

# Reality Quiz...

## What's it really like in Kentucky?

- 1) Where does Kentucky rank among states in the percentage of adults with a bachelor's degree? A) 15<sup>th</sup> B) 23<sup>rd</sup> C) 39<sup>th</sup> D) 45<sup>th</sup> E) 49<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Between 1999 and 2004, state funding per pupil in Kentucky's community and technical colleges dropped by: A) 3% B) 8% C) 15% D) 26% E) 31%
- 3) In response to recent cuts in state funding, Kentucky school districts have done the following: A) cut after school and summer school programs B) laid off teachers C) held fundraisers to pay for text books D) switched to a four-day week E) all of the above
- 4) Where among all states does Kentucky rank in lung cancer deaths? A) 10<sup>th</sup> worst B) 7<sup>th</sup> worst C) 5<sup>th</sup> worst D) 2<sup>nd</sup> worst E) 1<sup>st</sup> worst

*Note: We also rank at this level for teen and adult smoking.*

- 5) What percentage of Kentuckians under 65 years of age went without health insurance for all or part of 2002-2003? A) 12% B) 17% C) 21% D) 24% E) 30%
- 6) Kentuckians experience more days of poor mental health per month than residents of: A) Alabama B) New Mexico C) Louisiana D) North Dakota E) all other states
- 7) Where does Kentucky rank among all states in child well-being (according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's annual Kids Count): A) 1<sup>st</sup> best B) 15<sup>th</sup> best C) 22<sup>nd</sup> best D) 38<sup>th</sup> best E) 42<sup>nd</sup> best
- 8) Where does Kentucky rank among all states in the political and economic status of women (according to the Institute for Women's Policy Research): A) 1<sup>st</sup> best B) 15<sup>th</sup> best C) 22<sup>nd</sup> best D) 38<sup>th</sup> best E) 46<sup>th</sup> best

*Note: In this study Kentucky actually ranks worst for women's political participation and 50<sup>th</sup> out of 51 for women's health and well-being.*

*This quiz is used in our Tax & Budget Workshops to illustrate dire consequences of our current budget priorities. If you haven't guessed, the answer to every question is E.*