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1. Statistics of the most popular names given to children

Although to survey frequency of names given to children born in January every year does not belong to main activities of the Czech Statistical Office, the public is very interested in results of the statistics every year. From statistics of first names we can deduce to some extent how popular concrete names are as well as what is the development in time. To compare names of newborns with names of their parents can also partially show us trends within generations and habits at selection of name for a child.

Parents, who are currently selecting a suitable name for their offspring, can use the following statistics as a practical and useful guideline not only for the very selection of the right name, but also to enrich dramatic discussions at their home by interesting information that is not available elsewhere.

There is an overview of names that are the most frequent as well as extraordinary. The parents might be surprised that the name they have just chosen after a responsible selection is presently on the top of popularity and thus their excellent idea might not be as unique as they would wish.

From the existing results of yearly January statistics of first names, we prepared for you an overview of basic trends from 1999 to 2007.

2. Names given to children

2.1 The most popular names given to girls

	January 1999	January 2000	January 2001	January 2002	January 2003	January 2004	January 2005	January 2006	January 2007
1.	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza
2.	Kateřina	Kateřina	Kateřina	Kateřina	Kateřina	Kateřina	Eliška	Adéla	Karolína
3.	Michaela	Kristýna	Anna	Natálie	Natálie	Eliška	Adéla	Kateřina	Natálie
4.	Nikola	Michaela	Nikola	Adéla	Adéla	Adéla	Natálie	Natálie	Anna
5.	Kristýna	Nikola	Kristýna	Barbora	Nikola	Anna	Anna	Anna	Eliška
6.	Veronika	Adéla	Barbora	Eliška	Anna	Kristýna	Karolína	Eliška	Adéla
7.	Lucie	Anna	Michaela	Nikola	Veronika	Natálie	Kristýna	Karolína	Kateřina
8.	Anna	Lucie	Eliška	Kristýna	Eliška	Nikola	Aneta	Kristýna	Lucie
9.	Barbora	Barbora	Adéla	Michaela	Michaela	Lucie	Nikola	Veronika	Kristýna
10.	Adéla	Karolína	Lucie	Veronika	Kristýna	Barbora	Kateřina	Lucie	Nikola
11.	Karolína	Veronika	Natálie	Lucie	Karolína	Karolína	Lucie	Nikola	Barbora
12.	Eliška	Natálie	Veronika	Karolína	Barbora	Veronika	Veronika	Michaela	Veronika
13.	Petra	Eliška	Karolína	Anna	Klára	Klára	Barbora	Barbora	Aneta
14.	Zuzana	Aneta	Aneta	Marie	Lucie	Michaela	Michaela	Aneta	Nela
15.	Marie	Marie	Klára	Klára	Aneta	Aneta	Klára	Klára	Michaela
16.	Aneta	Klára	Jana	Aneta	Markéta	Zuzana	Marie	Marie	Marie
17.	Markéta	Markéta	Markéta	Jana	Denisa	Marie	Nela	Zuzana	Klára
18.	Jana	Petra	Marie	Markéta	Marie	Markéta	Jana	Nela	Zuzana
19.	Klára	Lenka	Petra	Pavla	Zuzana	Jana	Zuzana	Sára	Sára
20.	Lenka	Zuzana	Martina	Petra	Jana	Monika	Markéta	Denisa	Markéta

Throughout all the nine years, the name **Tereza** is ruling among girls born in January every year. There are much more girls of that name than those of the name on the second position. For six years, the second position belonged to little girls named **Kateřina**, who have lost recently to **Eliška**, later to **Adélka** and most recently to **Karolína**. Promotion of Eliška upwards to the most popular names was patient and slow, while Adélka kept near the top more steadily (during the last five years she kept the second to fourth position and only in 2007 she fell to the sixth). Quick jump in popularity belongs to Natálie, who remains for six years between the third and seventh position. Anna is celebrating her comeback to the fourth position (her fame was overshadowed only in 2002). Top positions were gradually cleaned out by Nikola (from the previous fourth position she left the first fifteen completely and later came back to around the tenth position). Kristýna holds tight among the top ten for eight years (the trend is, however, decreasing in the long term). Jumper of the last three years is probably Karolína (on the turn of the decades she kept right below the top ten, later her fame was waning, however, during recent years she jumped gradually to the sixth, seventh and even to the second position). Throughout the surveyed period, during the first four years popularity of Barbora was growing dynamically, but from 2003 she is on the tenth to fourteenth position. In the beginning of the period, Veronika was very popular; during five years she fell from the sixth position to the

twelfth and later came back to the top ten for a while in 2006. Lucie was in the bottom among the most popular names during the last nine years, however, recently she can be found in the end of the top ten list and her popularity seems to gradually increase.

2.2 Girls' names in regions

It is interesting to compare the top five in individual regions during the last three years (2005-2007). Besides the fixed stars, which more or less alternate everywhere in harmony with the nationwide trend, we can find the following interesting exceptions.

Among girls there are even several cases, which make exceptions to the variations of the nationwide order.

First of them is **Michaela**, in 2006 she was fourth in the Zlínský Region, however, nationwide she was only around the fourteenth place those years. **Barbora**, in 2005 the first one in the Karlovarský Region, jumped on the nationwide list last year by two positions probably also thanks to her third position in the Vysočina Region and the fifth place in the Zlínský Region. Another exception is **Klára**, the third in the Vysočina and Karlovarský Region, however, nationwide her best place was the fifteenth. Surprise of the year 2006 was **Nela** and her third place in the Pardubický Region and the fourth in the Karlovarský Region; however, among the best twenty in 2007 she could not be found. A real specialty of the last year was **Marie**, the fifth in Prague, while in no other region she could be found among the top five and nationwide she was the sixteenth during the last three years.

