

**Documentation of statistics for
Names 2017**

1 Introduction

The statistics concern the names of newborn babies and the whole population in Denmark at 1st January by first name and surname.

The statistics were established in 1995, at first undertaken as a project for the Department of Name Research at Copenhagen University. The statistics were first published in 1995 and were based on the population of newborn children in 1993.

Today, data concerning names are published biannually. In January lists concerning the whole population are published and in July lists concerning the newborn babies the previous year are published.

2 Statistical presentation

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2.1 Data description

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The basis for the statistics is data from the Central Population Register (CPR).

2.2 Classification system

Not relevant for these statistics.

2.3 Sector coverage

Not relevant for these statistics.

2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

First name: The first first name of a person as specified in the Central Person Register (CPR). If there is a hyphen between two first names, it is considered one first name.

Surname: The surname of a person as specified in the Central Population Register (CPR).

2.5 Statistical unit

The statistical unit is people.

2.6 Statistical population

Names of the total population are compiled on the basis of the population per. 1st of January.

Names of newborn children are compiled on the basis of one year's births. Since a child must be named within the first six months of the child's lifetime, newborns must reside in Denmark on July 1, the following year, to be included in the statistics.

2.7 Reference area

Denmark.

2.8 Time coverage

The statistics concerning first names of newborn babies date back to 1985. 30th June is the time of reference for the statistics concerning first names for newborn babies.

The statistics concerning names for the whole population date back to 1986. 1st January is the time of reference for the statistics concerning first names and surnames for the whole population.

2.9 Base period

Not relevant for these statistics.

2.10 Unit of measure

The unit of measure is people.

2.11 Reference period

01-01-2017 - 31-01-2017

2.12 Frequency of dissemination

The statistics are published yearly.

2.13 Legal acts and other agreements

The statistics are not subject to any specific acts.

2.14 Cost and burden

Not relevant for these statistics.

2.15 Comment

[Link to homepage concerning names](#)

3 Statistical processing

Daily deliveries from the Central Population Register (CPR) form the basis for the statistics.

Data are not subjected to check for errors.

3.1 Source data

The Central Population Register (CPR).

3.2 Frequency of data collection

Daily deliveries from the Central Population Register (CPR).

3.3 Data collection

Register.

3.4 Data validation

Data are not subjected to check for errors.

Annulments/corrections from the Central Population Register (CPR) are updated in the database, when they are received. Consequently, the published data shown the most recently corrected data as possible.

3.5 Data compilation

Not relevant for these statistics.

3.6 Adjustment

Not relevant for these statistics.

4 Relevance

The statistics are used by the Department of Name Research at Copenhagen University, the media, private people and private businesses manufacturing products with ready-printed names.

4.1 User Needs

The Department of Name Research at Copenhagen University and private businesses manufacturing products with ready-printed names.

4.2 User Satisfaction

When delivering larger tasks a rating scheme is sent to the customer. User satisfaction is generally very high.

4.3 Data completeness rate

Not relevant for these statistics.

5 Accuracy and reliability

The statistics are based on the Central Population Register (CPR). The quality of the data is very high.

5.1 Overall accuracy

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5.2 Sampling error

Not relevant for these statistics.

5.3 Non-sampling error

Not relevant for these statistics.

5.4 Quality management

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

5.5 Quality assurance

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

5.6 Quality assessment

The statistics are based on the Central Population Register (CPR). The quality of the data is very high.

5.7 Data revision - policy

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

5.8 Data revision practice

Only final figures are published.

6 Timeliness and punctuality

The statistics concerning names for the whole population is published app. 15 days after the end of the year.

The statistics concerning names of newborn babies are published app. 6½ months after the end of the year, as we have to wait for their baby names, which must be given up to 6 months after the baby was born.

6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results

Only final figures are published.

6.2 Punctuality

The statistics are usually published without delay in relation to the scheduled date.

7 Comparability

From 1996 the statistics concerning names includes all people living in Denmark. Before 1996 the statistics concerning names only included Danish citizens living in Denmark.

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7.1 Comparability - geographical

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7.2 Comparability over time

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7.3 Coherence - cross domain

Comparable statistics are not available.

7.4 Coherence - internal

Not relevant for these statistics.

8 Accessibility and clarity

News from Statistics Denmark and Statistical Yearbook.

On <https://www.dst.dk/navne> all lists of names and databases concerning names are available.

8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calendar can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calendar](#).

8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

8.4 News release

[Link to homepage concerning names](#)

8.5 Publications

[Link to homepage concerning names](#)

8.6 On-line database

There are no data concerning names in Statbank Denmark.

8.7 Micro-data access

Data on the level of individuals is accessible via the Division for Research and Methods at Statistics Denmark.

8.8 Other

It is possible to buy special statistics - also combined with other areas of the statistics.

8.9 Confidentiality - policy

[Data confidentiality Policy at Statistics Denmark](#)

8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment

Lists of names containing only either first names or surnames are not subject to confidentiality.

Lists of names combining first names and surnames include only information about combination of names, if three or more people have the same name.

8.11 Documentation on methodology

Not relevant for these statistics.

8.12 Quality documentation

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

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