## **Provisional Vital Statistics for July 2013**

**Live Births** decreased slightly in July as 6,745 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,773 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July also both decreased slightly. For January-July, births decreased by 0.9 percent from 43,280 to 42,906.

**Deaths** decreased in July as 4,410 Missourians died compared with 4,533 in July, 2012. However, deaths increased for the 7-and 12-month periods ending with July. For January-July, there was a 4.3 percent increase in Missouri resident deaths from 32,468 to 33,852.

The **Natural Increase** in July for Missourians was 2,335 (6,745 births minus 4,410 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For the 12 months ending with July, the natural increase declined by 11.6 percent from 20,203 to 17,859.

**Marriages** increased slightly in July, but decreased for the cumulative 7- and 12- month periods ending with July. For January-July, marriages decreased by 2.1 percent from 21,727 to 21.281.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-July, dissolutions decreased by 8.0 percent from 13,300 to 12,242. For the 12 months ending with July, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.71 to 1.81

**Infant Deaths** increased slightly in July as 31 Missouri infants died compared with 30 in July of 2012. Infant deaths decreased for the first seven months of the year, as well as for the 12 months ending with July. The infant death rate for January-July decreased from 6.7 to 6.3 per 1,000 live births.

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	<u>July</u>					January-July Cumulative				12 months ending with July				
<u>Item</u>	Number		Rate*		<u>Number</u>		Rate*		<u>Number</u>		Rate*			
	2012	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	
Live Births	6,773	6,745	13.3	13.2	43,280	42,906	12.3	12.2	75,502	75,026	12.7	12.6	12.4	
Deaths	4,553	4,410	8.9	8.6	32,468	33,852	9.3	9.7	55,299	57,167	9.3	9.2	9.5	
Natural increase	2,240	2,335	4.4	4.6	10,812	9,054	3.1	2.6	20,203	17,859	3.4	3.4	3.0	
Marriages	3,452	3,510	6.8	6.8	21,727	21,281	6.2	6.1	39,277	38,932	6.5	6.5	6.5	
Dissolutions	1,853	1,719	3.6	3.4	13,300	12,242	3.8	3.5	22,980	21,495	3.9	3.8	3.6	
Infant deaths	30	31	4.4	4.6	292	272	6.7	6.3	485	476	6.3	6.4	6.3	
Population base			6,022	6,035			6,022	6,035			6,001	6,016	6,029	
(in thousands)														

<sup>\*</sup> Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 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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