The region of the most original parents is that, in which names that nationwide did not list among the top twenty placed among the top ten. In 2007, far the best winner was the Karlovarský Region with its **Viktorie, Andrea** and **Daniela**. The second was the Liberecký Region with **Šárka** (2005) and **Jana** (2006) and the Vysočina Region with **Simona** and **Markéta** in 2006. The third one is the Olomoucký Region and its **Hana** (2005) and the Hlavní město Praha Region (the City of Prague) with **Ema** (2007).

2.3 Meanings of the most popular names given to girls

TEREZA has an unclear meaning, it either **comes from the isle of Thera** (Aegean Sea) or **Therasia** (near Sicily), **protection, guarding, summer, heat, to harvest, to reap**; the name is of Greek origin.

KATEŘINA means **pure, demure, decent** and it is the name of Greek origin.

ELIŠKA is a variation of the name **Alžběta**, which means **my God is oath**, it is the name of Hebrew origin.

ADÉLA means a **noble creature, of noble manners** and it is the name of Germanic origin.

NATÁLIE means **born on the day of Christ's birthday, child of Christmas**, the name of Latin origin.

ANNA means **amorous, merciful, lovable, kind** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

NIKOLA means **winner over the people, victory of the people**, the name of Greek origin.

KRISTÝNA means **Christian woman** and it is the name of Greek origin.

KAROLÍNA is Latin feminine name for **German name Karel**, which means **king, bachelor, guy** and it is the name of old Germanic origin.

BARBORA means **foreign woman, barbarian, babbler** and it is the name of Greek origin.

VERONIKA means **bearer of victory** and it is probably the name of Greek origin.

LUCIE means **clear, shining (from Latin lux - light)** and it is the name of Latin origin.

2.4 The most popular names given to boys

	January 1999	January 2000	January 2001	January 2002	January 2003	January 2004	January 2005	January 2006	January 2007
1.	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jakub	Jan	Jan	Jakub	Jan
2.	Jakub	Jakub	Tomáš	Jakub	Jan	Jakub	Jakub	Jan	Jakub
3.	Tomáš	Tomáš	Jakub	Tomáš	Tomáš	Tomáš	Tomáš	Tomáš	Tomáš
4.	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Adam	Ondřej	Adam
5.	Michal	Lukáš	Petr	Filip	David	Ondřej	Ondřej	Lukáš	Ondřej
6.	Lukáš	Michal	David	Michal	Lukáš	Lukáš	Martin	David	Lukáš
7.	David	David	Lukáš	David	Ondřej	Michal	Filip	Vojtěch	Matěj
8.	Dominik	Daniel	Ondřej	Lukáš	Michal	Daniel	Lukáš	Adam	Filip
9.	Petr	Petr	Michal	Ondřej	Daniel	David	Vojtěch	Martin	Vojtěch
10.	Jiří	Ondřej	Matěj	Vojtěch	Filip	Filip	Matěj	Matěj	David
11.	Daniel	Jiří	Daniel	Petr	Vojtěch	Matěj	Daniel	Filip	Martin
12.	Ondřej	Vojtěch	Filip	Jiří	Matěj	Petr	Petr	Petr	Daniel
13.	Marek	Filip	Jiří	Adam	Adam	Adam	Pavel	Michal	Petr
14.	Filip	Dominik	Vojtěch	Matěj	Dominik	Vojtěch	Jiří	Jiří	Michal

15.	Vojtěch	Pavel	Adam	Dominik	Jiří	Jiří	David	Daniel	Dominik
16.	Pavel	Matěj	Dominik	Daniel	Petr	Dominik	Michal	Dominik	Marek
17.	Matěj	Marek	Patrik	Marek	Marek	Pavel	Dominik	Marek	Jiří
18.	Patrik	Patrik	Marek	Pavel	Patrik	Marek	Marek	Matyáš	Matyáš
19.	Adam	Josef	Pavel	Patrik	Václav	Matyáš	Matyáš	Patrik	František
20.	Štěpán	Adam	Josef	Josef	František	Josef	Patrik	Josef	Josef

Situation among names of newborn boys during the last nine years is a bit clearer than among girls. **Jan** guards his leading position, letting only **Jakub** in 2003 and 2006 to be on the very top. The third fixed star is **Tomáš**. Martin used to be the fourth for a long time, however, since 2004 he has fallen to the eleventh place. Lukáš moves for all the period between the fifth and eighth place, together with David having a similar trend around the seventh position (he slumped in 2004 and 2005 only). Also Michal kept his position between the fifth and ninth place for six years; however, in 2005 he has dropped and from that time on he is on the fifteenth place. He was surpassed by Ondřej, who stubbornly grew from the original twelfth position to today's fifth as he gets more and more popular. Also Filip ranked among the top ten regularly, although with a rather unbalanced tendency. As a surprise it is Daniel who emerges from time to time in the bottom of the top ten. On the break of decades, Dominik and Jiří were favourites; however, they have disappeared to be replaced by Vojtěch, Adam and Matěj, who after having a four-year break have become jumpers of the last three years.

2.5 Boys' names in regions

As for regional exceptions and surprises, boys are not far behind girls.

The top five included **Dominik** only once, namely in the Královéhradecký Region in 2005 (he ranked the third). Also **Patrik** (who is about the twentieth nationwide) was the fifth this year in the Olomoucký Region, which is an excellent position. A similarly rare success was **František** on the fifth place in the Karlovarský Region in 2007. **Pavel** (who was the thirteenth in 2005 nationwide) won great fourth position in the Plzeňský Region. **Jiří** (the fourteenth and seventeenth nationwide) in 2005 won the fourth place in the Liberecký and Karlovarský Region. Also **Petr** got even three successful positions in 2006: the third in the Ústecký Region, the fifth in the Olomoucký Region and the fourth in the Karlovarský Region.

Boys' names, which did not rank nationwide among the top twenty but were among the top ten in regions are much less in number than girls' names. In 2005, **Josef** was such a regional success in the Jihočeský and Královéhradecký Region. In 2006 only **František** succeeded to do something similar in the Liberecký Region with his tenth place.

