

Additional Information (June 24, 2010)

The life expectancy data for Germany between 1950 and 2008 were taken from the website of M. Luy (<http://www.lebenserwartung.info/index-Dateien/ledeu.htm>). These data were calculated from mortality tables provided by the Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland. Contrary to the life expectancy data provided by the Statistisches Bundesamt the data given here refer to one year only and were calculated by one and the same method over the complete time range (Sterbeziffernverfahren, mortality rate approach) . The official data suffer from the problem that the calculation procedure has changed over time and also that the procedures for East and West Germany were different. This leads to minor differences between the data used here and the Statistisches Bundesamt data. To give an example, the newborn life expectancy (e_0) for males is 77.17 years in the time range 2006/2008 according to the Bundesamt. The data given here are 77.13 years (2006), 77.31 years (2007) and 77.53 years (2008).