

## Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2024

**Live Births** decreased in March as 5,190 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,575 born one year earlier. For the cumulative 3- and 12-month period ending with March, births also decreased. For the 12 months ending with March, births decreased by 2.8 percent from 68,863 to 66,942.

**Deaths** decreased in March as 5,576 Missourians died compared with 5,965 in March 2023. Deaths for January-March were virtually the same as the previous year, increasing by just 3 deaths. For the 12 months ending with March, deaths decreased by 3.3 percent from 68,754 to 66,475.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was actually a decrease of 386 (5,190 births minus 5,576 deaths). There was also a natural decrease for January-March. However, for the 12 months ending with March, births out-numbered deaths as there was a natural increase of 467.

**Marriages** decreased for all three time periods shown in the table below. For the 12 months ending with March, marriages decreased by 2.8 percent from 36,058 to 35,039.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** also decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.17 to 2.19.

**Infant Deaths** decreased in March as 35 Missouri infants died compared with 41 in March of 2023. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate decreased from 6.4 to 5.9 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>March</u>				<u>Jan. — March Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with March</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>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	5,575	5,190	10.6	9.9	16,172	16,049	10.6	10.4	68,863	66,942	11.2	11.1	10.8
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,965	5,576	11.3	10.6	17,427	17,430	11.4	11.3	68,754	66,475	12.2	11.1	10.7
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	-390	-386	-0.7	-0.7	-1,255	-1,381	-0.8	-0.9	109	467	-1.0	0.0	0.1
<b>Marriages</b> .....	2,214	1,964	4.2	3.7	5,010	4,736	3.3	3.1	36,058	35,039	6.0	5.8	5.7
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,441	1,288	2.7	2.4	3,989	3,746	2.6	2.4	16,604	15,977	2.9	2.7	2.6
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	41	35	7.4	6.7	108	112	6.7	7.0	438	398	5.8	6.4	5.9
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	6,196	6,210	....	....	6,196	6,210	....	....	6,172	6,183	6,199

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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