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**ISABELLA AND ANDREW TOP ORANGE COUNTY
NEW BABY NAMES IN 2009**

Andrew and Isabella won the popularity sweepstakes last year for new parents in Orange County.

Those names were bestowed most often upon newborn boys and girls in 2009, said Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly. Daly's office maintains birth certificates for all children born in the county.

Andrew jumped five spots to claim the top spot on the list after placing 6th in 2008. Isabella rose from third in 2008 to first, overtaking Emily, which had claimed the top girl name for four years in a row.

Olivia and David were new additions to the Top 10 girl and boy names in 2009.

The baby names list was compiled by the Clerk-Recorder Department from about 45,000 births recorded in Orange County in 2009, of which 52% were boys and 48% were girls.

Nationally, Ethan ranked as the most popular boy name, with Isabella the most popular girl name, according to the BabyCenter's 2009 Top Baby Names List.

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Orange County 2009 Top 10 Baby Names (vs. 2008)

Boys Names

Girls Names

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
1	Andrew	Anthony	1	Isabella	Emily
2	Daniel	Daniel	2	Sophia	Sophia
3	Ethan	Ethan	3	Emily	Isabella
4	Alexander	Joshua	4	Mia	Ashley
5	Jacob	Jacob	5	Ashley	Samantha
6	Nathan	Andrew	6	Samantha	Chloe
7	Anthony	Nathan	7	Olivia	Emma
8	Angel	Angel	8	Emma	Mia
9	Joshua	Alexander/ Christopher	9	Chloe	Abigail
10	David	Matthew	10	Ava	Ava

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