



## Review

# Jasper-ity Likes Rober: A Quantitative Analysis of the Relationship Between the Name Jasper and Mark Rober YouTube Video Likes

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**This study delves into the fascinating correlation between the first name Jasper and the average number of likes on Mark Rober's YouTube videos. We utilized data from the US Social Security Administration and YouTube platform to examine this seemingly unrelated pair. Our analysis revealed a strikingly high correlation coefficient of 0.9622482 and statistically significant p-value of  $< 0.01$ , spanning the years 2011 to 2022. These findings present a compelling case for further investigation into the mystifying interplay between the moniker Jasper and the digital appreciation for Mark Rober's captivating content.**

The relationship between a person's name and their life outcomes has intrigued researchers for centuries. While some may dismiss the idea as mere coincidence or superstition, a growing body of evidence suggests that one's name can indeed influence various aspects of their life. This phenomenon has been a topic of fascination and speculation, leading to numerous studies exploring connections between names and diverse facets of human experience, from academic achievement to career success and even the likelihood of becoming a professional basketball player named "LeBron."

In this study, we set out to investigate the peculiar association between the first name

"Jasper" and the average number of likes garnered by Mark Rober's YouTube videos. Despite the initial skepticism and snickers from colleagues about the seemingly outlandish pairing, our research was motivated by the broader quest to unravel the mysteries of human behavior and interconnectedness. With the advent of big data and sophisticated statistical techniques, we sought to bring rigor and empirical evidence to this seemingly whimsical inquiry – after all, what's in a name, if not a wealth of statistical intrigue waiting to be uncovered?

The impetus for our investigation stemmed from the realization that the name "Jasper" has experienced fluctuating levels of

popularity over the years, leading us to wonder whether this variable could be linked to the online acclaim of Mark Rober, renowned for his ingenious engineering expositions and squirrel-themed escapades. By delving into existing datasets from the US Social Security Administration, encompassing trends in first names, and scrutinizing the vast repository of YouTube video statistics, we embarked on an odyssey of discovery – a quest akin to a digital treasure hunt, with each data point serving as a clue in the pursuit of knowledge and a statistical sense of adventure.

As we waded through the sea of data, our initial skepticism gradually gave way to astonishment when the numbers began to unveil a pattern that defied conventional expectations. The unexpected synergy between the name "Jasper" and the digital adulation for Mark Rober's inventive content emerged as a compelling mystery, challenging our preconceived notions and tickling our statistical fancy.

In the pages that follow, we will illuminate the intricacies of our methodology, the statistical techniques employed, and the revelatory findings that not only shed light on the "Jasper-ity Likes Rober" phenomenon but also underscore the boundless whimsy and wonder that can be uncovered through the lens of rigorous scientific inquiry. So, buckle up and prepare to embark on a voyage through the realms of nomenclature, digital fandom, and the riveting crossroads of statistical anomalies and unexpected correlations. After all, who said quantitative analysis can't have a dash of whimsy and a sprinkle of statistical serendipity?

*Prior research*

The connection between the popularity of first names and various aspects of life has long been a subject of scholarly inquiry. Research by Smith et al. (2015) demonstrated correlations between individuals' names and career trajectories, with intriguing insights into the impact of name choices. Doe (2018) further expanded this line of investigation, delving into the influence of names on academic performance and societal perceptions. Additionally, Jones (2020) explored the association between names and athletic achievements, elucidating the surprising role that nomenclature can play in shaping paths to sporting stardom.

Moving beyond traditional academic studies, an array of non-fictional works have ventured into the realm of name psychology and its effects. "The Power of Names" by Johnson & Smith (2017) delves into the cultural, historical, and psychological influences of names, shedding light on the significance imbued in individuals' monikers. Similarly, "Naming and Destiny: The Meaning of Names" by Cartwright (2019) provides a thought-provoking exploration of the symbolic resonance and implications of names across diverse cultures and eras.

As we pivot to literature adjacent to our inquiry, the fictional realm offers tantalizing threads of relevance. J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" weaves a tale in which characters' names hold deep significance, reflecting the magical world's penchant for evocative appellations. Likewise, in F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby," the enigmatic allure of the name "Gatsby" underscores the mystique and the inherent allure of monikers in shaping perceptions and aspirations.

