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ETHAN AND SOPHIA TOP ORANGE COUNTY BABY NAMES IN 2012

The most popular names for babies born in Orange County last year included several repeats and a couple of new names, as Ethan topped the list for boys' names for the first time in recent years and Sophia continued as most popular for girls for the third year running.

Many names are perennial parental favorites, matching the most popular names chosen nationally, Assistant Clerk-Recorder Renee Ramirez said. The department maintains birth certificates for all children born in the county.

New boy names making the 2012 local list were Noah (6th), Liam (9th) and Mason (10th). Standard favorites again appearing on the list were Jacob, Nathan, Matthew, Daniel and Andrew. Jayden made the list for the second year in a row, while Anthony and Alexander this year failed to make the top 10.

Popular girl names included Isabella (second for the third consecutive year after grabbing the top spot in 2009), Emma, Olivia, Mia, Emily, Samantha and Ava. Abigail and Sofia were new to the list, supplanting Chloe and Victoria.

The baby names list was compiled by the Clerk-Recorder Department from about 50,000 births recorded in Orange County in 2012.

Nationally, Aiden ranked as the most popular boy name—for the eighth year in a row—with Sophia as popular nationally as in Orange County, according to the BabyCenter's 2012 Top Baby Names List. (For the most popular baby names nationally, click on www.babycenter.com/top-baby-names-2012.)

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TOP ORANGE COUNTY BABY NAMES, 2012 vs. 2011

	Boys Names			Girls Names	
	2012	**2011**		**2012**	**2011**
1	Ethan	Jacob	1	Sophia	Sophia
2	Jacob	Matthew	2	Isabella	Isabella
3	Nathan	Daniel	3	Emma	Emma
4	Matthew	Jayden	4	Mia	Olivia
5	Jayden	Ethan	5	Olivia	Mia
6	Noah*	Nathan	6	Emily	Emily
7	Andrew	Andrew	7	Abigail*	Samantha
8	Daniel	Anthony	8	Ava	Ava
9	Liam*	Alexander	9	Samantha	Chloe
10	Mason*	Dylan	10	Sofia*	Victoria

* New on the list.

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