

*Instructions: Please complete these questions, and return the completed survey in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.*

- 1. Johnson County distributed checks for \$1400 to individuals who applied to the Direct Assistance Program in April and May 2022. When did you receive the check? Please give an approximate date if you do not remember the exact date.**

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I did not receive a check. (Go to question #5)

*First, we'd like to start by asking some questions about your spending and expenses.*

- 2. After receiving the check, please tell us what you did with the check:** (Select one)

☐ Deposited it into a checking account at a bank or credit union  
☐ Deposited it into a savings account or other account at a bank or credit union  
☐ Cashed it at a check cashing service  
☐ Converted it into a money order or prepaid card  
☐ Did something else (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. How did you use the payment from the Direct Assistance Program?** (Select one)

☐ Mostly spent it ☐ Mostly saved it ☐ Mostly used it to pay off debt

- 4. Out of the \$1400 you received, how much did you spend on each of the following items? Please report dollar amounts for each of the individual components listed below. The total should be approximately \$1400.**

Debt payments (mortgages, auto loans, student loans, credit card debt, etc.)	\$ _____
Recurring bills that are not debt payments (rent, electricity, water, cable, internet, etc.)	\$ _____
Housing or auto repairs	\$ _____
Transportation (gas, bus fare, etc.)	\$ _____
Items you plan to keep for a while (electronics, furniture, appliances, etc.)	\$ _____
Food (groceries, restaurants, etc.)	\$ _____
Non-food items that you will use up (health/beauty products, household products, etc.)	\$ _____
Medical care (health insurance, out-of-pocket medical bills, prescription drugs, etc.)	\$ _____
Savings	\$ _____
Giving to others	\$ _____
Other spending (please describe): _____	\$ _____

Total \$ 1400

- 5. In the last 7 days, how difficult has it been for your household to pay for usual household expenses, including but not limited to food, rent or mortgage, car payments, medical expenses, student loans, and so on?** (Select one)

☐ Not at all difficult  
☐ A little difficult  
☐ Somewhat difficult  
☐ Very difficult  
☐ Extremely difficult

6. **Approximately how much savings does your household currently have:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include checking and savings account balances but exclude retirement account balances.)
7. **Approximately how much debt does your household currently have:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(This includes unpaid credit card debt that you will not be able to pay off this month, medical debts, mortgages, car loans, and other loans.)

*The next set of questions ask about your employment.*

8. **In the last 7 days, did you do ANY work for either pay or profit?** (Select one)  
☐ Yes (If Yes, go to question 9)    ☐ No (If No, go to question 10)
9. **How did the payment from Johnson County influence your work effort? Because of the payment:**  
(select all that apply)  
☐ I started to work fewer hours  
☐ I started to work more hours  
☐ I started to find an additional job  
☐ I quit some of my jobs  
☐ I quit working  
☐ The payment did not influence my work effort
10. **How did the payment from Johnson County influence your decision to look for a job or not?**  
**Because of the payment:** (select all that apply)  
☐ I stopped looking for a job  
☐ I started looking for a job  
☐ I looked for a job but put less effort into it  
☐ I looked for a job and put more effort into it  
☐ The payment did not influence my decision to look for a job or not
11. **Other than the Direct Assistance Program payment, approximately how much did your household receive in August 2022 from:**

Earned income (wages, salary, commission, bonuses, and tips)	\$ _____
Unemployment insurance	\$ _____
Public Assistance (other than unemployment insurance)	\$ _____
Child support	\$ _____
Other income (retirement income, spousal support, etc.)	\$ _____

*The next set of questions ask about food.*

12. **How often during the past month did you or anyone in your household have to choose between paying for food or paying for other essential expenditures such as medicine, rent/mortgage, transportation, education?**  
☐ Very Often  
☐ Fairly Often  
☐ Sometimes  
☐ Almost Never  
☐ Never

