## **Provisional Vital Statistics for July 2014**

**Live Births** decreased in July as 6,550 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,778 born one year earlier. However, cumulative births for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July both increased slightly. For January-July, births increased by 0.4 percent from 43,013 to 43,190.

**Deaths** increased in July as 4,603 Missourians died compared with 4,432 in July, 2013. However, deaths decreased slightly for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For January-July, there were 33,692 Missouri resident deaths compared with 33,927 for the similar time period in 2013 for a decrease of 0.7 percent.

The **Natural Increase** in July for Missourians was 1,947 (6,550 births minus 4,603 deaths). The natural increase rose for both the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For the 12 months ending with July, the natural increase rose from 17,891 to 18,400.

**Marriages** increased for all three time periods shown below. For January-July, marriages increased by 4.0 percent from 21,358 to 22,215.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-July, dissolutions decreased by 7.1 percent from 12,394 to 11,514. For the 12 months ending with July, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.80 to 2.01.

**Infant Deaths** increased in July as 50 Missouri infants died compared with 34 in July of 2013. However, for the 12 months ending with July, the infant death rate decreased from 6.5 to 6.1 per 1,000 live births.

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July					January– July Cumulative				12 months ending with July				
<u>Item</u>	Number		Rate*		<u>Number</u>		Rate*		<u>Number</u>		Rate*		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Live Births	6,778	6,550	13.2	12.7	43,013	43,190	12.3	12.3	75,133	75,421	12.5	12.4	12.5
Deaths	4,432	4,603	8.6	8.9	33,927	33,692	9.7	9.6	57,242	57,021	9.2	9.5	9.4
Natural increase	2,346	1,947	4.6	3.8	9,086	9,498	2.6	2.7	17,891	18,400	3.4	3.0	3.0
Marriages	3,524	3,547	6.9	6.9	21,358	22,215	6.1	6.3	39,009	39,841	6.5	6.5	6.6
Dissolutions	1,765	1,688	3.4	3.3	12,394	11,514	3.5	3.3	21,647	19,804	3.8	3.6	3.3
Infant deaths	34	50	5.0	7.6	286	255	6.6	5.9	490	457	6.4	6.5	6.1
Population base			6,044	6,063			6,044	6,063			6,020	6,035	6,055
(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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