

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Vital statistics
in December 2014**

For an accurate interpretation of the results, please see the methodological specifications on page 3 of the press release.

December 2014 compared to November 2014¹**Birth rate, death rate and natural increase**

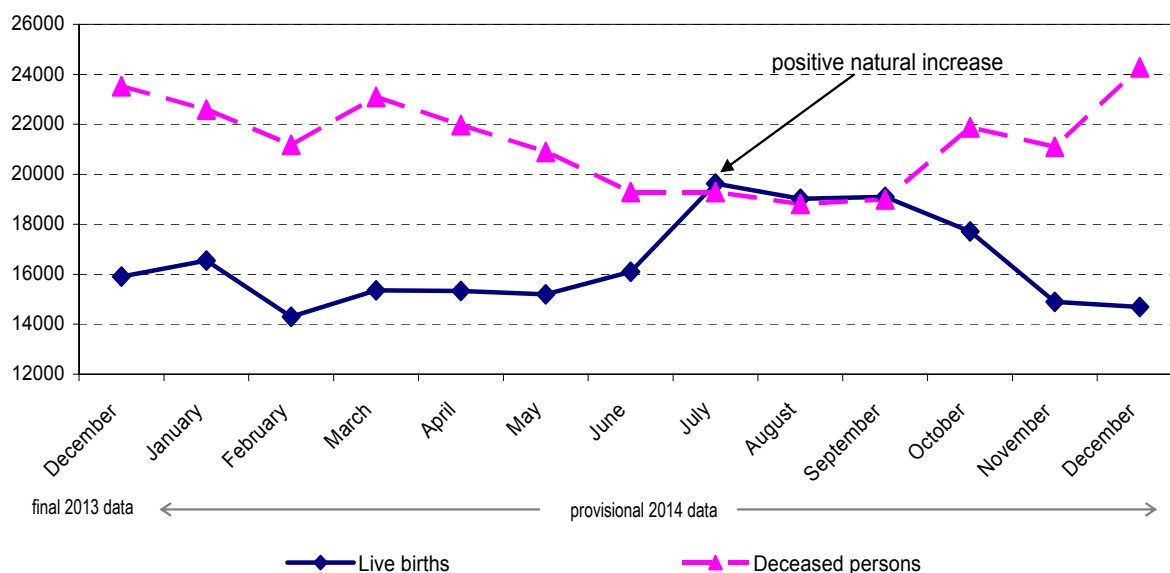
In December, the **births** of 14697 children were recorded, 200 less than in November 2014.

The number of persons whose **deaths** were recorded in December was 24276, 3179 more than in November 2014.

The **natural increase** was negative (an excess of deceased persons over live births) both in December (9579 persons) and in November (6200 persons).

The number of **deaths of children under one year** recorded in December was 138, an increase of 24 compared to November (114 deceased persons under 1 year).

Evolution of the number of live births and deceased persons
during the period December 2013-December 2014



