

Electronic Birth Registration

Oklahoma's most popular baby names for 2011

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If you were a boy born in Oklahoma in 2011, there's a good chance that you were given the name William or Mason or Jacob.

If a girl, people likely call you Emma, Sophia or Isabella.

These were the three most popular names by gender given to newborns in the state last year, according to data released by the Oklahoma Department of Health.

The Social Security Administration has not yet released the most popular baby names on a national basis for 2011.

But in comparing Oklahoma's 2011 names to those from the 2010 national list, the state was not very original.

Eight of the top 10 Oklahoma girls' names were also in the national top 10, with the differences being that Oklahoma counted Addison (No. 5) and Brooklyn (No. 9) among the most popular, while the national list featured Chloe at No. 9 (No. 11 in Oklahoma) and Mia at No. 10 (not among the state's top 20 girls' names).

As for the boys, six names

were duplicated between the state and national lists. Oklahoma was unique in counting Mason, Elijah, James and Wyatt among its top 10 in popularity.

Meanwhile, the U.S. top 10 names included two names - Jayden and Alexander - that finished in the state's top 20 (No. 13 and No. 14, respectively) and two names - Daniel and Anthony - that were not among the most in-demand monikers in Oklahoma.

Perhaps reflecting Oklahoma's more rural themes, names that proved popular across the state included Hunter (No. 15 boy's name), Lily (No. 16 girl's name) and two names popular on the gender-neutral list: River and Briar.

Oklahoma children were bestowed with 7,517 unique girls' names and 5,255 unique boys' names in 2011, according to state Department of Health statistics.

Top 20 girl's names

1. Emma; 2. Sophia; 3. Isabella; 4. Olivia; 5. Addison; 6. Ava; 7. Emily; 8. Abigail; 9. Brooklyn; 10. Madison; 11. Chloe; 12. Avery; 13. Elizabeth;

14. Lillian; 15. Alexis; 16. Lily; 17. Zoey; 18. Harper; 19. Natalie; 20. Ella

Top 20 boy's names

1. William; 2. Mason; 3. Jacob; 4. Elijah; 5. Noah; 6. Ethan; 7. Aiden; 8. Michael; 9. James; 10. Wyatt; 11. Gabriel; 12. Jackson; 13. Jayden; 14. Alexander; 15. Hunter; 16. Landon; 17. Bentley; 18. David; 19. Eli; 20. Joshua

Top 20 gender-neutral names

1. Riley; 2. Charlie; 3. River; 4. Landry; 5. Reece; 6. Elliot; 7. Camdyn; 8. Skylar; 9. Emerson; 10. Jessie; 11. Briar; 12. Justice; 13. Harley; 14. Rowan; 15. Baylor; 16. Casey; 17. Chandler; 18. Tegan; 19. Kamdyn; 20. Memphis



"Thank you." From Mikeal Murray

I want to say "thank you" to everyone I've worked with over the past six years in the vital records industry. That's a lot of people and includes birth clerks, health information managers, other state agencies, the Health Department, other states, all kinds of folks.

I have taken a new position within the agency that will move me out of the Vital Records Division. I am very excited by

the opportunity, but also feel the "buyer's remorse" that accompanies leaving people and work behind. It hasn't always been easy during this "ROVER thing," particularly in the very beginning when we rolled it out in April of 2009. But ROVER has come a long way since that rocky start and has made a huge impact on birth certificate registration. It continues to get better with each new update.

Even with the occasional hiccup that sometimes still happens, problems are still able to be addressed and corrected much faster than they would be using paper.

I sincerely hope that my efforts have been helpful. I have appreciated your patience, your professionalism, and your company. It's been challenging, it's been gratifying, and it's been fun! Thank you all very much.

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ROVER System Requirements

For the system to run at optimal performance, your computer should have the following features:

- Internet Explorer 6.0 or later
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Laser Printer
- Broadband Internet Connection



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Vital Records Training Pages and Resources

I just wanted to remind you that we have reorganized the Vital Records training pages on the Oklahoma Department of Health website. Our hope is to make the information more accessible and user friendly. You can find basic instructions on how to complete a birth certificate and stillbirth certificate. We created a special web address to bypass surfing through the web and go straight to the "Training & Materials" page. From there you can choose the training material you want to view. The special web address is: <http://vrtraining.health.ok.gov>.

You can also access applications for certified copies of birth certificates and stillbirth certificates at other locations on our website. If you need help finding these resources, contact us (preferably by e-mail) and we will direct you through the process.

Reminder about Stillbirth Certificates

Stillbirth events create a lot of confusion and errors. It's not a live birth, so a birth certificate isn't issued. And since there's not a birth certificate, there can't be a death certificate either. That's why this event has its own vital record; the stillbirth certificate.

The responsibility for filing stillbirth certificates rests with the funeral director. {63 OS 1-318(b)} HOWEVER, it is the responsibility of the hospital to complete most of the certificate. Many of the items on the top part of the certificate can be, and should be, completed by the hospital at the time of the event. Only Items 9 and 10 on the stillbirth certificate are specific to the funeral home.

The bottom part of the certificate (the medical information, called the "tail") must be completed by the hospital. This information is similar to that on a birth certificate. Birth clerks should make sure they collect this information for entry onto the stillbirth certificate.

Very soon, stillbirth certificates will be processed by ROVER. A ROVER stillbirth module is being developed and tested right now. This will provide all of the processing conveniences for stillbirths that are currently available for live births. And it will prevent much of the confusion and errors.

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To be as efficient and inclusive as possible with our mass communications, we collect as many e-mail addresses as we can. Please send your e-mail address to AskROVER@health.ok.gov. Also, please let us know of any changes and/or updates to your ROVER personnel. Thank you.

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Pay Close Attention to the Name

ROVER prevents many problems that can occur while completing a birth certificate. However, it can't prevent all of them. Case in point; the name.

The name is arguably the most important item on the certificate. It establishes the identity of the person. It can also be one of the most complicated items to complete. There can be multiples for every part of the name; first, middle, and last. There may be no middle name at all. And the baby can be given "any" name, whether it has any resemblance to the parents' names or not. Therefore, it is vital to capture the baby's name precisely as the mother/parents want it.

Next, it is vital to enter the name components into the right fields in ROVER. This effects the outcome of the certificate and of the certified application that is printed out of ROVER.

ROVER auto populates the application based on how the information is entered into it. If name multiples are entered into the wrong fields, the application will read differently from the requested record. Those differences have to be resolved before a certified copy of the record can be issued. That takes time, creates confusion, causes frustration for you and for us, and could cost the family money!

