

## Provisional Vital Statistics for November 2023

**Live Births** increased slightly in November as 5,589 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,579 born one year earlier. However, births decreased for cumulative 11- and 12-month periods ending with November. For January-November, births decreased by 2.3 percent from 63,017 to 61,597.

**Deaths** decreased in November as 5,446 Missourians died compared with 5,841 in November 2022. Deaths also decreased for the 11- and 12-month periods ending with November. For January-November, there were 60,394 Missouri resident deaths or 7.1 percent less than the 64,996 deaths for the similar time period in 2022.

The **Natural Increase** in November for Missourians was 143 (5,589 births minus 5,446 deaths). There was a natural increase of 1,203 for January-November. For the 12 months ending with November, there was a slight natural increase of 360 compared to a decrease of 3,184 one year earlier.

**Marriages** decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with November, marriages decreased by 6.2 percent from 36,218 to 33,979.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** also decreased for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with November, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.17 in 2022 to 2.09.

**Infant Deaths** decreased in November as 32 Missouri infants died compared with 36 in November of 2022. For the 11 months ending with November, the infant death rate decreased from 6.6 to 5.9 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 Nov.</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	5,579	5,589	11.0	11.0	63,017	61,597	11.1	10.9	68,731	67,534	11.2	11.1	10.9
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,841	5,446	11.5	10.7	64,996	60,394	11.5	10.7	71,915	67,174	12.2	11.6	10.8
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	-262	143	-0.5	0.3	-1,979	1,203	-0.4	0.2	-3,184	360	-1.0	-0.5	0.1
<b>Marriages</b> .....	2,504	2,215	4.9	4.3	33,782	31,658	6.0	5.6	36,218	33,979	6.0	5.9	5.5
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,314	1,293	2.6	2.5	15,108	14,848	2.7	2.6	16,663	16,283	3.0	2.7	2.6
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	36	32	6.5	5.7	419	364	6.6	5.9	437	395	5.9	6.4	5.8
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	6,177	6,196	....	....	6,177	6,196	....	....	6,166	6,177	6,192

\* 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.

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