



## PRESS RELEASE

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#### Population and demographic phenomena in the year 2007 and in December 2007

***The decrease in population also continued in 2007, following the tendency of the recent years.***

*In 2007, the birth rate was on a downward trend compared to 2006; the general death rate and the infant death rate decreased; the number of marriages and divorces increased in 2007 compared to 2006.*

#### **2007 compared to 2006**

##### ***Birth rate, death rate and natural increase***

In 2007, 213.6 thousand children were **born**, 5.9 thousand less than in the previous year; the birth rate was 9.9 live births per 1000 inhabitants.

In 2007, 252.1 thousand **deaths** were recorded, 6.0 thousand less than in the previous year, the general death rate falling to 11.7 deaths per 1000 inhabitants (12.0‰ in 2006).

The infant death rate (deaths under 1 year per 1000 live births) experienced a decrease: 12.0‰ in 2007 compared to 13.9‰ in 2006, due to the reduction in the number of **deaths under 1 year** from 3052 to 2571.

The **natural increase** was -38.5 thousand people in 2007, compared to -38.6 thousand people in 2006; the natural increase rate remained unchanged compared to 2006, namely -1.8 people per 1000 inhabitants.

In 2007, one thousand **still births** were recorded, 138 cases less than in the previous year, the death rate falling to 4.7 still births per 1000 live+still births (5.2‰ in 2006).

The decreasing trend in the population number was maintained due to the negative values of the natural increase; thus, on December 31, 2007, the **Romanian population** was estimated at 21.53 million people. On January 1, 2007, Romania's population numbered 21.57 million people.

##### ***Marriage rate and divorce rate***

In 2007, the number of **marriages** was 189.2 thousand, 42.6 thousand more than in the previous year, due to the adoption of Law No. 396 / 30.10.2006 on the granting of financial support for starting a family; the marriage rate was 8.8 marriages per 1000 inhabitants, compared to 6.8‰ in 2006.

In 2007, 33.2 thousand **divorces** were granted, up by 0.6 thousand cases compared to 2006, with the divorce rate being 1.54 divorces per 1000 inhabitants in the reference year, compared to 1.51‰ in the previous year.

## Demographic phenomena in 2007 compared to 2006

	2006		2007	
	Absolute data	Rates per 1000 inhabitants	Absolute data	Rates per 1000 inhabitants
Birth rate	219483	10.2	213625	9.9
Death rate	258094	12.0	252097	11.7
Infant death rate	3052	13.9 <sup>1)</sup>	2571	12.0 <sup>1)</sup>
Natural increase	-38611	-1.8	-38472	-1.8
Marriage rate	146637	6.8	189226	8.8
Divorce rate	32672	1.51	33236	1.54
Still births	1143	5.2 <sup>2)</sup>	1005	4.7 <sup>2)</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> deaths under 1 year per 1000 live births

