

Provisional Vital Statistics for May 2012

Live Births decreased very slightly in May as 6,301 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,312 one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 5- and 12- month periods ending with May also decreased. For January—May, births decreased by 1.3 percent from 30,479 to 30,094.

Infant Deaths decreased in May, and also decreased for the cumulative 5- and 12- month periods ending with May. For January—May the infant death rate decreased from 7.3 to 5.8 per 1,000 live births.

Deaths also decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January—May, deaths decreased 2.0 percent from 23,858 to 23,379.

The Natural increase in May was 1,957 (6,301 births minus 4,344 deaths). The Natural increase rose slightly for all three time periods shown below.

Marriages and Dissolutions of Marriage are not yet available for January—May 2012.

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Item	<u>May</u>				<u>January-May</u>				<u>12 months ending with May</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Live Births	6,312	6,301	12.4	12.3	30,479	30,094	12.3	12.0	75,963	75,599	13.1	12.7	12.6
Deaths	4,714	4,344	9.2	8.5	23,858	23,379	9.6	9.3	55,528	55,051	9.1	9.3	9.1
Natural increase	1,598	1,957	3.1	3.8	6,621	6,715	2.7	2.7	20,435	20,548	4.0	3.4	3.4
Marriages	4,174	NA	8.2	NA	12,825	NA	5.2	NA	38,792	NA	6.5	6.5	NA
Dissolutions	2,188	NA	4.3	NA	9,646	NA	3.9	NA	23,452	NA	3.8	3.9	NA
Infant deaths	40	26	6.3	4.1	223	176	7.3	5.8	497	433	7.1	6.5	5.7
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,011	6,035	....	....	6,011	6,035	....	....	5,975	5,999	6,021

* 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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