

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2016

Live Births decreased in April as 5,712 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,046 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April also decreased. For January-April, births decreased from 24,211 to 23,788.

Deaths increased slightly in April as 5,041 Missourians died compared with 4,966 in April, 2015. However, deaths decreased for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, there were 20,356 Missouri resident deaths or 4.6 percent less than the 21,345 for the similar time period in 2015.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians was 671 (5,712 births minus 5,041 deaths). The natural increase rose for both the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, the natural increase went up from 15,263 to 15,798.

Marriages increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, marriages increased by 4 percent from 40,508 to 42,145.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all time periods shown below. For January-April, dissolutions decreased from 6,321 in 2015 to 6,233 in 2016. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.04 to 2.19.

Infant Deaths increased in April as 47 Missouri infants died compared with 31 in April of 2015. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate increased from 6.1 to 6.7 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>February</u>				<u>January-February</u>				<u>12 months ending with February</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Live Births	6,046	5,712	12.1	11.4	24,211	23,788	12.1	11.8	75,022	74,619	12.5	12.4	12.3
Deaths	4,966	5,041	9.9	10.1	21,345	20,356	10.7	10.1	59,759	58,821	9.3	9.8	9.7
Natural increase	1,080	671	2.2	1.3	2,866	3,432	1.4	1.7	15,263	15,798	3.2	2.5	2.6
Marriages	2,820	3,549	5.6	7.1	8,591	9,359	4.3	4.6	40,508	42,145	6.4	6.7	6.9
Dissolutions	1,797	1,660	3.6	3.3	6,321	6,233	3.2	3.1	19,820	19,242	3.3	3.3	3.2
Infant deaths	31	47	5.1	8.2	159	167	6.6	7.0	458	497	6.4	6.1	6.7
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,084	6,103	....	....	6,084	6,103	....	....	6,051	6,071	6,090

* 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 1,000 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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