

Provisional Vital Statistics for November 2010

Live births decreased slightly in November as 6,118 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,141 in November 2009. Cumulative births for the 11- and 12-month periods ending with November show more substantial decreases. For January-November, births decreased by 3.5 percent.

Deaths increased for all three time periods shown below. For January-November, deaths increased by 1.5 percent from 49,309 to 50,024.

The **Natural increase** in November was 1,557 (6,118 births minus 4,561 deaths). In January-November, the natural increases declined 14.2 percent from 23,098 to 19,816.

Marriages increased slightly in November, and for January-November, but decreased slightly for the 12-month ending with November.

Dissolutions of marriage increased for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with November, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.75 to 1.67.

Infant deaths decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-November, the infant death rate decreased from 7.1 to 6.8 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>November</u>				<u>Jan.-November Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with November</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Live Births	6,141	6,118	12.5	12.4	72,407	69,840	13.3	12.7	79,114	76,282	13.7	13.6	12.7
Deaths	4,412	4,561	9.0	9.3	49,309	50,024	9.0	9.1	54,136	54,779	9.5	9.1	9.1
Natural increase	1,729	1,557	3.5	3.2	23,098	19,816	4.2	3.6	24,978	21,503	4.2	4.2	3.6
Marriages	2,272	2,338	4.6	4.7	36,447	36,542	6.7	6.7	38,923	38,863	6.8	6.5	6.5
Dissolutions	1,735	1,955	3.5	4.0	20,386	21,218	3.7	3.9	22,304	23,206	3.7	3.7	3.9
Infant deaths	44	35	7.2	5.7	512	475	7.1	6.8	568	527	7.0	7.2	6.9
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	5,960	5,989	....	....	5,960	5,989	....	....	5,917	5,956	5,989

* 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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