

NAMES 2017¹ IN BULGARIA



TOP 10 NAMES OF NEW-BORN BABIES



ALEKSANDAR	1116
GEORGI	1009
MARTIN	804
DIMITAR	687
IVAN	668
NIKOLA	640
DANIEL	623
BORIS	615
KALOYAN	599
VIKTOR	562

741	VIKTORIA
718	MARIA
682	NIKOL
508	RAIA
483	ALEKSANDRA
463	SOFIA
447	DARIA
391	SIMONA
380	GABRIELA
378	YOANA

VIKTORIA & ALEKSANDAR

ARE
MOST PREFERRED
NAMES
IN 2017

Among the 10 most common names for new-born boys, along with **Georgi**, **Dimitar**, **Ivan** and **Nikola**, some names which are unusual for Bulgarian tradition, like **Martin**, **Daniel** and **Viktor**, also dominate. The number of new-borns with names of khans and kings of the First and Second Bulgarian Kingdom has increased, for example - **Boris**, **Kaloyan**, **Simeon** and **Asparuh**.

The most common Muslim names for boys in 2017 are **Emir** and **Mert**.

The top three among the ten most common names by girls, **Viktoria**, **Maria** and **Nikol**, has been preserved for the third year, followed immediately by **Raia** and **Aleksandra**.

The most common Muslim names for girls are **Elif** and **Melek**.

¹ Preliminary data.

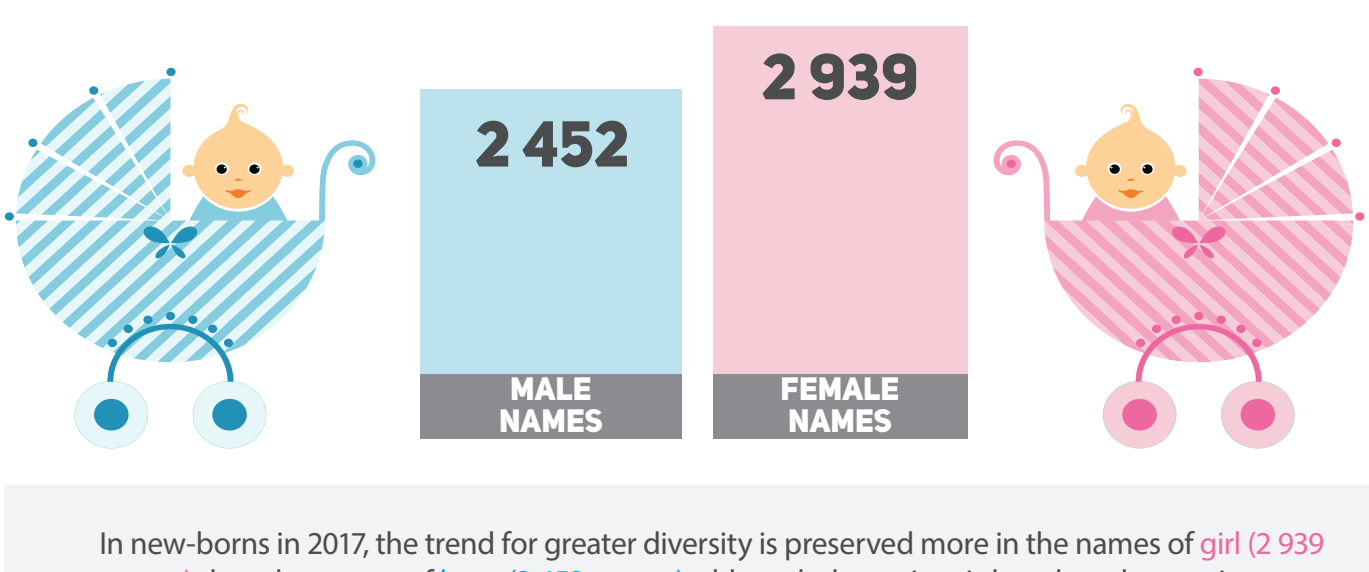
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH DUAL NAMES

HAS DROPPED BY **37%** COMPARED TO 2007



In 2017, a dual name was given to **273 boys** and **468 girls** with the variety being extremely high.

