

## Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2022

**Live Births** decreased by one birth in January as 5,429 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,430 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for 12-month period ending with January show a slight increase from 68,888 in 2021 to 69,244 in 2022.

**Deaths** increased in January as 8,210 Missourians died compared with 7,377 in January, 2021 as the COVID pandemic continued. Cumulative deaths for the 12 months ending with January decreased by 2.1 percent from 75,546 to 74,614. The 2021 provisional death count of 73,841 nearly matched the record in 2020 death count when 73,883 Missouri residents died.

The **Natural Increase** in January was a decrease of 2,781 (5,429 births minus 8,210 deaths). For the 12 months ending with January, the natural decrease was 5,370 compared with a natural decrease of 6,658 one year earlier.

**Marriages** decreased in January, but increased for the cumulative 12 months ending with January by 5.2 percent from 34,539 to 36,324.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** decreased in January as 1,147 couples divorced compared with 1,266 one year earlier. For the 12 months ending with January, dissolutions increased by 9.7 percent from 16,276 to 17,857. For the 12 months ending with January, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.12 to 2.03.

**Infant Deaths** increased slightly in January as 38 Missouri infants died compared with 33 one year earlier. The 2021 provisional infant death rate of 5.7 per 1,000 live births is tied for the lowest on record, set the previous year.

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| Item                                     | January |        |       |       | 12 months ending with January |        |        |       |       |       |       |        | Provisional |  |
|--|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------------|--|
|  | Number  |        | Rate* |       | Number                        |        |        |       | Rate* |       |       |        | 2021        |  |
|  | 2021    | 2022   | 2021  | 2022  | 2020                          | 2021   | 2022   | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | Number | Rate        |  |
| <b>Live births</b>                       | 5,430   | 5,429  | 10.4  | 10.3  | 72,029                        | 68,888 | 69,244 | 11.9  | 11.7  | 11.2  | 11.2  | 69,245 | 11.2        |  |
| <b>Deaths</b>                            | 7,377   | 8,210  | 14.1  | 15.6  | 62,320                        | 75,546 | 74,614 | 10.1  | 10.1  | 12.3  | 12.1  | 73,841 | 12.0        |  |
| <b>Natural increase</b>                  | -1,947  | -2,781 | -3.7  | -5.3  | 9,709                         | -6,658 | -5,370 | 1.8   | 1.6   | -1.1  | -0.9  | -4,596 | -0.7        |  |
| <b>Marriages</b>                         | 1,604   | 1,190  | 3.1   | 2.3   | 36,600                        | 34,539 | 36,324 | 6.5   | 6.0   | 5.6   | 5.9   | 36,738 | 6.0         |  |
| <b>Dissolutions</b>                      | 1,266   | 1,147  | 2.4   | 2.2   | 17,831                        | 16,276 | 17,857 | 3.0   | 2.9   | 2.6   | 2.9   | 17,976 | 2.9         |  |
| <b>Infant deaths</b>                     | 33      | 38     | 6.1   | 7.0   | 443                           | 389    | 398    | 6.0   | 6.2   | 5.6   | 5.7   | 393    | 5.7         |  |
| <b>Population base</b><br>(in thousands) | ....    | ....   | 6,168 | 6,180 | ....                          | ....   | ....   | 6,127 | 6,141 | 6,156 | 6,169 | ....   | 6,168       |  |

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