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 Decline in Births and the Aging of the Population (1950-2006)

This table, which first shows the number of live births and deaths per 1,000 residents in all of Germany, and then shows the figures for West and East Germany, makes it clear that Germany has experienced a demographic transformation. Deaths have exceeded births for quite some time. The decline in births in the former GDR after unification is particularly striking.

Live Births and Deaths in Germany

Year	Live Births		Deaths		Surplus of Births (+) or Deaths (-)	
	In thousands	Per 1,000 residents	In thousands	Per 1,000 residents	In thousands	Per 1,000 residents
Germany						
1950	1,117	16.3	748	10.9	+ 368	+ 5.4
1960	1,262	17.3	877	12.0	+ 385	+ 5.3
1970	1,048	13.5	976	12.6	+ 72	+ 0.9
1980	866	11.0	952	12.1	- 87	- 1.1
1990	906	11.4	921	11.6	- 16	- 0.2
2000	767	9.3	839	10.2	- 72	- 0.9
2002	719	8.7	842	10.2	- 122	- 1.5
2004	706	8.5	818	9.9	- 113	- 1.4
2006	673	8.2	822	10.0	- 149	- 1.8
Former Federal Republic (since 2001 without West Berlin)						
1950	813	16.3	529	10.6	+ 284	+ 5.7
1960	969	17.4	643	11.6	+ 326	+ 5.9
1970	811	13.4	735	12.1	+ 76	+ 1.3
1980	621	10.1	714	11.6	- 93	- 1.5
1990	727	11.5	713	11.3	+ 14	+ 0.2
2000	656	9.8	679	10.1	- 23	- 0.3
2002	594	9.1	658	10.1	- 64	- 1.0
2004	577	8.8	641	9.7	- 64	- 1.0
2006	547	8.3	643	9.8	- 97	- 1.5
New Federal States (since 2000 without East Berlin)						
1950	304	16.5	220	11.9	+ 84	+ 4.6
1960	293	16.9	234	13.5	+ 59	+ 3.4
1970	237	13.9	241	14.1	- 4	- 0.2
1980	245	14.6	238	14.2	+ 7	+ 0.4
1990	178	11.1	208	12.9	- 30	- 1.8
2000	111	7.3	160	10.5	- 49	- 3.2
2002	96	7.0	150	11.0	- 54	- 3.9
2004	99	7.3	146	10.8	- 47	- 3.5
2006	96	7.3	147	11.0	- 50	- 3.8

Source: "Lebendgeborene und Gestorbene in Deutschland 1950-2006" ["Live Births and Deaths in Germany, 1950-2006"], the Federal Office of Statistics in Cooperation with the Social Science Research Center Berlin and the Center for Surveys, Methods, and Analysis, eds., *Datenreport 2008. Zahlen und Fakten über die Bundesrepublik Deutschland [Data Report 2008. Numbers and Facts about the Federal Republic of Germany]*. Bonn, 2008, p. 15.

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