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MAJOR CHILD CARE

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RELATIVES REGULARLY PROVIDE CHILD CARE TO NEARLY HALF OF THE NATION'S PRESCHOOLERS, ACCORDING TO DATA RELEASED TODAY BY THE U-S CENSUS BUREAU. FATHERS AND GRANDPARENTS WERE THE TWO BIGGEST SOURCES OF CHILD CARE BY RELATIVES WHEN MOTHERS WENT TO WORK. THE DATA ALSO SHOW THAT THE COST OF CHILD CARE IS ON THE RISE, AS FAMILIES NOW PAY MORE THAN 100 DOLLARS A WEEK. THAT'S UP FROM JUST OVER 70 DOLLARS A GENERATION AGO. BY THE TIME CHILDREN REACH MIDDLE-SCHOOL AGE, MORE THAN ONE IN THREE CARE FOR THEMSELVES WHILE THEIR MOTHER WORKS. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AT W-W-W-DOT-CENSUS-DOT.GOV.

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