

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2021

Live Births decreased in April as 5,489 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,552 born one year earlier. Births also decreased for the cumulative 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, births decreased by 3.9 percent from 22,568 to 21,689.

Deaths decreased in April as 5,432 Missourians died compared with 5,877 in April 2020 (when the COVID pandemic first started). However, deaths increased for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, there were 24,092 Missouri resident deaths or 6.1 percent more than the 22,706 deaths for the similar time period in 2020.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians was 57 (5,489 births minus 5,432 deaths). However, there was a natural decrease for both the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, the natural decrease was 6,871 compared to an increase of 8,155 in 2020.

Marriages increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, marriages increased from 35,308 to 35,616.

Dissolutions of Marriage also increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.10 to 2.05.

Infant Deaths increased in April as 41 Missouri infants died compared with 38 in April of 2020. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate decreased from 6.1 to 5.9 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>April</u>				<u>Jan. — April</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>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Live Births	5,552	5,489	11.0	10.8	22,568	21,689	11.1	10.7	71,763	68,398	11.9	11.7	11.1
Deaths	5,877	5,432	11.7	10.7	22,706	24,092	11.2	11.9	63,608	75,269	10.0	10.4	12.2
Natural increase	-325	57	-0.6	0.1	-138	-2,403	-0.1	-1.2	8,155	-6,871	1.9	1.3	-1.1
Marriages	1,190	2,924	2.4	5.8	6,840	8,031	3.4	4.0	35,308	35,616	6.4	5.7	5.8
Dissolutions	761	1,584	1.5	3.1	4,667	5,674	2.3	2.8	16,829	17,413	3.0	2.7	2.8
Infant deaths	38	41	6.8	7.5	139	152	6.2	7.0	437	405	6.1	6.1	5.9
Population base .....	....	....	6,152	6,156	....	....	6,152	6,156	....	....	6,130	6,144	6,153
(in thousands)													

* 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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