

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2024

Live Births increased in April as 5,421 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,162 born one year earlier. For January-April births increased from 21,334 to 21,917. However, for the 12 months ending with April, births decreased by 1.4 percent from 68,582 to 67,648.

Deaths decreased in April as 5,285 Missourians died compared with 5,380 in April 2023. Deaths for January-April decreased slightly from 22,807 in 2023 to 22,742. For the 12 months ending with April, deaths decreased by 3.4 percent from 68,756 to 66,407.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians 136 (5,421 births minus 5,285 deaths). There was a natural decrease for January-April. However, for the 12 months ending with April, births out-numbered deaths as there was a natural increase of 1,241.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown in the table below. For the 12 months ending with April, marriages decreased by 2.1 percent from 35,879 to 35,130.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.15 to 2.20.

Infant Deaths increased in April as 37 Missouri infants died compared with 33 in April of 2023. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate decreased from 6.4 to 6.0 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>April</u>				<u>Jan. — April Cumulative</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>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Live Births	5,162	5,421	10.1	10.6	21,334	21,917	10.5	10.7	68,582	67,648	11.2	11.1	10.9
Deaths	5,380	5,285	10.6	10.4	22,807	22,742	11.2	11.1	68,756	66,407	12.2	11.1	10.7
Natural increase	-218	136	-0.4	0.3	-1,473	-825	-0.7	-0.4	-174	1,241	-1.0	0.0	0.2
Marriages	2,764	2,718	5.4	5.3	7,774	7,508	3.8	3.7	35,879	35,130	6.0	5.8	5.7
Dissolutions	1,432	1,411	2.8	2.8	5,421	5,181	2.7	2.5	16,699	15,980	2.9	2.7	2.6
Infant deaths	33	37	6.4	6.8	141	150	6.6	6.8	436	403	5.7	6.4	6.0
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,196	6,210	....	....	6,196	6,210	....	....	6,173	6,184	6,200

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.

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