

## PREFACE

This report presents the final tabulation of statistical data relating to vital events in Missouri during 2008. Data for the year of the report were accepted through April 17, 2009, allowing information reflecting events in 2008 to be as complete as possible.

*Missouri Vital Statistics 2008* is published for use in public health and related fields as an aid for studying births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, dissolutions, and abortions. This document along with additional vital statistics data are available on the Department of Health and Senior Services website at [health.mo.gov](http://health.mo.gov) under Data, Surveillance Systems and Statistical Reports.

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