

What's in a Name?

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One evening, while listening to one of our favorite podcasts (*A Way with Words*), we learned that the Spanish word for someone with your given name is *tocayo* (masculine) or *tocaya* (feminine), a term used for a namesake that signifies connection and camaraderie. We wondered how many people with our names live at Skyline.

This discussion led us to tabulate the first names of our Skyline neighbors, using the August 2026 issue of The Resident Photo Directory for our data and an Excel pivot table to rank the frequency of each name.

We had 409 people on our list, and 173 unique names. Sixty-four names belonged to more than one person, ranging from 2 to 15 for each. If you have one of those names, be sure to say “hi” to your Tocayo or Tocaya next time you see them!

One hundred and seventy-three names belonged to just one Skyline resident. Many residents who don't share their names with anyone else may have other residents who use a slightly different spelling or other variation of their name. Remember these are how Skyline lists your name in the Directory.

First Names of Skyline Residents and Number of Residents with each Name

Name(s)	#
Mary	15
James	11
Susan, William	8
John, Karen	7
Bob, Carol, Thomas	6
Jane, Judith, Katherine, Linda	5
Ann, Barbara, David, Diana, Joan	4
Charles, Donna, Douglas, Elizabeth, George, Joyce, Kathleen, Margaret, Michael, Patricia, Penelope, Phyllis, Rosemary, Stephen, Wendy	3
Alice, Arthur, Diane, Eleanor, Eugenia, Gary, Jack, Janet, Jay, Jody, Joel, Ken, Kristine, Larry, Lee, Lynn, Marcia, Marie, Marilyn Mark, MaryAnn, Pamela, Patrick, Peggy, Sharon, Shirley, Sumiko, Theodore, Tom	2
Ada, AL, Albert, Alberta, Alison, Ann, Anne, Anthony, Ardis, Barrie, Beneth, Berenice, Bernadette, Beth, Betse, Betsy, Betty, Blake, Bruno, Carla, Carlene, Carole, Casey, Celia, Charlotte, Christian, Christina, Consta, Constantin, Cornelius, Cyndi, Dale, Debbie, Deborah, Deirdre, Desiray, Dick, Don, Donald, Donn, Dora, Dorothy, Doug, Duncan, Edgar, Edith, Edward, Eileen, Ellen, Elly, Else, Eric, Errol, Eugene, Frances, Frank, Frederick, Gabrielle, Gay, Ginger, Ginnie, Glen, Gloria, Gordon, Greg, Harold, Herbert, Hiromi, Hollis, Hunter, Ida, Inge, Irene, Isabel, Isamu, Jacqueline, Jamie, Janice, Jean, Jeanne, Jeffery, Jerry, Jim, Joanne, Joey, Joy, Judy, Julia, Kaaren, Kam, Kate, Kathryn, Kendall, Kim, Kimbrough, Kotoku, Lary, Laura, Leeann, Leo, Leslie, Leuven, Lois, Lonnie, Lora, Lori, Lorrie, Louis, Lourdes, Lovella, Lucy, Lyn, Lynda, Lynne,	1

Margery, Marguerite, Mari, Marion, Marjorie, Marya, MaryLou, Matthew, Maureen, Mike, Mimi, Molly, Muriel, Nancy, Nina, Norma, Orleen, Paul, Pearl, Peter, Priscilla, Ralph, Raymond, Rebecca, Rhoda, Roberta, Roger, Roland, Rose, Ruth, Sachiko, Sally, Sandra, Sara, Sarah, Sheila, Stan, Stanley, Stephanie, Steven, Sumio, Susann, Suzanne, Sybil, Sylvia, Terry, Timothy, Trudy, Valerie, Ven, Vicki, Virginia, Wade, Walter, Wilhelmine, Winifred, Winston, Yvonne	
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