5 391 DIFFERENT NAMES ARE GIVEN TO NEW-BORN IN 2017



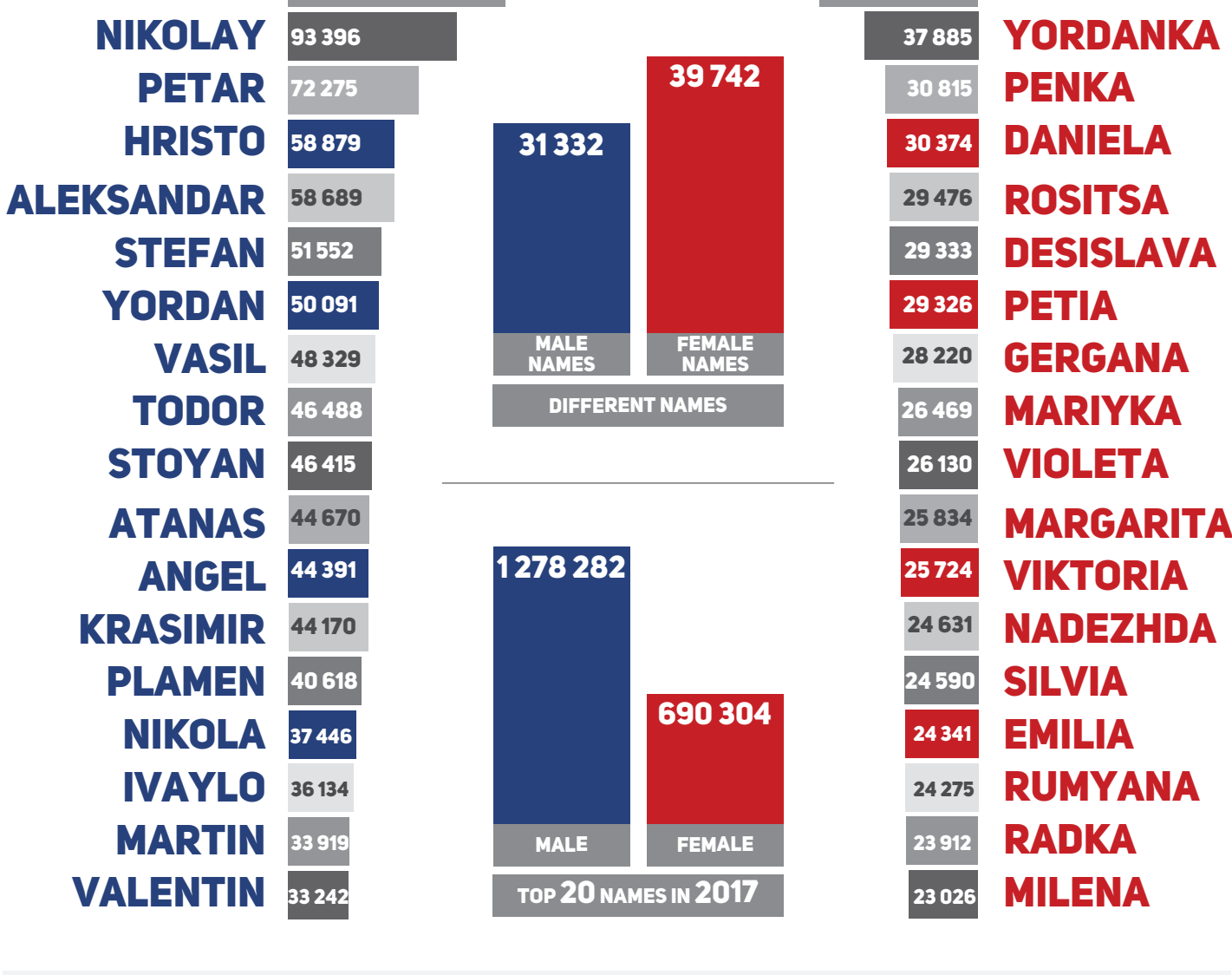
In new-borns in 2017, the trend for greater diversity is preserved more in the names of **girl (2 939 names)** than the names of **boys (2 452 names)**, although the variety is less than the previous year.

