# **UNITED WAY TRIVIA QUESTIONS** Financial Need in NJ 🙇

Before the pandemic hit, how many New Jersey households were in poverty or considered ALICE® (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), struggling to afford the basics?

- a. 250,000
- **b.** 890.000
- c. 1.2 million
- d. 1.9 million

Who is an example of an "ALICE"?

- Child care educator
- **b.** Grocery store clerk
- c. Home health aide
- **d**. All of the above

#### True or False:

A recent ALICE Report for New Jersey found that the number of ALICE households rose 26 percent between 2007 and 2018.

- How does United Way of Northern New Jersey help ALICE families cope with the high cost of living in northern New Jersey?
  - a. Providing free tax preparation and filing services
  - **b.** Offering family caregivers a range of free education, services, and resources to help them care for a loved one
  - c. Advocating for public policy change at the local, state, and federal levels that promote economic and racial equity
  - **d.** All of the above
- While 37% of all households in New Jersey struggle to make ends meet, there is a disproportionate rate of Black households facing financial instability. What percent of Black households in New Jersev are unable to afford the basics?
  - **a.** 48
  - **b**. 52
  - **c.** 59
  - **d.** 62

### United Way Work 💭 Equity for ALICE



Each year, United Way of Northern New Jersey and its partners provide free tax preparation to more than 5,000 struggling families. As a result, roughly how much in refunds are brought to ALICE and the local economy?

- **a.** \$2.1 million
- **b.** \$4.2 million
- c. \$5.5 million
- d. \$8.3 million

How much do families save on average by using United Way's free tax preparation program?

- **a.** \$175
- **b.** \$270
- **c.** \$350
- **d.** \$420
- Through advocacy efforts, how much state funding did United Way help secure to support free, IRS-sponsored tax preparation programs across the state?
  - **a.** \$75,000
  - **b.** \$150,000
  - c. \$350,000
  - d. \$750,000

True or False:

Across the country, unpaid family caregivers save the health care system \$230 billion as they help oversee the care of a loved one with a physical or developmental disability, chronic illness, mental illness, or issues of aging.

#### True or False:

Nearly 41 million Americans care for a parent, spouse, child, sibling, or friend with a physical or developmental disability, chronic illness, mental illness, or issues of aging.

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#### True or False:

Through its assistive technology program, United Way provides unpaid family caregivers with technical support and devices to help care for loved ones.

#### True or False:

Along with taking a mental and physical toll, caring for a loved one can also affect caregivers financially. In fact, 27% of caregivers have taken a financial hit as a result of caregiving.

Despite struggling to afford life's basics, ALICE households often earn too much to qualify for public assistance. How many children living in financial hardship in New Jersey didn't access the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP?

- **a.** 178,00
- **b.** 300,200
- **c.** 546,000
- **d.** 741,000



- a. \$12,500
- **b.** \$15,680
- **c.** \$20,300
- **d.** \$33,700

How many infants and toddlers in New Jersey depend on some type of child care?

- a. 123,000
- **b.** 207,000
- **c.** 330,000
- **d.** 557,000

According to United Way data, what percentage of people with disabilities in New Jersey who are financially struggling spend more than 35% of their income on housing?

- **a.** 61%
- **b.** 72%
- **c.** 83%
- **d.** 91%



## Volunteer Opportunities 📢



How many backpacks were filled with essential school supplies during the 2022 United Way Tools for School drive, providing children across the region with the basics needed to start the school year on the right track?

- **a.** 250
- **b.** 735
- **c.** 1,500 **d.** 5,000
- Through United Way of Northern New Jersey's Varsity Letter Program, more than 40 high school students were awarded varsity letters for how many combined hours of community service?
  - **a.** 800
  - **b.** 1,750
  - **c.** 2,500
  - **d.** 3,400

United Way of Northern New Jersey Women United helps ALICE and poverty-level households become financially self-sufficient through:

- a. Signature fundraisers
- **b.** Volunteer projects
- c. Advocacy opportunities
- d. All of the above

## United Way's Stature 🏆

- What started as a study to understand the struggles of families in one New Jersey county has become a grassroots movement. Today, United Way of Northern New Jersey's research arm, United For ALICE, includes United Ways, corporations, and foundations in how many states?
  - a. 7
  - **b.** 13
  - **c**. 24
  - **d**. 42

United For ALICE National Director Stephanie Hoopes brought ALICE to the national stage when she:

- a. Spoke on "60 Minutes"
- b. Testified during a Congressional roundtable
- c. Went viral on TikTok
- d. Visited with legislators on Capitol Hill

Which major sports team partners with United Way of Northern New Jersey annually to donate fitness equipment to a local playground?

- a. N.Y. Jets
- b. N.J. Devils
- c. N.Y. Yankees
- d. N.Y. Giants

Answers: 1.) c: 7.3 million, 2.) d: All of the above, 3.) False – 4.1 percent, 4.) d: All of the above, 5.) d: All of the above, 3.) False – 4.7 billion, 10.) False – 5.3 million, 11.) True, 12.) False – 45%, 13.) c: 5.46,000, 14.) c: \$20,300, 15.) b. 207,000, 16.) a: 61%, 5.) b: 5.2, 6.) c: 5.2 billion, 7.1 billion, 10.) False – 5.4 million, 10.) False – 45%, 13.) c: 5.46,000, 14.) c: \$20,300, 15.) b. 207,000, 16.) a: 61%, 5.0 c: 5.2 billion, 10.) False – 5.4 million, 10.) False – 45%, 13.) c: 5.46,000, 14.) c: \$20,300, 15.) b. 207,000, 16.) a: 61%, 17.) b: 5.2 billion, 7.1 billion, 12.) b: 5.2 billion, 12.) b: 5.2 billion, 12.) b: 5.2 billion, 12.) billion, 12.) billion, 10.) False – 45%, 13.) c: 5.46,000, 14.) c: \$20,300, 15.) b. 5.7 billion, 10.) billion, 10.) False – 5.0 c: 5.5 billion, 10.) False – 5.5 billion, 12.) False – 4.5 billion, 14.) c: 5.5 billion, 15. billion, 17.) False – 5.5 billion, 15.0 c: 5.5 billio





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