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Live births are defined to include births where: "there was respiration, or pulsation of the umbilical cord, or heartbeat of the child after the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother (bei denen nach vollstaendiger Trennung vom Mutterleib entweder das Herz geschlagen oder die Nabelschnur pulsiert oder die natuerliche Lungenatmungeingesetzt hat)" [p. 14 of Statistisches Bundesamt, ed. (1993). Bevoelkerungsstatistische Uebersichten 1946 bis 1989. Wiesbaden: Arbeitsunterlage. (Sonderreihe mit Beitraegen fueer das Gebiet der ehemaligen DDR, Heft 3)]

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Information on collection procedures (i.e., YearReg and/or Area) has not been obtained.

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Information on the accessibility of the data has not been obtained.

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As part of the reunification process of East and West Germany in 1990, both parts of Berlin were unified too. Before reunification, Berlin was divided into West Berlin, consisting of 12 districts, and East Berlin, with 11 districts. In January 2001, a district reform took place and the whole city of Berlin was divided into 12 new unified districts, over-riding the old east-west administrative division. To extend forward consistent time series for East and West Germany in the Human Mortality Database, the data for East and West Berlin, and consequently for the two parts of Germany had to be reconstructed (see Appendix 2 of the *Background and Documentation* file)

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The inter-censal population estimates for the period 1987–2011 have been revised to account for the results of the 2011 census. We used a special method to redistribute the accumulated statistical error across years and birth cohorts (see Background and Documentation file for more details).

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Since 2016, West Berlin is excluded from the territory of West Germany, and included in the territory of East Germany.