

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2022

Live Births decreased in April as 5,405 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,519 born one year earlier. For the cumulative 4-month period ending with April, births also decreased. However, for the 12 months ending with April, births increased from 68,476 to 69,096.

Deaths decreased in April as 5,329 Missourians died compared with 5,459 in April 2021. However, deaths increased for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, deaths increased from 24,156 Missouri resident deaths to 25,742, or 6.6 percent.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians was 76 (5,405 births minus 5,329 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 6,271 compared to a decrease of 6,857 in 2021.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown in the table below. Part of that statewide marriage decrease is due to delayed reporting from the state's largest county, St. Louis. For the 12 months ending with April, marriages decreased by 1.7 percent from 35,644 to 35,039.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.04 to 2.01.

Infant Deaths decreased in April as 32 Missouri infants died compared with 45 in April of 2021. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate decreased from 6.0 to 5.5 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	April				Jan. – April Cumulative				12 months ending with April				
	Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		Number		Rate		
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Live births	5,519	5,405	10.9	10.6	21,767	21,618	10.7	10.6	68,476	69,096	11.7	11.1	11.2
Deaths	5,459	5,329	10.8	10.5	24,156	25,742	11.9	12.7	75,333	75,367	10.4	12.2	12.2
Natural increase	60	76	0.1	0.1	-2,389	-4,124	-1.2	-2.0	-6,857	-6,271	1.3	-1.1	-1.0
Marriages	2,945	2,262	5.8	4.5	8,059	6,365	4.0	3.1	35,644	35,039	5.7	5.8	5.7
Dissolutions	1,632	1,210	3.2	2.4	5,772	5,075	2.8	2.5	17,511	17,410	2.7	2.8	2.8
Infant deaths	45	32	8.2	5.9	157	146	7.2	6.8	410	382	6.1	6.0	5.5
Population base	....	....	6,168	6,180	....	....	6,168	6,180	....	....	6,144	6,159	6,172
(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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