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Population and demographic phenomena
in March 2010

March compared to February 2010

Birth rate, death rate and natural increase

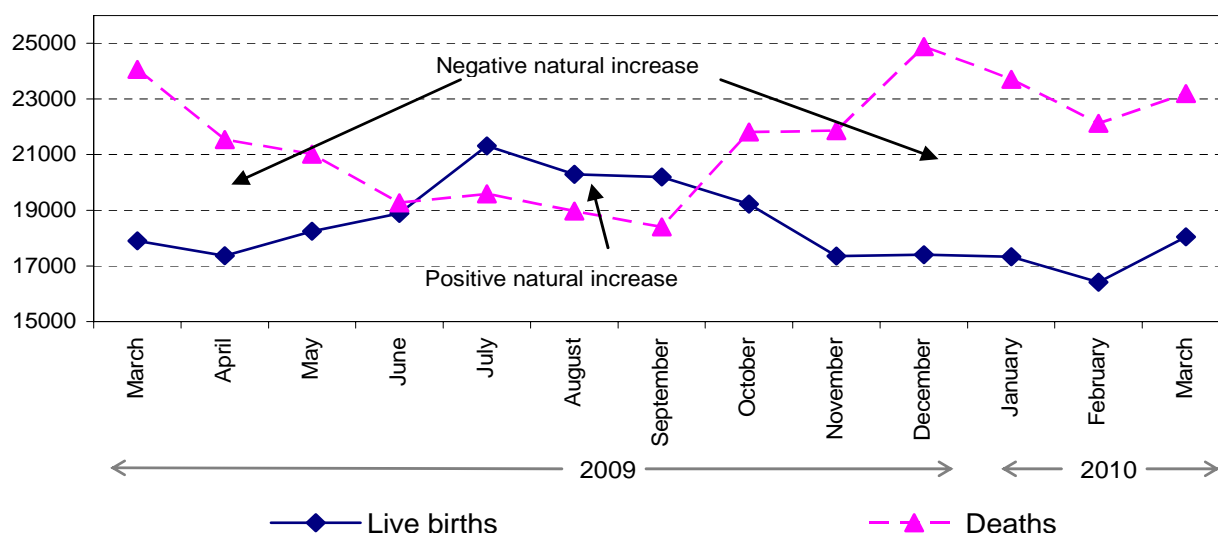
In March 18048 children were **born** (9.9 live births per 1000 inhabitants), 1630 more than in February.

The number of people who **died** in March was 23198 (12.7 deaths per 1000 inhabitants), 1072 deaths more than in February.

The excess of deaths over live births – **negative natural increase** – led to a drop of 5150 in the population in March, while in February the population fell by 5708.

The **number of children under one year who died** in March was 215 (11.9 children under one year per 1000 live births), an increase compared to February (10.8 children under one year per 1000 live births).

Evolution of the number of live births and deaths
during the period March 2009 - March 2010



Marriage rate and divorce rate

3613 **marriages** were recorded at register offices (2.0 marriages per 1000 inhabitants), a decrease of 1102 compared to the previous month.

3191 **divorces** were granted by final court decision (1.75 divorces per 1000 inhabitants), 424 more than in February.

Evolution of the number of marriages and divorces during the period March 2009 - March 2010



March 2010 compared to March 2009

Birth rate, death rate and natural increase

The number of **live births** rose by 144 in March 2010 compared to the same month of 2009, and the number of people who **died** was smaller by 860 than in March 2009.

In March 2010 the **population** decreased by 5150 people, while in March 2009 it dropped by 6154 people.

The number of **children under one year who died** in March 2010 was higher by 29 than in March 2009.

Marriage rate and divorce rate

The number of **marriages** fell by 523 in March 2010 compared to the same month of the previous year. 234 less **divorces** were granted by final court decision in March 2010 than in March 2009.

Note: The demographic data for 2009 are final, and the ones for 2010 are provisional.

The **next press release** will be issued on Wednesday, June 9, 2010.