

Provisional Vital Statistics for September 2021

Live Births increased slightly in September as 5,988 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,923 born one year earlier. However, births decreased for the cumulative 9- and 12-month periods ending with September. For January-September, births decreased by 1.4 percent from 52,768 to 52,034.

Deaths increased in September as 6,314 Missourians died compared with 5,948 in September 2020. Deaths also increased for the cumulative 9- and 12-month periods ending with September. For January-September, there were 54,571 Missouri resident deaths or 6.5 percent more than the 51,220 deaths for the similar time period in 2020.

The **Natural Increase** in September for Missourians was actually a decrease of 326 (5,988 births minus 6,314 deaths). There was also a natural decrease for both the 9- and 12-month periods ending with September. For the 12 months ending with September, the natural decrease was 8,691 compared to an increase of 3,715 in 2020.

Marriages decreased slightly in September, but increased for the cumulative 9- and 12-month time periods ending with September. For the 12 months ending with September, marriages increased by 13.8 percent from 33,025 to 37,590.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased in September, but increased for the two cumulative time periods shown in the table below. For the 12 months ending with September, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.00 to 2.09.

Infant Deaths in September totaled 27 Missouri infants, the same as the number that died in September of 2020. For the 12 months ending with September, the infant death rate increased 5.6 to 6.0 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>September</u>				<u>Jan. — Sept. Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with September</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Live Births	5,923	5,988	11.7	11.8	52,768	52,034	11.5	11.3	70,562	68,543	11.8	11.5	11.1
Deaths	5,948	6,314	11.8	12.5	51,220	54,571	11.1	11.8	66,847	77,234	10.1	10.9	12.5
Natural increase	-25	-326	0.0	-0.6	1,548	-2,537	0.3	-0.5	3,715	-8,691	1.7	0.6	-1.4
Marriages	4,271	4,266	8.5	8.4	23,038	26,203	5.0	5.7	33,025	37,590	6.0	5.4	6.1
Dissolutions	1,509	1,414	3.0	2.8	11,971	13,573	2.6	2.9	16,519	18,008	2.9	2.7	2.9
Infant deaths	27	27	4.6	4.5	288	305	5.5	5.9	392	409	6.0	5.6	6.0
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,155	6,168	....	....	6,155	6,168	....	....	6,136	6,150	6,164

* 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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