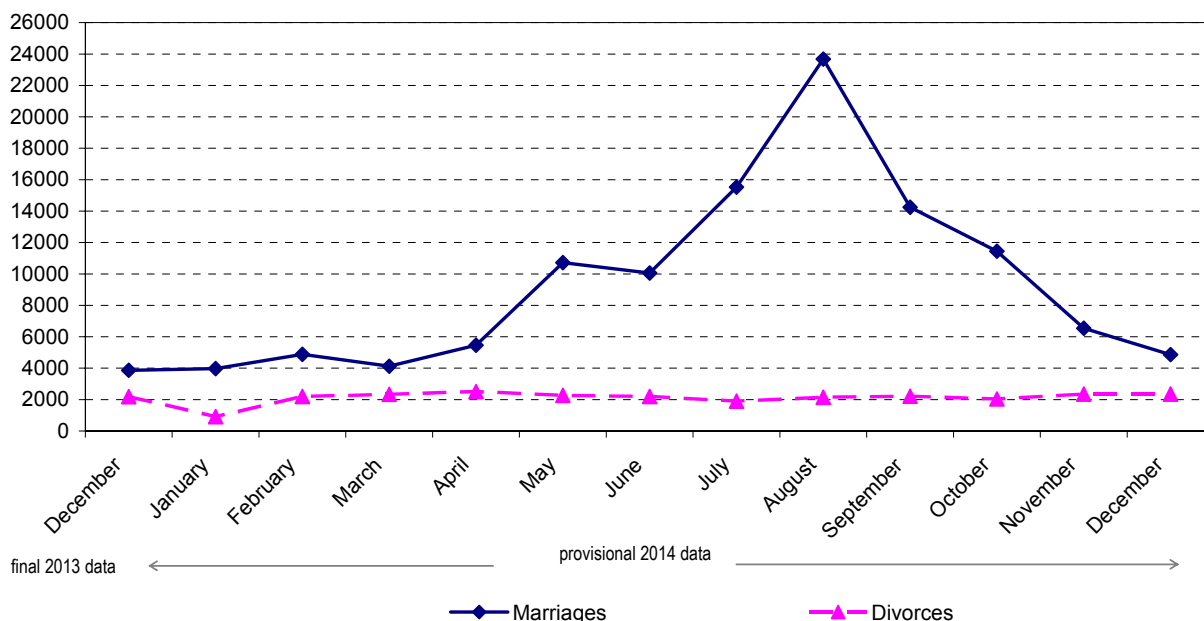
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Marriage rate and divorce rate

4863 **marriages** were recorded at Register Offices in December, 1672 less than in November.

2356 **divorces** were formally pronounced by final court decree and in accordance with Law No 202/2010, 11 more than in November.

Evolution of the number of marriages and divorces during the period December 2013-December 2014



December 2014 compared to December 2013¹

Birth rate, death rate and natural increase

The number of **live births** fell by 1213 in December compared to the same month of 2013, and the number of persons who **died** was higher by 754 than in December 2013.

The **natural increase** was negative both in December 2014 (9579 persons) and in December 2013 (7612 persons).

The number of **children under one year who died** was higher by 17 than in December 2013.

Marriage rate and divorce rate

The number of **marriages** rose by 1004 in December 2014 compared to the same month of the previous year. In December 2014, 168 more **divorces** than in December 2013 were formally pronounced by final court decree and in accordance with Law No 202/2010.

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Methodological specifications

1. The data on the demographic phenomena were obtained by processing the information contained in the statistical bulletins regarding live births, deceased persons, marriages and divorces drawn up by the city halls of municipalities, cities and communes while registering these phenomena in the civil status records.

2. Definitions

Live birth is a product of conception, completely ejected or extracted from the mother's body, regardless of the pregnancy duration, who, after this separation, gives a sign of life (breathing, heart activity, beats of the umbilical cord or voluntary muscular contractions).

Deceased is the person whose vital functions definitively ceased after any amount of time passed from his/her birth.

Natural increase represents the difference between the number of live births and the number of deceased persons during the reference period.

Marriage represents a union between a man and a woman, concluded according to the country's legislation, in order to set up a family, where husband and wife have rights and obligations towards one another, as well as towards their children.

Divorce represents the dissolution of a legally concluded marriage, according to a final decree of the court, of the civil register officer or of a notary public. The data refer to the divorce petitions for which the dissolution of marriage has been admitted.

Permanent residence is the address where a person declares to have his/her main home, as shown in the identity document and in the records of the State's administrative bodies.

Usual residence is the place where a person normally spends the daily period of rest, regardless of temporary absences for purposes of recreation, holidays, visits to friends and relatives, business, medical treatment or religious pilgrimage. The usual residence may be the same as the permanent residence or may differ from it, for the persons who choose to establish their usual residence in a locality other than the locality of permanent residence in the country or abroad.

3. Coverage

Live births include the children born alive whose mothers, at the time of giving birth, had had their permanent or usual residence in Romania for a period of at least 12 months.

The **deceased** include the persons who, at the time of their death, had had their permanent or usual residence in Romania for a period of at least 12 months.

4. The data for the year 2013 are final, and the data for the year 2014 are provisional. The data for the months of 2013 are broken down according to the date when the phenomenon occurred, and the data for the year 2014 are broken down according to the date when the phenomenon was recorded.

The **next press release** will be issued on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.