

given names

A socio-cultural-linguistic item with a historic dimension

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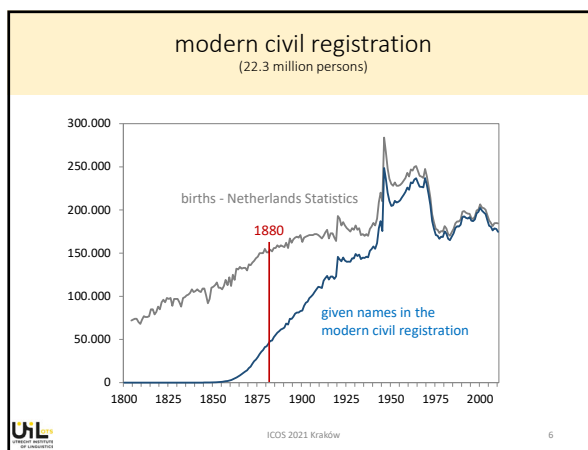
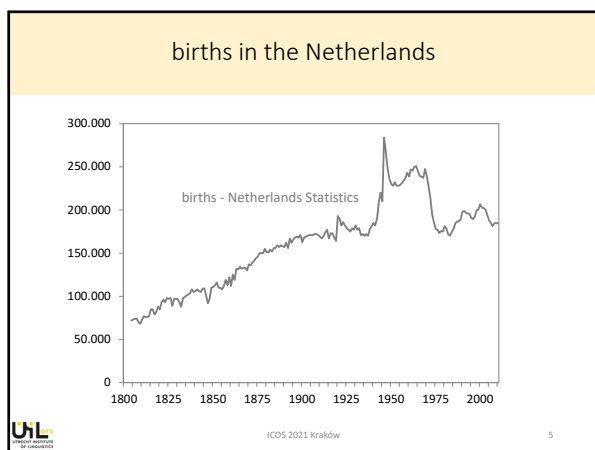
- data 1790-2017
 - sources
- online presentation
 - all distinct given names known in the Netherlands (217,000 male and 265,000 female names)
 - here: focus on popularity 1790-2017 with examples
- pattern recognition
 - the power of regular expressions (*onomastics for everyone*)

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sources

- since 1811: birth, marriage, death certificates
 - (partially) digitized by volunteers
 - marriage certificates complete until 1930, publicly available
- since 1994: digitized civil registration
 - legally available for scientific research
 - publication with privacy restrictions (*identification not possible*)

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BG(1) Bloothoof, G. (Gerrit); 1-5-2019

19th century

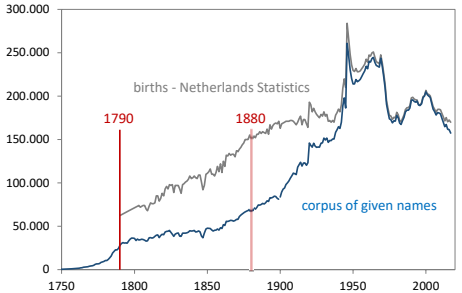

1811 start of the Civil Registration in the Netherlands

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



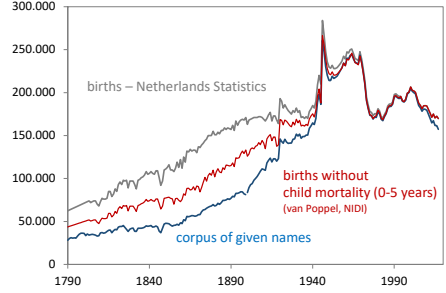

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corpus of given names 1790-2017 (25.9 million persons)

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child mortality

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why online access


- **everyone** has the right to know which given names are accepted in the Netherlands
- optimal search options, also for sets of names (**onomastics for everyone**)



