

## Provisional Vital Statistics for December 2013

**Live Births** increased slightly in December as 6,410 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,145 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for calendar year 2013 also showed a slight decrease from 75,400 in 2012 to 75,244 in 2013. This is the lowest state birth count since 2002.

**Deaths** decreased in December as 5,000 Missourians died compared with 5,093 in December, 2012. Deaths increased by 2.6 percent in 2013, from 55,783 to 57,228, which is the highest resident death count in state recorded history.

The **Natural Increase** in December for Missourians was 1,410 (6,410 births minus 5,000 deaths). In 2013 the natural increase declined by 8.2 percent from 19,617 to 18,016, which is the lowest natural increase in forty years.

**Marriages** decreased in December, and also decreased slightly for the total year from 39,378 in 2012 to 38,932 in 2013.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** decreased in December as well as for the entire year. Dissolutions decreased by 8.4 percent in 2013 from 22,553 to 20,658, the lowest state count since 1971. In 2013 the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.75 to 1.88.

**Infant Deaths** in December increased as 48 Missouri infants died compared with 44 in December 2012. For 2013, the infant death rate decreased slightly from 6.6 in 2012 to 6.5 per 1,000 live births.

### PROVISIONAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI 2013

<u>Item</u>	<u>December</u>				<u>12 months ending with December</u>									
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>				<u>Rate*</u>					
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	
<b>Live Births</b> .....	6,145	6,410	12.0	12.5	76,718	76,069	75,400	75,244	13.2	12.8	12.7	12.5	12.4	
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,093	5,000	10.0	9.7	55,054	55,599	55,783	57,228	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.5	
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	1,052	1,410	2.1	2.7	21,664	20,470	19,670	18,016	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.0	
<b>Marriages</b> .....	2,792	2,406	5.5	4.7	38,998	39,482	39,378	38,932	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.4	
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,829	1,621	3.6	3.2	23,349	23,272	22,553	20,658	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.4	
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	44	48	7.2	7.5	504	482	496	486	7.2	6.6	6.3	6.6	6.5	
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)			6,025	6,044					5,960	5,989	6,010	6,025	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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