

## Provisional Vital Statistics for February 2021

**Live Births** decreased in February as 4,950 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,446 born one year earlier. For the cumulative 2- and 12-month periods ending with February, births also decreased. For the 12 month ending with February, births decreased by 5.2 percent from 72,158 to 68,380.

**Deaths** increased by more than 200 in February as 5,648 Missourians died compared with 5,434 in February 2020. However, this was considerably less than the increase of more than 1,600 deaths in January. Deaths also increased for the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For January-February, there were 12,995 Missouri resident deaths compared with 11,149 for the similar time period in 2020.

The **Natural Increase** in February for Missourians was actually a decrease of 698 (4,950 births minus 5,648 deaths). There was also a natural decrease for both the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For the 12 months ending with February, the natural decrease was 7,350 compared to an increase of 9,502 in 2020.

**Marriages** decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with February, marriages decreased by 8.4 percent from 37,108 to 33,978.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** also decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with February, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.06 to 2.11.

**Infant Deaths** increased slightly in February as 33 Missouri infants died compared with 32 in February of 2020. For the 12 months ending with February, the infant death rate decreased from 5.9 to 5.7 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>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	5,446	4,950	11.2	10.5	11,265	10,368	11.2	10.4	72,158	68,380	11.9	11.7	11.1
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,434	5,648	11.1	12.0	11,149	12,995	11.1	13.1	62,656	75,730	10.1	10.2	12.3
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	12	-698	0.0	-1.5	116	-2,627	0.1	-2.6	9,502	-7,350	1.8	1.5	-1.2
<b>Marriages</b> .....	1,968	1,420	4.0	3.0	3,458	3,011	3.4	3.0	37,108	33,978	6.5	6.0	5.5
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,329	1,149	2.7	2.4	2,725	2,385	2.7	2.4	17,970	16,066	3.0	2.9	2.6
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	32	33	5.9	6.7	68	64	6.0	6.2	426	388	6.3	5.9	5.7
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	6,152	6,156	....	....	6,152	6,156	....	....	6,128	6,142	6,152

\* 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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