

Provisional Vital Statistics for November 2008

Live births decreased in November as 5,965 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,633 one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 11- and 12-month periods ending with November also decreased. For January-November, births decreased by 1.5 percent.

Deaths increased for all three time periods shown below. For January-November deaths increased by 4.1 percent from 49,123 to 51,137.

The **Natural increase** in November was 1,532 (5,965 births minus 4,433 deaths). With the decrease in births and increase in deaths, the natural increase declined by 12.1 percent for January-November.

Marriages increased in November, but decreased for the cumulative 11- and 12-month periods ending with November.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with November, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.80 to 1.85.

Infant deaths decreased for all three time periods. For January-November, the infant death rate decreased from 7.6 to 6.9 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>November</u>				<u>Jan.-Nov. Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with November</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Live Births	6,633	5,965	13.7	12.3	75,116	73,982	14.0	13.7	81,959	80,753	13.9	14.0	13.6
Deaths	4,418	4,433	9.1	9.1	49,123	51,137	9.1	9.5	53,861	55,948	9.4	9.2	9.5
Natural increase	2,215	1,532	4.7	3.2	25,993	22,845	4.8	4.2	28,098	24,805	4.6	4.8	4.2
Marriages	2,539	2,761	5.4	5.7	37,816	37,620	7.1	6.9	40,461	40,209	6.9	6.9	6.8
Dissolutions	1,826	1,557	3.8	3.2	20,479	19,993	3.8	3.8	22,325	21,737	3.8	3.8	3.7
Infant deaths	39	25	5.9	4.2	571	513	7.6	6.9	613	555	7.6	7.5	6.9
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,878	5,912	...	...	5,878	5,912	...	...	5,829	5,874	5,916

* 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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