

Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2023

Live Births decreased in March as 5,544 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,779 born one year earlier. For the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March births also decreased. For the 12 months ending with March, births decreased from 69,278 to 68,783.

Deaths increased in March as 5,925 Missourians died compared with 5,828 in March 2022. However, deaths decreased sharply for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, there were 17,347 Missouri resident deaths or 15.2 percent less than the 20,449 deaths for the similar time period in 2022.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was actually a decrease of 381 (5,544 births minus 5,925 deaths). There was also a natural decrease for January-March. However, for the 12 months ending with March, births out-numbered deaths as there was a natural increase of 110 compared to a natural decrease of 6,296 one year earlier.

Marriages increased in March, but decreased for the cumulative 3-and 12-month periods ending in March. For the 12 months ending with March, marriages decreased by 3.1 percent from 37,194 to 36,041.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.08 to 2.18.

Infant Deaths decreased in March as 40 Missouri infants died compared with 42 in March of 2022. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate increased from 5.8 to 6.3 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>March</u>				<u>Jan. — Mar Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with March</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>
Live Births	5,779	5,544	11.0	10.5	16,263	16,092	10.7	10.5	69,278	68,783	11.1	11.2	11.1
Deaths	5,828	5,925	11.1	11.3	20,449	17,347	13.4	11.4	75,600	68,189	12.2	12.2	11.0
Natural increase	-49	-381	-0.1	-0.7	-4,186	-1,255	-2.7	-0.8	-6,296	110	-1.2	-1.0	0.0
Marriages	1,974	2,212	3.8	4.2	5,055	4,993	3.3	3.7	37,194	36,041	5.5	6.0	5.8
Dissolutions	1,553	1,381	3.0	4.2	3,928	3,902	2.6	2.6	17,895	16,517	2.7	2.9	2.7
Infant deaths	42	40	7.3	7.2	120	104	7.4	6.5	401	434	5.8	5.8	6.3
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,178	6,190	....	....	6,178	6,190	....	....	6,156	6,172	6,181

* 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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