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WOMEN ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HAVE HIGHER BIRTH RATES

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U.S. WOMEN AGES 15 TO 50 RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HAD BIRTH RATES ABOUT THREE TIMES THAT OF THOSE NOT RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, ACCORDING TO NEW CENSUS BUREAU DATA RELEASED TODAY. A DECADE AFTER THE PASSAGE OF WELFARE REFORM, THE REPORT SHOWS THAT AMONG WOMEN RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, FERTILITY RATES WERE HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN SEVERAL STATES, INCLUDING TEXAS, IOWA, TENNESSEE AND WISCONSIN. THE REPORT ALSO SHOWS THAT TWO IN EVERY TEN WOMEN IN THEIR EARLY 40S ARE CHILDLESS -- TWICE AS HIGH AS THE LEVEL 30 YEARS AGO -- AND THE MAJORITY OF WOMEN WHO HAD GIVEN BIRTH IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR WERE IN THE LABOR FORCE. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AT W-W-W-DOT-CENSUS-DOT-GOV.

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