

John Arbuthnot, a doctor who became physician to Queen Anne in 1705, wanted to find the answer to this question:

Are more boys born than girls?

He looked at data on London baptisms from 1629 to 1710.

year	boys	girls
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1629	5218	4683
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1630	4858	4457
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1631	4422	4102
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1632	4994	4590
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1633	5158	4839
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1634	5035	4820
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1635	5106	4928
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1636	4917	4605
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1637	4703	4457
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1638	5359	4952
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1639	5366	4784
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1640	5518	5332
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1641	5470	5200
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1642	5460	4910
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1710	7640	7288
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