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ANTHONY AND EMILY TOP ORANGE COUNTY NEW BABY NAMES IN 2008

Barack, Michelle, Malia and Sasha seem to be names getting a lot of attention nationally these days. In Orange County, the top baby names chosen by new parents for 2008 were Anthony 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.

Anthony climbed two spots to claim the top spot on the list after placing 3rd in 2007. Emily remained firmly in place to reclaim the top girl name for the fourth year in a row.

Alexander and Matthew were new additions to the Top 10 boy names in 2008. For girls, Chloe and Abigail were new additions to the Top 10 girl names last year.

The baby names list was compiled by the Clerk-Recorder Department from about 46,000 births recorded in Orange County in 2008, of which 52% were boys and 48% were girls.

Nationally, Aiden ranked as the most popular boy name, with Emma the most popular girl name, according to the BabyCenter's 2008 Top Baby Names List.

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Orange County 2008 Top 10 Baby Names (vs. 2007)

Boy Names		Girl Names	
<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
1. Anthony	Daniel	1. Emily	Emily
2. Daniel	Jacob	2. Sophia	Isabella
3. Ethan	Anthony	3. Isabella	Ashley/Sophia
4. Joshua	Andrew	4. Ashley	Samantha
5. Jacob	Ethan	5. Samantha	Ava/Natalie
6. Andrew	Christopher	6. Chloe	Emma
7. Nathan	Nathan	7. Emma	Olivia
8. Angel	Joshua/Angel	8. Mia	Jocelyn
9. Alexander/ Christopher	David	9. Abigail	Mia/Kimberly
10. Matthew	Ryan	10. Ava	Hannah

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