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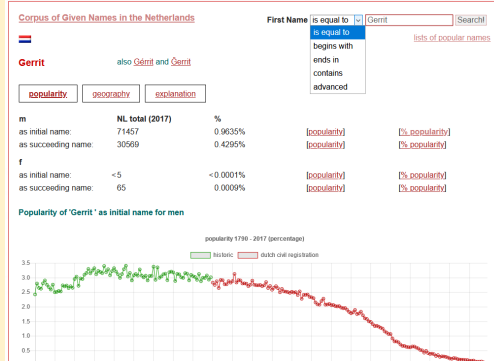
see: www.meertens.knaw.nl/nvbnew

- 481,000 different given names
- as initial name
- as succeeding name
- as male and female name
- popularity 1790-2017 (annual number and percentage, toplist)
- geographic distribution in 2017 (municipality level)
- explanation (20,000 names, in Dutch)
- per name
- per set of names (satisfying a pattern)



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Corpus of Given Names in the Netherlands

First Name is equal to:


Gerrit also **Gerrit** and **Gerrit**

	NL total (2017)	%	[popularity]	[%_popularity]
m as initial name:	71457	0.9635%	[popularity]	[%_popularity]
as succeeding name:	30569	0.4295%	[popularity]	[%_popularity]
f as initial name:	<5	<0.0001%	[popularity]	[%_popularity]
as succeeding name:	65	0.0009%	[popularity]	[%_popularity]

Popularity of 'Gerrit' as initial name for men

popularity 1790 - 2017 (percentage)

— historic — dutch civil registration



geographic distribution / explanation

Percentage of men with 'Gerrit' as initial name per birthplace in 2017

Gerrit

Explanation (only in Dutch)

Tweestammige Germaanse naam met de betekenis 'sterk met de speer', uit Ger- 'speer' (zie -ger-) en -hard, hard, sterk, 'stevig' (zie -hard-). Heiligennaam: 1) **Gertardus**, geboren 935 in Koulen, in 963 gewijd tot bisschop van Toulouse, Gestorven 994, kerkelijke feestdag: 22 april; 2) **Gertardus** van Cambrai, afkomstig uit Venetië, in 1023 werd hij eerste bisschop van Cambrai, gestorven 1046, kerkelijke feestdag: 24 september; 3) **Favianus**, zijn eigenlijke naam was **Gertardus**, omstreeks 1000 geboren in Koulen, Leefde 25 jaar als kloosteraar in S. Placido in Spanje, Gestorven 1150, kerkelijke feestdag: 8 augustus; 4) **Gertardus** van Saava-Majeure, geboren omstreeks 1025 in Cortice, in 1075 werd hij abt van St. Vincent in Laon, gestorven 1095, kerkelijke feestdag: 5 april en 13 oktober; 5) **Gerardus** **Majella**, geboren 1726 in Muron Zuid Italië, gestorven 1755 in Caposelle, waar zijn graf een bezienswaardigheid werd. Hij werd in 1904 heilig verklaard, kerkelijke feestdag: 16 oktober. Voorzover de naam Gerard in Engeland voorkomt, is hij voornamelijk bij katholieken te vinden, vooral onder invloed van **Sebastian** **Majella**. In Nederland is de naam vanaf de vroege Middeleeuwen in gebruik. ICOS 2021 Kraków 13

Gerrit in numbers

Gerrit in percentages

revival and abandoning

early 'fashion': Cornelia > Nelly

pattern search

joint popularity of names that share a pattern, for instance

- all names ending with diminutive **tje**
- all variants of **Gerhard/Gerrit**
- a set of specific **Turkish** names

regular expressions

formal description of a character pattern

examples:

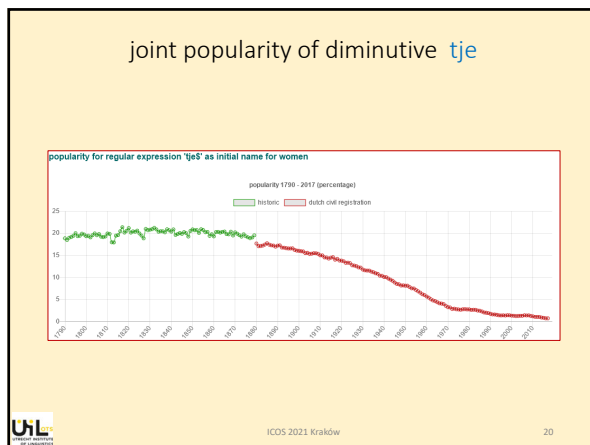
- all names
- tje\$** ending with **tje**
- ^jan** starting with **jan**
- (jan|wil)** containing **jan** or **wil**
- [ptk]** containing one of the characters **p**, **t** or **k**
- m*** containing any number of sequential characters **m**
- r?** containing optional character **r**

