

# The name Elizabeth for girls

The name 'Elizabeth' was <sup>an</sup> extremely popular choice ~~to~~ <sup>of</sup> name ~~or~~ <sup>for</sup> baby girls in 1880, with more than 8000 births per million being girls named 'Elizabeth'. From this point through to 1910 the popularity of the name follows a decline similar to an exponential decay curve, rising slightly to just below 7000 births per million in the year 1910. Between this year <sup>and</sup> 1940 the graph shows a <sup>gradual</sup> ~~slightly steep~~ decline, where the graph reaches a shallow dip. <sup>\* Quantify</sup> At this point in time, the graph shows that the name 'Elizabeth' begins to rise very slightly in popularity, to the year 1970 where its popularity rises steeply, forming a spike in the year 1980 of just over 5000 births per million being girls named 'Elizabeth'. From this spike to the year 2013 the popularity of the name Elizabeth for girls declines steadily to approximately 2400 births per million in 2013.

According to the graph, the name 'Elizabeth' was at the height of its popularity during the first recorded year - 1880. However, if the ~~graph~~ popularity of the name Elizabeth followed the general trend shown on the graph, during the years before 1880, it can be predicted the the name was even more popular before 1880. The overall trend of the graph shows a decrease in the names popularity, and if, in future, the popularity of the name 'Elizabeth' (for girls) continued to follow the trend shown in the graph, I can predict that it is <sup>unlikely</sup> the names popularity will continue to fall. However, the chances of this name actually falling completely 'out of fashion' are very small, as Elizabeth is a traditional name, and occurs often in major history. According to the press release 'genes reunited': '37% of people would name their children after relatives with traditional names', therefore the name Elizabeth is likely to be a popular selection. This ~~the~~ choice is also likely to be more popular due to new internet sites such as 'Genes Reunited' allowing people to see their family trees - and due to the extreme popularity in the 20<sup>th</sup> century of the name Elizabeth, many people are going to discover old relatives named 'Elizabeth' (therefore are more likely to select this 'traditional' name for

their newborn girls). According to 'McGrindle Research' the 'pulling power of celebrities has always had an influence on baby naming trends, ~~mm~~ the Royal Family... more than any other' therefore in the event of eg. Queen Elizabeth doing something 'awesome' may cause the names popularity to rise again. ✓  
A factor which may be accelerating the name 'Elizabeth's decline in popularity, is the use of nick-names based of the original name Elizabeth. It is common for parents to choose more 'modern' names such a 'Lizzy', 'Eli', 'Liz', or 'Beth' for their children, and although these names stem from the name 'Elizabeth', the two are not the same thing. ✓

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## The name Elizabeth for boys

The name 'Elizabeth' was very popular for baby boys born between the years of 1880 and 1895, according to the time series graph. The data shows that more than 45 boys born in every million babies were named 'Elizabeth', although the exact number is unknown as the graph's maximum value is exceeded. However, due to the slight and steady decline observed of the name's popularity between the years 1895 to 1905, I predict that this unknown data was in steady minor decline also. At approximately 1905 the popularity of the name drops, and the graph shows that the name is no longer in the 1000 most popular names for boys. This changes in 1930, where there is a spike and the name makes a comeback, it is once again in the top 1000 most popular names, with 18 baby boys born (out of a million babies) being named Elizabeth. After this spike, the name once again loses popularity and drops from the top ~~1000~~ 1000 (thus no data is recorded for the name during these times). A second ~~spike~~, slightly larger spike occurs in 1980 where the name Elizabeth for boys is once again in the top 1000 most popular names, with roughly 24 ~~boy~~ baby boys born per million births named Elizabeth. From the years 1981 to 2013 the graph shows that the name Elizabeth was not in the top 1000.

✓ The erratic nature of the data makes it difficult to predict the popularity of the name Elizabeth in future for boys. These erratic spikes and drops as shown on the graph may be subject to the small scale of the y-axis (with 'steps' of only 5) meaning that just a few changes in baby name choices appears to have a big effect. Another factor affecting the name's popularity is celebrity events. For example according to 'McGrindle Research' 'the pulling power of celebrities has always had an influence on baby naming trends'.

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being named Elizabeth or the Queen dying in the near future, that the names popularity would spike. However, due to society in recent times viewing a the name as an almost exclusively female name, I doubt it will grow in popularity. ~~It~~ being said, it is a traditional name, and research shows that '37% of people would ~~do~~ name their children after relatives with traditional names' (source: Genes Revisited) so I therefore believe the names usage will not fully stop.

wow! You have done a fantastic job Hannah → Vuy clear excellence & Soddin.