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**DANIEL AND EMILY TOP ORANGE COUNTY  
NEW BABY NAMES IN 2007**

Barak, Hillary, John, Mike and Rudy seem to be the names getting the most attention nationally these days with the presidential contest in full swing. In Orange County, there's a race of a different sort that kicks up every year – the top baby names chosen by new parents in Orange County.

The primary winners for 2007: Daniel and Emily.

These names ranked as the most popular baby boy and girl names in Orange County last year, according to Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly. Daly's office issues birth certificates for all children born in the county.

Daniel climbed three spots to claim the top spot on the list after placing 4<sup>th</sup> in 2006, while Emily remained firmly in place to reclaim the top girls name for the third year in a row.

David was the only new addition to the Top 10 Boys names in 2007, while Olivia and Jocelyn were new additions to the Top 10 Girls names in 2007.

The baby names list was compiled by the Clerk-Recorder Department from the approximate 47,000 births recorded in Orange County in 2007, of which 51% were boys and 49% were girls.

Nationally, according to the BabyCenter's 2007 Top Baby Names List, Aiden ranked as the most popular boy name, while Sophia was ranked as the most popular girl name.

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## Orange County 2007 Top 10 Baby Names (vs. 2006)

Boy Names		Girl Names	
<u>2007</u>	(2006)	<u>2007</u>	(2006)
1. Daniel	Anthony	1. Emily	Emily
2. Anthony	Angel	2. Isabella	Ashley
3. Jacob	Jacob	3. Sophia	Samantha
4. Andrew	Daniel	4. Ashley	Isabella
5. Ethan	Joshua	5. Samantha	Mia
6. Christopher	Andrew	6. Natalie	Sophia
7. Nathan	Mathew	7. Ava	Natalie
8. Joshua	Ethan	8. Emma	Emma
9. Angel	Nathan	9. Olivia	Kimberly
10. David	Christopher	10. Jocelyn	Ava

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- Records documents relating to real-property transactions;
- Maintains an index and issues copies of all recorded documents;
- Maintains and issues copies of death and marriage certificates;
- Issues marriage licenses and performs civil wedding ceremonies;
- Oversees the Orange County Archives;
- Records Fictitious Business Statements;
- Processes passport applications;
- Records a variety of county maps;
- Administers oaths for notaries and registers process servers, legal document assistants and unlawful detainer assistants.

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