2.6 Meanings of the most popular names given to boys

JAN means **God is merciful, given by God, merciful gift of God** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

JAKUB means **that, who is holding his brother's heel**; figuratively **second-born** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

TOMÁŠ means **a twin** and it is the name of Aramaic origin.

MARTIN means **warlike, dedicated to Mars** (Roman god of war), it is the name of Latin origin.

LUKÁŠ means **Lucanian, coming from Lucania** (area in south Italy) and it is the name of Latin origin.

DAVID means **darling, chief** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

MICHAL means **similar to God, like God** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

ONDŘEJ means **manly, sturdy, courageous** (from Greek Andreas) and it is the name of Greek origin.

FILIP means **lover of horses** (from Greek philos – to love, and hippos – a horse) and it is the name of Greek origin.

DANIEL means **God is my Judge** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

VOJTĚCH means **that who gives comfort to the army** and it is the name of Slavonic origin.

ADAM means **man, inhabitant of the earth; of red earth** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

MATĚJ means **gift of God** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

Let's go through the top five names given to children by region in 2004 - 2006.

Girls

	Liberecký Region	Ústecký Region	Středočeský Region	Jihočeský Region	Píseňský Region	Vysočina Region	Pardubický Region	Královéhrad. Region	Jihomorav. Region	Olomoucký Region	Zlínský Region	Moravskosl. Region	Karlovarský Region	Hl. m. Praha Region
2004	1. Tereza	Eliška	Eliška	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Natalie	Tereza	Kateřina	Kateřina	Klára	Kateřina	Eliška
	2. Eliška	Anna	Kateřina	Adéla	Adéla	Veronika	Anna	Tereza	Adéla	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Eliška	Kateřina
	3. Lucie	Tereza	Tereza	Kateřina	Barbora	Michaela	Denisa	Kateřina	Kristýna	Natalie	Barbora	Barbora	Lucie	Anna
	4. Natálie	Natalie	Anna	Natalie	Eliška	Nikola	Eliška	Eliška	Nikola	Nikola	Adéla	Eliška	Adéla	Kristýna
	5. Nikola	Kateřina	Veronika	Eliška	Natalie	Aneta	Nikola	Nikola	Veronika	Barbora	Lucie	Lucie	Barbora	Lucie
2005	1. Eliška	Tereza	Adéla	Tereza	Lucie	Aneta	Adéla	Karolína	Tereza	Tereza	Aneta	Natalie	Barbora	Tereza
	2. Tereza	Adéla	Tereza	Lucie	Nikola	Lucie	Natalie	Aneta	Adéla	Veronika	Anna	Adéla	Tereza	Anna
	3. Anna	Kateřina	Eliška	Natalie	Eliška	Tereza	Anna	Anna	Eliška	Eliška	Tereza	Eliška	Eliška	Eliška
	4. Veronika	Kristýna	Kristýna	Eliška	Natalie	Adéla	Nikola	Adéla	Natalie	Natalie	Eliška	Karolína	Nikola	Karolína
	5. Adéla	Natalie	Anna	Karolína	Anna	Eliška	Tereza	Eliška	Aneta	Aneta	Kateřina	Nikola	Adéla	Adéla
2006	1. Natálie	Tereza	Eliška	Aneta	Adéla	Kateřina	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Tereza	Lucie	Tereza	Adéla	Adéla
	2. Tereza	Natalie	Anna	Eliška	Kateřina	Eliška	Karolína	Anna	Veronika	Adéla	Eliška	Natalie	Kateřina	Anna
	3. Anna	Adéla	Kateřina	Kristýna	Tereza	Klára	Neia	Aneta	Natalie	Natalie	Kateřina	Karolína	Klára	Tereza
	4. Zuzana	Anna	Veronika	Natalie	Anna	Tereza	Eliška	Adéla	Eliška	Eliška	Michaela	Adéla	Neia	Kateřina
	5. Lucie	Eliška	Adéla	Tereza	Tereza	Karolína	Anna	Kateřina	Kateřina	Kateřina	Natalie	Kateřina	Nikola	Karolína

Boys

	Liberecký Region	Ústecký Region	Středočeský Region	Jihočeský Region	Píseňský Region	Vysočina Region	Pardubický Region	Královéhrad. Region	Jihomorav. Region	Olomoucký Region	Zlínský Region	Moravskosl. Region	Karlovarský Region	Hl. m. Praha Region
2004	1. Jakub	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jakub	Tomáš	Vojtěch	Martin	Jan	Jan	Jan
	2. Tomáš	Martin	Jakub	Jakub	David	Tomáš	Martin	Michal	Jakub	Martin	Jakub	Jakub	Jiří	Jakub
	3. Jan	Tomáš	Tomáš	Daniel	Tomáš	David	Tomáš	Filip	Jan	Jan	Tomáš	Tomáš	Daniel	Tomáš
	4. Michal	Jakub	Lukáš	Tomáš	Jiří	Jakub	Vojtěch	Jan	Michal	Jakub	Jan	Lukáš	Jakub	Filip
	5. Ondřej	Jiří	Daniel	Martin	Martin	Martin	Adam	David	Martin	Lukáš	Lukáš	Adam	Lukáš	Michal
2005	1. Jan	Jakub	Jan	Jakub	Adam	Adam	Jakub	Tomáš	Jakub	Jan	Jan	Jan	Tomáš	Jan
	2. Jakub	Jan	Jakub	Jan	Ondřej	Jakub	Tomáš	Jan	Adam	Jakub	Lukáš	Tomáš	Jakub	Jakub
	3. Adam	Tomáš	Filip	Adam	Jakub	Jan	Jan	Dominik	Tomáš	Martin	Ondřej	Jakub	Jan	Tomáš
	4. Jiří	Lukáš	Martin	Tomáš	Pavel	Filip	Ondřej	Jakub	Filip	Adam	Tomáš	Ondřej	Jiří	Ondřej
	5. Matěj	Martin	Tomáš	Lukáš	Filip	Matěj	Lukáš	Vojtěch	Lukáš	Patrik	Vojtěch	Vojtěch	Michal	Daniel
2006	1. Jan	Jakub	Jakub	Jakub	Jan	Jakub	Jan	Jakub	Jan	Jakub	Jan	Jakub	Martin	Jan
	2. Adam	Lukáš	Jan	Jan	Matěj	Vojtěch	Tomáš	Jan	Tomáš	Adam	Jakub	Matěj	Jan	Jakub
	3. Jakub	Petr	Tomáš	Adam	Ondřej	David	Jakub	Filip	Ondřej	Vojtěch	David	Filip	Jakub	Matěj
	4. Lukáš	Tomáš	Lukáš	Lukáš	Tomáš	Jan	Ondřej	David	Jakub	Jan	Tomáš	Adam	Petr	Adam
	5. Ondřej	Daniel	Vojtěch	Tomáš	Lukáš	Matěj	Vojtěch	Tomáš	Adam	Petr	Ondřej	Vojtěch	Tomáš	Martin

