

ALICE IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

2015 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 358,880 | **Number of Households:** 138,099

Median Household Income: \$61,977 (state average: \$51,084)

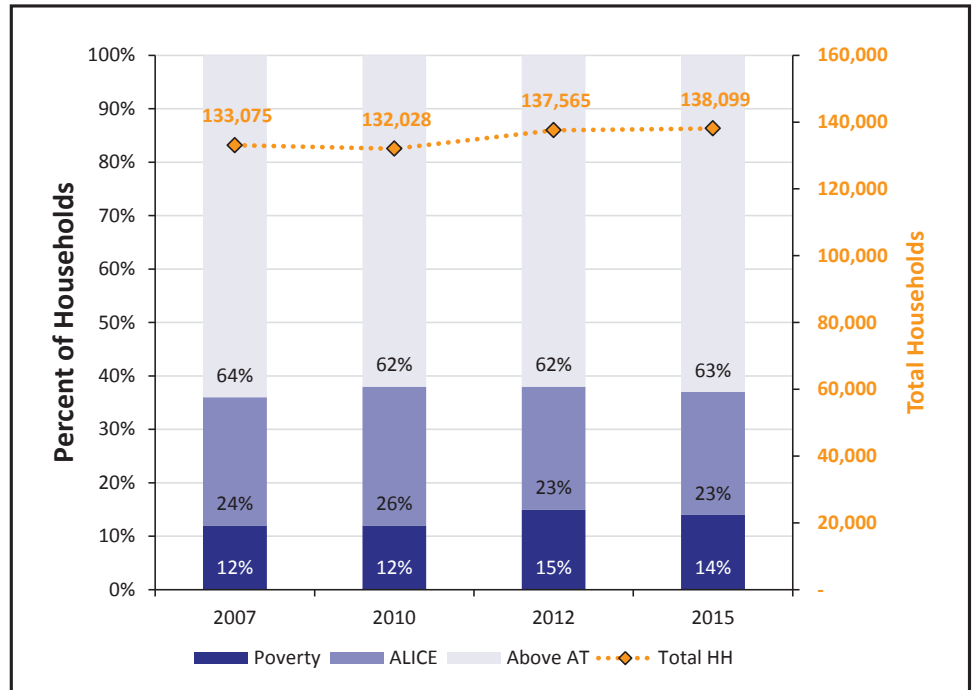
Unemployment Rate: 5.4% (state average: 7.2%)

ALICE Households: 23% (state average: 25%); **Poverty Households:** 14% (state average: 15%)

How many households are struggling?

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mloyed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold, or AT). Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs. The number of households below the ALICE Threshold changes over time; households move in and out of poverty and ALICE as circumstances improve or worsen. The Great Recession, from 2007 to 2010, caused hardship for many families. Conditions started to improve in 2010 and 2012 for some, but not for all.

Households by Income, 2007 to 2015



What does it cost to afford the basic necessities?

The bare-minimum Household Survival Budget does not include any savings, leaving a household vulnerable to unexpected expenses. ALICE households typically earn above the Federal Poverty Level of \$11,770 for a single adult and \$24,250 for a family of four, but less than the Household Survival Budget.

Household Survival Budget, Washtenaw County

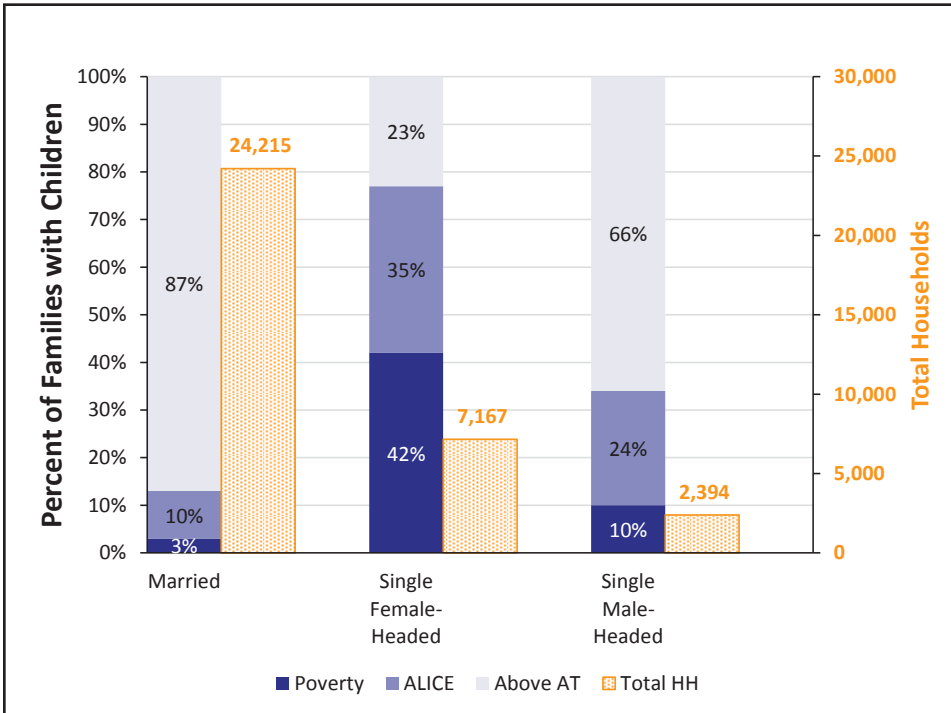
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$675	\$964
Child Care	\$-	\$1,343
Food	\$184	\$609
Transportation	\$349	\$697
Health Care	\$184	\$707
Miscellaneous	\$161	\$478
Taxes	\$221	\$460
Monthly Total	\$1,774	\$5,258
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,288	\$63,096
Hourly Wage	\$10.64	\$31.55

