

## ELIZABETHEAN NAMES

### Men's Given Names

The list of the most common men's given names in England stayed pretty nearly constant from the 1530s through 1700, especially the top four or five names, though the exact order changed a bit. It's notable how dominant the top few names are; the top five names account for 70% of all men studied. The figures from Janell Lovelace are:

John	29%	Richard	7%	Nicholas	3%
Thomas	14%	Robert	6%	Walter	2%
William	14%	Henry	3%	Edward	2%

The top 50 men's names listed by Scott Smith-Bannister for the 1560s and 1570s (a larger sample, with a more specific date focus) follow this trend fairly well. In approximate order from most common to least, they are:

John	Francis	Andrew	Lawrence	Gregory	Fulke
Thomas	Nicholas	Humphrey	Roger	Nathaniel	Luke
William	Ralph	Leonard	Daniel	Abraham	Mathias
Robert	Christopher	Martin	Michael	Barnaby	Tobias
Richard	Anthony	Simon	Samuel	Geoffrey	Isaac
Henry	Matthew	Peter	Allen	Reynold	Jerome
George	Edmund	Philip	Charles	Arthur	Joseph
Edward	Walter	Stephen	Alexander	David	Rowland
James	Hugh				

Some additional, slightly less popular names are:

Adam	Bartholomew	Giles	Oswyn
Adrian	Benedict	Julian	Piers
Ambrose	Bernard	Lancelot	Solomon
Avery	Cuthbert	Mark	Valentine
	Gerard	Miles	
	Gilbert	Oliver	

## Women's Given Names

The top five to ten women's given names are somewhat more variable from decade to decade, and not quite so dominant. It takes nine names rather than five to account for 70% of all women studied, and Elizabeth, the most common women's name, is only about half as common as John is for men. The figures from Janell Lovelace are:

Elizabeth	15%	Alice	8%	Mary	3%
Joan	12%	Agnes	6%	Katherine	3%
Margaret	11%	Isabel	4%	Margery	2%
Anne	9%	Jane	3%		

The top 50 women's names listed by Scott Smith-Bannister for the 1560s and 1570s follow this trend fairly well. In approximate order, they are:

Elizabeth	Catherine	Frances	Cecily	Millicent	Audrey
Joan	Elinor	Joyce	Frideswide	Rose	Helen
Margaret	Isabel	Bridget	Grace	Thomasin	Janet
Agnes	Dorothy	Christian	Amy	Fortune	Sybil
Alice	Margery	Edith	Barbara	Gillian	Ursula
Anne	Susanna	Emma	Rachel	Judith	Avis
Mary	Ellen	Lucy	Charity	Julian	Beatrice
Jane	Sarah	Martha	Mabel	Philippa	Blanche
Marion	Clemence				

Some additional, slightly less common women's names are:

Ruth	Constance	Florence	Maria	Parnell
Wilmot	Denise	Josian	Maud	Rebecca
Christina	Ellen	Lettice	Mildred	Winifred

## ELIZABETHAN LAST NAMES

Abell	Ayleward	Bend	Borrow
Ackworth	Aylmer	Bennet	Bosby
Adams	Aynesworth	Benthey	Bost
Addicock	Babham	Berdwell	Bostock
Alban	Babington	Berecraft	Bothy
Aldebourne	Badby	Beresford	Botteler
Alfray	Bailey	Berkhead	Boulder
Alicock	Baker	Bernard	Bourne
Allard	Balam	Bernewelt	Boville
Allen	Baldwin	Berry	Bowcer
Allington	Ballard	Berwick	Bowett
Amberden	Ballett	Best	Bownell
Amcotts	Bammard	Bettsthorne	Bowyar
Amondsham	Barber	Bewforest	Bradbridge
Andrews	Bardolf	Bewley	Bradshawe
Annesley	Barefoot	Bexley	Bradstone
Ansty	Barker	Bigley	Bramfield
Archer	Barnes	Billing	Brampton
Ardall	Barre	Billingford	Branch
Ardern	Barrentine	Bingham	Branwhaite
Argentein	Barrett	Bird	Brassie
Arnold	Barstaple	Bishop	Braunstone
Arthur	Bartelot	Bishopson	Bray
Asger	Barton	Bishoptree	Brayles
Ashby	Basset	Blacknall	Brecknock
Ashcombe	Bathurst	Blackwell	Bredham
Ashenhurst	Battersby	Bladewell	Brent
Ashton	Battle	Blakeley	Brett
Askew	Baynton	Blennerhayset	Brewiss
Asplin	Beauchamp	Blexham	Brewster
Astley	Beaumont	Blodwell	Bridgeman
Atherton	Beaurepaire	Bloom	Briggs
Atkinson	Beckingham	Blount	Brinkhurst
Atlee	Bedell	Blundell	Bristow
Attilburgh	Bedgberry	Boddenham	Brocksby
Aubrey	Bedingfeld	Bohan	Brodeway
Audeley	Beer	Boote	Brodnax
Audlington	Beeton	Boothe	Brokehill
Ayde	Bell	Borrell	Brome

