

DID YOU KNOW?

Top Ten Most Common Names in the Philippines: 2014 and 2015

TABLE 1. Top Ten Most Common Names for Babies Regardless of Gender, Philippines: 2014-2015

	2014		2015	
	First Name	Number	First Name	Number
1	ANGEL	3,511	NATHANIEL	6,507
2	GABRIEL	3,506	ANGEL	2,134
3	JOSHUA	3,062	GABRIEL	2,036
4	JAMES	3,046	JAMES	2,005
5	DANIEL	3,007	ALTHEA	1,955
6	JACOB	2,691	FRANCIS	1,837
7	PRINCESS	2,677	JOSHUA	1,827
8	JOHN MARK	2,570	JACOB	1,739
9	ANGELO	2,541	ANGELO	1,736
10	CHRISTIAN	2,519	PRINCESS	1,729

Source: Vital Statistics Division, PSA 2014-2015

The name NATHANIEL was the most preferred name in 2015. Coincidentally, a popular Philippine TV series of the same name about an angel was aired for 6 months in 2015.



TABLE 2. Top Ten Most Common Male Names for Babies, Philippines: 2014-2015

	First Name	Number	First Name	Number
1	GABRIEL	3,486	NATHANIEL	6,482
2	JOSHUA	3,046	GABRIEL	2,028
3	JAMES	3,030	JAMES	1,995
4	DANIEL	3,001	FRANCIS	1,825
5	JACOB	2,683	JOSHUA	1,821
6	JOHN MARK	2,563	JACOB	1,731
7	ANGELO	2,520	ANGELO	1,727
8	CHRISTIAN	2,505	DANIEL	1,704
9	NATHANIEL	2,445	ALEXANDER	1,522
10	JOHN PAUL	2,423	JOHN MARK	1,491

Source: Vital Statistics Division, PSA 2014-2015

FRANCIS was the fourth most popular name among male babies in 2015, up from the 39th place in the previous year. Interestingly, in January 2015, Pope Francis was in the Philippines for a papal visit.



TABLE 3. Top Ten Most Common Female Names for Babies, Philippines: 2014-2015

	First Name	Number	First Name	Number
1	ANGEL	3,366	ANGEL	2,157
2	PRINCESS	2,659	ALTHEA	2,056
3	ALTHEA	2,355	PRINCESS	1,832
4	ANDREA	2,149	ASHLEY	1,650
5	ANGELA	2,041	SAMANTHA	1,532
6	NICOLE	2,038	SOPHIA	1,391
7	ASHLEY	1,960	ANDREA	1,291
8	SAMANTHA	1,899	ANGELA	1,229
9	JASMINE	1,898	JANINE	1,189
10	JANINE	1,612	SOFIA	1,175

Source: Vital Statistics Division, PSA 2014-2015

SOPHIA and SOFIA entered in the top 10 most common names among female babies in 2015. A Disney cartoon series, "Sofia the First" debuted in the Disney Junior channel in 2012, and in mid-2014, the popular cartoon character came to the Philippines.

