPS BOYS' CROWN

Amelia has become the most popular name for girls in Victoria for the first time but there is no change at the top for boys, with Oliver retaining the crown for a 10th year.

Minister for Government Services Gabrielle Williams today released the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria lists of top 100 popular baby names for boys and girls born last year.

Amelia's rise to the top has broken a decade-long tussle between Olivia and Charlotte for number one, with Charlotte holding the title in recent years. Oliver, by contrast, has been top of the pile since 2014.

Among boys, Luca and Archie entered the top 10 in 2023 at the expense of William and Theodore. Oscar, James and Sebastian entered the top 20 rankings at the expense of Max, Harry and Liam.

Among the girls, the top 10 names were unchanged from 2022 but Harper, Evelyn and Sienna were new entrants in the top 20, displacing Ruby, Mila and Evie.

While Oliver has had an impressive streak at the top, the name still hasn't reached the all-time record run. That title belongs to John, which was the longest running top baby name for boys for 23 years, from 1929 to 1951. The longest ruling girls name was Margaret, the top name for 24 years from 1929 to 1952.

In 2023, neither John nor Margaret made the top 100 lists.

Some traditional names, though, are making a comeback. In 2022, Hazel and Theodore appeared in the top 10 baby names for the first time. Hazel improved again in 2023, going from 10th to sixth, although Theodore dropped from eighth to equal 13th.

Names with a royal flavour continue to dominate, with Charlotte, Henry, Archie and William placing second, third, eighth and 12th place respectively. The distinctly Australian name of Matilda, meanwhile, has cracked the top 10 list for girls for the past three years.

Some of the less common names in the top 100 lists include Zayn, August and Phoenix for boys, and Harlow and Quinn for girls.

In 2023, 72,932 births were registered in Victoria, including 514 Olivers and 333 Amelias.

Parents have 60 days to register their baby's name and can do so easily online with the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. For the full list of popular baby names visit bdm.vic.gov.au/names.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Government Services Gabrielle Williams

"Naming your child is an exciting part of parenthood – people draw inspiration from all manner of sources and it's fascinating to see the trends come and go."

"It's great that so many Victorians are experiencing the joy of welcoming a new little person into their lives and we're making sure the process at the registry is as straight forward as possible."

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Top 20 Girls and Boys 2023

Rank	Name	Total	2022 Rank	Rank	Name	Total	2022 Rank
1	Amelia	333	2	1	Oliver	514	1
2	Charlotte	319	1	2	Noah	461	2
3	Olivia	306	5	3	Henry	374	5
4	Mia	289	4	4	Leo	357	4
5	Isla	280	3	5	Charlie	337	6
6	Hazel	266	10	6	Luca	302	12
7	Matilda	256	6	7	Jack	295	3
8	Ava	254	7	8	Archie	285	11
9	Grace	254	9	9	Hudson	273	10
10	Ella	234	8	10	Thomas	270	9
11	Lily	223	11	11	Levi	268	14
12	Harper	220	23	12	William	267	7
13	Chloe	213	16	13	Lucas	264	13
14	Sophie	203	20	14	Theodore	264	8
15	Evelyn	199	24	15	Harvey	228	15
16	Isabella	197	14	16	Elijah	220	20
17	Ivy	193	12	17	Alexander	208	19
18	Sienna	193	21	18	Oscar	207	21
19	Willow	191	13	19	James	202	22
20	Zoe	187	15	20	Sebastian	197	24