

## Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2022

**Live Births** decreased in March as 5,703 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,842 born one year earlier. For the cumulative 3-month period ending with March, births also decreased. However, for the 12 months ending with March, births increased from 68,509 to 69,148.

**Deaths** increased in March as 5,796 Missourians died compared with 5,643 in March 2021. Deaths also increased for the 3-month period ending with March, but decreased slightly for the 12-month period ending with March. For January-March, deaths increased from 18,697 Missouri resident deaths to 20,385, or 9 percent.

**The Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was actually a decrease of 93 (5,703 births minus 5,796 deaths). There was also a natural decrease for both the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the natural decrease was 6,321 compared to a decrease of 7,242 in 2021.

**Marriages** decreased in March, and for January-March. However, for the 12 months ending with March, marriages increased by 5.4 percent from 33,889 to 35,722.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** decreased in March and January-March, but increased for the 12 months ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.04 to 2.02.

**Infant Deaths** decreased in March as 40 Missouri infants died compared with 43 in March of 2021. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate decreased from 5.9 to 5.7 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	March				Jan. -- March Cumulative				12 months ending with March				
	Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		Number		Rate		
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
<b>Live births</b>	5,842	5,703	11.2	10.9	16,248	16,151	10.7	10.6	68,509	69,148	11.7	11.1	11.2
<b>Deaths</b>	5,643	5,796	10.8	11.0	18,697	20,385	12.3	13.4	75,751	75,469	10.2	12.3	12.2
<b>Natural increase</b>	199	-93	0.4	-0.2	-2,449	-4,234	-1.6	-2.8	-7,242	-6,321	1.5	-1.2	-1.0
<b>Marriages</b>	2,085	1,494	4.0	2.8	5,114	4,103	3.4	2.7	33,889	35,722	6.0	5.5	5.8
<b>Dissolutions</b>	1,703	1,427	3.3	2.7	4,140	3,738	2.7	2.5	16,640	17,705	2.9	2.7	2.9
<b>Infant deaths</b>	43	40	7.4	7.0	112	112	6.9	6.9	403	393	6.0	5.9	5.7
<b>Population base</b>	....	....	6,168	6,180	....	....	6,168	6,180	....	....	6,143	6,158	6,171
(in thousands)													

\* 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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