

Provisional Vital Statistics for December 2011

Live births decreased in December as 6,229 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,507 in December 2010. Cumulative births for the 12 months ending with December decreased slightly from 76,718 to 76,210, the lowest birth total since 2002.

Deaths decreased in December from 5,116 to 4,767, but increased for the cumulative 12 months ending with December from 55,140 to 55,674.

The **Natural increase** for December was 1,462 (6,229 births minus 4,767 deaths). For the 12 months ending with December, the Natural increase declined by 4.8 percent from 21,578 to 20,536, the lowest since 2002.

Marriages and Dissolutions of Marriage are

not yet available through December 2011. For January-October, marriages decreased by 1.1 percent. For January-August, dissolutions decreased by 1.0 percent.

Infant deaths increased slightly in December, as 39 Missouri infants died compared with 33 one year earlier. For the 12 months ending with December, the infant death rate decreased from 6.6 to 6.5 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>December</u>				<u>12 months ending with December</u>								
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>				<u>Rate</u>				
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Live Births	6,507	6,229	12.8	12.2	80,944	78,849	76,718	76,210	13.9	13.7	13.2	12.8	12.6
Deaths	5,116	4,767	10.1	9.3	56,278	54,064	55,140	55,674	9.2	9.5	9.1	9.2	9.2
Natural increase	1,391	1,462	2.7	2.9	24,666	24,785	21,578	20,536	4.8	4.2	4.2	3.6	3.4
Marriages	2,393	NA	4.7	NA	40,146	38,768	38,998	NA	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.5	NA
Dissolutions	2,111	NA	4.2	NA	22,132	22,374	23,349	NA	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	NA
Infant deaths	33	39	5.1	6.3	583	564	504	498	7.5	7.2	7.2	6.6	6.5
Population base	5,989	6,025	5,882	5,921	5,960	5,989	6,025
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* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 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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