

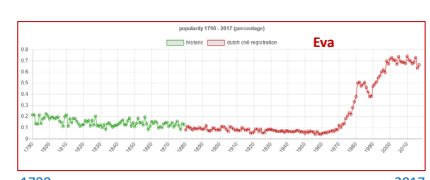
### Given name popularity in The Netherlands since 1790



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### corpus-based onomastics

- to study long-term trends in children naming
- in the Netherlands
- based on online access
- of 220 years of population data

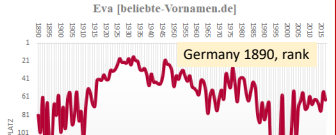


### Eva elsewhere


**Belgium 1995**




**Germany 1890, rank**




**Norway 1880**



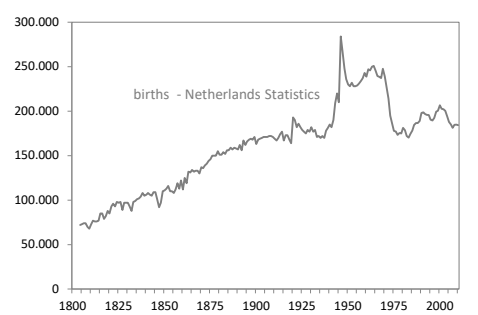
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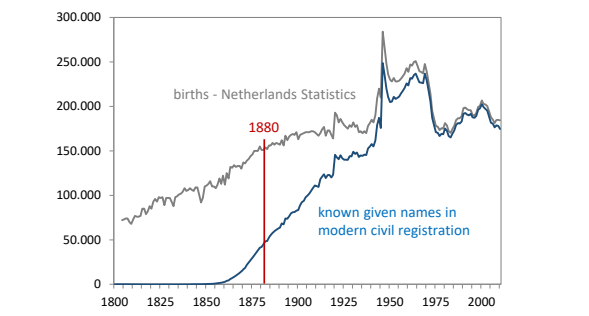
**USA 1880**



### births in the Netherlands



### given names in modern civil registration (22.3 million persons)



### 19th century

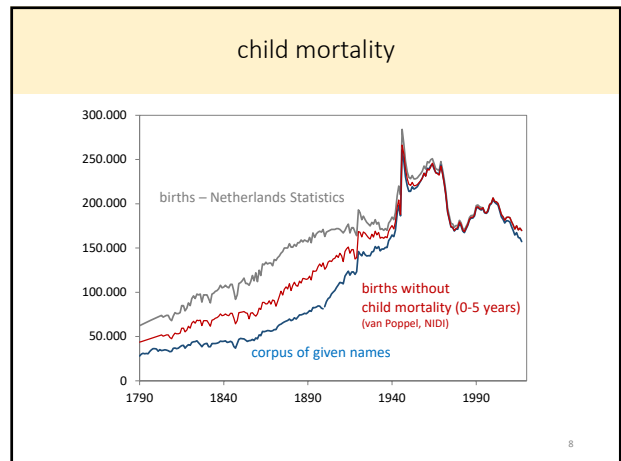
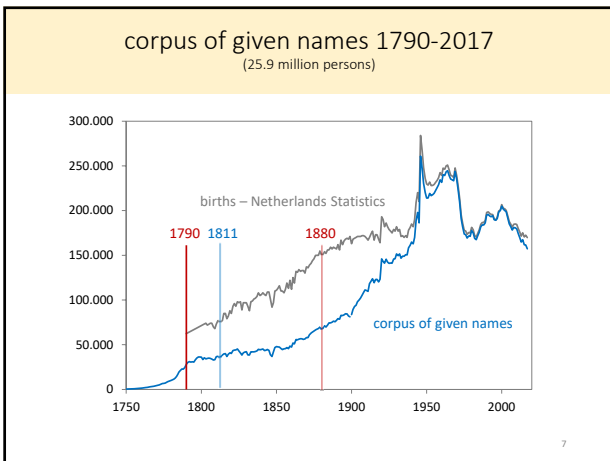
1811 is start of the Civil Registration in the Netherlands

- use of digitized marriage certificates 1811 – 1930
- year of birth bride and groom <1790 – <1910
- 7.5 million persons

