

## Provisional Vital Statistics for November 2017

**Live Births** increased slightly in November as 6,029 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,980 born one year earlier. However, cumulative births for the 11- and 12-month periods ending with November both decreased. For January-November, births decreased by 2.2 percent from 68,557 to 67,064.

**Deaths** increased in November as 4,994 Missourians died compared with 4,859 in November 2016. Deaths also increased for the 11- and 12-month periods ending with November. For January-November, there were 56,172 Missouri resident deaths or 3.5 percent more than the 54,283 for the similar time period in 2016.

The **Natural Increase** in November for Missourians was 1,035 (6,029 births minus 4,994 deaths). With the decrease in births and increase in deaths, the natural increase declined sharply for both the 11- and 12-month periods ending with

November. For the 12 months ending with November, the natural increase declined by 27 percent from 15,669 to 11,458.

**Marriages** decreased for all three time periods shown in the table below. For the cumulative 12 months ending with November, marriages decreased from 41,502 to 40,448.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** also decreased for all three time periods shown in the table. Dissolutions decreased from 18,289 to 17,617 for January-November. For the 12 months ending with November, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.07 to 2.09.

**Infant Deaths** decreased in November as 31 Missouri infants died compared with 39 in November of 2016. For the 12 months ending with November, the infant death rate decreased from 6.7 to 6.2 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>November</u>				<u>Jan. — Nov. 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>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	5,980	6,029	12.0	12.0	68,557	67,064	12.3	12.0	75,019	73,171	12.4	12.3	12.0
<b>Deaths</b> .....	4,859	4,994	9.7	9.9	54,283	56,172	9.7	10.0	59,350	61,713	9.9	9.7	10.1
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	1,121	1,035	2.2	2.1	14,274	10,892	2.6	1.9	15,669	11,458	2.4	2.6	1.9
<b>Marriages</b> .....	2,668	2,513	5.3	5.0	39,003	37,704	7.0	6.7	41,502	40,448	6.8	6.8	6.6
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,651	1,500	3.3	3.0	18,289	17,617	3.3	3.2	20,020	19,325	3.2	3.3	3.2
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	39	31	6.5	5.1	461	424	6.7	6.3	503	453	6.6	6.7	6.2
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	6,093	6,110	....	....	6,093	6,110	....	....	6,074	6,091	6,108

\* 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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