

The vital events for the year 2013 analyzed in this report include birth, death, and fetal death certificates that were received on or before May 6th, 2014. The same cutoff date is used for abortion reporting forms received from providers, as well as counts of marriages and dissolutions of marriage reported by the Clerk of the Superior Court in each county in which the marriage or divorce occurred.

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