

Domain: Vital statistics

## Vital statistics in February and March 2020 in the framework of the health crisis

- In the months of February and March of this year, the vital events generally followed the trends of the previous years.
- The number of recorded deaths decreased in February 2020 compared to January 2020 and increased in March 2020 compared to February 2020.
- The number of recorded marriages and the number of recorded divorces rose in February 2020 compared to January 2020 but dropped in March 2020 compared to February 2020.

### February and March 2020 compared to January and February 2020

#### Birth rate, death rate and natural increase<sup>1</sup>

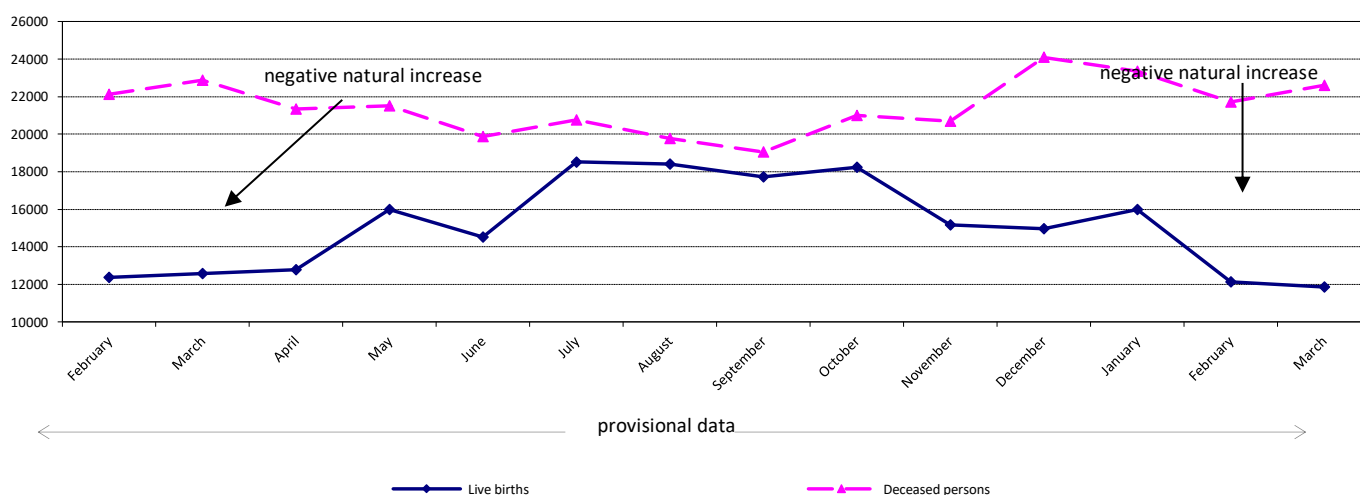
The **births** of 11857 children were recorded in March 2020, 270 less than in February 2020, and the **births** of 12127 children were recorded in February 2020, 3844 less than in January 2020.

The number of persons whose **deaths** were recorded in March 2020 was 22591, 892 more than in February 2020, and the number of **deaths of children under 1 year** recorded during the same period was 83, 19 less than in February 2020.

In February 2020, the number of recorded **deaths** was 21699, 1653 less than in January 2020, and the number of **deaths of children under 1 year** recorded in February 2020 was 102, 11 more than in January 2020.

The **natural increase** was negative both in March 2020, with an excess of deaths of 10734 over live births, and in February 2020, with an excess of deaths of 9572 over live births.

Evolution of the number of live births and deceased persons  
from February 2019 to March 2020



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<sup>1</sup> The data for the vital events of 2019 and the months of 2020 are provisional.

Evolution of the number of live births and deceased persons  
in January-March 2011-2020



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The number of live births and deceased persons recorded in February 2020 follows the general trend of the last 10 years. Since March 2020, the health crisis has begun to have an effect on the vital events, through slightly sharper drops as compared to the previous year.

### Marriage rate and divorce rate<sup>1</sup>

4053 **marriages** were recorded at Register Offices in March 2020, 1811 less than in February 2020, when 5864 **marriages** were recorded, 1508 more than in January 2020.

1889 **divorces** were formally pronounced by final court decree and in accordance with Law No 202/2010 in March 2020, 295 less than in February 2020.

In February 2020, the number of **divorces** pronounced according to the legislation in force was 2184, 1348 more than in January 2020.



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## February and March 2020 compared to February and March 2019<sup>1</sup>

### Birth rate, death rate and natural increase

The number of **live births** fell by 702 in March 2020 compared to the same month of 2019 and decreased by 247 in February 2020 compared to the same month of 2019.

The number of persons who **died** was smaller by 298 in March 2020 than in March 2019 and lower by 411 in February 2020 than in February 2019.

The **natural increase** was negative both in February and March 2020, and in February and March 2019.

The number of **children under 1 year who died** was smaller by 21 in March 2020 than the one recorded in March 2019 and greater by 19 in February 2020 than the one recorded in February 2019.

### Marriage rate and divorce rate

The number of **marriages** decreased by 2170 in March 2020 compared to the same month of the previous year and increased by 577 in February 2020 compared to February 2019.

877 less **divorces** than in March 2019 were formally pronounced by final court decree and in accordance with Law No 202/2010 in March 2020, and 176 less **divorces** than in February 2019 were pronounced in February 2020.

*For a complete characterisation of the vital events recorded in February and March 2020, in the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic, one needs to take into account that the provisions of the military ordinances introduced certain limitations as far as the organisation of events with more than 3 persons attending is concerned, limited the travels outside the dwelling and outside the locality, suspended the activities in closed spaces, made the Union of Notaries Public extend the deadlines for the pending divorce files until after the state of emergency ends. Furthermore, the data need to be interpreted in correlation with the information from administrative sources, especially the information published by the Ministry of Health, through the National Institute of Public Health.*

### Additional information:

**Natural increase** represents the difference between the number of live births and the number of deceased persons during the reference period. For an accurate interpretation of the indicators, please see the [Methodological explanations attached to the press release on the homepage.](#)

The next press release on vital statistics will be issued on 11 June 2020.

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