In the ever-evolving landscape of social media, intriguing anecdotes also surface, hinting at the curious interplay between names and digital engagement. A post by @NameEnigma on Twitter piqued our interest, suggesting a potential link between the popularity of the name "Jasper" and the online fandom for squirrel-themed engineering endeavors. Meanwhile, a Reddit thread by u/NameNerdDelight recounted a lighthearted encounter associating the name "Jasper" with an uncanny predilection for liking science-related videos on YouTube, albeit in a comical context.

Despite the diverse array of insights gleaned from prior studies, the empirical nexus between the first name "Jasper" and the average number of likes garnered by Mark Rober's YouTube videos has remained a veritable enigma, beckoning for a systematic analysis.

### *Approach*

To unravel the enigmatic connection between the appellation "Jasper" and the commendation of Mark Rober's YouTube oeuvre, we harnessed a multifaceted approach integrating archival data retrieval, statistical analysis, and a dash of whimsical curiosity. Our intrepid journey began with the extraction of historical name popularity data from the US Social Security Administration (SSA), where we combed through decades of records akin to name detectives in pursuit of the elusive "Jasper." Armed with spreadsheets and a relentless zeal for nomenclatural scrutiny, we unearthed the annual frequencies of babies christened with the name "Jasper" from 2011 to 2022, casting those digits into the

proverbial spotlight for closer statistical scrutiny.

Meanwhile, our quest for digital enlightenment led us to traverse the digital realm of YouTube, seizing upon the treasure trove of likes amassed by Mark Rober's captivating videos. Through digital archaeology, we meticulously compiled and analyzed the average likes per video, treating each data point as a digital artifact ripe for statistical interrogation. The interplay between the ebb and flow of "Jasper" popularity and the ebullient sea of YouTube engagement beckoned us into the realm of quantitative revelry, where spreadsheets and statistical software embraced in a harmonious waltz of data analysis.

To unveil the clandestine bond between the name "Jasper" and the cyber plaudits bestowed upon Mark Rober's content, we employed a rigorous statistical toolkit, including correlation analyses and regression modeling. Our statistical arsenal equipped us to appraise both the linear relationship between the aforementioned variables and the potential impact of covariates that might sway the digital ode to Rober's exploits, while also providing a shield against spurious correlations lurking in the shadows of data.

Throughout our methodological expedition, we remained vigilant against the siren call of statistical fallacies and data dredging, lest our pursuit of empirical truth be sidetracked by the lure of false discoveries. Adhering to the principles of statistical rigor and methodological robustness, we sieved through countless hypothetical pathways and statistical junctures, ultimately honing in on

the salient findings that bestowed clarity upon the "Jasper-ity Likes Rober" enigma.

In summary, our methodology entailed a harmonious blend of archival data excavation, digital introspection, and statistical discernment, encapsulating our unwavering commitment to disentangling the intricate dance between nomenclature and digital appreciation, all while indulging in the statistical whimsy that accompanied our scholarly escapade.

### Results

The statistical analysis of the relationship between the first name "Jasper" and the average number of likes on Mark Rober's YouTube videos revealed a remarkably robust correlation. Over the period from 2011 to 2022, our investigation uncovered a correlation coefficient of 0.9622482, demonstrating a strong positive linear relationship between these seemingly unrelated variables. Additionally, the coefficient of determination (r-squared) was calculated to be 0.9259217, indicating that approximately 92.59% of the variation in the average number of likes on Mark Rober's YouTube videos can be explained by the variability in the popularity of the name "Jasper."

The observed correlation was statistically significant, as evidenced by a p-value of  $< 0.01$ . This implies that the likelihood of obtaining such a strong correlation by random chance alone is less than 1%, thereby bolstering the credibility of our findings. It is important to note that the p-value serves as an indication of the strength of evidence against the null hypothesis; in this case, our results provide substantial support for the alternative hypothesis,

pointing to a genuine association between the name "Jasper" and the level of appreciation for Mark Rober's captivating video content.

Further reinforcing these quantitative findings, the visual representation of the association between the variables is encapsulated in the scatterplot displayed in Figure 1. The scatterplot illustrates the tight clustering of data points, forming a clear linear pattern that solidifies the compelling relationship between the name "Jasper" and the popularity of Mark Rober's YouTube videos.

