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Population and demographic phenomena in May 2010

May compared to April 2010

Birth rate, death rate and natural increase

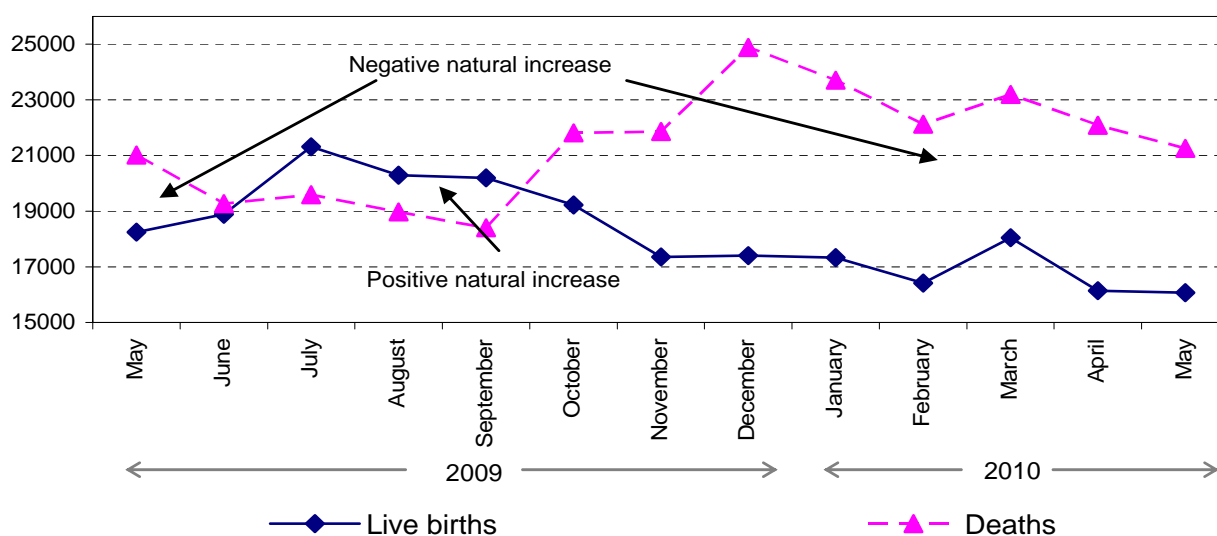
In May 16076 children were **born** (8.8 live births per 1000 inhabitants), 67 less than in April.

The number of people who **died** in May was 21257 (11.7 deaths per 1000 inhabitants), 827 deaths less than in April.

The excess of deaths over live births – **negative natural increase** – led to a drop of 5181 in the population in May, while in April the population fell by 5941.

The number of **children under one year who died** in May was 148 (9.2 children under one year per 1000 live births), a decrease compared to April (9.7 children under one year per 1000 live births).

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

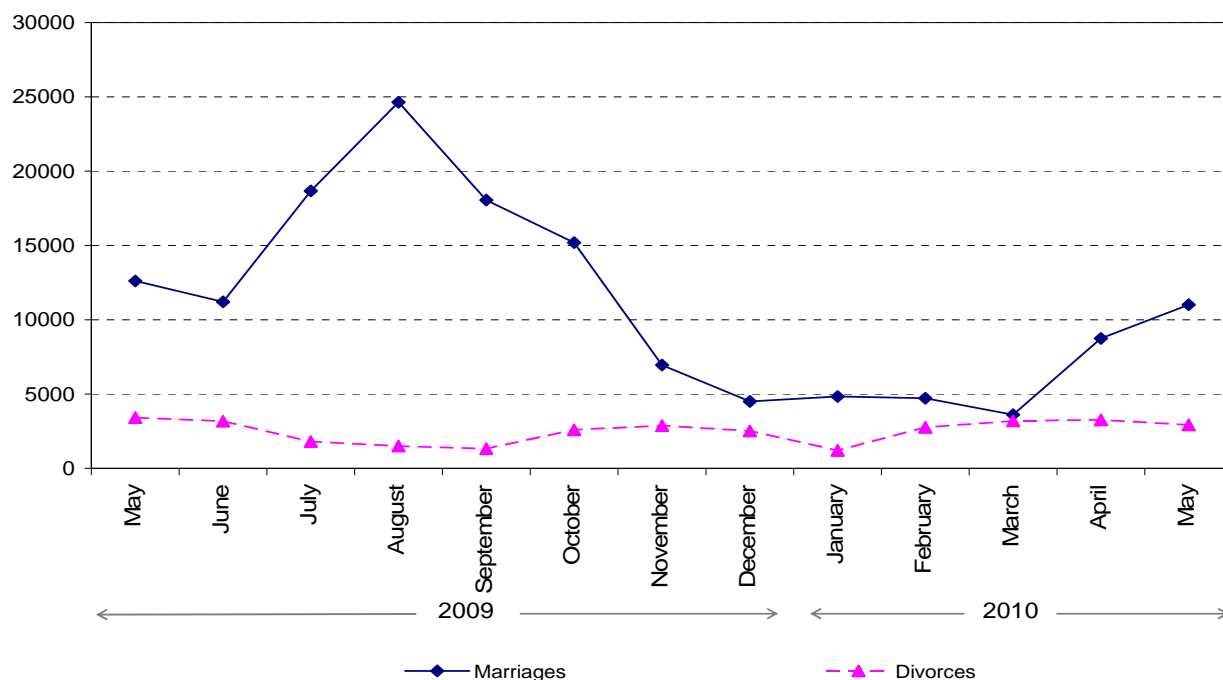


Marriage rate and divorce rate

11008 **marriages** were recorded at register offices (6.0 marriages per 1000 inhabitants), an increase of 2265 compared to the previous month.

2929 **divorces** were granted by final court decision (1.61 divorces per 1000 inhabitants), 335 less than in April.

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



May 2010 compared to May 2009

Birth rate, death rate and natural increase

The number of **live births** fell by 2173 in May 2010 compared to the same month of 2009, and the number of people who **died** was higher by 243 than in May 2009.

In May 2010 the **population** decreased by 5181 people, while in May 2009 it dropped by 2765 people.

The number of **children under one year who died** in May 2010 was smaller by 34 than in May 2009.

Marriage rate and divorce rate

The number of **marriages** fell by 1607 in May 2010 compared to the same month of the previous year. 485 less **divorces** were granted by final court decision in May 2010 than in May 2009.

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

The **next press release** will be issued on August 10, 2010.