

Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2025

Live Births increased in March as 5,650 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,513 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March also show increases. For the 12 months ending with March, births increased by 0.8 percent from 67,450 to 68,012.

Deaths increased in March as 6,112 Missourians died compared with 5,618 in March 2024. Deaths also increased for January-March and for the 12-month period ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, deaths increased by 1.9 percent from 66,561 to 67,824.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was actually a decrease of 462 (5,650 births minus 6,112 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 slight natural increase of 188.

Marriages increased for all three time periods shown in the table below. For the 12 months ending with March, marriages increased by 2.8 percent from 35,479 to 36,470.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.21 to 2.51.

Infant Deaths decreased in March as 34 Missouri infants died compared with 37 in March of 2024. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate decreased from 6.0 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>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	5,513	5,650	10.4	10.6	16,557	16,706	10.7	10.8	67,450	68,012	11.1	10.8	10.9
Deaths	5,618	6,112	10.6	11.5	17,518	18,772	11.3	12.2	66,561	67,824	11.1	10.7	10.9
Natural increase	-105	-462	-0.2	-0.9	-961	-2,066	-0.6	-1.3	889	188	0.0	0.1	0.0
Marriages	2,128	2,283	4.0	4.3	5,093	5,505	3.3	3.6	35,479	36,470	5.8	5.7	5.8
Dissolutions	1,326	1,101	2.5	2.1	3,807	3,160	2.5	2.0	16,038	14,544	2.7	2.6	2.3
Infant deaths	37	34	6.7	6.0	116	84	7.0	5.0	402	398	6.4	6.0	5.9
Population base.....	....	....	6,208	6,245	....	....	6,208	6,245	....	....	6,187	6,217	6,250
(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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