Provisional Vital Statistics for June 2007

Live births increased in June as 6,974 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,758 one year earlier. Births also increased for the cumulative 6-and 12 month periods ending with June. For the 12 months ending with June, births increased by 2.5 percent.

Deaths decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the first half of the year, deaths decreased by 2.1 percent.

The **Natural increase** for June was 2,974 (6,974 births minus 4,000 deaths). The natural increase rose for all three time periods shown below.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with June, marriages decreased by 3.5 percent.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased in June and January-June, but increased for the 12 months ending with June. The marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.87 to 1.77 for the 12 months ending with June.

Infant deaths decreased for all three periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with June, the infant death rate decreased from 7.5 to 7.1 per 1.000 live births.

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	<u>June</u>				JanJun. cumulative				12 months ending with June				
<u>Item</u>	Number		Rate*		<u>Number</u>		Rate*		<u>Number</u>		Rate*		
	2006	2007	<u>2006</u>	2007	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	2007	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	2007
Live Births	6,758	6,974	14.1	15.4	39,519	39,706	13.6	13.8	79,568	81,540	13.5	13.7	13.9
Deaths	4,194	4,000	8.7	8.9	27,743	27,162	9.6	9.4	54,022	53,895	9.4	9.3	9.2
Natural increase	2,564	2,974	5.3	6.6	11,776	12,544	4.1	4.4	25,546	27,645	4.1	4.4	4.7
Marriages	5,092	4,808	10.6	10.7	19,055	17,687	6.6	6.1	40,451	39,031	7.1	6.9	6.7
Dissolutions	2,104	1,878	4.4	4.2	11,345	11,068	3.9	3.8	21,654	22,071	3.7	3.7	3.7
Infant deaths	53	32	7.8	4.6	299	275	7.6	6.9	597	575	7.6	7.5	7.1
Population base (in thousands)			5,843	5,885			5,843	5,885			5,779	5,821	5,861

^{*} Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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