

Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2014

Live Births increased in January as 6,207 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,077 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for 12-month period ending with January show a slight decrease from 75,579 in 2013 to 75,374 in 2014. The provisional count for 2013 of 75,244 represents the sixth consecutive year of decreasing Missouri births.

Deaths decreased sharply in January as 5,225 Missourians died compared with 5,754 in January, 2013. This decrease probably reflects an influenza outbreak in early 2013. Cumulative deaths for the 12 months ending with January show a slight increase, from 56,518 to 56,699.

The **Natural Increase** in January was 982 (6,207 births minus 5,225 deaths). For the 12 months ending with January, the natural increase declined from 19,061 to 18,675. The provisional 2013 natural increase of 17,984 is lowest in 40 years.

Marriages increased in January and decreased for the 12 months ending with January. For the 12 months ending with January, marriages decreased from 39,390 to 38,980.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased slightly in January as 1,514 couples divorced compared with 1,751 one year earlier. For the 12 months ending with January, dissolutions decreased by 9.3 percent from 22,526 to 20,421. For the 12 months ending with January, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.75 to 1.91.

Infant Deaths decreased for the 12 months ending with January from 500 to 470. For the 12 months ending with January, the infant death rate decreased from 6.6 to 6.2 per 1,000 live births.

PROVISIONAL RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

<u>Item</u>	<u>January</u>				<u>12 months ending with January</u>								<u>Provisional</u>	
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>			<u>Rate*</u>					<u>2013</u>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Live Births	6,077	6,207	11.8	12.1	75,899	75,579	75,374	12.8	12.6	12.5	12.5	75,244	12.4	
Deaths	5,754	5,225	11.2	10.1	55,534	56,518	56,669	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	57,260	9.5	
Natural increase	323	982	0.6	1.9	20,365	19,061	18,675	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.1	17,984	3.0	
Marriages	1,462	1,510	2.8	2.9	39,297	39,390	38,980	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	38,932	6.4	
Dissolutions	1,751	1,514	3.4	2.9	23,305	22,526	20,421	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.4	20,658	3.4	
Infant deaths	48	32	7.9	5.2	475	500	470	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.2	489	6.5	
Population base (in thousands)			6,022	6,035				5,991	6,011	6,026	6,046		6,044	

* 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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