3,481 female names with diminutive `tje$`

Advanced search for 'tje\$'
1 - 10 of 3481 results

First Name	Men	Women
Aaltje	20	31961
Grietje	10	31182
Neeltje	20	28978
Goertje	20	27313
Jantje	330	26843
Trietje	14	27134
Archie	18	22676
Jannetje	25	21559
Maartje	15	19050
Geertje	30	15704

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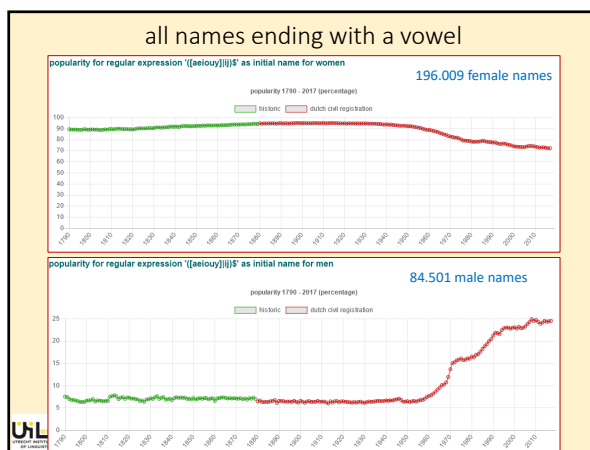
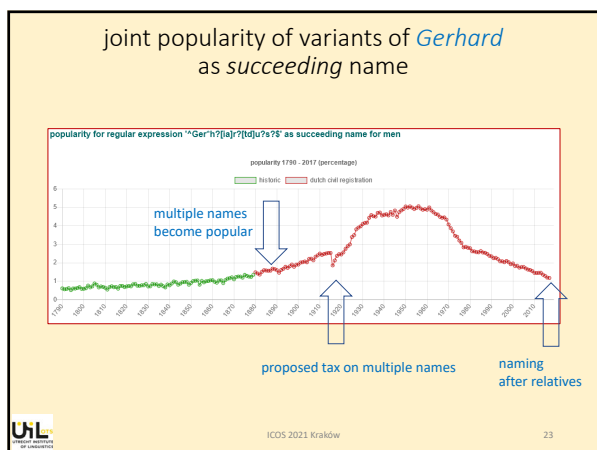
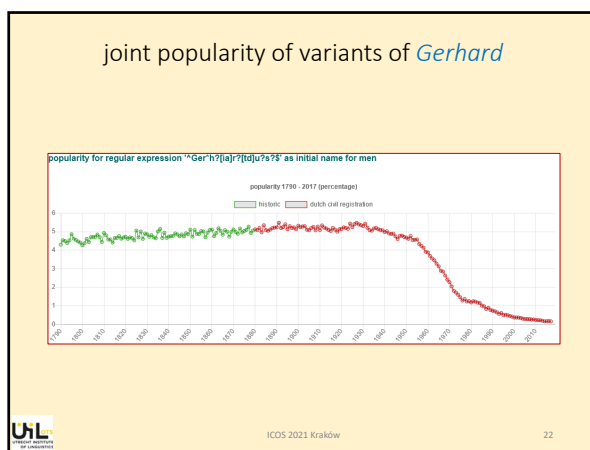


