

Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2014

Live Births increased in March as 6,212 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,174 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March also both increased. For January-March, births increased by 2.3 percent from 17,781 to 18,185.

Deaths decreased slightly in March as 5,141 Missourians died compared with 5,187 in March, 2013. Deaths also decreased for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, there were 14,889 Missouri resident deaths compared with 15,747 for the similar time period in 2013 for an decrease of 5.4 percent.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was 1,071 (6,212 births minus 5,141 deaths). The natural increase rose for both the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the natural increase rose from 18,304 to 19,278.

Marriages decreased in March, but increased slightly for the cumulative 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, marriages increased from 5,759 to 5,949.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-March, dissolutions decreased by 9.6 percent from 4,968 to 4,493. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.77 to 1.94.

Infant Deaths increased slightly in March as 41 Missouri infants died compared with 37 in March of 2013. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate decreased from 6.6 to 6.3 per 1,000 live births.

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| <u>Item</u> | <u>March</u> | | | | <u>January-March Cumulative</u> | | | | <u>12 months ending with March</u> | | | | |
|--|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>Number</u> | | <u>Rate*</u> | | <u>Number</u> | | <u>Rate*</u> | | <u>Number</u> | | <u>Rate*</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>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
| Live Births | 6,174 | 6,212 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 17,781 | 18,185 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 75,171 | 75,648 | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| Deaths | 5,187 | 5,141 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 15,747 | 14,889 | 10.6 | 10.0 | 56,867 | 56,370 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.3 |
| Natural increase | 987 | 1,071 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2,034 | 3,296 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 18,304 | 19,278 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Marriages | 2,596 | 2,546 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5,759 | 5,949 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 38,994 | 39,174 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| Dissolutions | 1,822 | 1,629 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 4,968 | 4,493 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 22,076 | 20,209 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| Infant deaths | 37 | 41 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 118 | 112 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 498 | 480 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.3 |
| Population base (in thousands) | | | 6,044 | 6,063 | | | 6,044 | 6,063 | | | 6,013 | 6,029 | 6,049 |

* 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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