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From 1999, following the law on the Russian civil registration of 1997, tabulation of births by biological birth order stopped being obligatory – the birth-order field was excluded from the birth record of the Russian civil registration. However, information on biological birth order continued to be present in the medical birth certificate. On this basis, the majority of Russian regions continued to produce tables of births by birth order since 1999. For more details, see the Background and documentation file for Russia.

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Births for all birth orders combined from the annual reporting table "Forma 2a" are not included in LDB and thus are not used for calculations in the HFD.

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Mismatches found in the original data were eliminated. The distribution of births by age of mother and birth order was adjusted to match the distribution of births by age of mother in 1964. One birth of birth order 1 was moved from the age group ≤ 15 to the age group 16-19.

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Mismatches found in the original data were eliminated. The total number of births at this age, obtained by adding up births over all birth orders, differed from the number given in the independent tabulation of births by age of mother only. The number of births with unknown birth order was adjusted to eliminate the difference.

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Mismatches found in the original data were eliminated. The number of births of birth order 11+ at age 50 was adjusted to match the total number of births of birth order 11+ and the number of all births in the age interval 50+.

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One birth was added to the number of women with the unknown number of births at age 40 in order to eliminate the difference found in the total number of women of this age.

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Mismatches found in the original data were eliminated. The total number of births of unknown birth order in 1984 was adjusted to match the sum of all of births of unknown birth order (one birth was added).

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Mismatches found in the original data were eliminated. The total number of births of unknown birth order in 1985 was adjusted to match the sum of all births of unknown birth order (40 births were added).