3. Names of parents

3.1 Mums and their daughters

As for the order of names of mums during the last nine years, there are obviously three long-term fixed stars. Numerical superiority on the very top belongs to **Jana**. Until 2003 she was closely followed by **Lenka**, who was replaced by **Petra** at that time (she was the third before). The fourth place belongs to **Martina**, who was replaced only in 2005 by **Kateřina** and in 2007 she was jumped over even by **Lucie**. A slight decrease from the fifth to the seventh or eighth position was seen by Hana, whose position was taken up during the years namely by fast runner Kateřina (Kateřina keeps her place firmly for five years already). The zone between the sixth to the eighth place is guarded by Eva for all the period. The last rather balanced name is Monika, who fluctuates between the sixth and ninth position. The top ten was closed (with the exception of last year when she fell a bit) by Jitka. Pavla and Ivana during the initial four years kept nice places at the bottom of the top ten; however, after a break in 2003 Ivana balanced on the bottom of the top twenty and also Pavla had to gradually climb back to the top twenty in 2006.

Name	Order - mums								Order - daughters							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Jana	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	18.	.	16.	17.	20.	19.	18.	22.
Lenka	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	3.	3.	3.	20.	19.	.	24.	28.	25.	36.	40.
Petra	3.	4.	3.	3.	3.	2.	2.	2.	13.	18.	19.	20.	23.	32.	22.	34.
Martina	4.	3.	4.	4.	4.	4.	5.	4.	.	.	20.	22.	26.	28.	25.	48.
Hana	5.	5.	6.	7.	8.	7.	8.	7.	.	.	.	.	32.	26.	28.	29.
Eva	6.	8.	7.	8.	7.	9.	6.	8.	.	.	.	.	30.	30.	40.	28.
Monika	7.	9.	10.	6.	6.	8.	9.	9.	.	.	.	23.	21.	20.	38.	30.
Ivana	8.	6.	8.	10.	.	16.	15.	23.	.	.	.	30.	.	75.	52.	75.
Pavla	9.	7.	5.	9.	.	25.	24.	19.	.	.	.	19.	.	40.	45.	44.
Jitka	10.	11.	11.	.	10.	10.	10.	11.	.	.	.	.	49.	46.	74.	70.
Kateřina	11.	10.	9.	5.	5.	5.	4.	5.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	10.	3.
Renata	12.	12.	12.	.	.	24.	22.	28.	.	.	.	.	.	117.	86.	79.
Alena	13.	15.	.	.	.	18.	16.	18.	.	.	.	.	.	45.	47.	56.
Lucie	14.	.	.	.	9.	6.	7.	6.	7.	8.	10.	11.	14.	9.	11.	10.
Dagmar	15.	.	.	.	.	33.	31.	33.	.	.	.	.	.	89.	87.	87.

Comparison of first names of mums and their daughters shows long-term big differences and rather deep gaps between generations. One of the reasons for that is a bigger variability of popularity of female names in time than it is among male names. Names that are most popular both among mothers and their daughters are highlighted by colour in the table. Fixed stars and, let's say, traditional Czech female names are only **Kateřina** and **Lucie**; the two names stick in the top ten among both daughters and their mothers. During the last three years they were accompanied also by the name **Michaela**, which in 2004-2007 occupied the twelfth to tenth position among mothers and the twelfth to the fifteenth position among their daughters. The last name that is the same for mothers and their daughters is **Jana**, who is an absolute winner among mums and can be found in the top thirty among girls. As for other names, today's daughters have completely different names from their mums.

3.2 Dads and their sons

Order of fathers' names has the fixed top five for nine years already. The very first one **Petr** is followed by **Jiří** who gave his position to **Pavel** (who was the third until that time) and last year to **Martin** (who was the fourth for all the time). **Jan** is the fifth all the time. A long-term gradual decrease from the sixth to the tenth position belonged to Josef, who was replaced on the sixth position by Tomáš for five years. Also Jaroslav moved around the seventh and eighth place during the years. Miroslav dropped from his original seventh to stably tenth position; however, this year he jumped by two places up. He was surpassed this year by Michal (the original outsider) on the seventh place. On the break of the top ten were balancing Milan and Roman; this year, however, they stand between the eleventh and thirteenth place. Close to them was Václav in 1999, who left the nice position for a long time to come back during the last three years to keep in the bottom of the top twenty. A similar destiny belongs to Zdeněk, who also stands in the close neighbourhood of the bottom of the top ten most favourite names of fathers.

Name	Order - dads								Order - sons							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Petr	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	9.	9.	5.	11.	16.	12.	12.	12.
Jiří	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	3.	3.	10.	11.	13.	12.	15.	15.	14.	14.

