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As during the period 1995-1998 no data by biological birth order were collected in Ukraine, there is no information on biological birth order in the official statistical tabulations for these years. The detailed birth data by the mother's age and birth order for the period 1995-1998 are official estimates that were recalculated and published in 1999 by the Department of Demography and Labour Force at the Institute for Economics and Forecasting (Ukrainian Academy of Sciences).

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In the period 1995-1998 some small differences between the total numbers of births by age of the mother and biological birth order and the monthly births pertaining to the same year were found in the tabulations supplied by Statistics Ukraine. The detailed birth data by age of the mother and birth order are official estimates (see Note 1) that slightly undercount (with a maximum of 68 births in 1995) the official total number of births for these years. The estimates were corrected accordingly to match the official annual number of births. These added births were assigned with unknown age of the mother and unknown birth order.

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Small differences (six births) between the total numbers of births by age of the mother and monthly births pertaining to the same year were found in the year 1988. Both datasets come from the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine. The reason for the mismatch is unknown.