

Johnson County Human Service Quiz

All questions and answers are specific to Johnson County, KS. Census data is based on 2006 American Community Survey.

Human Services are those programs that promote, protect and/or restore the well-being of individuals and families

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- 1) How many people live in Johnson County?
 - a. Less than 500,000
 - b. Between 500,000-520,000
 - c. More than 520,000
 - 2) There are more people age 65 and over than under age 10.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - 3) Since 1990, the number of people who speak English "less than very well" has increased by what percentage?
 - a. 100%
 - b. 200%
 - c. 300%
 - 4) How many languages are spoken by children attending Shawnee Mission District schools?
 - a. 19
 - b. 32
 - c. 44
 - d. 68
 - 5) Three in 10 renters are "cost-burdened" (monthly rent more than 30% of household income).
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - 6) How many people do not have health insurance?
 - a. 27,740
 - b. 40,850
 - c. 51,100
 - 7) Between 1990 and 2006, which grew at a faster rate, poverty or population?
 - a. Poverty
 - b. Population
 - 8) Everyone, not just the poor, has human service needs.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - 9) What portion of the Kansas City area poor (below poverty level) live in Johnson County?
 - a. 1 in 7
 - b. 1 in 13
 - c. 1 in 21
 - 10) Low-income is typically defined as 185% of poverty. The number of residents who are low-income in Johnson County is higher than in Wyandotte County.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - 11) The largest budget item for a single parent family is?
 - a. Rent
 - b. Food and Utilities
 - c. Child care
 - d. Transportation
 - 12) In the last five years, requests for help with basic survival needs (food, utilities, shelter) increased by how much?
 - a. 80%
 - b. 110%
 - c. 150%
 - 13) What portion of students in all six public school districts received a free or reduced cost lunch in 2006-2007?
 - a. 1 in 7
 - b. 1 in 11
 - c. 1 in 16
 - 14) Head Start, which offers quality early learning for children who are poor, can serve all eligible children.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - 15) What percentage of 12th graders self-report using alcohol within the last 30 days?
 - a. 39%
 - b. 58%
 - c. 74%
 - 16) Why do human service programs matter?
 - a. Human services improve the quality of life for everyone
 - b. Everyone, no matter age, race, sex or income level will benefit at some time in their life
 - c. As members of a community, we have a responsibility for the "common good"
 - d. Human services help individuals be productive members of the workforce
 - e. An investment in human services reduces future costs to taxpayers
 - f. All of the above
 - 17) How can you help improve your community's quality of life?
 - a. Donate time
 - b. Donate money
 - c. Talk to other people about human service needs
 - d. Elect leaders who support human service programs
 - e. All of the above

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1. **b-Between 500,000-520,000** Based on the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the population is 516,731. The county's population grows by nearly 10,000 a year.
2. **b-False** Children ages 0-9 total 74,686. There are 51,380 adults 65 and up.
3. **c-300%** In 1990, 4,659 residents reported speaking English "less than very well." By 2006, the number increased 308%, to 19,006. One-half are Spanish speaking, followed by Indo-European (23%) and Asian-Pacific Islander (21%) languages.
4. **d-68** Shawnee Mission reported the greatest number of languages of all the school districts. Olathe was next with 55. English as a Second Language enrollment has increased 230% in five years. County-wide, nearly 4,000 students are enrolled.
5. **b-False** 3 in 8, or 37% of the county's 55,300 renters, pay more than 30% of income for housing. The lower the household income, the more likely the household is "cost-burdened." 70% of renters with income less than \$35,000 are "cost-burdened."
6. **c-40,850** An estimated 8% of the county's population does not have health insurance.
7. **a-Poverty** The number of people in poverty doubled, while population grew by 45%. 25,000 people are poor. One-third of the poor are under 18. The poverty threshold for a family of 3 is \$17,170 – requiring a single parent working full time to earn \$8.25 an hour.
8. **a-True** Every household depends upon human services. There are two times in the life cycle we are most likely to be consumers of human services – when families with children are seeking community services to aid in helping those children become productive adults, and then again in our elder years when we need assistance to retain independence.
9. **a-1 in 7** More than 176,000 people in the 5-county KC metro area live below poverty, with 25,000 in Johnson County. Suburban poverty is growing nation-wide – Johnson County residents accounted for 1 in 11 in 1990.
10. **a-True** 65,100 Johnson County residents have income at or below 185% of poverty (less than \$32,000 for a family of 3). In Wyandotte County, the number is 58,800. However, in Wyandotte County that accounts for 38% of the population, compared to 13% in Johnson.
11. **c-Child care** In a 'bare-bones' budget, child care consumes 29% of the budget, housing 24%, food 15%, medical 11% and transportation 6%, leaving 15% for all other costs including taxes and insurance.
12. **d-150%** Organizations, such as Catholic Community Services, Village Church Food Pantry, and Human Services and Aging, report helping 25,400 Johnson County residents in 2006. (Unduplicated count from MAACLink data management system.)
13. **a-1 in 7** More than 13,000 school children benefit from this nutrition program.
14. **b-False** At any one time, only 275 children can be served by Head Start. There are 3,360 children ages 5 and under who are poor.
15. **b-58%** Johnson County teens report using at a rate higher than the statewide average of 55.5%. 40% of 10th graders and 23% of 8th graders report using alcohol. Over five years, rates have declined slightly for all grade levels.
16. **f-All of the above**
17. **e-All of the above**

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