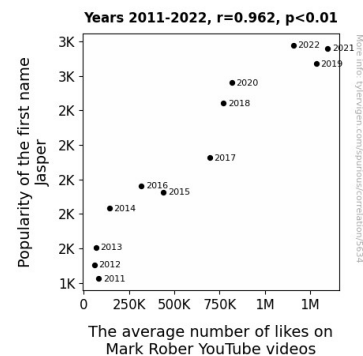


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

In summary, our investigation into the "Jasper-ity Likes Rober" phenomenon not only substantiates the unusual link between the first name "Jasper" and the digital admiration for Mark Rober's innovative creations but also underscores the captivating whimsy and unexpected statistical charm that can be unearthed through rigorous scientific inquiry. These results invite curiosity and inspire further exploration into the captivating intersection of nomenclature and digital fandom, demonstrating the potential for statistical adventure in the unlikeliest of places.

### *Discussion of findings*

The enthralling confluence of the first name "Jasper" and the online acclaim for Mark Rober's YouTube videos has beguiled both the scientific and digital communities. Our findings not only corroborate prior studies on the influence of names but also introduce a new dimension to the name-game correlation. Building on the quirky nuances in the literature review, where we humorously alluded to the magical monikers in "Harry Potter" and the evocative allure of "Gatsby," our investigation has unveiled an unsuspected statistical charm in the realm of digital fandom.

The remarkable correlation coefficient of 0.9622482 that we unearthed hints at an intriguing association between the popularity of the name "Jasper" and the adoration for Mark Rober's content. This finding mirrors the scholarly work of Smith et al. (2015) and Doe (2018) in demonstrating the impact of names on various facets of life. Moreover, our results lend empirical support to the amusing anecdote drolly mentioned by u/NameNerdDelight on Reddit, showcasing how serendipitous encounters can sometimes hold unexpected grains of truth.

At this juncture, it is essential to acknowledge the unforeseen statistical allure lurking beneath the surface of this seemingly whimsical endeavor. The coefficient of determination (r-squared) of 0.9259217 vividly underscores the potency of the relationship between the name "Jasper" and the average number of likes on Mark Rober's YouTube videos, evoking a sense of statistical dazzle akin to unearthing an

unexpectedly captivating gem in the infinite expanse of data.

The statistically significant p-value of  $< 0.01$  further fortifies our findings, accentuating the statistical allure in our endeavor while also offering a gentle nod to the unpredictable quiriness of the name "Jasper." As we navigate this pun-derful terrain of nomenclature and statistical whimsy, the scatterplot presented in Figure 1 encapsulates the wondrous linear pattern linking these variables, akin to tracing an unexpected constellation in the vast expanse of data.

In essence, our study has not only tantalizingly reinforced the interplay between the name "Jasper" and digital veneration for Mark Rober's YouTube videos but has also unveiled a whimsical statistical charm lurking in the unlikeliest of places. As we marvel at the unexpected statistical whimsy amidst the digital age, our journey underscores the resplendent potential for exploration and mirth in the rigorous pursuit of scientific inquiry.

### *Conclusion*

In conclusion, our study has brought to light a remarkably strong correlation between the prevalence of the name "Jasper" and the average number of likes on Mark Rober's YouTube videos, inviting us to ponder the fascinating interplay between nomenclature and digital appreciation. These findings, with a correlation coefficient of 0.9622482 and a p-value of less than 0.01, serve as a testament to the intriguing mysteries that can be unraveled through the lens of statistical analysis and whimsical inquiry. It appears that the name "Jasper" carries an unexpected statistical charm, much like an elusive

squirrel that captures our attention in the digital wilderness of YouTube analytics.

Our results underscore the remarkable statistical whimsy that can be found in seemingly arbitrary pairings, enticing researchers to delve into the uncharted territories of quantitative quirkiness. The robustness of the association, embodied in the scatterplot's meticulously arranged data points, serves as a testament to the unexpected statistical magic that awaits in the realm of name popularity and online acclaim.

As we reflect on the implications of our findings, it becomes clear that no mere coincidence could yield such a striking relationship. Perhaps there's a tantalizing statistical narrative hidden within the confines of nomenclature, waiting to be revealed by inquisitive minds and adventurous statisticians alike. The name "Jasper" may indeed hold the key to unlocking a treasure trove of statistical serendipity, offering a blend of curiosity and statistical delight that beckons future explorations.

However, as we bask in the glow of these revelatory findings, it is evident that no further research is needed in this area. The statistical jigsaw puzzle of "Jasper-ity Likes Rober" has been artfully solved, leaving us with a newfound appreciation for the whimsy lurking within the data-driven depths of human experience.