Since the beginning of the 21st century, more and more names chosen are often those popular around the world - **Aleksandar**, **Martin**, **Viktor**, **Nikolay**, **Viktoria**, **Maria**, **Nikol**, **Sofia**.

By 2015, the name **Georgi** led the ranking of the most popular names for new-born boys in Bulgaria. In 2016 it lost first place to **Aleksandar**, which is the most common name also in 2017.

Viktoria continues to lead the chart for new-born girls, although the number with that name (**741**) has been decreasing for a second year.

THE 20 MOST COMMON MALE AND FEMALE NAMES IN BULGARIA



The **diversity of female names** remains greater than males. There are just over 31 000 personal male names and almost 40 000 female names.

Though their number has decreased compared to the previous year, the most prevalent names among men are still **Georgi** - 163 000, **Ivan** - 154 000, and **Dimitar** - 120 000. Followed by **Nikolay** - 93 000, **Petar** - 72 000, **Hristo** - 59 000, **Aleksandar**, **Stefan** и **Yordan** - over 50 000 as well. Of all the men in the country 1 278 000 have the 20 most common forenames.

The most common Muslim male names are **Mehmed**, **Ahmed** and **Mustafa**.

In women **690 000** have the **20 most common female names** in the country. The most common name among women continues to be **Maria** - 115 000, followed by **Ivanka** - 59 000, **Elena** - nearly 53 000, and **Yordanka** - nearly 38 000. Also in the 20 most popular female names are **Penka**, **Daniela**, **Rositsa**, **Desislava**, **Petia**, **Gergana** and etc.

In women the most common Muslim names are **Fatme**, **Ayshe** and **Emine**.

