

Provisional Vital Statistics for February 2019

Live Births decreased in February as 5,285 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,470 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 2-month and 12-month periods also decreased. For January-February, births decreased from 11,537 to 11,181.

Deaths decreased in February as 5,072 Missourians died compared with 5,418 in February 2018. Deaths also decreased for the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For January-February, there were 10,655 Missouri resident deaths compared with 12,092 for the similar time period in 2018.

The **Natural Increase** in February for Missourians was 213 (5,285 births minus 5,072 deaths). The natural increase rose for both the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For the 12 months ending with February, the natural increase rose from 10,628 to 11,264.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-February, marriages decreased from 3,120 to 2,974.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased for all three time periods. For January-February, dissolutions decreased from 2,766 to 2,483. For the 12 months ending with February, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.10 to 2.16.

Infant Deaths increased in February as 42 Missouri infants died compared with 27 in February of 2018. For the 12 months ending with February, the infant death rate decreased from 6.3 to 6.2 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>February</u>				<u>Jan. — Feb Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with February</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Live Births	5,470	5,285	11.6	11.2	11,537	11,181	11.6	11.3	73,244	72,925	12.2	12.0	11.9
Deaths	5,418	5,072	11.5	10.8	12,092	10,655	12.2	10.7	62,616	61,661	10.0	10.2	10.1
Natural increase	52	213	0.1	0.5	-555	526	0.6	0.5	10,628	11,264	1.7	1.7	1.8
Marriages	1,610	1,458	3.4	3.1	3,120	2,974	3.2	3.0	40,018	39,546	6.8	6.5	6.5
Dissolutions	1,343	1,176	2.9	2.5	2,766	2,483	2.8	2.5	19,064	18,347	3.3	3.1	3.0
Infant deaths	27	42	4.9	7.9	73	64	6.3	5.7	458	450	6.5	6.3	6.2
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,126	6,140	....	....	6,126	6,140	....	....	6,091	6,112	6,128

* 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. 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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