

Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2009

Live births decreased in January as 6,133 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,706 in January 2008. Cumulative births also decreased as the provisional 2008 count of 80,938 was 1.2 percent less than the 2007 count of 81,883 births.

Marriages increased in January, but decreased slightly for the 12 months ending with January. The 2008 provisional count of 40,129 was less than 1 percent lower than the 2007 count of 40,405.

Deaths decreased in January, but increased for the cumulative 12 months ending with January. The 2008 provisional death count of 56,278 represents a Missouri record.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased in January and for the 12 months ending with January. The provisional count of 21,859 dissolutions was 1.6 percent less than the 2007 count of 22,223.

The **Natural increase** in January was 1,280 (6,133 births minus 4,853 deaths). The provisional natural increase of 24,660 was 11.8 percent below the 2007 count of 27,946.

Infant deaths decreased in January and for the 12 months ending with January. The 2008 provisional infant death rate of 7.2 per 1,000 live births ties the record low rate in 2000.

PROVISIONAL RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

<u>Item</u>	<u>January</u>				<u>12 months ending with January</u>								<u>Provisional</u>	
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>			<u>Rate*</u>					<u>2008</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Live Births	6,706	6,133	13.4	13.0	81,406	82,052	80,365	13.6	13.9	14.0	13.6	80,938	13.7	
Deaths	5,287	4,853	10.6	10.3	54,481	54,207	55,844	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.4	56,278	9.5	
Natural increase	1,419	1,280	2.8	2.7	26,925	27,845	24,521	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.1	24,660	4.2	
Marriages	1,538	1,695	3.1	3.6	40,442	40,355	40,286	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8	40,129	6.8	
Dissolutions	1,747	1,499	3.5	3.2	22,261	22,293	31,611	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	21,859	3.7	
Infant deaths	61	41	9.1	6.7	606	617	563	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.0	583	7.2	
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,838	5,878	...	...	...	5,789	5,841	5,881	5,915	...	5,912

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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