

# Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi



Snooki has been a household name ever since the hit reality TV series *Jersey Shore* premiered on MTV. Nicole Elizabeth “Snooki” Polizzi was born on November 23, 1987 in Santiago, Chile before being adopted by her parents from Marlboro, New York. The nickname “Snooki” came about long before she became a reality star: She received it in middle school after the character “Snookie” from the movie *Save the Last Dance* because she was the first one of her friends to kiss a boy. Although she studied to work with animals, the reality star had quite the career change when she was cast on *Jersey Shore* in 2009. With five seasons of drama-filled summers in the Jersey Shore, Miami, and even Florence, Italy, she had a wild ride in the media.

In 2010, Polizzi met Jionni LaValle at a nightclub in Seaside

Heights where the show was filmed. None of us would've guessed that the pair would end up married with two kids! The [celebrity couple](#) began dating in 2011, and just a year later, Polizzi completely changed her ways and settled down. In 2012, she and her best pal Jennifer "Jwoww" Farley signed a contract for their own reality series, *Snooki & Jwoww*, which concluded in 2015.

Rumors began to fly at the end of 2011 that Polizzi may be pregnant, and the star confirmed the celebrity baby news in early 2012. She also announced that she and LaValle were engaged. Welcoming son Lorenzo on August 26, 2012, the world began to see a whole new woman. The star turned her image around, going from party girl to loving mother and fiancée. She announced in spring 2013 that she was expecting again. 2014 proved to be yet another year of excitement, as the star welcomed daughter Giovanna on September 26, 2014, and tied the knot to LaValle on November 29, 2014, during a Gatsby-themed celebrity wedding.