

Provisional Vital Statistics for May 2024

Live Births increased slightly in May as 5,666 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,658 born one year earlier. For January-May births increased from 26,992 to 27,598. However, for the 12 months ending with May, births decreased by 1.5 percent from 68,683 to 67,671.

Deaths decreased in May as 5,310 Missourians died compared with 5,454 in May 2023. Deaths for January-May decreased from 28,261 in 2023 to 28,071. For the 12 months ending with May, deaths decreased by 3.4 percent from 68,619 to 66,282.

The **Natural Increase** in May for Missourians was 356 (5,666 births minus 5,310 deaths). There was a natural decrease for January-May. However, for the 12 months ending with May, births out-numbered deaths as there was a natural increase of 1,389.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown in the table below. For the 12 months ending with May, marriages decreased by 2.9 percent from 35,826 to 34,790.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with May, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.14 to 2.19.

Infant Deaths increased in May as 35 Missouri infants died compared with 28 in May of 2023. For the 12 months ending with May, the infant death rate decreased from 6.3 to 6.1 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>May</u>				<u>Jan. — May Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with May</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	5,658	5,666	10.8	10.8	26,992	27,598	10.5	10.7	68,683	67,671	11.2	11.1	10.9
Deaths	5,454	5,310	10.4	10.1	28,261	28,071	11.0	10.9	68,619	66,282	12.2	11.1	10.7
Natural increase	204	356	0.4	0.7	-1,269	-473	-0.5	-0.2	64	1,389	-1.1	0.0	0.2
Marriages	3,519	3,178	6.7	6.0	11,293	10,687	4.4	4.1	35,826	34,790	6.0	5.8	5.6
Dissolutions	1,510	1,387	2.9	2.6	6,931	6,579	2.7	2.6	16,755	15,868	2.8	2.7	2.6
Infant deaths	28	35	4.9	6.2	169	186	6.3	6.7	430	411	5.6	6.3	6.1
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,196	6,210	....	....	6,196	6,210	....	....	6,174	6,186	6,201

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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