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For England & Wales, rounded counts of live births are presented for ages 45 to 50+ in 1981. These are based on a 10% sample due registrar strike action in that year.

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For Northern Ireland, monthly birth counts for the years 1955–2005 were provided by year of their registration. In the HFD data processing, it is assumed that these births were registered in the same year as they occurred.

Monthly birth counts for the years 2006 to 2020 were provided by month and year of their occurrence, whereas birth counts by age of the mother were provided by year of registration. Therefore, the yearly sums of monthly and age-specific birth counts do not match for these years.

For more information, read the Background and documentation file.

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For Scotland, monthly birth counts for the years 1954–1989 were provided by year of their registration. In the HFD data processing, it is assumed that these births were registered in the same year as they occurred.

Monthly birth counts for the years 1990 to 2020 were provided by month and year of their occurrence, whereas birth counts by age of the mother were provided by year of registration. Therefore, the yearly sums of monthly and age-specific birth counts do not match for these years.

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For England & Wales 2019–2020, dots (".") denote data cells suppressed by the data provider to prevent disclosure of private information.

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For England & Wales 2019–2020, the missing values from the original data (see Note 4 above) were estimated based on data sources described in RefCode 34 and RefCode 41 (see the references file for the UK). For further details, see the Background and documentation file.