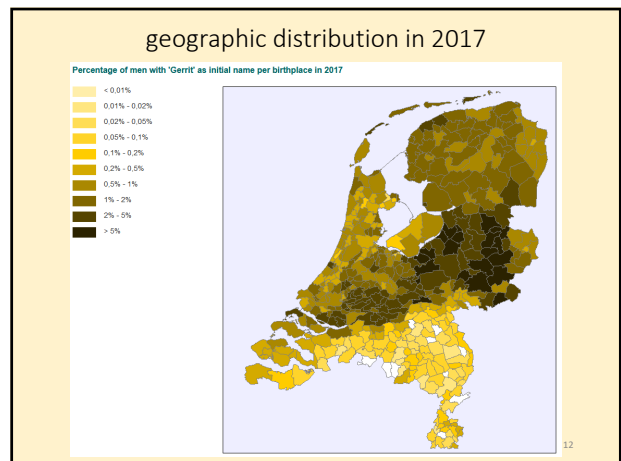
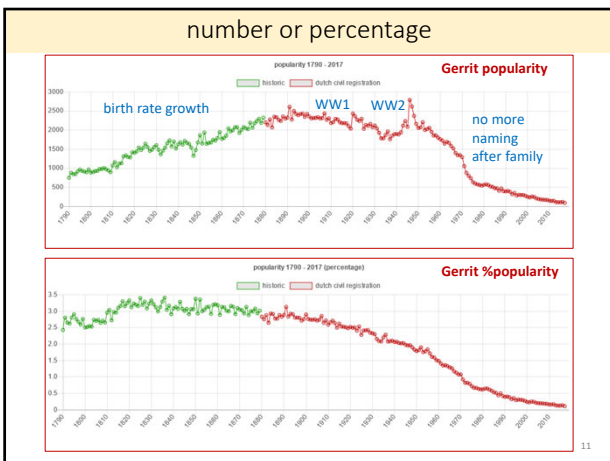
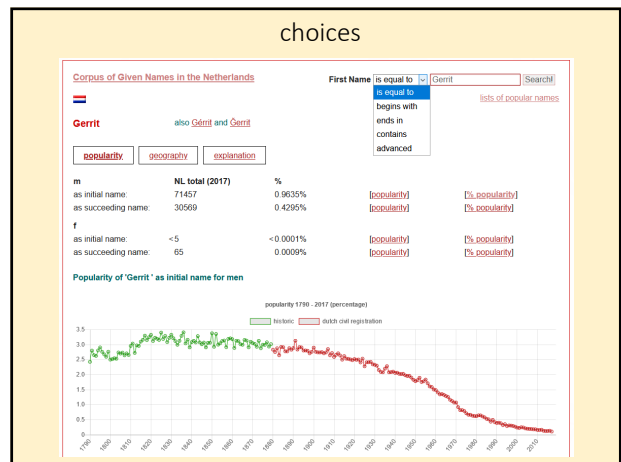
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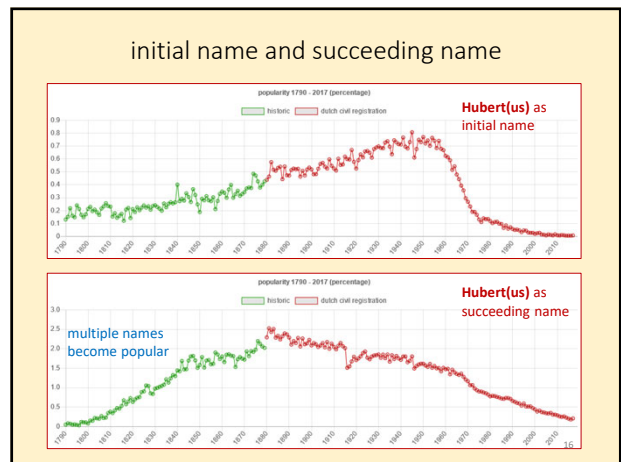
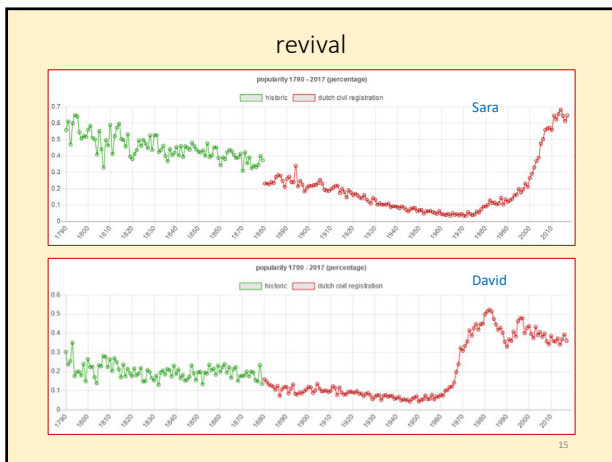
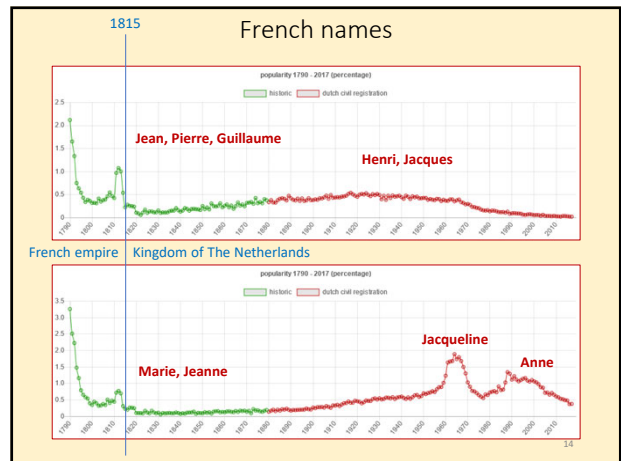
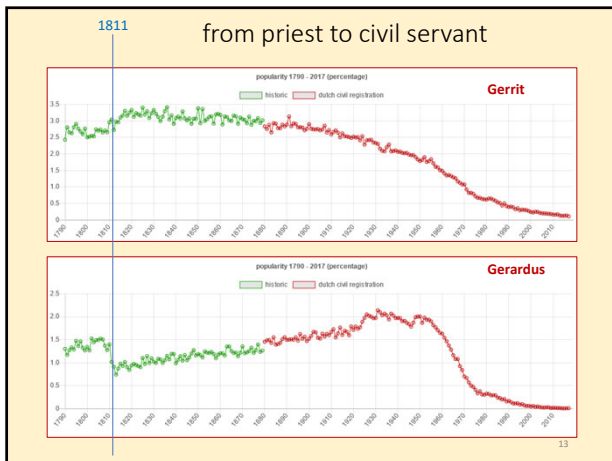
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- ### online available [www.meertens.knaw.nl/nvbnew](http://www.meertens.knaw.nl/nvbnew)
- 444,000 different given names
  - as initial name
  - as succeeding name
  - for male and female name bearers
  - **popularity** 1790-2017 (annual number and percentage)
  - **geographic distribution** in 2017 (municipality level)
  - **explanation** (20,000 names, in Dutch)
  - per name
  - per group of names (satisfying a pattern)





