

MISSOURI — KIDS COUNT —

Missouri KIDS COUNT works to improve the lives of Missouri’s children by using reliable data to spark collaboration, inform policy making, and make sound investments. Missouri was one of the very first states to have a child fatality review team. Every county in the state and the City of St. Louis has an expert panel examining the deaths of all children birth through age 17 with the goal of understanding why these deaths occurred and developing prevention strategies.

All information displayed is from 2014 and reflects the incident fatalities for children 17 and under.

837

Total number of child fatalities that were subject to a review

MISSOURI INCIDENT FATALITIES

A fatal illness, injury or event, which occurred within the state of Missouri. If the death meets the criteria for panel review, it is reviewed in the county in which the fatal injury, illness or event occurred.

FATALITIES BY CAUSE

TOP CAUSES OF EACH CATEGORY

UNINTENTIONAL INJURY

204

Suffocation **85**
Motor Vehicle **77**

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

60

Suffocation/Strangulation **21**
Abusive Head Trauma **8**

HOMICIDES

47

Firearm **17**
Abusive Head Trauma **8**

SUICIDES

37

Firearm **17**
Suffocation/Strangulation **16**

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

13

NATURAL CAUSES

PREMATURITY 235

CONGENITAL ANOMALIES 134

CANCER 43

CARDIOVASCULAR 33

NEUROLOGICAL 23

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...Analyzing data from past fatalities to identify the children who are at greatest risk right now could make an immediate difference for children with current and ongoing Child Protective Services cases.

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*Source: “Within Our Reach, A National Strategy to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities”
The Commission To Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, 2016 (page 14)*

To read the entire report on Missouri Incident Fatalities:
<http://dss.mo.gov/re/pdf/cfrar/2014-child-fatality-review-program-annual-report.pdf>