

Provisional Vital Statistics for February 2022

Live Births increased in February as 5,012 Missouri babies were born compared with 4,976 born one year earlier. For the cumulative 2- and 12-month periods ending with February, births also increased. For the 12 months ending with February, births increased by 1.3 percent from 68,418 to 69,283.

Deaths increased in February as 6,351 Missourians died compared with 5,677 in February 2021. Deaths also decreased for the 2-month period ending with February, but increased for the 12-month period ending with February. For January-February, there were 14,576 Missouri resident deaths compared with 13,054 for the similar time period in 2021.

The Natural Increase in February for Missourians was actually a decrease of 1,339 (5,012 births minus 6,351 deaths). There was also a natural decrease for both the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For the 12 months ending with February, the natural decrease was 6,020 compared to a decrease of 7,371 in 2021.

Marriages increased slightly in February, but decreased for January-February. For the 12 months ending with February, marriages increased by 6.8 percent from 33,996 to 36,305.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased in February and January-February, but increased for the 12 months ending with February. For the 12 months ending with February, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.11 to 2.02.

Infant Deaths decreased in February as 32 Missouri infants died compared with 36 in February of 2021. For the 12 months ending with February, the infant death rate remained at 5.7 per 1,000 live births, the same as the previous year.

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Item	February				January- February Cumulative				12 months ending with February				
	Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		Number			Rate	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Live births	4,976	5,012	10.5	10.6	10,406	10,444	10.4	10.5	68,418	69,283	11.7	11.1	11.2
Deaths	5,677	6,351	12.0	13.4	13,054	14,576	13.1	14.6	75,789	75,303	10.2	12.3	12.2
Natural increase	-701	-1,339	-1.5	-2.8	-2,648	-4,132	-2.7	-4.1	-7,371	-6,020	1.5	-1.2	-1.0
Marriages	1,425	1,429	3.0	3.0	3,029	2,601	3.0	2.6	33,996	36,305	6.0	5.5	5.9
Dissolutions	1,170	1,047	2.5	2.2	2,437	2,305	2.4	2.3	16,118	17,975	2.9	2.6	2.9
Infant deaths	36	32	7.2	6.4	69	71	6.6	6.8	393	395	5.9	5.7	5.7
Population base (in thousands)	.....	....	6,168	6,180	....	....	6,168	6,180	....	....	6,142	6,157	6,170

* 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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