

## Johnson County Human Service Quiz

All questions and answers are specific to Johnson County, KS. Census data is based on 2008 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 535,000
    - b. Between 535,000-550,000
    - c. More than 550,000
  - 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. 200%
    - b. 280%
    - c. 360%
  - 4) How many languages are spoken by children attending Shawnee Mission District schools?
    - a. 19
    - b. 32
    - c. 44
    - d. 64
  - 5) Three in 10 renters are "cost-burdened" (monthly rent more than 30% of household income).
    - a. True
    - b. False
  - 6) How many people under age 65 do not have health insurance?
    - a. 33,800
    - b. 42,500
    - c. 54,000
  - 7) Between 1990 and 2008, 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) Poverty in suburban counties is not growing as fast as poverty in the urban core.
    - a. True
    - b. False
  - 10) Low-income is typically defined as 200% 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) Between January 2007 and January 2009, the number of monthly participants in the federal food assistance program increased by how much?
    - a. 35%
    - b. 50%
    - c. 75%
  - 13) What portion of students in all six public school districts received a free or reduced cost lunch in 2008-2009?
    - a. Less than 1 in 10
    - b. Nearly 2 in 10
  - 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 12<sup>th</sup> graders self-report using alcohol within the last 30 days?
    - a. 39%
    - b. 54%
    - c. 72%
  - 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

## Johnson County Human Service Quiz – Answer Key

1. **b-Between 535,000-550,000** Based on the Census Bureau's 2009 estimate, the population is 542,737. The county's population grows by nearly 10,000 a year.
2. **b-False** Children ages 0-9 total 78,000. There are 55,800 adults 65 and up.
3. **c-360%** In 1990, 4,659 residents reported speaking English "less than very well." By 2008, the number increased 360%, to 21,600. Nearly one-half are Spanish speaking.
4. **d-64** Shawnee Mission reported the greatest number of languages of all the school districts. Blue Valley was next with 52. English as a Second Language enrollment has increased 68% in five years. County-wide, 4,400 students are enrolled.
5. **b-False** 4 in 10, or 40% of the county's 54,600 renters, pay more than 30% of income for housing. The lower the household income, the more likely the household is "cost-burdened."
6. **b-42,500** An estimated 9% of the county's 0-64 year old population does not have health insurance. Only 1% of the 65+ population is uninsured.
7. **a-Poverty** The number of people in poverty increased 83%, while population grew by 50%. 23,200 people are poor. One-half of the poor are under 25. The poverty threshold for a family of 3 is \$18,310 – requiring a single parent working full time to earn \$8.80 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. **b-False** Nationally and locally, suburban poverty is growing faster. In the KC Area, Johnson, Clay and Platte counties experienced an 83% increase in number of people below 100% poverty between 1990-2008. Wyandotte and Jackson counties had a combined 16% increase.
10. **a-True** 74,500 Johnson County residents have income at or below 200% of poverty (\$36,620 for a family of 3). In Wyandotte County, the number is 65,100. However, in Wyandotte County that accounts for 43% of the population, compared to 14% 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. **c-75%** December 2007 enrollment in food stamps was 11,280, by December 2009 it was 18,360—a 75% increase.
13. **b-Nearly 2 in 10** More than 16,500 school children benefit from this nutrition program. Participation went up 23% between 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years.
14. **b-False** At any one time, only 275 children can be served by Head Start. There are 2,100 children ages 5 and under who are poor.
15. **b-54%** More than 1 in 2 Johnson County teens report using alcohol. 35% of 10<sup>th</sup> graders and 17% of 8<sup>th</sup> 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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