

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2025

Live Births increased in April as 5,637 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,462 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April also show increases. For the 12 months ending with April, births increased by 0.7 percent from 67,750 to 68,201.

Deaths increased slightly in April as 5,332 Missourians died compared with 5,321 in April 2024. Deaths also increased for January-April and for the 12-month period ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, deaths increased by 2.0 percent from 66,502 to 67,854.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians was 305 (5,637 births minus 5,332 deaths). However, there was a natural decrease for January-April of 1,766. For the 12 months ending with April, births out-numbered deaths as there was a slight natural increase of 347.

Marriages decreased in April but increased for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, marriages increased by 1.4 percent from 35,661 to 36,167.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.22 to 2.51.

Infant Deaths decreased in April as 30 Missouri infants died compared with 41 in April of 2024. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate decreased from 6.1 to 5.7 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	April				Jan. — April Cumulative				12 months ending with April				
	Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Live Births	5,462	5,637	10.7	10.9	22,019	22,357	10.7	10.9	67,750	68,201	11.1	10.9	10.9
Deaths	5,321	5,332	10.4	10.4	22,839	24,123	11.1	11.7	66,502	67,854	11.1	10.7	10.9
Natural increase	141	305	0.3	0.6	-820	-1,766	-0.4	-0.9	1,248	347	0.0	0.2	0.1
Marriages	2,946	2,592	5.8	5.0	8,039	8,148	3.9	4.0	35,661	36,167	5.8	5.7	5.8
Dissolutions	1,440	1,310	2.8	2.5	5,247	4,473	2.5	2.2	16,046	14,417	2.7	2.6	2.3
Infant deaths	41	30	7.5	5.3	157	115	7.1	5.1	410	388	6.4	6.1	5.7
Population base.....	....	....	6,208	6,245	....	....	6,208	6,245	....	....	6,189	6,221	6,252
(in thousands)													

* 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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