Sources: **2015 Point-in-Time Data:** American Community Survey. **ALICE Demographics:** American Community Survey; the ALICE Threshold. **Budget:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Michigan Department of Treasury; Early Childhood Investment Corporation.

How many families with children are struggling?

Children add significant expense to a family budget, so it is not surprising that many Washtenaw County families with children live below the ALICE Threshold. Though more Washtenaw County families are headed by married parents, those families with a single parent are more likely to have income below the ALICE Threshold.

Families with Children by Income, 2015

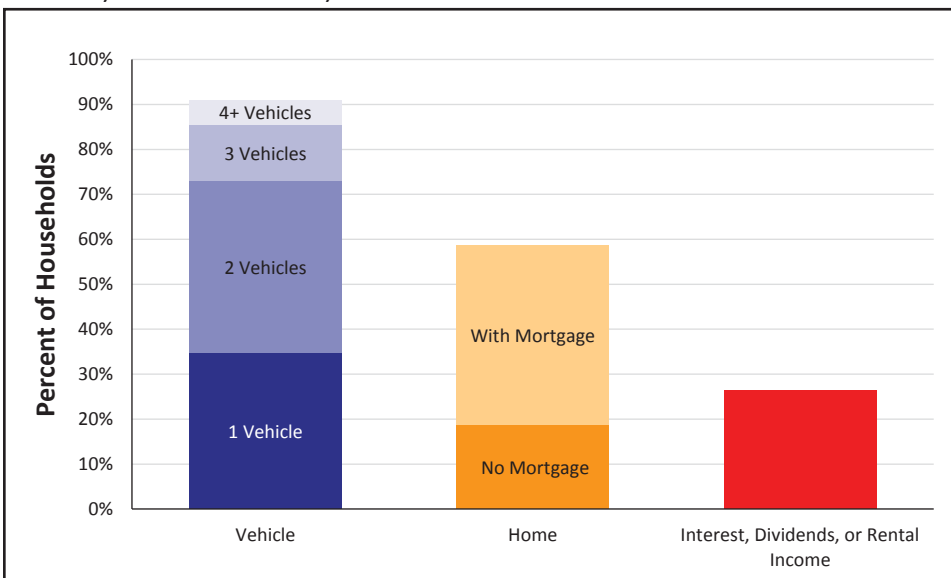


Washtenaw County, 2015		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Ann Arbor Charter Township	1,786	19%
Ann Arbor City	47,179	43%
Augusta Charter Township	2,191	30%
Bridgewater Township	597	34%
Chelsea City	2,307	30%
Dexter Township	2,252	19%
Freedom Township	611	27%
Lima Township	1,341	20%
Lodi Township	2,275	17%
Lyndon Township	987	19%
Manchester Township	1,826	36%
Milan City	1,482	29%
Northfield Township	3,303	40%
Pittsfield Charter Township	13,991	36%
Salem Township	2,122	23%
Saline City	3,831	35%
Saline Township	766	33%
Scio Township	7,704	24%
Sharon Township	723	24%
Superior Charter Township	4,890	34%
Sylvan Township	1,169	20%
Webster Township	2,445	15%
York Charter Township	2,407	14%
Ypsilanti Charter Township	22,071	50%
Ypsilanti City	7,811	65%

What assets do households have?

Ownership of assets can contribute to stability of households. Yet few families in Washtenaw County own liquid assets, such as a savings account, 401(k) plan, or rental income, that are readily available to cover emergency expenses. Vehicles, the most common asset, depreciate over time. Homeownership, the next most common asset, can build wealth, but is not a liquid asset.

Assets, All Households, 2015



Note: Municipal-level data on this page is for Places and County Subdivisions, which include Census Designated Places (CDP). These are overlapping geographies so totals will not match county-level data. Municipal-level data often relies on 5-year averages and is not available for the smallest towns that do not report income.