Brook	Cox	Dimmock	Etton
Brougham	Crane	Dinley	Everard
Broughton	Cranford	Dixton	Everdon
Browett	Crawley	Doddle	Evingar
Brownflet	Cressy	Dogmersfield	Eyer
Browning	Crickett	Donnett	Eyston
Brudenell	Cripps	Doreward	Fabian
Bryan	Crisp	Dormer	Faldo
Buckingham	Cristemas	Dove	Fane
Bulkeley	Crocker	Dow	Farindon
Bulstrode	Crugg	Downer	Fayneman
Burgess	Cuddon	Draper	Felbrigg
Burgh	Culpepper	Draw	Feld
Burghill	Cunningham	Drayton	Fenton
Clerk	Curtis	Dryden	Ferrer
Clifford	Curzon	Dryland	Feversham
Clifton	Dagworth	Dunch	Fienley
Clitherow	Dalingridge	Duncombe	Finch
Clopton	Damsell	Dunham	Findern
Cobb	Danett	Duredent	Fineux
Cobham	Danvers	Dusteby	Fisher
Cobley	Darcy	Dye	Fitton
Cockayne	Darley	Dynham	Fitzgeoffrey
Coggshall	Daubernon	Edgar	Fitzherbert
Colby	Daunce	Edgcombe	Fitzlewis
Colkins	Dauncey	Edgerton	Fitzralph
Collard	Daundelyon	Edwards	Fitzwarren
Colmer	Davy	Eggerley	Fitzwilliam
Colthurst	Dawne	Eglisfeld	Fleet
Complin	Day	Ellis	Fleetwood
Compton	Deacons	Elmebrigge	Fleming
Conquest	Dean	Emerson	Flexney
Cooke	Deering	Engham	Flower
Coorthopp	Delabere	Engleford	Fodd
Coppinger	Delamere	Englich	Fogg
Corbett	Delly	Epworth	Foliot
Corby	Dencourt	Erewaker	Foljambe
Cossington	Dennis	Ermin	Follon
Cosworth	Denton	Ertham	Follywolle
Cotton	Dericott	Esmund	Folsham
Courtenay	Derington	Estbury	Fonteyn
Covert	Desford	Eston	Forder
Cowill	Digby	Etchingam	Fortescue

Fortey	Gobberd	Hancock	Hobart
Fowler	Goddam	Hansart	Hodgson
Fox	Godfrey	Harbird	Holbrook
Francey	Gold	Harbottle	Holcott
Franklin	Golding	Harcourt	Holland
Freen	Goldwell	Hardy	Holsey
Freer	Gomershall	Harewell	Holt
Freville	Gomfrey	Hargreve	Holton
Frewell	Gonson	Harlakinden	Hopton
Frilende	Good	Harleston	Horman
Frilleck	Goodenouth	Harley	Hornbolt
Frith	Gooder	Harpeden	Hornley
Froggenhall	Goodluck	Harper	Horsey
Fromond	Goodnestone	Harris	Horthall
Froste	Goodrick	Harte	Horton
Frowse	Goodrington	Harvard	Hosteler
Frye	Goodwin	Harwood	Hotham
Fulburne	Goring	Hasard	Howard
Fulmer	Gorney	Hatch	Huddleston
Furnace	Gorst	Hatcliff	Hugeford
Gage	Gosebourne	Hautreeve	Hughes
Gainsford	Grafton	Hawkins	Hungate
Galey	Gray	Hawksworth	Hurst
Garrard	Greene	Hawtrey	Hussey
Garret	Greenway	Haye	Hutchinson
Gascoigne	Grenefeld	Hayes	Hyde
Gasper	Greville	Hayton	Inwood
Gavell	Grey	Helm	Isley
Gedding	Grobbam	Henshawe	Jackmann
Geoffrey	Grofhurst	Herleston	Jackson
George	Groston	Heron	James
Gerard	Grove	Hertcomb	Janner
Gerville	Haddock	Hervey	Jarman
Geste	Haddon	Heydon	Jay
Gibbs	Hadresham	Heywood	Jendring
Gifford	Hakebourne	Heyworth	Jenney
Gilbert	Hale	Higden	Johnson
Gill	Hall	Highgate	Jordan
Ginter	Halley	Hilderley	Joslin
Gisborne	Hambard	Hill	Joulon
Gittens	Hammer	Hinson	Jowchet
Glennon	Hammond	Hitchcock	Keckilpenny
Glover	Hampden	Hoare	Kellett

