

## Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2025

**Live Births** increased in January as 5,756 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,645 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for 12-month period ending with January show an increase of 1.3 percent from 67,128 in 2024 to 67,974 in 2025. The 2024 provisional birth count of 67,863 represents the first increase in state births since 2018.

**Deaths** increased in January as 6,510 Missourians died compared with 6,395 in January 2024. Cumulative deaths for the 12 months ending with January decreased slightly from 66,759 to 66,685.

The **Natural Increase** in January was actually a decrease of 754 (5,756 births minus 6,510 deaths). For the 12 months ending with January, the natural increase was 1,289 compared with a natural increase of only 369 one year earlier.

**Marriages** increased in January as well as for the cumulative 12 months ending with January. For the cumulative period, marriages increased by 7.2 percent from 35,396 to 36,232. The provisional 2024 count of 36,058 marriages was the first increase since 2021.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** decreased in January as well as for the cumulative 12 months ending with January. The provisional count of 15,191 divorces was the lowest since 1967. For the 12 months ending with January, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.18 to 2.37.

**Infant Deaths** decreased in January as 24 Missouri infants died compared with 42 one year earlier. However, the 2024 provisional infant death rate of 6.3 per 1,000 live births represents an increase of approximately 7 percent from the 2023 final infant death rate of 5.9.

### PROVISIONAL RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

<u>January</u>					<u>12 months ending with January</u>								<u>Provisional</u>	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>			<u>Rate*</u>					2024	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
<b>Live Births.....</b>	5,645	5,756	10.7	10.8	69,093	67,128	67,974	11.2	11.2	10.8	10.9	67,863	10.9	
<b>Deaths .....</b>	6,395	6,510	12.1	12.3	69,631	66,759	66,685	12.1	11.3	10.7	10.7	66,570	10.7	
<b>Natural increase.....</b>	-750	-754	-1.4	-1.4	-538	369	1,289	-0.9	-0.1	0.1	0.2	1,293	0.2	
<b>Marriages .....</b>	1,309	1,483	2.5	2.8	36,045	35,396	36,232	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.8	36,058	5.8	
<b>Dissolutions .....</b>	1,229	1,109	2.3	2.1	16,581	16,109	15,071	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.4	15,191	2.4	
<b>Infant deaths .....</b>	42	24	7.4	4.2	447	400	412	5.8	6.5	6.0	6.1	430	6.3	
<b>Population base.....</b>			6,208	6,245				6,172	6,182	6,211	6,247		6,245	
(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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