Provisional Vital Statistics for June 2006

Live births decreased in June as 6,511 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,748 one year earlier. Cumulative births increased for January-June, but decreased for the 12 months ending with June.

Deaths decreased in June as 3,904 Missourians died compared with 4,061 in June 2005. Cumulative deaths increased for the first half of 2006, but decreased for the 12 months ending with June.

The **Natural increase** in June was 2,607 (6,511 births minus 3,904 deaths). The natural increase rose slightly for the cumulative 6 and 12-month periods ending with June.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with June marriages decreased by 5.2 percent.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased in June, but increased for the cumulative 6 and 12-month periods ending with June. For the 12 months ending with June, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.89 to 1.77.

Infant deaths decreased slightly in June, but increased for the first half of the year. For the 12 months ending with June, the infant death rate decreased from 7.9 to 7.7 per 1,000 live births.

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	<u>June</u>				JanJun. cumulative				12 months ending with June				
<u>Item</u>	Number		Rate*		<u>Number</u>		Rate*		<u>Number</u>		Rate*		
	2005	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Live Births	6,748	6,511	14.1	14.1	39,070	40,399	13.5	13.9	78,555	77,966	13.5	13.6	13.4
Deaths	4,061	3,904	8.5	8.5	29,359	30,473	10.1	10.5	54,930	54,005	9.5	9.5	9.3
Natural increase	2,687	2,607	5.6	5.6	9,711	9,926	3.3	3.4	23,625	23,961	4.0	4.1	4.1
Marriages	5,166	4,338	10.8	9.4	19,279	17,458	6.6	6.0	40,965	38,854	7.0	7.1	6.7
Dissolutions	2,023	1,850	4.2	4.0	10,711	11,685	3.7	4.0	21,663	21,994	3.8	3.7	3.8
Infant deaths	58	54	8.6	8.3	316	338	8.1	8.4	620	604	7.1	7.9	7.7
Population base (in thousands)			5,800	5,840			5,800	5,840			5,738	5,780	5,820

^{*} Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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