

## Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2023

**Live Births** decreased in April as 5,132 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,443 born one year earlier. For the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April births also decreased. For the 12 months ending with April, births decreased by about 1 percent from 69,197 to 68,475.

**Deaths** decreased in April as 5,301 Missourians died compared with 5,378 in April 2022. Deaths decreased sharply for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, there were 22,659 Missouri resident deaths or 12.3 percent less than the 25,827 deaths for the similar time period in 2022.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians was actually a decrease of 169 (5,132 births minus 5,301 deaths). There was also a natural decrease for January-April and for the 12 months ending with April, where there was a natural decrease of 132 compared to a decrease of 6,294 one year earlier.

**Marriages** decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, marriages decreased by 3.6 percent from 37,191 to 35,847.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** increased in April and January-April, but decreased for the cumulative 12-month period ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.11 to 2.16.

**Infant Deaths** decreased in April as 31 Missouri infants died compared with 35 in April of 2022. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate increased from 5.7 to 6.3 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>April</u>				<u>Jan. — April Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with April</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	5,443	5,132	10.7	10.1	21,706	21,227	10.7	10.4	69,197	68,475	11.1	11.2	11.1
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,378	5,301	10.6	10.4	25,827	22,659	12.7	11.1	75,491	68,607	12.2	12.2	11.1
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	65	-169	0.1	-0.3	-4,121	-1,432	-2.0	-0.7	-6,294	-132	-1.1	-1.0	0.0
<b>Marriages</b> .....	2,943	2,748	5.8	5.4	7,998	7,742	3.9	3.8	37,191	35,847	5.8	6.0	5.8
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,337	1,367	2.6	2.7	5,265	5,305	2.6	2.6	17,600	16,583	2.8	2.9	2.7
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	35	31	6.4	6.0	155	136	7.1	6.4	391	431	5.7	5.7	6.6
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	6,178	6,190	....	....	6,178	6,190	....	....	6,157	6,176	6,182

\* 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.

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