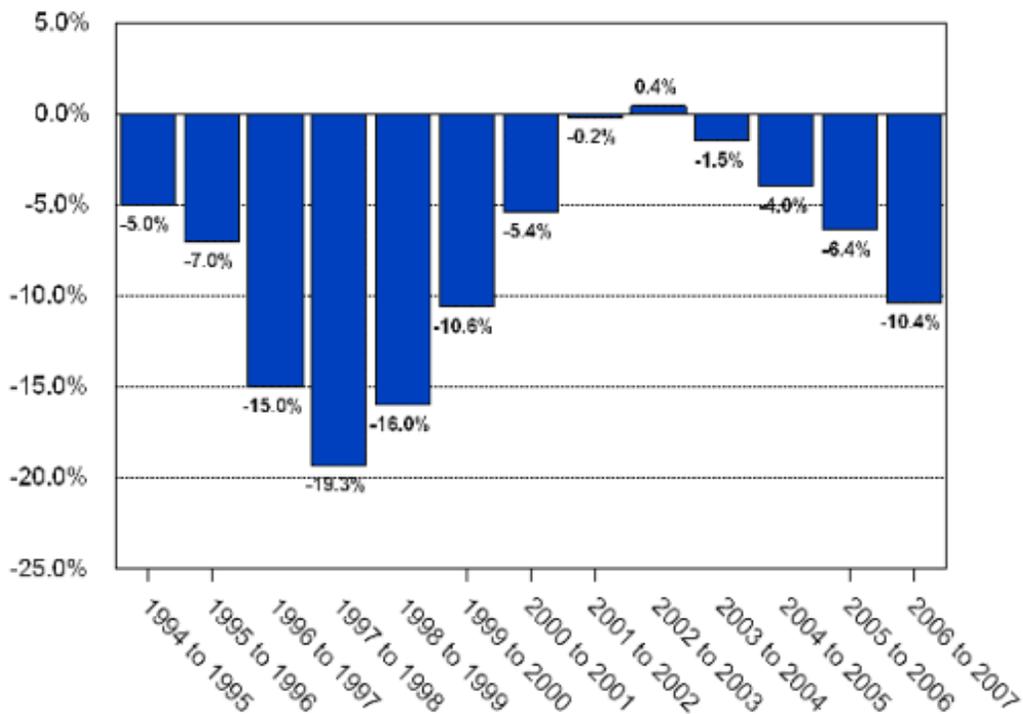


Welfare Caseload Declines Accelerating Again In Wake of *Deficit Reduction Act* Changes October 2008

According to a recent nonpartisan Congressional Research Service report, “the national cash welfare caseload has recently resumed its decline, after being relatively constant for a number of years. Over the most recent 12-month period, the caseload has declined by 10.4% -- the greatest decline since June 1999 to June 2000.”

Figure 5. Percentage Change in Families Receiving TANF/MOE Cash Welfare: June to June of Each Year 1994-2007



Source: Congressional Research Service (CRS) based on data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). See “Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): Issues for the 110th Congress,” by Gene Falk, updated July 16, 2008. <http://www.congress.gov/erp/rl/pdf/RL34206.pdf>