

Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2013

Live Births decreased in March as 6,165 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,298 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March also both decreased slightly. For January-March, births decreased by 1.6 percent from 18,010 to 17,729.

Deaths increased in March as 5,156 Missourians died compared with 5,043 in March, 2012. Deaths also increased for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, there was a 7 percent increase in Missouri resident deaths from 14,663 to 15,687.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was 1,009 (6,165 births minus 5,156 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the natural increase declined from 20,318 to 18,310.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-March, marriages decreased by 7.3 percent from 6,143 to 5,694.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-March, dissolutions decreased from 5,445 to 4,885. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.72 to 1.77.

Infant Deaths decreased slightly in March as 34 Missouri infants died compared with 35 in March of 2012. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate increased from 6.0 to 6.5 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>March</u>				<u>January-March</u>				<u>12 months ending with March</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Live Births	6,298	6,165	12.3	12.0	18,010	17,729	12.0	11.9	75,952	75,119	12.7	12.6	12.5
Deaths	5,043	5,156	9.9	10.1	14,663	15,687	9.8	10.5	55,634	56,809	9.2	9.3	9.4
Natural increase	1,255	1,009	2.5	2.0	3,347	2,042	2.2	1.4	20,318	18,310	3.5	3.4	3.0
Marriages	2,611	2,567	5.1	5.0	6,143	5,694	4.1	3.8	39,929	38,929	6.5	6.6	6.5
Dissolutions	1,961	1,775	3.8	3.5	5,445	4,885	3.6	3.3	23,273	21,993	3.9	3.9	3.7
Infant deaths	35	34	5.6	5.5	116	105	6.4	5.9	454	485	6.7	6.0	6.5
Population base (in thousands)			6,022	6,035			6,022	6,035			5,995	6,012	6,025

* 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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