

Provisional Vital Statistics for February 2020

Live Births increased in February as 5,425 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,317 born one year earlier. This increase was primarily because there were 29 days in February of this leap year instead of 28 days, as the monthly rate of births adjusted for this fact decreased slightly. For the cumulative 12-month period ending with February, births decreased from 72,954 to 72,144.

Deaths increased in February as 5,369 Missourians died compared with 5,099 in February 2019. Deaths also increased for the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For January-February, there were 11,050 Missouri resident deaths compared with 10,648 for the similar time period in 2019.

The **Natural Increase** in February for Missourians was 56 (5,425 births minus 5,369 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 11,290 to 9,587.

Marriages increased in February and for January-February. However for the 12 months ending with February, marriages decreased from 39,558 to 37,099.

Dissolutions of Marriage also increased in February and January-February, but decreased for the 12 months ending with February. For the 12 months ending with February, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.15 to 2.07.

Infant Deaths decreased in February as 31 Missouri infants died compared with 49 in February of 2019. For the 12 months ending with February, the infant death rate decreased from 6.3 to 5.8 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>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Live Births	5,317	5,425	11.3	11.1	11,210	11,251	11.3	11.2	72,954	72,144	12.0	11.9	11.8
Deaths	5,099	5,369	10.8	11.0	10,648	11,050	10.7	11.0	61,664	62,557	10.3	10.1	10.2
Natural increase	218	56	0.5	0.0	562	201	0.6	0.2	11,290	9,587	1.7	1.8	1.6
Marriages	1,460	1,966	3.1	4.0	2,986	3,449	3.0	3.4	39,558	37,099	6.6	6.5	6.0
Dissolutions	1,190	1,313	2.5	2.7	2,495	2,688	2.5	2.7	18,359	17,933	3.1	3.0	2.9
Infant deaths	49	31	9.2	5.7	74	63	6.6	5.6	460	421	6.3	6.3	5.8
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,137	6,152	....	....	6,137	6,152	....	....	6,109	6,124	6,139

* 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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