PREFACE

This report presents the final tabulation of statistical data relating to vital events in Missouri during 2009. Data for the year of the report were accepted through April 16, 2010, allowing information reflecting events in 2009 to be as complete as possible.

*Missouri Vital Statistics 2009* 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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