- 13. In the last 7 days, which of these statements best describes the food eaten in your household? (Select one)**
- ☐ Enough of the kinds of food (I/we) wanted to eat
  - ☐ Enough, but not always the kinds of food (I/we) wanted to eat
  - ☐ Sometimes not enough to eat
  - ☐ Often not enough to eat
- 14. During the last 7 days, did you or anyone in your household get free groceries from a food pantry, food bank, church, or other place that provides free food? (Select one)**
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No

*The next set of questions ask about housing.*

- 15. Prior to June 2022, in your adult life, have you ever: (Select all that apply)**
- ☐ Been homeless
  - ☐ Been evicted from a rental home
  - ☐ Been evicted from a home that you owned due to foreclosure
- 16. Prior to June 2022, have you ever in your adult life: (Select all that apply)**
- ☐ Used a Housing Choice Voucher (also called Section 8)
  - ☐ Lived in Public Housing
  - ☐ Received funds from non-profit groups (such as a church or mosque or a social service agency) to help pay rent or utilities
  - ☐ Lived in rental housing owned by a non-profit group (such as a church or mosque or a social service agency)
  - ☐ Lived in an emergency shelter
- 17. Do you currently live in a: (Select one)**
- ☐ Rented house or apartment that you pay for with your own funds
  - ☐ Rented house or apartment that you pay for using a Housing Choice Voucher (also called Section 8)
  - ☐ Public Housing
  - ☐ Home that you own
  - ☐ Mobile home
  - ☐ Are homeless
  - ☐ Live with relatives/friends
- 18. Did you move into a new rental home after receiving the check from Johnson County?**
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
  - ☐ Not applicable
- 19. How confident are you that your household will be able to pay the next rent or mortgage payment on time? (Select one)**
- ☐ Not at all confident
  - ☐ Slightly confident
  - ☐ Moderately confident
  - ☐ Highly confident
  - ☐ Payment is/will be deferred

The next set of questions asks about your health.

**20. Would you say that in general your health is:**

- ☐ Poor      ☐ Fair      ☐ Good      ☐ Very Good      ☐ Excellent

**21. How has your overall health status changed over the last two months?**

- ☐ Worsened      ☐ Stayed the same      ☐ Improved

**22. How has your mental health status changed over the last two months?**

- ☐ Worsened      ☐ Stayed the same      ☐ Improved

**23. During the past 2 months, was there any time when you needed medical care but did not get it because you could not afford it?**

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No

**24. During the past 2 months, have you delayed medical care because of worry about the cost?**

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No

**25. Now thinking about your physical health, which includes physical illness and injury, for how many days during the past 30 days was your physical health not good? \_\_\_\_\_ days**

**26. Now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression, and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good? \_\_\_\_\_ days**

**In the last month:**

**27. How often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?**

- | Never                 | Almost<br>Never       | Some-<br>times        | Fairly<br>Often       | Very<br>Often         |
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**28. How often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?**

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**29. How often have you felt that things were going your way?**

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**30. How often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?**

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**31. Do you smoke cigarettes, chew tobacco, or use e-cigarettes or other vaping products?**

- ☐ Not at all      ☐ Some days      ☐ Every day

Now, we'd like to ask about your alcohol consumption. Keep in mind, one drink is equivalent to a 12-ounce beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, or 1 ounce of liquor.

**32. During the past 30 days, how many days did you have at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage such as beer, wine, or liquor? \_\_\_\_\_ days in the past 30 days**

**33. During the past 30 days, on the days when you drank, about how many drinks did you drink on average? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of drinks**

Now, we'd like to ask you some questions about yourself.