Pavel	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	2.	2.	16.	15.	19.	18.	22.	17.	13.	21.
Martin	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	6.	9.
Jan	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	1.	1.	1.	1.	2.	1.	1.	2.
Jaroslav	6.	8.	7.	7.	8.	8.	8.	7.	.	.	.	24.	25.	24.	25.	28.
Miroslav	7.	7.	8.	10.	10.	12.	10.	10.	.	.	.	.	24.	29.	26.	31.
Tomáš	8.	9.	9.	8.	6.	6.	6.	6.	3.	3.	2.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
Josef	9.	6.	6.	6.	7.	7.	7.	8.	.	19.	20.	20.	21.	20.	22.	20.
Milan	10.	11.	11.	9.	.	13.	11.	12.	.	.	.	.	.	31.	40.	45.
Roman	11.	12.	10.	.	.	11.	13.	15.	.	.	.	.	.	32.	35.	41.
Václav	12.	.	.	.	.	14.	17.	17.	.	.	.	.	.	23.	23.	24.

There are six male names, which are fixed in all generations; five of them are highlighted by colour in the comparison table above. The most frequent names of fathers – **Petr** and **Jiří** – are not the most popular among their sons; however, they stick to the end of the top fifteen during all the period. **Martin** has guarded his fixed fourth position in both orders; however, among sons he was losing during the last three years and fell to the eleventh place. **Jan** and **Tomáš** – the stars among names of children – are on the nice fifth and sixth places among their fathers. The last traditional male name is **Michal**; the better off he is among fathers (from the thirteenth to the seventh place) the worse off he is among their sons (from the fifth he fell to the fourteenth place). It is interesting that the last years' favourite names of children Jakub, Filip and Vojtěch and more recent Adam and Matěj cannot be found on top places in the generation of their fathers.

3.3 Names of parents in regions

Order of mums' names in individual regions is always more or less the same as the nationwide order. Of course, also here we can find exceptions among top tens, which we cannot find either in the top twenty of the nationwide order or on the top positions of other regions. For example, in the Liberecký Region **Blanka** and **Zdeňka** in 2005 that cannot be found in any other region, as well as **Simona** was only in the Karlovarský Region in 2006. **Dana** in the Vysočina Region (2005) is also sporadic as well as **Věra** in the Pardubický Region (2007). Other regional variations are **Zuzana** in the Zlínský Region (2005), **Radka** in the Královéhradecký Region (2007) and **Renáta** in the Moravskoslezský Region (2005).

Regional orders of fathers' names in different variants follow the nationwide selection of the top ten. The situation is similar as for names of children; also among parents we can find much less variations from the average among fathers than among mothers. Real exceptions were **Ladislav** in the Karlovarský Region (2006) and **Radim** with **Lukáš** in the Moravskoslezský Region (2005), who could not be found in any other region among the top ten and they did not rank even in the top twenty nationwide.

3.4 Meanings of the most popular names of parents

For clear arrangement, we will omit here names described above in the parts devoted to meanings of names of children.

Meanings of the most popular names of mums:

JANA means **God is merciful, God's gracious gift** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

LENKA is originally **abbreviation of name Helena (torch) or Magdaléna (coming from Magdala)**.

PETRA means **rock-solid, the rock** and it is of Greek origin.

MARTINA means **dedicated to Mars** (Roman god of war) and it is the name of Latin origin.

HANA means **merciful, amorous, lovable, tender** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

EVA means **vivid, life-giving, mother of life** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

MONIKA means **alone, sole** (from Greek), **goddess** (Phoenician meaning), **mentor** (from Latin).

IVANA means **God is merciful** and it is the name of Slavonic origin.

PAVLA means **small, modest, tiny** and it is the name of Latin origin.

JITKA means **Jewess, woman from Judaia** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

RENATA means **reborn, nascent** and it is the name of Latin origin.

ALENA is either Latin derivative of the name Magdalena (coming from Magdala) or of Greek Helena (torch, light).

DAGMAR means **glorious day, morning star** and it is of Nordic origin.

Meanings of the most popular names of dads:

PETR means **the rock, rock-solid** and it is the name of Greek origin.

JIRÍ means **farmer, peasant (from Greek geórgos)** and it is the name of Greek origin.

PAVEL means **small, figuratively modest, tiny** and it is the name of Latin origin.

JAROSLAV means **celebrating spring, originally famous for his strength, high spirits** and it is the name of old Slavonic origin.

MIROSLAV means **famous for peace, celebrating peace, peace-loving** and it is the name of Slavonic origin.

JOSEF means **God will add, God shall add, adding** and it is the name of Hebrew origin.

MILAN means **kind, beloved, amiable** and it is the name of Slavonic origin.

ROMAN means **Roman, of Rome** and it is the name of Latin origin.

VÁCLAV means **more famous** and it is the name of Slavonic origin.

4. Names of grandparents

In the only year of our overview, namely in 1999, there were observed also frequencies of names of grandmothers and grandfathers of children born in January. Also this generation statistics provides interesting, thou probably not really surprising comparisons.

4.1 Grandmothers and grandfathers

Order	Grandmothers	Grandfathers
1.	Marie	Josef
2.	Anna	Jiří
3.	Jana	Jan
4.	Věra	František
5.	Eva	Jaroslav
6.	Ludmila	Václav
7.	Jaroslava	Miroslav
8.	Zdeňka	Karel
9.	Hana	Zdeněk
10.	Alena	Ladislav
11.	Helena	Pavel

Among **grandmothers**, **Marie** was clearly reigning by a huge margin followed by **Anna**, who was closely followed by **Jana**. All the three names can be found also in the top twenty girls' names; the most successful is Anna already for eight years (with her popularity keeping her on the fifth place during the last years). Marie and Jana stick between the fifteenth and twentieth place. Among mothers of children born in January we can find only Jana, however, the name is stably on the leading position.

Among **grandfathers**, it was **Josef** who was clearly reigning, followed by **Jiří**, **Jan**, **František** and **Jaroslav** who were far behind. However, among boys' names Josef keeps only the twentieth position; Jiří is a bit better off moving between the tenth and fifteenth place, Jan being the long-term winner. František came into the top twenty only in 2003, whilst Jaroslav not once. Among names of fathers, Josef keeps for a long-term the sixth to ninth place, Jiří with his second or third place jumped over Jan, who is stably on the fifth position. Jaroslav can be found on the seventh or eighth position, however, František cannot be found among the top thirteen at all.

