

## Provisional Vital Statistics for July 2023

**Live Births** decreased in July as 5,895 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,156 born one year earlier. Births also decreased for cumulative 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For January-July, births decreased by 2.3 percent from 39,358 to 38,448.

**Deaths** decreased in July as 5,146 Missourians died compared with 5,651 in July 2022. Deaths decreased sharply for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For January-July, there were 38,604 Missouri resident deaths or 9.2 percent less than the 42,511 deaths for the similar time period in 2022.

The **Natural Increase** in July for Missourians was 749 (5,895 births minus 5,146 deaths). There was a natural decrease of 156 for January-July. For the 12 months ending with July, there was a slight natural increase of 175 compared to a decrease of 6,360 one year earlier.

**Marriages** decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with July, marriages decreased by 3.1 percent from 36,679 to 35,544.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** also decreased for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with July, the marriage to divorce ratio was 2.17, the same ratio as the previous year.

**Infant Deaths** decreased in July as 30 Missouri infants died compared with 49 in July of 2022. For the 7 months ending with July, the infant death rate decreased from 6.9 to 6.1 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>July</u>				<u>Jan. — July Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with July</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> .....	6,156	5,895	11.7	11.2	39,358	38,448	11.0	10.7	68,681	68,044	11.2	11.1	11.0
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,651	5,146	10.8	9.8	42,511	38,604	11.8	10.7	75,041	67,869	12.3	12.2	11.0
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	505	749	1.0	1.4	-3,153	-156	-0.9	0.0	-6,360	175	-1.2	-1.0	0.0
<b>Marriages</b> .....	3,060	2,777	5.8	5.3	18,361	17,802	5.1	5.0	36,679	35,544	6.2	5.9	5.7
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,454	1,066	2.5	2.0	9,539	9,367	2.7	2.6	16,917	16,371	3.0	2.7	2.6
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	49	30	8.0	5.1	272	233	6.9	6.1	408	411	5.9	5.9	6.0
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	6,178	6,190	....	....	6,178	6,190	....	....	6,161	6,175	6,185

\* 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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