

## May Provisional Vital Statistics for May 2021

**Live Births** increased slightly in May as 5,817 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,783 born one year earlier. However, births decreased for the cumulative 5- and 12-month periods ending with May. For January-May, births decreased by 2.9 percent from 28,351 to 27,525.

**Deaths** decreased in May as 5,450 Missourians died compared with 5,695 in May 2020. However, deaths increased for the 5- and 12-month periods ending with May. For January-May, there were 29,574 Missouri resident deaths or 4.1 percent more than the 28,401 deaths for the similar time period in 2020.

The **Natural Increase** in May for Missourians was 367 (5,817 births minus 5,450 deaths). However, there was a natural decrease for both the 5- and 12-month periods ending with May. For the 12 months ending with May, the natural decrease was 6,605 compared to an increase of 7,260 in 2020.

**Marriages** increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with May, marriages increased from 33,515 to 37,473.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** also increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with May, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.07 to 2.08.

**Infant Deaths** increased in May as 40 Missouri infants died compared with 35 in May of 2020. For the 12 months ending with May, the infant death rate remained at 6.0 per 1,000 live births, the same as that of the previous year.

### PROVISIONAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR MAY 2021

<u>Item</u>	<u>May</u>				<u>Jan. — May Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with May</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>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	5,783	5,817	11.1	11.1	28,351	27,525	11.1	10.8	71,325	68,451	11.9	11.6	11.1
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,695	5,450	10.9	10.4	28,401	29,574	11.1	11.6	64,065	75,056	10.1	10.4	12.2
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	88	367	0.2	0.7	-50	-2,049	0.0	-0.8	7,260	-6,605	1.8	1.2	-1.1
<b>Marriages</b> .....	2,104	3,959	4.0	7.6	8,944	11,992	3.5	4.7	33,515	37,473	6.3	5.5	6.1
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	992	1,582	1.9	3.0	5,659	7,262	2.2	2.9	16,169	18,009	3.0	2.6	2.9
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	35	40	6.1	6.9	174	196	6.1	7.1	431	414	6.2	6.0	6.0
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	6,152	6,156	....	....	6,152	6,156	....	....	6,131	6,145	6,153

\* 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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