NUMBER OF PERSONS BY NAME DAYS BY THE END OF 2017

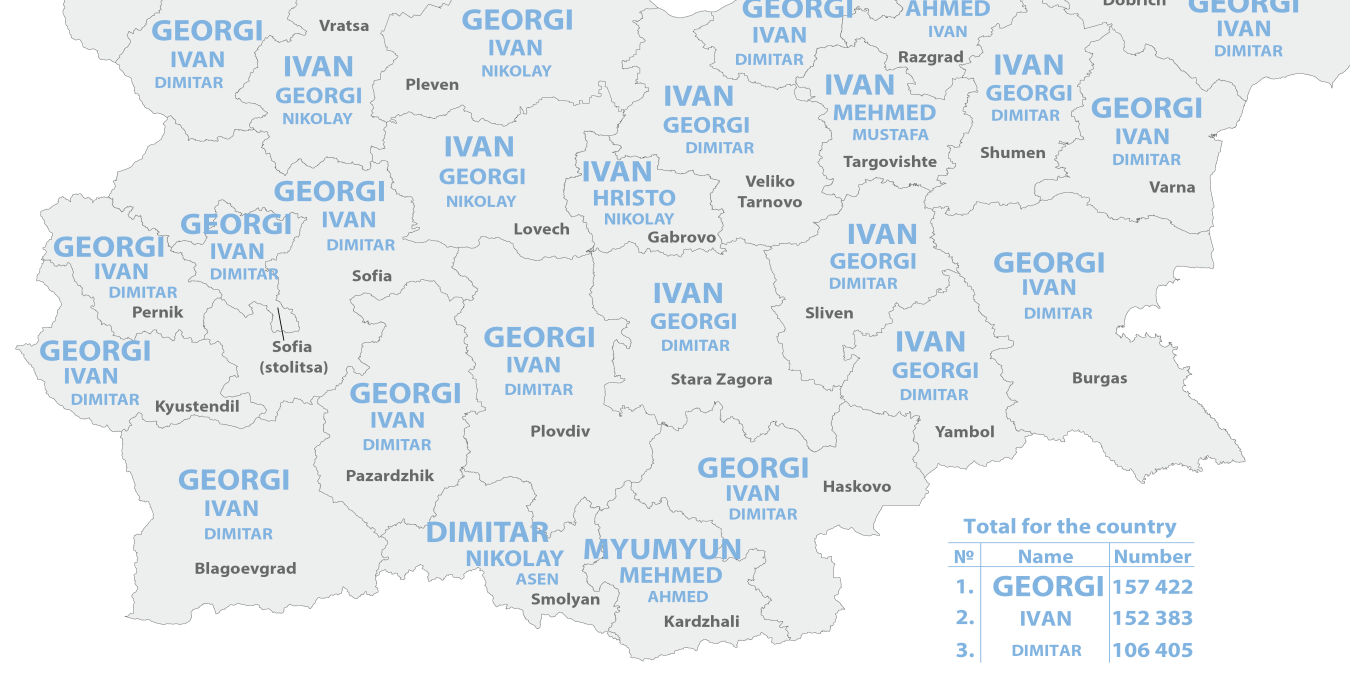
2018	NAME DAYS	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
01.01.	VASILYOVDEN (THE DAY OF ST. VASILYI)	134 327	80 058	54 269
06.01.	YORDANOVDEN (EPIPHANY)	145 136	76 704	68 432
07.01.	IVANOVDEN (THE DAY OF ST. IOAN)	363 288	233 342	129 946
12.01.	ST. TATYANA	39 346	-	39 346
17.01.	ANTONOVDEN (THE DAY OF ST. ANTONII)	83 634	33 638	49 996
18.01.	ATANASOVDEN (THE DAY OF ST. ATANASII)	62 617	48 555	14 062
24.02.	TODDOVDEN (THE DAY OF ST. THEODOR)	130 233	76 648	53 585
25.03.	BLAGOVESHTEENIE (ANNUNCIATION)	20 615	10 156	10 459
31.03.	LAZAROV DEN (THE DAY OF THE NAME LAZAR)	6 685	4 844	1 841
01.04.	TSVETNITSA (PALM SUNDAY)	374 397	85 821	288 576
08.04.	VELIKDEN (EASTER DAY)	40 431	13 267	27 164
06.05.	GERGYOV DEN (THE DAY OF ST. GEORGE)	235 243	175 210	60 033
11.05.	ST. ST. KIRIL AND METODIY	42 412	40 161	2 251
17.05.	SPASOV DEN (ASCENSION DAY)	12 572	7 121	5 451
21.05.	ST. ST. KONSTANTIN AND ELENA	116 395	40 839	75 556
24.06.	ENYOVDEN	52 229	21 730	30 499
29.06.	PETROVDEN (THE DAY OF ST. PETAR)	176 891	106 271	70 620
20.07.	ILINDEN (THE DAY OF PROFIT ILIA)	64 044	47 716	16 328
15.08.	USPENIE BOGORODICHNO (ASSUMPTION)	204 727	18 556	186 171
14.09.	KRASTOV DEN (THE DAY OF HOLY CROSS)	13 311	8 187	5 124
17.09.	SOFIA, VYARA, NADEZHDA I LYUBOV	112 075	32 711	79 364
14.10.	PETKOV DEN (THE DAY OF ST. PETKA)	30 564	25 066	5 498
26.10.	DIMITROVDEN (THE DAY OF ST. DIMITAR)	168 869	144 758	24 111
08.11.	ARHANGELOVDEN (MICHAELMAS DAY)	266 831	165 207	101 624
06.12.	NIKULDEN (THE DAY OF ST. NIKOLAY)	198 370	145 185	53 185
09.12.	ST. ANNA	77 283	-	77 283
25.12.	ROZHDESTVO HRISTOVO (CHRISTMAS DAY)	137 487	90 902	46 585
27.12.	STEFANOVDEN (THE DAY OF ST. STEPHAN)	262 999	160 948	102 051

January has the most people with a name day - nearly 900 000 Bulgarians celebrate **Vasilyovden**, **Yordanovden (Epiphany)**, **Ivanovden**, **Antonovden** and **Atanasovden**. In January, name day is celebrated by **Teodosiy** (11.01), **Tatyana** (12.01), **Evtim** (20.01), **Maksim** (21.01) and **Grigoriy** (25.01).

The largest number celebrate a name day on **Tsvetnitsa (Palm Sunday)** - 374 000 women and men.

December is the month with the most name days. **Every second day** someone has the opportunity to pay the drinks in order to glorify his name.

TOP 3 MALE NAMES IN BULGARIA BY THE END OF 2017, BY REGIONS



TOP 3 FEMALE NAMES IN BULGARIA BY THE END OF 2017, BY REGIONS

