



Volume 9. Two Germanies, 1961-1989 Declining Birth Rates (1950-1990)

With the end of the baby boom in the late 1960s, birthrates declined dramatically in both German states. Both governments responded with a series of social policy measures for families and mothers, but it was only in East Germany that birthrates eventually increased.

Births and Deaths in the Federal Republic in Thousands

Year	Live births		Deaths		Surplus of births (+) or deaths (-)	
	Former FRG	Territory of former GDR	Former FRG	Territory of former GDR	Former FRG	Territory of former GDR
1950	813	304	529	220	284	84
1960	969	293	643	234	326	59
1965	1,044	281	678	230	367	51
1970	811	237	735	241	76	-4
1971	779	235	731	235	48	0
1972	701	200	731	234	-30	-34
1973	636	180	731	232	-95	-52
1974	626	179	728	229	-101	-50
1975	601	182	749	240	-149	-59
1976	603	195	733	234	-130	-38
1977	582	223	705	226	-123	-3
1978	576	232	723	232	-147	0
1979	582	235	712	233	-130	2
1980	621	245	714	238	-93	7
1981	625	238	722	232	-98	5
1982	621	240	716	228	-95	12
1983	594	234	718	223	-124	11
1984	584	228	696	221	-112	7
1985	586	228	704	225	-118	2
1986	624	222	700	224	-76	-1
1987	642	226	687	214	-45	12
1988	677	216	688	213	-10	3
1989	681	199	698	206	-16	-7
1990*	727	175	713	201	14	-26

* Preliminary results

Source: Federal Office of Statistics [Statistisches Bundesamt], ed., *Datenreport 1992. Zahlen und Fakten über die Bundesrepublik Deutschland* [*Data Report 1992. Numbers and Facts about the Federal Republic of Germany*]. Bonn, 1992, p. 48.