## Provisional Vital Statistics for November 2006

Live births increased in November as 6,656 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,392 in November 2005. Cumulative births for the 11 and 12-month periods ending with November also increased. For January-November, births increased by 3.3 percent.

Deaths decreased slightly for all three time periods shown below. For January-November, deaths decreased by 0.9 percent.

The Natural increase for Missouri in November was 2,421 ( 6,656 births minus 4,235 deaths). For January-November, the natural increase rose 12.7 percent from 22,448 to 25,269.

Marriages decreased slightly for all three time periods shown below. For January-November, marriages decreased by 1.8 percent.

Dissolutions of marriage increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12-months ending with November, dissolutions increased by 4.2 percent.

Infant deaths increased slightly for all three time periods shown below, but the rate decreased for the cumulative 11 and 12-month periods ending with November. For January-November, the infant death rate decreased from 7.4 to 7.3 per 1,000 live births.

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| Item | November |  |  |  | Jan.-Nov. cumulative |  |  |  | 12 months ending with November |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Number |  | Rate* |  | Number |  | Rate* |  | Number |  | Rate* |  |  |
|  | $\underline{2005}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2005}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2005}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2005}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2005}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | $\underline{2005}$ | $\underline{2006}$ |
| Live Births............. | 6,392 | 6,656 | 13.4 | 13.9 | 71,936 | 74,320 | 13.6 | 13.9 | 78,496 | 80,931 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.9 |
| Deaths ................... | 4,333 | 4,235 |  | 8.8 | 49,488 | 49,051 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 54,228 | 53,887 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.2 |
| Natural increase .... | 2,059 | 2,421 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 22,448 | 25,269 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 24,268 | 27,044 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.6 |
| Marriages .............. | 2,410 | 2,397 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 38,386 | 37,709 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 40,925 | 39,998 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 6.9 |
| Dissolutions ........... | 1,695 | 1,724 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 19,265 | 20,338 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 21,196 | 22,093 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| Infant deaths .......... | 43 | 45 |  | 6.8 | 532 | 544 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 595 | 600 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.4 |
| Population base...... (in thousands) | ... | $\ldots$ | 5,800 | 5,840 |  | $\ldots$ | 5,800 | 5,840 | ... | ... | 5,755 | 5,797 | 5,837 |

* 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. 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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