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MOTHER'S DAY 2018: TODAY'S MOMS

Here's to TODAY'S MOMS

#mothersday2018



How many?

There are **43.5 million** mothers between the ages of 15 and 50, who have given birth to **95.8 million** children.



Every 8 seconds

There is one birth every 8 seconds in the United States.



Women are waiting longer to have children.



The median age at which women became mothers in 2014 was 26, compared with 23 in 1994.



More mothers are working mothers.

69.9%

Mothers with children under age 18 who are in the labor force in 2015, up from 47.4% in 1975 and representing over a third (34.2%) of working women.



After decades of decline, family size is ticking up.

2.07 children

Overall, women in 2014 had 2.07 children during their lives on average, up from 1.86 in 2006, the lowest in history.



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