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# Wellesley twins claim first 2 spots

## Tandem early arrivals surprised their parents

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Grace Kathleen Grillo edged out her twin brother by one minute to become what hospital officials believe is the first baby born in the Boston-area this year.

At 12:10 a.m. on New Year's Day, Wellesley residents Sarah and Chris Grillo became parents nearly five weeks earlier than their babies' due date when their 4-pound, 18-inch daughter was born at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, the new father said by phone.

Her brother, Luke Christopher, was born a minute later, making him the unofficial second baby, weighing in at 4 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 18.5 inches.

As for the distinction of being the parents of the first two Boston-area babies of the new year: “It’s just an added bonus for us. We’re just thrilled to have two healthy babies,” said Chris Grillo, a 28-year-old New Jersey native who moved to Wellesley about 2 1/2 years ago after marrying Sarah, 31, in June 2008 in California, where she grew up and where the couple met.

The Grillos had thought their twins would be born in late January or early February and had planned to be a little closer to home, at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. But Sarah went into labor at 7:30 p.m. on New Year’s Eve. And when the couple went to Newton-Wellesley, they were informed by hospital staff that the facility’s supply of special beds for premature babies were all filled, the father said.

The couple was rushed in an ambulance to Newton-Wellesley’s sister hospital, Brigham and Women’s.

“That was a small bump in the road. Neither of us were particularly annoyed with it. You just have to roll with what comes your way,” he said. “When a doctor tells you they’re transferring you to one of the best hospitals in the world, you say ‘OK.’ ”

Brigham and Women’s was among 10 hospitals in the Boston area that shared news with one another about their first births of 2012, the spokeswoman said. The third baby born this year at those hospitals was



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**The Grillo twins, first born of the new year.**


clocked at 12:15 a.m. at Brigham and Women's.

It was unknown whether the Grillo children were the first born in Massachusetts this year. Last year, Jeremiah Joel Nival was believed to be the first 2011 baby in the state, born 20 seconds after midnight at Beverly Hospital.

The other nine hospitals that reported their earliest births of 2012 were: Beverly Hospital, Emerson Hospital in Concord, North Shore Medical Center in Salem, South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, and in Boston: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, and St. Elizabeth's Medical Center.

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