

Provisional Vital Statistics for February 2013

Live Births decreased in February as 5,497 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,814 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February also both decreased slightly. For January-February, births decreased from 11,712 to 11,561.

Deaths increased in February as 4,798 Missourians died compared with 4,601 in February, 2012. Deaths also increased for the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For January-February, there were 10,531 Missouri resident deaths compared with 9,620 for the similar time period in 2012.

The **Natural Increase** in February for Missourians was 699 (5,497 births minus 4,798 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For the 12 months ending with February, the natural increase declined from 20,395 to 18,553.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-February, marriages decreased from 3,532 to 3,127.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-February, dissolutions decreased from 3,484 to 3,108. For the 12 months ending with February, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.69 to 1.76.

Infant Deaths decreased in February as 26 Missouri infants died compared with 37 in February of 2012. For the 12 months ending with February, the infant death rate increased from 6.2 to 6.4 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 February</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Live Births	5,814	5,497	12.2	11.9	11,712	11,561	11.9	11.9	75,908	75,249	12.8	12.6	12.5
Deaths	4,601	4,798	9.6	10.4	9,620	10,531	9.7	10.8	55,513	56,696	9.2	9.2	9.4
Natural increase	1,213	699	2.5	1.5	2,092	1,030	2.1	1.1	20,395	18,553	3.5	3.4	3.1
Marriages	2,082	1,671	4.4	3.6	3,532	3,127	3.6	3.2	39,734	38,973	6.5	6.6	6.5
Dissolutions	1,706	1,374	3.6	3.0	3,484	3,108	3.5	3.2	23,489	22,177	3.9	3.9	3.7
Infant deaths	37	26	6.4	4.7	81	69	6.9	6.0	472	484	6.6	6.2	6.4
Population base (in thousands)			6,022	6,035			6,022	6,035			5,993	6,011	6,024

* 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. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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