### advanced search: names ending on -je

Corpus of Given Names in the Netherlands

First Name advanced - jeS Search

lots of popular names

jeS

popularity geographic search results

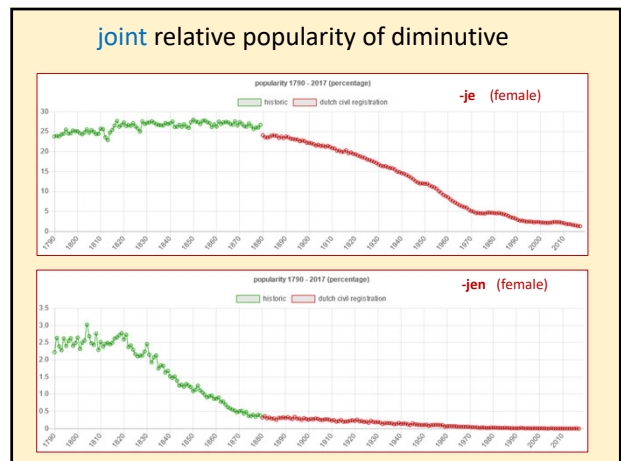
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m as initial name:	6913	0.0820%	[geography]	[% geography]
as succeeding name:	366	0.0518%	[geography]	[% geography]
f as initial name:	499729	6.6974%	[geography]	[% geography]
as succeeding name:	179402	2.4269%	[geography]	[% geography]

Advanced search for 'jeS'

1 - 10 of 7499 results

First Name	Men	Women	next 10
Aelie	20	31961	
Groete	10	31182	
Neeltje	20	28978	
Geerthe	20	27313	
Jantje	330	26943	
Tastje	14	27134	
Azlie	18	22676	
Jantje	25	21559	
Maartje	15	19050	
Dirke	46	18135	

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## regular expression

formal description of a character pattern

examples

`^jan` all names **starting** with *jan*  
`er$` all names **ending** with *er*  
`(in|at)` all names containing **in** **or** **at**  
`.` **any** character

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## observations

External influence:

- from parish to civil registration
- Dutch, French, German rule

Societal influence:

- only gradual changes in naming in the 19th century  
*dominant naming after family*
- modern trends start early 20th century
- major changes after 1950  
*secularisation introduces era of fashion*

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## corpus-onomastics for everyone

- excellent data
- online availability [>10 million page views/year]
- pattern search
- many more options for scientific explorations on underlying data [MySQL table]
- one of many challenges: to explain why popularity of a given name diffuses differently across countries

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