

Provisional Vital Statistics for February 2025

Live Births decreased in February as 5,292 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,399 born one year earlier. Note that all of this decrease stems from the fact that there were 28 days in February 2025 compared to 29 in 2024. All the February rates shown below adjust for this fact as the February birth rate increased in 2025. For the 12 months ending with February, births increased by 0.5 percent from 67,512 to 67,872.

Deaths increased in February as 6,114 Missourians died compared with 5,505 in February 2024. Deaths also increased for January-February and for the 12-month period ending with February. For the 12 months ending with February, deaths increased by 0.6 percent from 66,908 to 67,311.

The **Natural Increase** in February for Missourians was actually a decrease of 822 (5,292 births minus 6,114 deaths). There was also a natural decrease for January-February. However, for the 12 months ending with February, births outnumbered deaths as there was a natural increase of 561.

Marriages increased for all three time periods shown in the table below. For the 12 months ending with February, marriages increased by 2 percent from 35,565 to 36,285.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with February, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.20 to 2.46.

Infant Deaths decreased in February as 25 Missouri infants died compared with 37 in February of 2024. For the 12 months ending with February, the infant death rate decreased from 6.0 to 5.9 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>February</u>				<u>Jan. — Feb. Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with Feb.</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Live Births	5,399	5,292	10.9	11.0	11,044	11,053	10.8	10.9	67,512	67,872	11.2	10.9	10.9
Deaths	5,505	6,114	11.1	12.7	11,900	12,641	11.6	12.5	66,908	67,311	11.1	10.8	10.8
Natural increase	-106	-822	-0.1	-1.7	-856	-1,588	-0.8	-1.6	604	561	0.1	0.1	0.1
Marriages	1,656	1,709	3.3	3.6	2,965	3,192	2.9	3.2	35,565	36,285	5.8	5.7	5.8
Dissolutions	1,252	914	2.5	1.9	2,481	2,023	2.4	2.0	16,153	14,733	2.7	2.6	2.4
Infant deaths	37	25	6.9	4.7	79	49	7.2	4.4	406	400	6.4	6.0	5.9
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,208	6,245	....	....	6,208	6,245	....	....	6,184	6,214	6,249

* 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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