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Data includes 1 birth given in 1979 by a mother born in 1955 registered as given by a mother at age 22. A double check in the Civil Registration Archive in Tallinn clarified that the actual age of the mother at birth was 23. We have corrected the figures for this error.

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These data on women by age and parity from the 1989 and 2000 censuses were estimated using more detailed original data. The original census data on women's parity are classified by women's age and year of birth (birth cohort) and are also made available in the input file ESTparity.txt.