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Liam, Olivia are Wyoming's Favorite Baby Names

Wyoming's schools will soon be filled with little boys named Liam and little girls answering to Olivia with both chosen most often as new baby names in 2014 across the state, according to the Wyoming Department of Health's Vital Statistics Services program.

For boys, the name Liam has topped the charts for three years in a row and has been in the top five most popular names for four out of the last five years. In 2014, Liam was followed by Jackson/William (tied), Wyatt, James and a tie of Benjamin/Logan/Mason.

After being among the top five most popular names for girls since 2011, Olivia reached the top spot on the list in 2014. Emma, Brooklyn, Abigail and Harper followed Olivia this year. Sophia, the top name in 2013, fell down several spots but remained within the top ten. Brooklyn and Abigail made new appearances on the top five most popular list.

Jim McBride, Vital Statistics Services Program manager with the Wyoming Department of Health, said "The number of births is up slightly again this year for Wyoming. Our office recorded 7,693 births to Wyoming resident mothers during 2014, which reflects a slight increase from 7,617 in 2013 and 7,576 in 2012.

McBride said the state's economic analysis division recently reported Wyoming's population increased by 930 people from 2013 to 2014. "So the increased number of births we recorded last year was consistent with the state's overall population trend."

Vital Statistics Services promotes and protects the health of Wyoming residents by serving as the official custodian of all vital records in the state and by disseminating health information in support of health and social planning efforts. More Wyoming statistics and information about the program can be found online at http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/vital_records/index.html.

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Top five baby names for boys in Wyoming over the last 5 years.					
Rank	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1	James/Logan	William	Liam	Liam	Liam
2	Aiden	Jacob	Mason	Wyatt	William/Jackson
3	Wyatt	Jackson/Parker	William	Carter	Wyatt
4	Samuel	Mason	Logan	Hunter	James
5	Gabriel/Jayden/ Kayden	Liam	Wyatt	Mason/Noah	Benjamin/Logan/ Mason

Top five baby names for girls in Wyoming over the last 5 years.					
Rank	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1	Isabella	Emma	Emma	Sophia	Olivia
2	Madison	Olivia	Sophia	Emma	Emma
3	Chloe	Sophia	Elizabeth	Harper	Brooklyn
4	Sophia	Addison	Madison	Olivia	Abigail
5	Addison	Isabella/Madison	Olivia	Paisley	Harper