4.2 Names of grandparents in regions

Marie was the most frequent among grandmothers in all regions with no exceptions; further order differed a bit. In Prague she was followed by **Jana** and **Eva**, who was the fifth nationwide, and also by **Daniela**, who was rare in other regions. In Central Bohemia, **Jaroslava** was very popular, in Northern Bohemia it was **Věra** and in Eastern Bohemia **Hana**. In South Moravia, another popular name was **Ludmila** and in North Bohemia it was **Zdeňka**.

In regional comparison of grandfathers' names **Josef** was a winner everywhere; in Central Bohemia **Jan** alternated with **Jaroslav**, in Western Bohemia it was **Václav** and in Northern and Eastern Bohemia **František**. Frequency of **Otakar** in Prague is a nationwide rarity.

4.3 Meanings of the most popular names of grandparents

By comparison of the origin of names of grandparents with today's children we can easily find out that previously common names of Czech, old Czech, Slavonic and old Slavonic origin would be impossible to find among the most favourite names now.

For clear arrangement, we will omit here names described above in the parts devoted to meanings of names of children and their parents.

Meanings of the most popular names of grandmothers:

MARIE means **beloved by God, bitter** (Egyptian meaning) or **lady, drop of the sea** (Arameic version).

VĚRA means **belief**, it is of Slavonic origin.

LUDMILA means **beloved by people** and it is the name of Slavonic origin.

JAROSLAVA means **famous for her strength, high spirits; celebrating spring** and it is the name of Slavonic origin.

ZDENKA is feminine name for male **ZDENĚK**, which means **famous over here, created fame** and it is the name of Czech origin.

HELENA means **light, torch** and it is the name of Greek origin.

Meanings of the most popular names of grandfathers:

FRANTIŠEK means **little French (from Italian Francesco)** and it is the name of Italian origin.

KAREL means **king, bachelor, guy** and it is the name of old Germanic origin.

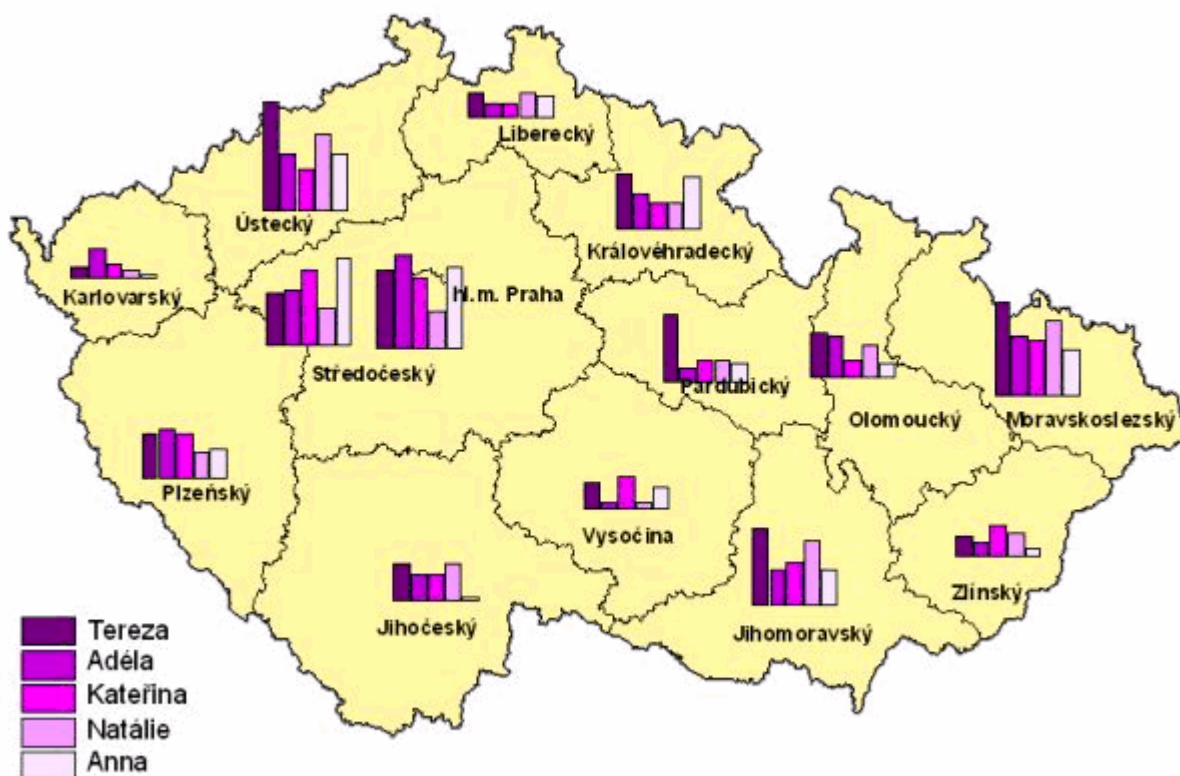
ZDENĚK means **famous over here, created fame** and it is the name of Czech origin.

LADISLAV means **famous for his rule, elegant** and it is the name of Slavonic origin.

