

Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2019

Live Births decreased in March as 5,785 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,023 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 3-month and 12-month periods also decreased. For January-March, births decreased 4.4 percent from 17,560 to 16,791.

Deaths increased slightly in March as 5,558 Missourians died compared with 5,526 in March 2019. However, deaths decreased for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, there were 16,227 Missouri resident deaths compared with 17,618 for the similar time period in 2018.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was 227 (5,785 births minus 5,558 deaths). The natural increase rose for both the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the natural increase rose from 10,717 to 10,805.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-March, marriages decreased from 5,755 to 5,399.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased for all three time periods. For January-March, dissolutions decreased from 4,386 to 3,936. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.11 to 2.16.

Infant Deaths decreased in March as 22 Missouri infants died compared with 39 in March of 2018. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate decreased from 6.3 to 6.0 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 2019</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Live Births	6,023	5,785	11.6	11.1	17,560	16,791	11.6	11.1	73,256	72,512	12.1	12.0	11.8
Deaths	5,526	5,558	10.6	10.7	17,618	16,227	11.7	10.7	62,539	61,707	10.1	10.2	10.2
Natural increase	497	227	1.0	0.4	-58	564	0.0	0.4	10,717	10,805	2.0	1.8	1.8
Marriages	2,635	2,425	5.1	4.7	5,755	5,399	3.8	3.6	40,000	39,336	6.9	6.5	6.4
Dissolutions	1,620	1,442	3.1	2.8	4,386	3,936	2.9	2.6	18,995	18,180	3.3	3.1	3.0
Infant deaths	39	22	6.5	3.8	112	86	6.4	5.1	461	433	6.4	6.3	6.0
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,126	6,140	....	....	6,126	6,140	....	....	6,093	6,114	6,129

* 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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