Kelly	Leynthall	Maynwaring	Norton
Kemp	Limsey	Mead	Norwich
Kent	Lind	Medeley	Norwood
Keriell	Liripine	Merden	Notfeld
Kesteven	Lisle	Mereworth	Nottingham
Key	Litchfield	Merstun	Nysell
Kidwelly		Merton	Obson
Killigrew	Litcott	Metcalf	Oke
Killingworth	Littlebury	Michelgrove	Oken
Kinge	Litton	Middleton	Olingworth
Kirkeby	Liverich	Mill	Oliver
Kitson	Livesey	Millet	Osborne
Knighton	Lloyd	Millis	Osillbury
Knivetton	Lockton	Milner	Osteler
Knody	Loddington	Milsent	Outlawe
Knoyll	Lond	Moland	Oxenbrigg
Knyvett	London	Molins	Page
Kottow	Long	Molyngton	Pagg
Lacy	Longton	Monde	Palmer
Lambert	Lovell	Moore	Panshawe
Lambton	Loveney	More	Papley
Langston	Lowth	Morecott	Parker
Lappage	Ludsthorp	Morley	Parrett
Latham	Luke	Morris	Parsons
Latton	Lumbard	Mortimer	Paston
Launceleyn	Lupton	Moryet	Payne
Lave	Lyfeld	Motesfont	Peacock
Lawnder	Lyon	Mowfurth	Peck
le Bone	Malemayns	Mugg	Peckham
Leech	Malster	Mullens	Pelletoot
Leeds	Maltoun	Muston	Peltie
Lehenard	Manfield	Narbridge	Pemberton
Leigh	Manston	Nash	Perris
Leighlin	Mapilton	Neale	Perrot
Leman	Marsham	Nevinson	Perryvall
Lenton	Marten	Newdegate	Petham
Lestrangle	Mason	Newman	Petley
Letterford	Massingberd	Noke	Pettit
Leventhorpe	Maudit	Norbury	Pettwood
Leverer	Mauntell	Norden	Peyton
Leveson	Maycott	Norris	Philips
Lewis	Maydestone	North	Piggott
Leynham	Mayne	Northwood	Pinnock

Pinty	Rolleston	Sherbourne	Steven
Playters	Rondel	Sherman	Steward
Plessey	Roper	Shern	Stille
Plimmswood	Rowdon	Shevington	Stockton
Poff	Rowe	Shilton	Stoddeley
Pole	Rowlett	Shingleton	Stoke
Polsted	Rowley	Shipwash	Stokerton
Polton	Rudhall	Shiveley	Stokes
Porter	Rufford	Shoesmith	Stokey
Portington	Ruggenall	Shorditch	Stone
Potter	Ruggwain	Shotbolt	Stoner
Powlett	Ryall	Sibbell	Stoughton
Pownder	Sacheverell	Silvester	Strachleigh
Pratt	Sackville	Simeon	Strader
Pray	Sadler	Simmons	Strangeways
Prelate	Saintaubin	Sinclair	Street
Prophet	Saintjohn	Skern	Strelley
Prowd	Salford	Skipwith	Stubb
Purles	Salman	Sleaford	Styles
Pursglove	Salter	Slyfield	Sulyard
Quintin	Saltonstall	Smith	Sumner
Radley	Sampson	Snayth	Swan
Rampston	Samuell	Snell	Sweetecok
Ramsey		Snelling	Swetenham
Ratcliff	Sanburne	Sotton	Switt
Raudell	Sandys	Sparrow	Tabard
Rawlin	Saunders	Spebbington	Tame
Rawson	Saunterton	Speir	Taylor
Raynsford	Savill	Spelman	Tedcastle
Redman	Sayer	Spencer	Thomas
Reed	Saynsberry	Spettell	Thornburgh
Reeve	Scarcliff	Spicer	Thorne
Richeman	Scobahull	Sprottle	Thornton
Rickhill	Scolfield	Sprunt	Thorpe
Rickworth	Scott	Stacy	Throckmorton
Ringer	Scroggs	Stanbury	Thursby
Rippringham	Scrope	Standon	Tibbord
Risley	Sedley	Stanley	Tilghman
Robbins	Selwyn	Stanwix	Tindall
Robertson	Sharman	Staple	Tiploft
Robinson	Shawe	Staunton	Topsfield
Rochester	Sheffield	Staverton	Torrington
Rochforth	Sheraton	Stepney	Totthill

Town  
Tregonwell  
Trenowyth  
Trevett  
Trumpington  
Tubney  
Turner  
Twarby  
Tweedy  
Tyrell  
Ufford  
Underhill  
Unton  
Upton  
Urswick  
Vaughan  
Vawdrey  
Veldon  
Verney  
Vernon  
Vinter  
Wade  
Wadham  
Wake  
Waldegrave  
Waldeley  
Walden  
Walford  
Walker  
Wallace  
Walrond  
Walsch  
Waltham  
Walton  
Wantell  
Warbulton  
Warde  
Wardyworth  
Warner  
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Welby  
Wellins  
Wenman  
Wensley  
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Westbrook  
Westlake  
Weston  
Wetherden  
Wexcombe  
White  
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Worsley  
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