The most popular names of children and their parents in 2006 in cartograms:

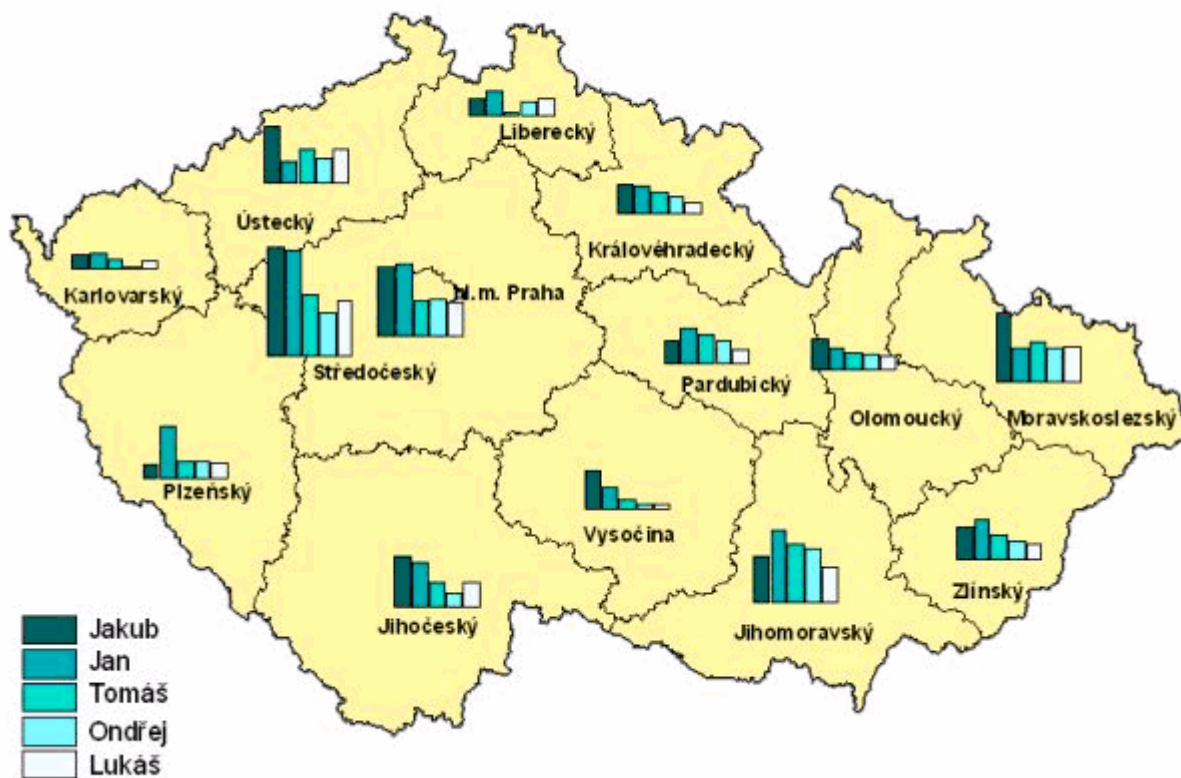
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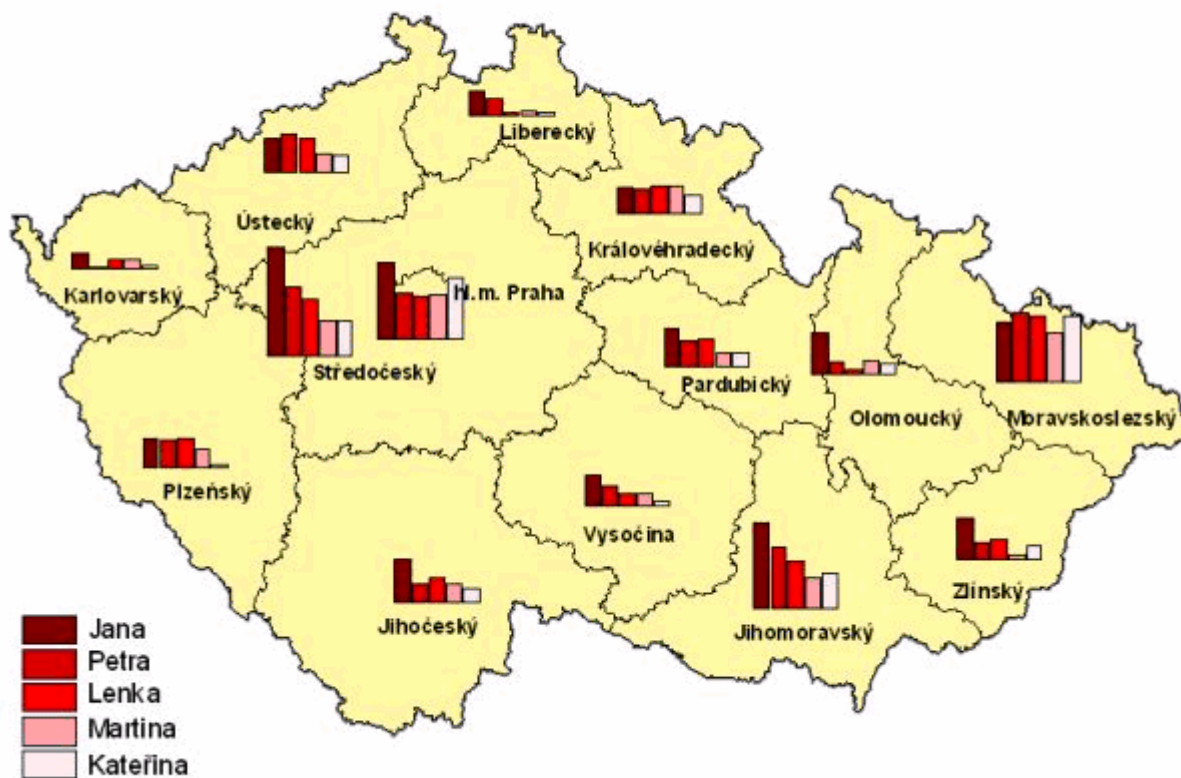
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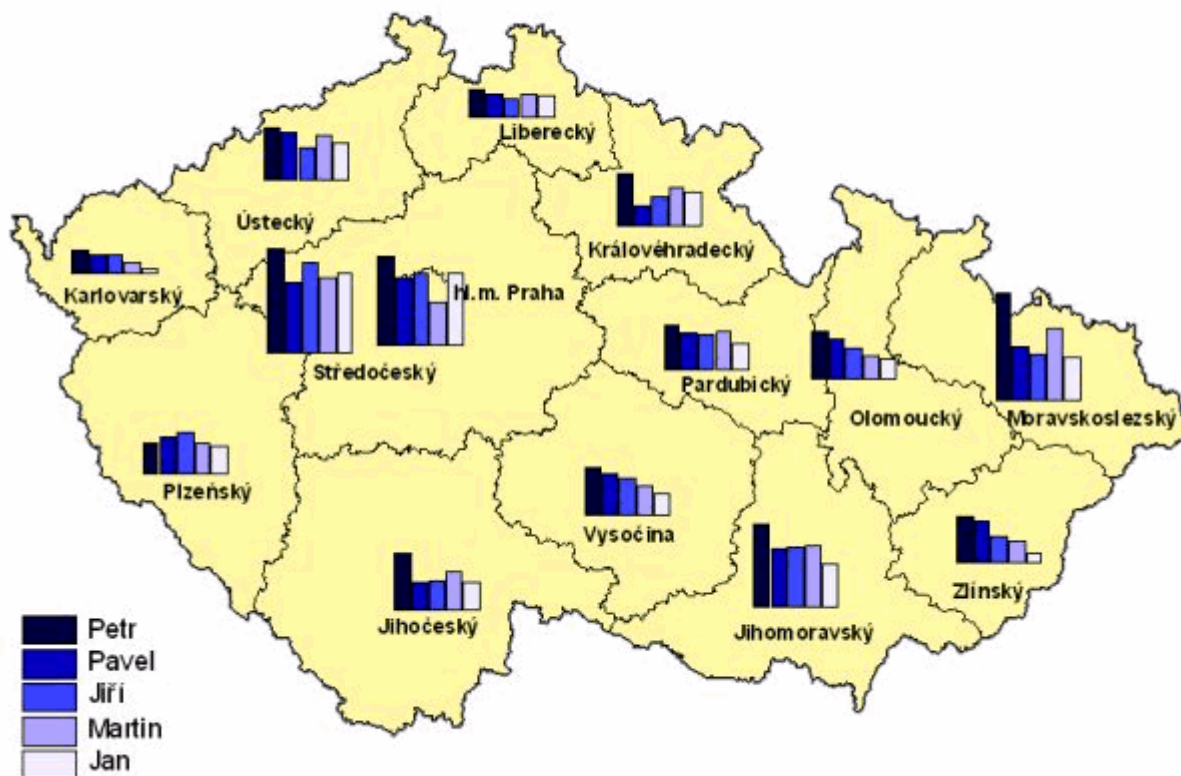
Frequency of the top five names nationwide by region - mothers

