

# survey said

## New top girl name

After 12 consecutive years as the most popular baby name, the Social Security Administration reported Emily was bumped to third on the 2008 list. On the boys side, Jacob is still No. 1 — for the 10th year in a row.

### 2008 MOST POPULAR NAMES

#### GIRLS

1. Emma
2. Isabella
3. Emily
4. Madison
5. Ava
6. Olivia
7. Sophia
8. Abigail
9. Elizabeth
10. Chloe

#### BOYS

1. Jacob
2. Michael
3. Ethan
4. Joshua
5. Daniel
6. Alexander
7. Anthony
8. William
9. Christopher
10. Matthew



## Age, by the numbers

American Laser Centers asked 575 people, 18 and older, a few questions about their thoughts on appearance and age.

- 50 percent would prefer to look like they're in their 20s.
- 55 percent believe they look younger than their actual age.
- 9 percent believe they look older than their actual age.
- 58 percent of women said they look younger than their actual age.
- 48 percent of men said they look younger than their actual age.
- 64 percent of women would like to look younger than their actual age.
- 51 percent of men would like to look younger than their actual age.
- 70 percent of people ages 18-24 want to look their age.
- 51 percent of people ages 25-29 want to look younger.
- 24 percent of 45- to 50-year-olds think they look like they're in their late 30s.
- 38 percent of 51- to 54-year-olds think they look like they're in their mid-40s.
- 30 percent of 55- to 60-year-olds think they look like they're in their mid-40s.
- 33 percent of 61- to 63-year-olds think they look like they're in their early 50s.

### WHY DO PEOPLE THINK THEY STILL LOOK GOOD AS THEY'VE GOTTEN OLDER?

- 66 percent — healthier self image.
- 50 percent — more stylish.
- 46 percent — care less about what people think.
- 28 percent — weight loss.
- 15 percent — cosmetic procedure.
- 6 percent — weight gain.
- 6 percent — plastic surgery.

## Not all stars shine

ParentDish.com conducted a poll of 10,000 moms, asking their parental opinions relating to celebrities.

### WITH WHICH STARS WOULD YOU FEEL MOST COMFORTABLE LEAVING A CHILD?

1. Ellen DeGeneres and Portia De Rossi, 31 percent
2. Jennifer Aniston, 22 percent
3. Rachael Ray, 20 percent
4. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, 18 percent
5. Oprah Winfrey, 9 percent

### WHICH STAR IS THE BEST MOM?

1. Jennifer Garner, 37 percent
2. Reese Witherspoon, 26 percent
3. Michelle Obama, 26 percent
4. Gwen Stefani, 6 percent
5. Angelina Jolie, 4 percent

### WHO'S THE WORST CELEBRITY MOM?

1. Courtney Love, 32 percent
2. Dina Lohan, 32 percent
3. Britney Spears, 27 percent
4. Sarah Palin, 6 percent
5. Kate Moss, 3 percent

## Sexy single moms

Date.com, Matchmaker.com and Amor.com teamed up to determine the sexiest single mom. Thousands of single men and women participated.

### MEN'S RESPONSES

- Pamela Anderson, 16.9 percent
- Sharon Stone, 15.3 percent
- Kate Hudson, 10.2 percent
- Reese Witherspoon, 8.5 percent
- Denise Richards, 8.5 percent
- Liv Tyler, 7.2 percent
- Sheryl Crow, 6.8 percent
- Minnie Driver, 5.1 percent
- Bridget Moynahan, 4.5 percent
- Britney Spears, 3.2 percent
- Kate Moss, 1.7 percent

### WOMEN'S RESPONSES

- Sharon Stone, 18.2 percent
- Pamela Anderson, 18.2 percent
- Reese Witherspoon, 13.6 percent
- Kate Hudson, 11.4 percent
- Liv Tyler, 9.1 percent
- Britney Spears, 8.6 percent
- Sheryl Crow, 7.4 percent
- Denise Richards, 4.5 percent
- Bridget Moynahan, 3.8 percent
- Kate Moss, 2.3 percent
- Minnie Driver, 1.5 percent

## Good job, bad job

JobsRated.com created a list of the 10 best and worst jobs in America. The rankings were created based on salary, stress, working conditions, hiring outlook and physical demand.

### BEST OCCUPATIONS

1. Mathematician
2. Actuary
3. Statistician
4. Biologist
5. Software engineer
6. Computer systems analyst
7. Historian
8. Sociologist
9. Industrial designer
10. Accountant

### WORST OCCUPATIONS

1. Lumberjack
2. Dairy farmer
3. Taxi driver
4. Seaman
5. Emergency medical technician
6. Roofer
7. Garbage collector
8. Welder
9. Roustabout (someone who performs unskilled work on a temporary basis)
10. Iron worker

## Where's the class in that?

A list compiled by onlinecolleges.net revealed some of the strangest college courses in the United States.

1. Arguing with Judge Judy: Popular "Logic" on TV Judge Shows, University of California, Berkeley — An exploration of logical fallacies often presented by defendants and plaintiffs on court television shows.
2. Underwater Basket Weaving, University of California, San Diego and Reed College in Portland, Oregon — Make wicker baskets by dipping reeds or stalks of plants into water and letting them soak.
3. Learning from YouTube, Pitzer College — Watch YouTube videos to study impact on culture. Students get a chance to upload their own videos.
4. Philosophy and Star Trek, Georgetown University — Learn philosophy through pop culture.
5. The Art of Walking, Centre College in Danville, Kentucky — Course is a mixture of lectures and walks around town and deals with philosopher Immanuel Kant's Critique of Judgment.
6. Daytime Serials: Family and Social Roles, University of Wisconsin — Part of the school's Women's Studies program. Examines the role of soap operas in the lives of people who watch them.



7. Joy of Garbage, Santa Clara University in California — Students study decomposition and go on field trips to landfills.
8. The Science of Superheroes, University of California at Irvine — Learn physics by examining superheroes' powers.
9. Zombies in Popular Media, Columbia College in Chicago — Examines the history of zombies in movies, video games and Haiti.
10. The Science of Harry Potter, Frostburg State University — Can antigravity research actually produce a flying broomstick? Geared toward non-science majors.
11. Cyberporn and Society, State University of New York at Buffalo — Students watch porn at school.
12. Simpsons and Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley — The school describes the class as a fairly rigorous philosophical course.
13. Far Side Entomology, Oregon State University — Professor uses Gary Larson's "The Far Side" comic strip to explore interactions between humans and insects.
14. Myth and Science Fiction: Star Wars, The Matrix and Lord of the Rings, Centre College in Danville, Kentucky — Course shows students that many of the narrative devices found in myths are still used in today's epics.
15. The Strategy of StarCraft, University of California, Berkeley — Class uses the video game to teach strategy, tactics and the art of war.