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Nice choices, mom and dad.

For the fourth time in eight years, Hailey was the region's choice as the most popular baby girls' name.

For the second time in four years, Aiden was the most popular selection for boys.

Those were the results in the 19th annual Tribune Stork Report, the tabulation of baby names for the year ending midyear 2011 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston.

They succeed the year - ago choices of Elizabeth, for girls, again a strong contender, and Connor, for boys, only chosen two times.

Nationally, Hailey was the 19th most popular name for girls. The most popular were Isabella, Sophia, Emma, Olivia and Ava. Aiden was No. 9 in the U.S. The most popular were Jacob, Ethan, Michael, Jayden and William.

Hailey was No. 14 in daughters' choices in Idaho (led by Olivia, Emma and Sophia) and only No. 22 in Washington (led by Sophia, Olivia and Isabella). Aiden was the sixth-place pick in Idaho (led by William, Samuel and Logan) and the 16th most popular in Washington (led by Jacob, Alexander and Ethan).

Another highlight in the Stork Report 2011? It was the birth of eight sets of twins, second only to the record nine born in 2007. That compares to six sets in 2010 and five in 2009.

So, a hearty welcome to the four sets of daughters, the two sets of sons and the mix of the other two twosomes.

They are Kayden James and Kyler Jesse Soderberg of Clarkston, Ashlynn Faye and Kylee Diane Grace Willoughby of Clarkston, Manvir Singh and Sukhmer Singh Rai of Lewiston, Ruby Mae and Macie Jane Reed of Clarkston, Logan Phillip and Kendall Jean Krisher of Lewiston, Wenona Faith and Ronda Grace Scott of Lapwai, Josie Kazimiera and Jacob Thomas Schlee of Asotin and Zoeyanne Janae and Paige Alexandra Diaz of Lewiston.

The Stork also extends the annual best wishes to the first St. Joe baby of the year, 2011, Connor Richard Isaac of Clarkston. He was the first, on New Year's Day, preceded on New Year's Eve by Ameari Mae McCormick of Clarkston.

Hailey was chosen six times (with acceptable spellings of one Hayley and one Haylee). Tied for second with five choices were Aubrey (with alternative spellings of Aubery, Abrea and Aubreigh) and Kaylee (also with spellings of Kaeli, Kali, Kayleigh and Caylee)

In fourth were selections four times of Mackenzie (including one McKenzi); Addison (one spelled Addysen), Elizabeth, Sophia (also with spellings of Sofia and Sophie) and Gracie (with one Grayci).

Aiden received No. 1 in boys with six choices. In second place were Jacob (with one spelling of Jakob), Liam and Landon (with one Landan, one Landen). In No. 5 were four others: Matthew, Peyton (with one Payton), Cash (with two spellings of Kash) and Ryland (with one spelling of Riylend and one Riylen).

Names reflected originality, in choice or spelling or both. One son was named Truth. One daughter was named Rumor.

Among the creative names for daughters? The Stork points out Cavell, Cheylianah, Cahira, Ja'Ryonn, Nerha, Xzalanah and Yumi. Unique, for sure, is infant U'Neek.

For boys, there are Himin-Ilpilp, Izaiha, Malachi and Tacoah.

Identical spellings for boys and girls alike included Mason and Peyton.

We also had a Carter and a Karter, a Dillan and a Dilynn, a Gabriel and a Gabryel, a Talia and a Talyhia and a Lyla and a Lila.

More girls or more boys? After more girls in 2010, by 300 to 290, it was an even split in 18 years of Stork Reports, with nine each. In 2011, however, more boys were born, an edge of 310 sons to 303 daughters. Total reported births were 613, an increase from 590 in 2010 and 594 in 2009, but less than 652 in 2008 and 648 in 2007. Does this resemble the national economy and the emerging, we hope, from a national recession?

Welcome, all.

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Stork Report's most popular names over 19 years

The most popular names in the 19 years of the Tribune Stork Report, at mid-year:

2011: Aiden and Hailey.

2010: Connor and Elizabeth.

2009: Logan and Hailey.

2008: Aiden. Emma and Samantha (tied).

2007: Landon and Grace.

2006: Ian and Hailey.

2005: Logan and Emma.

2004: Kaden and Hailey.

2003: Ethan. Emma, Emily, Madison and Taylor (tie).

2002: Dylan and Madison.

2001: Dylan and Madeline.

2000: Jonathan and Hannah.

1999: Austin and Emily.

1998: Austin and Hannah.

1997: Jacob and Taylor.

1996: Matthew and Samantha.

1995: Jacob and Ashley.

1994: Jacob and Sarah.

1993: James. Ashley and Jessica (tie).