Četnost prvních pěti jmen z celostátního pořadí v každém z krajů - matky



Frequency of the top five names nationwide by region - fathers

Četnost prvních pěti jmen z celostátního pořadí v každém z krajů - otcové



5. Unusual and uncommon names

In the Czech Republic, unusual and uncommon names are given mostly to children, who have at least one of the parents a foreign national. Those names observe the foreign tradition and are natural in the country of the newborn's mum or dad. As we are gradually more and more open to new cultural influences people are bringing from all over the world, the names will highly probably be more frequent.

Thus, among girls, we can find Charlotta, Mia, Aileen, Ketty or Thi Huyen and among boys there are, for example, Justin, Patricius, Kevin, Huu Trunc or Nathan.

In our country, it is still not often to be inspired by names of celebrities. The only exception is Aneta; the name got to the eight position on the list of top girls' names thanks to the singing conquest (an equivalent to Pop Idol) winner in 2005.

What is interesting is more frequent occurrence of names that were extraordinary and surprising previously, such as Matyáš, Kryštof, Samuel or Tadeáš. We got used to them during a few years, so they do not have to be perceived as a peculiarity any more. What can really surprise us are, on the other hand, names like Artuš, Bivoj, Nikodém or Závíš. From time to time, we can hear among boys names like Bruno, Lumír, Hubert or Xaver, which can remind us of times of our grandparents.

Unusual is also similar occurrence of rather traditional Ema and exotic Vanessa; we can find names like Doroška, Rozálie and Anastázie, which we would look for rather among our grandmothers or great-grandmothers. In recent years, Amálie or Valentýna have been even several times more favourite than Dagmar or Olga, which were previously common.

6. Some problems related to statistics of first names

Statistics of first names does not belong to usual statistical surveys set by the Programme of Statistical Surveys – hence most problems emerge during the survey of the precise number of individual first names. Overviews made are resulting from statistical questionnaires “Obyv 2-12 Announcement on birth”, which are fulfilled by registers of births in cooperation with health establishments.

Then, the following problems are related to the processing of the first names statistics:

- the box: “Name of the child“ is sometimes not fulfilled either due to a tradition at the registry office or because the first name of the child has not been determined, yet;
- when elaborating an overview of first names for a certain calendar month, we have to count with some overlaps with the neighbouring months (it applies to less than 1% of births) – some children born last month are appearing in the statistics for this month and, on the other hand, children born this month will appear in the statistics for the next month;
- for babies born to an unwedded couple, the “Announcement on birth” does not contain data on the father of the child and his parents, which have to be taken in consideration in statistics of first names of parents and grandparents of the child;
- problematic is also connection of some relative names (Michaela and Michala, Daniela and Dana, Nikola and Nicol, Barbora and Barbara and Bára, Kristina and Kristýna, Aneta and Anita, Marie and Mariána and Marieta and Marika, etc.),
- for a month, number of births on the territory of the Czech Republic is so low that more important conclusions cannot be made when comparing individual regions of the Czech Republic.

7. More detailed statistics of names given to children

Provided that statistics of names given to children has attracted you, we recommend you to look at detailed overviews of individual years from the period 1999 to 2007; go to web pages of the Czech Statistical Office at: http://www.czso.cz/csu/redakce.nsf/i/statistika_nejoblibenejsich_jmen_deti.