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Future Plans

The HFD will be continuously updated and upgraded, following the feedback from its users. More countries will enter the database soon. The Human Fertility Collection will be launched in 2010.

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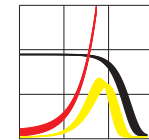
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The Human Fertility Database (HFD) is a joint project of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) and the Vienna Institute of Demography (VID), based at the MPIDR in Rostock, Germany.

It provides open and user-friendly access to detailed, well-documented and high-quality data on period and cohort fertility. Special focus is put on birth order-specific data that are frequently not available from usual data sources.

The HFD aims at facilitating research on changes and inter-country differences in fertility in the past and in the modern era.

The idea of this database was largely inspired by the success story of the Human Mortality Database (www.mortality.org) directed by John R. Wilmoth. Both for the HMD and the HFD the guiding principles are comparability, flexibility, accessibility, and reproducibility.

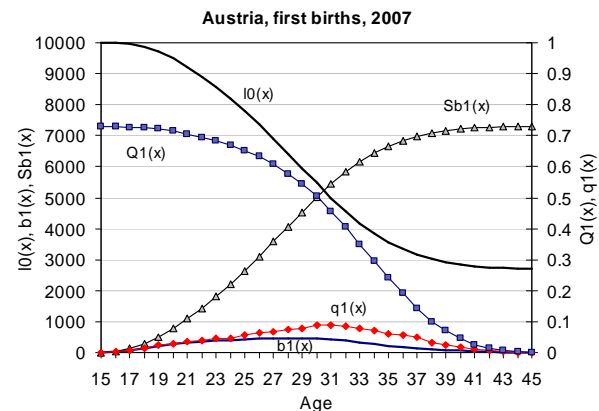
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Provided Data

HFD features the following data and indicators:

- Live births, population exposure, fertility rates by age and birth order
- Summary indicators of period and cohort fertility
- Cohort and period fertility tables, conditional fertility rates by age and parity, and table summary indicators

Selected functions and indicators from parity- and age-specific period fertility tables



These indicators are computed by means of the uniform set of methods. The input data includes:

- Live birth counts by calendar year, mother's age and/or year of birth, and birth order
- Age-parity distribution of the female population
- Births by month
- Female population size
- Text files and documents describing data

Countries

as of October 2009

Country	Period	Cohort
Austria	1951-2007	1936-1967
Czech Republic	1950-2008	1935-1968
The Netherlands	1950-2007	1935-1967
Russia	1959-2007	1944-1967
Sweden	1891-2007	1876-1967
The United States	1933-2005	1918-1965

Expected soon

Bulgaria, Canada, Estonia, Finland, France, Japan, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and others ...

Example of a country data page