

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2015

Live Births decreased slightly in April as 6,003 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,086 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April also decreased. For January-April, births decreased from 24,293 to 24,105.

Deaths increased in April as 4,919 Missourians died compared with 4,761 in April, 2014. Deaths also increased for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, there were 21,210 Missouri resident deaths or 10.6 percent more than the 19,172 for the similar time period in 2014.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians was 1,084 (6,003 births minus 4,919 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, the natural increase declined by 27.6 percent from 19,910 to 14,411.

Marriages decreased in April and for January-April, but increased for the cumulative 12-month period ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, marriages increased by 3.9 percent from 38,972 to 40,488.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-April, dissolutions decreased from 6,378 to 6,213. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.93 to 2.05.

Infant Deaths decreased in April as 29 Missouri infants died compared with 36 in April of 2014. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate decreased from 6.4 to 5.9 per 1,000 live births.

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| <u>Item</u> | <u>April</u> | | | | <u>January-April Cumulative</u> | | | | <u>12 months ending with April</u> | | | | |
|--|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>Number</u> | | <u>Rate*</u> | | <u>Number</u> | | <u>Rate*</u> | | <u>Number</u> | | <u>Rate*</u> | | |
| | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> |
| Live Births | 6,086 | 6,003 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 24,293 | 24,105 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 75,784 | 74,916 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.3 |
| Deaths | 4,761 | 4,919 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 19,172 | 21,210 | 9.6 | 10.6 | 55,874 | 60,505 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 10.0 |
| Natural increase | 1,365 | 1,084 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 5,121 | 2,895 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 19,910 | 14,411 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.4 |
| Marriages | 2,901 | 2,813 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 8,862 | 8,571 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 38,972 | 40,488 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.7 |
| Dissolutions | 1,785 | 1,747 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 6,378 | 6,213 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 20,169 | 19,712 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| Infant deaths | 36 | 29 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 157 | 145 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 482 | 444 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 5.9 |
| Population base (in thousands) | | | 6,064 | 6,082 | | | 6,064 | 6,082 | | | 6,031 | 6,051 | 6,071 |

* 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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