

ALICE IN CALHOUN COUNTY

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 134,128 • **Number of Households:** 54,556

Median Household Income: \$45,386 (state average: \$54,909)

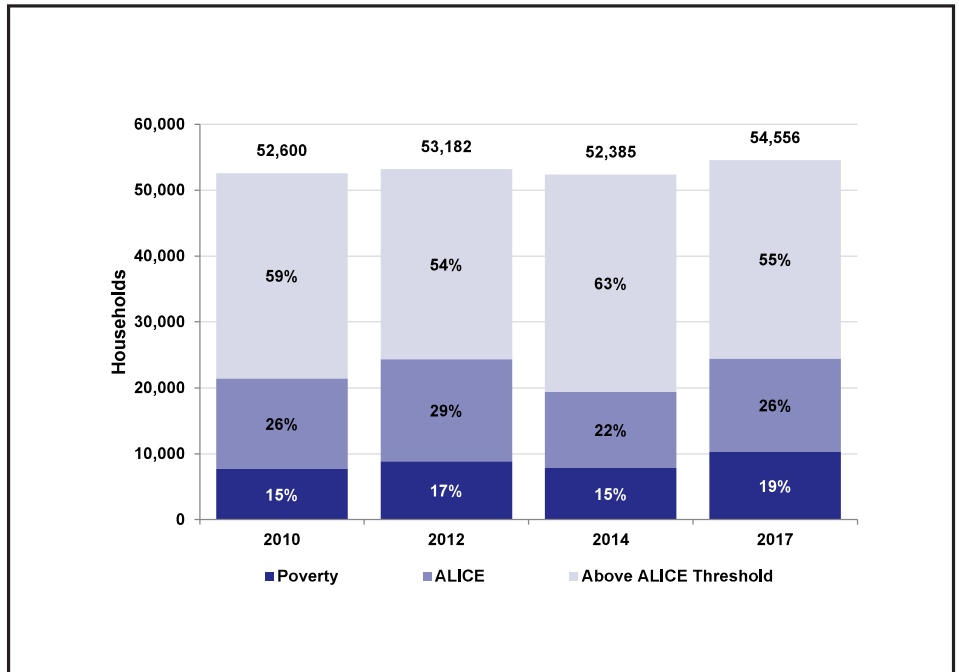
Unemployment Rate: 8% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 26% (state average: 29%) • **Households in Poverty:** 19% (state average: 14%)

How has the number of ALICE households changed over time?

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level 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 status as their circumstances improve or worsen. The recovery, which started in 2010, has been uneven across the state. Conditions have improved for some families, but with rising costs, many still find themselves struggling.

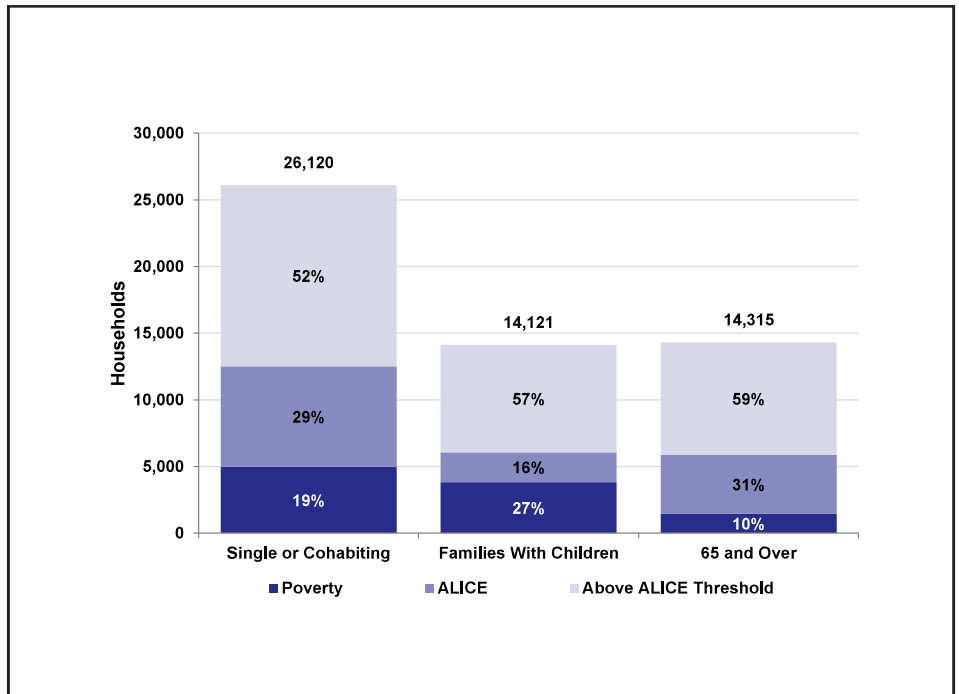
Households by Income, 2010 to 2017



What types of households are struggling?

