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Due to changes in the methodology used by the statistical office, the data on live birth counts were revised for the period 2000-2009. The revision involved adding live births that had occurred outside of Latvia, but to mothers who had been residing abroad for less than a year.

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For the year 1986 the original data on births by birth order were available only up to birth orders 4+. The birth counts of birth orders four and 5+ were estimated using data on births of birth orders 4+ by the age of the mother and data on the total number of births of birth orders four and 5+. For the estimation, the Iterative Proportional Fitting (IPF) algorithm was applied. For more details on the estimation procedure, see section 4.4 in the HFD Methods Protocol.

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Some differences were found between the birth data (covering birth orders one to 11+) obtained from the State Archive of Economics of the Russian Federation in Moscow and the birth data (birth orders one to 4+) received from the Latvian statistical office. The discrepancies were in the data for births to mothers aged 43-45 in 1979 and aged 45 and 47 in 1981. An examination of these discrepancies indicated that some births were misplaced in the birth data for birth orders five and above. For the HFD calculations we have therefore aggregated birth orders five to 11+ into birth orders 5+, and have corrected the numbers of births at the respective ages so that the sum of births across all of the birth orders at these ages matched the corresponding total number of births by age in the data from the Latvian statistical office.

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For 1982, some discrepancies were found between the birth data (birth orders one to 4+) received from the Latvian statistical office and the birth data (birth orders one to 11+) collected by the State Archive of Economics of the Russian Federation in Moscow on births to mothers aged 55+. To ensure that these data are consistent with the official statistics, one birth of unknown birth order in the data from Moscow has been relocated to birth order 2 and two births have been moved to birth order 3.

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For the years 1948-1950, 1952, and 1956-1959 total numbers of births by month, which were collected at the State Archive of Economics of the Russian Federation in Moscow, do not correspond to the total numbers of births by age of the mother published by the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (available at http://data1.csb.gov.lv/pxweb/en/iedz/iedz__dzimst/IDG010.px/table/tableViewLayout1/?rxid=f259e646-b6c5-497f-bc7b-4d7e6317cea6).