

Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2024

Live Births increased slightly in January as 5,605 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,582 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for 12-month period ending with January show a decrease of 2.9 percent from 69,093 in 2023 to 67,088 in 2024. The 2024 provisional birth count of 67,065 is the lowest number of Missouri resident births since 1945, the year before the historic baby boom started.

Deaths increased in January as 6,338 Missourians died compared with 6,106 in January 2023. Cumulative deaths for the 12 months ending with January decreased by 4.2 percent from 69,631 to 66,704.

The **Natural Increase** in January was actually a decrease of 733 (5,605 births minus 6,338 deaths). For the 12 months ending with January, the natural increase was 384 compared with a natural decrease of 538 one year earlier.

Marriages decreased in January as well as for the cumulative 12 months ending with January. For the cumulative period, marriages decreased by 7.2 percent from 36,042 to 33,460. The provisional 2024 count of 33,683 marriages was the lowest since 1958.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased in January as 1,211 couples divorced compared with 1,340 one year earlier. For the 12 months ending with January, dissolutions decreased by 3 percent from 16,581 to 16,091. The provisional 2024 count of 16,220 divorces was the lowest since 1967. For the 12 months ending with January, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.17 to 2.08.

Infant Deaths increased slightly in January as 38 Missouri infants died compared with 36 one year earlier. However, the infant death rate for the 12 months ending with January was of 5.9 per 1,000 live births was 9.2 percent lower than the rate of 6.5 one year earlier.

PROVISIONAL RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

<u>Item</u>	<u>January</u>				<u>12 months ending with January</u>								<u>Provisional</u>	
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>			<u>Rate*</u>					<u>2023</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Live Births	5,582	5,605	10.6	10.7	69,281	69,093	67,088	11.2	11.2	11.2	10.8	67,065	10.8	
Deaths	6,106	6,338	11.6	12.0	74,701	69,631	66,704	12.3	12.1	11.3	10.8	66,472	10.7	
Natural increase	-524	-733	-1.0	-1.4	-5,420	-538	384	-1.1	-0.9	-0.1	0.1	593	0.1	
Marriages	1,306	1,083	2.5	2.1	37,016	36,042	33,460	5.6	6.0	5.8	5.4	33,683	5.4	
Dissolutions	1,340	1,211	2.5	2.3	18,142	16,581	16,091	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.6	16,220	2.6	
Infant deaths	36	38	6.4	6.8	399	447	396	5.6	5.8	6.5	5.9	394	5.9	
Population base (in thousands)			6,177	6,196				6,153	6,171	6,179	6,197		6,196	

* 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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