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SLIGHT RISE IN MOTHERS ON FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
WELFARE

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ANNOUNCER:

MOTHERS WITH A BIRTH IN THE LAST YEAR ARE LESS LIKELY TO  
RELY ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE NOW THAN THEY WERE AT THE  
TIME OF THE PASSAGE OF WELFARE REFORM IN 1996. BUT THERE  
HAS BEEN A SLIGHT UPTICK IN RECENT YEARS. SO SAYS A NEW  
REPORT FROM THE U-S CENSUS BUREAU. IT SHOWS THAT 42-PERCENT  
OF MOTHERS WITH INFANTS RECEIVED ASSSISTANCE IN 1996. THE  
RATE DROPPED 13-PERCENTAGE POINTS IN FIVE YEARS. THEN IT  
ROSE FIVE-PERCENTAGE POINTS DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS  
AFTER THAT. OVERALL, SEVEN-POINT-FIVE MILLION MOTHERS OF  
CHILDBEARING AGE RECEIVED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE. OF THESE  
MOTHERS, ONE IN EVERY TWO WORKED. YOU CAN FIND MORE  
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