The way Americans live is changing. There are more different family and living combinations than ever before, including more adults living alone, with roommates, or with their parents. Families with children are changing: There are more non-married cohabiting parents, same-sex parents, and blended families with remarried parents. The number of senior households is also increasing. Yet all types of households continue to struggle: ALICE and poverty-level households exist across all of these living arrangements.

Household Types by Income, 2017



Why do so many households struggle?

The cost of living continues to increase...

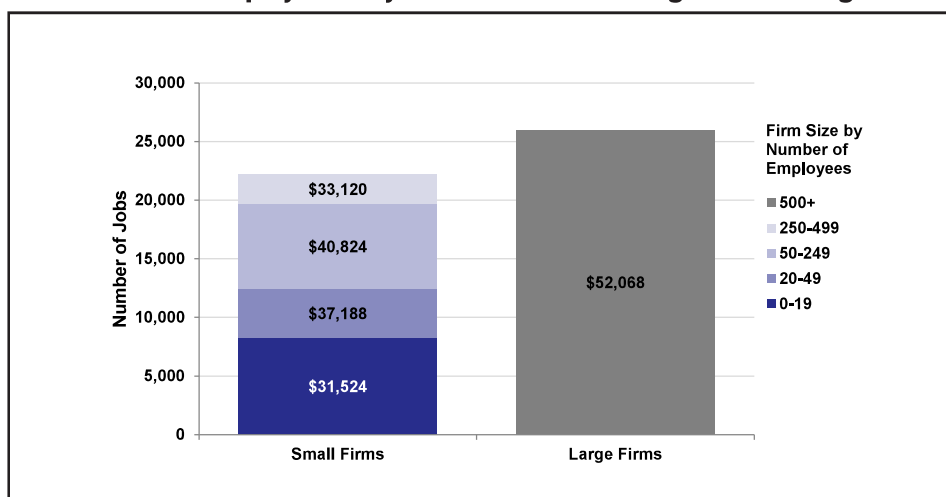
The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. In 2017, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,060 for a single adult and \$24,600 for a family of four. Family costs increased by 26 percent statewide from 2010 to 2017, compared to 12 percent inflation nationally.

Household Survival Budget, Calhoun County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$514	\$806
Child Care	\$-	\$1,073
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$159	\$465
Taxes	\$246	\$524
Monthly Total	\$1,749	\$5,114
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,988	\$61,368
Hourly Wage	\$10.49	\$30.68

...and wages lag behind

Employment and wages vary by location; firms generally pay higher wages in areas with a higher cost of living, although those wages still do not always cover basic needs. Employment and wages also vary by firm size: Large firms tend to offer higher wages and more job stability; smaller businesses can account for more jobs overall, especially in rural areas, but may pay less and offer less stability. Medium-size firms pay more but typically employ the fewest workers.

Private-Sector Employment by Firm Size With Average Annual Wages, 2017



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Calhoun County, 2017		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Albion City	2,940	63%
Albion Township	438	39%
Athens Township	935	35%
Battle Creek City	20,606	52%
Bedford Charter Township	3,814	41%
Burlington Township	686	36%
Clarence Township	808	34%
Clarendon Township	444	41%
Convis Township	627	38%
Eckford Township	476	32%
Emmett Charter Township	4,905	36%
Fredonia Township	660	31%
Homer Township	1,148	50%
Lee Township	347	38%
Leroy Township	1,425	22%
Marengo Township	836	30%
Marshall City	3,215	44%
Marshall Township	1,219	26%
Newton Township	956	23%
Pennfield Charter Township	3,631	36%
Sheridan Township	757	49%
Springfield City	2,041	59%
Tekonsha Township	614	47%

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ALICE IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 262,985 • **Number of Households:** 104,075

Median Household Income: \$56,025 (state average: \$54,909)

