

## Provisional Vital Statistics for September 2019

**Live Births** increased slightly in September as 6,216 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,176 born one year earlier. However, cumulative births for the 9-month and 12-month periods ending with September decreased. For January-September, births decreased 1.8 percent from 55,262 to 54,269.

**Deaths** increased in September as 4,915 Missourians died compared with 4,857 in September 2018. However, deaths decreased for the 9- and 12-month periods ending with September. For January-September, there were 46,521 Missouri resident deaths or 2.0 percent less than the 47,475 for the similar time period in 2018.

The **Natural Increase** in September for Missourians was 1,301 (6,216 births minus 4,915 deaths). For the 12 months ending with September, the natural increase declined from 10,276 to 10,132.

**Marriages** decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-September, marriages decreased 9.3 percent from 29,335 to 26,607.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** also decreased for all three time periods. For January-September, dissolutions decreased 5.3 percent from 13,886 to 13,149. For the 12 months ending with September, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.14 to 2.07.

**Infant Deaths** decreased slightly in September as 37 Missouri infants died compared with 40 in September of 2018. For the 12 months ending with September, the infant death rate decreased from 6.1 to 6.0 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>September</u>				<u>January — September</u>				<u>12 months ending with September</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	6,176	6,216	12.3	12.3	55,262	54,269	12.1	11.8	73,448	72,288	12.0	12.0	11.8
<b>Deaths</b> .....	4,857	4,915	9.6	9.7	47,475	46,521	10.4	10.1	63,172	62,156	10.1	10.3	10.1
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	1,319	1,301	2.6	2.6	7,787	7,748	1.7	1.7	10,276	10,132	1.9	1.7	1.7
<b>Marriages</b> .....	5,134	4,337	10.2	8.6	29,335	26,607	6.4	5.8	39,726	36,964	6.7	6.5	6.0
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,333	1,412	2.6	2.8	13,886	13,149	3.0	2.9	18,606	17,893	3.2	3.0	2.9
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	40	37	6.5	6.0	353	325	6.4	6.0	450	431	6.4	6.1	6.0
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	6,126	6,140	....	....	6,126	6,140	....	....	6,104	6,123	6,136

\* 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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