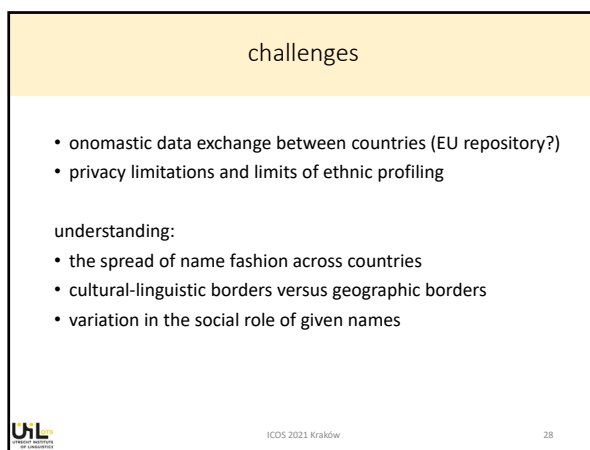
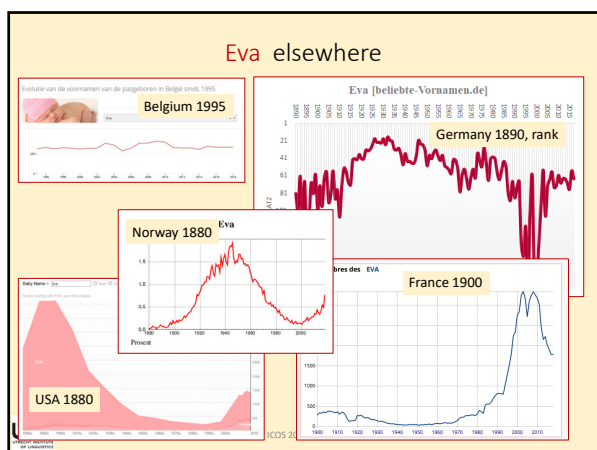
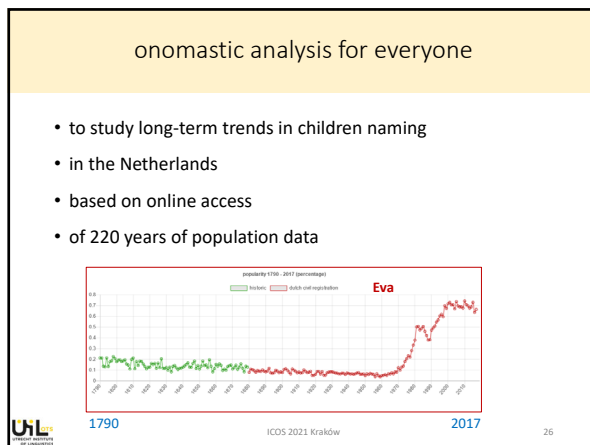
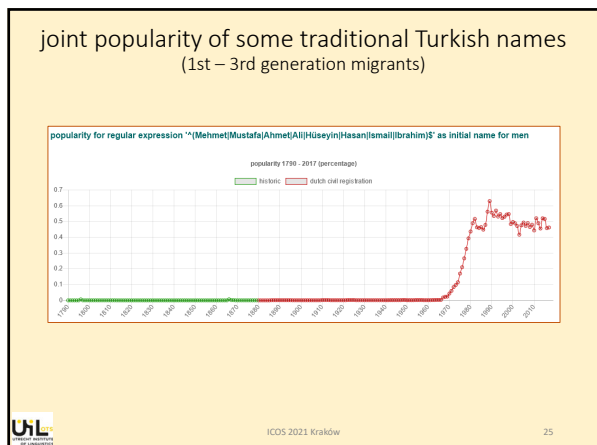
42 variants of Gerhard `^Ger*h?[iaj]?[tdj]u?s?$`

Advanced search for '^Ger*h?[iaj]?[tdj]u?s?\$'
1 - 10 of 42 results

First Name	Men	Women
Gerardus	229655	3963
Gerit	102106	68
Gerard	45817	260
Gerhardus	25464	36
Gerhard	9424	12
Gerardus	181	< 5
Gerit	118	-
Gerard	108	-
Gerit	88	-
Gerard	72	-

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