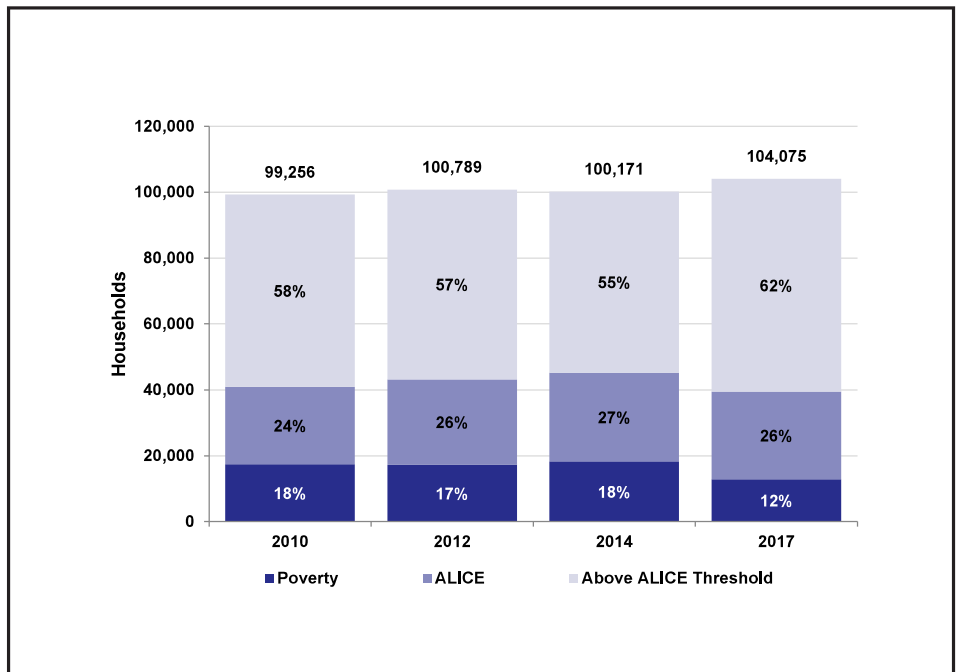
Unemployment Rate: 4.8% (state average: 5.9%)

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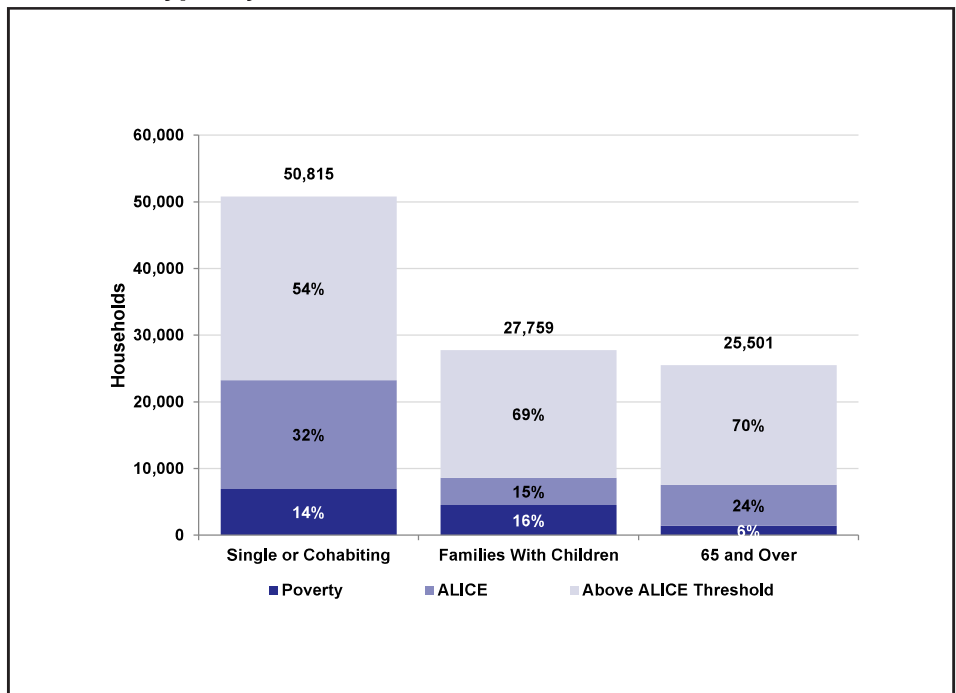
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Child Care	\$-	\$1,381
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$159	\$504
Taxes	\$246	\$631
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ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,976	\$66,528
Hourly Wage	\$10.49	\$33.26

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Kalamazoo County, 2017		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Alamo Township	1,477	33%
Brady Township	1,620	21%
Charleston Township	769	31%
Climax Township	946	28%
Comstock Charter Township	6,250	40%
Cooper Charter Township	3,928	27%
Galesburg City	828	66%
Kalamazoo Charter Township	9,004	46%
Kalamazoo City	28,996	58%
Oshtemo Charter Township	10,441	47%
Parchment City	827	51%
Pavilion Township	2,345	36%
Portage City	19,552	36%
Prairie Ronde Township	833	21%
Richland Township	2,999	20%
Ross Township	2,055	25%
Schoolcraft Township	3,290	34%
Texas Charter Township	5,692	15%
Wakeshma Township	510	37%

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