

**State-specific data on the relative frequency of given names in the population
of U.S. births where the individual has a Social Security Number**

(Tabulated based on Social Security records as of March 5, 2017)

For each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia we created a file called SC.txt, where SC is the state's postal code.

Each record in a file has the format: 2-digit state code, sex (M = male or F = female), 4-digit year of birth (starting with 1910), the 2-15 character name, and the number of occurrences of the name. Fields are delimited with a comma. Each file is sorted first on sex, then year of birth, and then on number of occurrences in descending order. When there is a tie on the number of occurrences names are listed in alphabetical order. This sorting makes it easy to determine a name's rank. The first record for each sex & year of birth has rank 1, the second record has rank 2, and so forth.

To safeguard privacy, we exclude from these files certain names that would indicate, or would allow the ability to determine, names with fewer than 5 occurrences in any geographic area. If a name has less than 5 occurrences for a year of birth in any state, the sum of the state counts for that year will be less than the national count.