**34. What is your marital status? (Select one)**

- ☐ Never married      ☐ Separated      ☐ Divorced      ☐ Widowed      ☐ Married

**35. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? (Select one)**

- ☐ Did not graduate high school  
☐ High school graduate or equivalent (for example, GED)  
☐ Some college but no degree  
☐ Associate degree (for example, AA, AS)  
☐ Bachelor's degree (for example, BA, BS, AB)  
☐ Graduate degree (for example, Master's degree, Professional degree, Doctorate degree)

**36. Do you have children?**

- ☐ Yes    **How many children do you have living in your household?** \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ No

**37. Please list the number of individuals in your household who attend:**

- Preschool (including Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten): \_\_\_\_\_  
Elementary School (grades K-6): \_\_\_\_\_  
Junior High School (grades 7-8): \_\_\_\_\_  
High School (grades 9-12): \_\_\_\_\_  
Community College, College, or University: \_\_\_\_\_

*The next two questions ask about childcare arrangements and school services for children in your household.*

**38. At any time in the last 4 weeks, were any children in your household unable to attend daycare or another childcare arrangement as a result of childcare being unaffordable? (Select one)**

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Not applicable

**39. If you are a parent of a school aged child enrolled in a preK-12 school in Johnson County, please select all that apply:**

- ☐ My child is receiving special education services as part of an IEP  
☐ My child is receiving mental health services in their school  
☐ My child has unaddressed academic needs  
☐ My child has unaddressed mental health needs  
☐ None of the above

*The next set of questions are similar to some of the questions you have already been asked. Please think about your experiences in May and June 2022 when answering these questions.*

**40. Thinking about your experience in May 2022, were any children in your household unable to attend daycare or another childcare arrangement as a result of childcare being unaffordable? (Select one)**

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Not applicable

**41. Thinking about your experience in June 2022, how difficult was it for your household to pay for usual household expenses, including but not limited to food, rent or mortgage, car payments, medical expenses, student loans, and so on? (Select one)**

- ☐ Not at all difficult  
☐ A little difficult  
☐ Somewhat difficult  
☐ Very difficult  
☐ Extremely difficult

42. **Approximately how much savings did your household have in June 2022:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include checking and savings account balances but exclude retirement account balances.)
43. **Approximately how much debt did your household owe in June 2022:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(This includes unpaid credit card debt that you will not be able to pay off this month, medical debts, mortgages, car loans, and other loans.)
44. **Approximately how much did your household receive in June 2022 from:**
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| Earned income (wages, salary, commission, bonuses, and tips) | \$ _____ |
| Unemployment insurance                                       | \$ _____ |
| Public Assistance (other than unemployment insurance)        | \$ _____ |
| Child support  | \$ _____ |
| Other income (retirement income, spousal support, etc.)      | \$ _____ |
45. **How confident were you in June 2022 that your household would have been able to pay the next rent or mortgage payment on time?** (Select one)
- ☐ Not at all confident  
☐ Slightly confident  
☐ Moderately confident  
☐ Highly confident  
☐ Payment was deferred
46. **In June 2022, would you say that in general your health was:**
- ☐ Poor      ☐ Fair      ☐ Good      ☐ Very Good      ☐ Excellent
47. **In June 2022, did you smoke cigarettes, chew tobacco, or use e-cigarettes or other vaping products?**
- ☐ Not at all      ☐ Some days      ☐ Every day
- Again, we'd like to ask about your alcohol consumption, but this time during June 2022. Keep in mind, one drink is equivalent to a 12-ounce beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, or 1 ounce of liquor.*
48. **During June 2022, how many days did you have at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage such as beer, wine, or liquor?** \_\_\_\_\_ days of the 30 days in June
49. **During June 2022, on the days when you drank, about how many drinks did you drink on average?** \_\_\_\_\_ Number of drinks
50. **We are interested in further understanding individual's experiences with the Direct Assistance Program. Please indicate your interest in participating in a follow-up in-depth interview or focus group about this program. Individuals who are selected will receive \$25 for approximately 45 minutes of your time.**
- ☐ Yes, I am interested in participating in an interview/focus group.  
☐ No, I am not interested in participating in an interview/focus group.

*Thank you for participating in this survey.*