<sup>2)</sup> still births per 1000 live+still births

### December 2007 compared to November 2007

#### Birth rate, death rate and natural increase

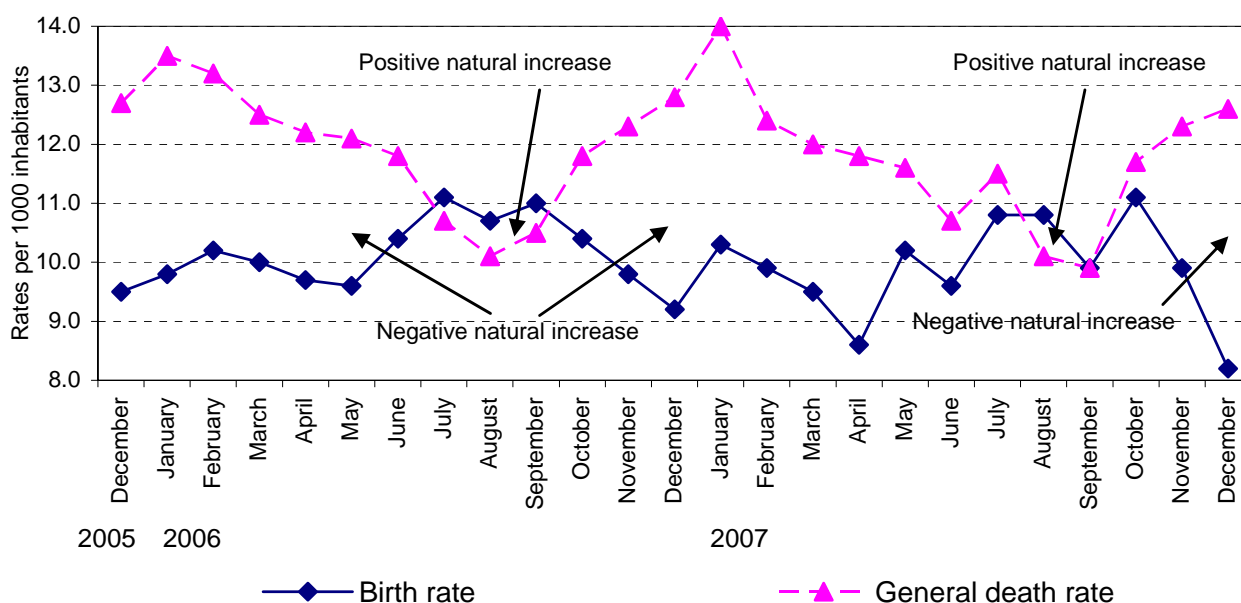
In December, 15065 children were **born**, 2.4 thousand less than in the previous month, leading to a decrease in the birth rate from 8.2 live births per 1000 inhabitants to 9.9‰ in November.

The death rate increased from 12.3 deaths per 1000 inhabitants in November to 12.6‰ in December, when 23084 **deaths** were recorded, 1.4 thousand people more than in the previous month.

The **infant death rate** (deaths under 1 year per 1000 live births) experienced an increase: 13.9‰ in December compared to 11.0‰ in November.

The **natural increase** (number of live births minus number of deaths) was **negative** and rose from -4.2 thousand people in November to -8.0 thousand people in December.

**Evolution of birth rate and general death rate during the period December 2005 - December 2007**



### Marriage rate and divorce rate

6613 **marriages** were recorded at registry offices, decreasing by 3.9 thousand compared to the previous month, with a marriage rate of 3.6 marriages per 1000 inhabitants (compared to 6.0‰ in November).

3146 **divorces** were granted by final court decision, up by 0.4 thousand cases, with the divorce rate being 1.72 divorces per 1000 inhabitants in December, compared to 1.57‰ in the previous month.

**Evolution of marriage rate and divorce rate during the period December 2005 – December 2007**



### December 2007 compared to December 2006

#### Birth rate, death rate and natural increase

Compared to December 2006, the number of **live births** dropped by 1.9 thousand children, leading to a decrease in the birth rate from 9.2‰ to 8.2‰.

The number of **deaths** fell by 439 people compared to December 2006, and the death rate dropped from 12.8 deaths per 1000 inhabitants to 12.6‰.

Compared to December of the previous year, the infant death rate decreased from 14.1 to 13.9 **deaths under 1 year** per 1000 live births.

The **natural increase** in December 2007 and December 2006 was **negative** (-8.0 thousand people and -6.6 thousand people respectively), and the natural increase rates were -4.4 people per 1000 inhabitants in December 2007 and -3.6‰ in December 2006 respectively.

#### Marriage rate and divorce rate

The **marriage rate** was 3.6 marriages per 1000 inhabitants in December 2007, compared to 2.7‰ in December 2006. The rise in the number of **divorces** led to an increase in the divorce rate from 1.48 to 1.72 divorces per 1000 inhabitants.

**Note:** The demographic data for the year 2007 and November and December 2007 are provisional, and the data for 2006 are final.

The next press release will be issued on Monday, March 17, 2008.