

Poverty Quiz

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Directions: Place a + before those statements which you think are correct and a 0 before those statements which you believe are incorrect.

- _____ 1. The number of people living in poverty has decreased.
- _____ 2. Poverty is primarily a problem for older, single adults.
- _____ 3. Fewer children live in poverty than a decade ago.
- _____ 4. Most poor people in America are unemployed.
- _____ 5. Most poor people live in inner cities.
- _____ 6. Eight million U.S. workers hold two or more jobs.
- _____ 7. The total Food Stamp program cost has declined in the past 5 years.
- _____ 8. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), households are expected to spend about 30% of their income on food.
- _____ 9. For many low-income families, food stamps provide a major share of the family's total purchasing power.
- _____ 10. Other than a few exceptions, able-bodied adults between the ages of 16 and 60 years of age must register for work, accept an offer of suitable work and take part in an employment and training program to which they are referred by the Food Stamp office.

Multiple Choice. Choose the answer that you think correctly answers the question.

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 - a. children under the age of 18
 - b. adults 18-64
 - c. adults 65 and older
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 - a. 3
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 - c. 2
 - d. 4

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The answer is **false**. Poverty has increased especially children living in poverty
- _____ 2. Poverty is primarily a problem for older, single adults.
The answer is **false**. Poverty affects people of all ages and family types.
- _____ 3. Fewer children live in poverty than a decade ago.
The answer is **true**. The rate of poverty for children for children under age 18. However, children under 18 still have a higher poverty rate than any other age group.
- _____ 4. Most poor people in America are unemployed.
The answer is **false**. About 7.2 million people living in poverty are among the working poor. Most of them (56%) live in families with children. They are the fastest-growing segment of the poor population.
- _____ 5. Most poor people live in inner cities.
The answer is **false**. Just 10.8% of poor people live in central cities. The vast majority of people in poverty live outside metropolitan areas.
- _____ 6. Eight million U.S. workers hold two or more jobs.
The answer is **true**. Eight million Americans need 2 or more jobs to make ends meet.
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- c. ready to eat foods from the deli
- d. tobacco products
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