

Best of 2012: Celebrity Babies Of The Year



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Celebrity Baby Scoop

There's always reason to celebrate a baby's birth. But when our favorite celebrities add to their families, we can get downright giddy!

As we look back at the high-profile arrivals of 2012, we are overjoyed for new parents like Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson. And we couldn't be happier for Uma Thurman who welcomed her third child – **Rosalind Arusha Arkadina Altalune Florence Thurman-Busson** – this past year. Look through our list of 2012's celebrity babies of the year.

Blue Ivy Carter: R&B royalty **Jay-Z** and **Beyoncé** welcomed daughter Blue Ivy on January 7, 2012. The superstar couple released a touching statement to announce the birth of their first child.

"Hello Hello Baby Blue!" they stated. "We are happy to announce the arrival of our beautiful daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, born on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Her birth was emotional and extremely peaceful, we are in heaven. She was delivered naturally at a healthy 7 lbs and it was the best experience of both of our lives. We are thankful to everyone for all your prayers, well wishes, love and support."

India Rose Hemsworth: The Avengers star **Chris Hemsworth** welcomed first child, daughter India Rose, with his wife **Elsa Pataky** on May 11, 2012. The Snow White and the Huntsman actor said fatherhood has been smooth sailing so far.

"She's been great," Chris gushed of his newborn daughter. "She sleeps very well. Not out of any skill on my behalf, but my wife has been amazing." The Aussie actor adds that fatherhood has already shifted his perspective: "Just her being here. It's certainly taken all my focus and attention away from work – or what have you – but that's the main thing on my brain right now. It's wonderful."

Samuel Garner Affleck: Already parents to daughters Violet, 7, and Seraphina, nearly 4, **Jennifer Garner** and **Ben Affleck** finally welcomed a son, Samuel Garner, on February, 27, 2012. The proud mom-of-three opened up about their newest family member.

"He is so chill... He reaches when he sees me and he laughs a lot," Jennifer said. "He thinks I'm super funny. What more do you want?"

Olive Barrymore Kopelman: E.T. star **Drew Barrymore** and husband **Will Kopelman** welcomed their first child, daughter Olive, on September 26, 2012. "We are proud to announce the birth of our daughter," the newlyweds announced.

"I can't wait until I have my children," Drew said just weeks before welcoming baby Olive. "I love the idea that they don't have to do something that they have no interest in, that they

can do something completely opposite if they want to. I will be so surprised if they don't want to do something involving food or wine or art, but I'll be OK with it. I just want to build fun, great things for my family."

Maxwell Drew Johnson: Singer-turned-entrepreneur **Jessica Simpson** and fiancé **Eric Johnson** welcomed their first child, daughter Maxwell Drew, on May 1, 2012. And by all accounts, it seems the Fashion Starmentor has taken to motherhood like a duck to water.

"I am so in love with baby Maxwell," the new mom gushed. "I want to cry every time I look at her. Motherhood is by far the best thing I've ever experienced."

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