

ALICE IN ALLEN COUNTY

2016 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 370,404 • **Number of Households:** 142,762

Median Household Income: \$51,173 (state average: \$52,314)

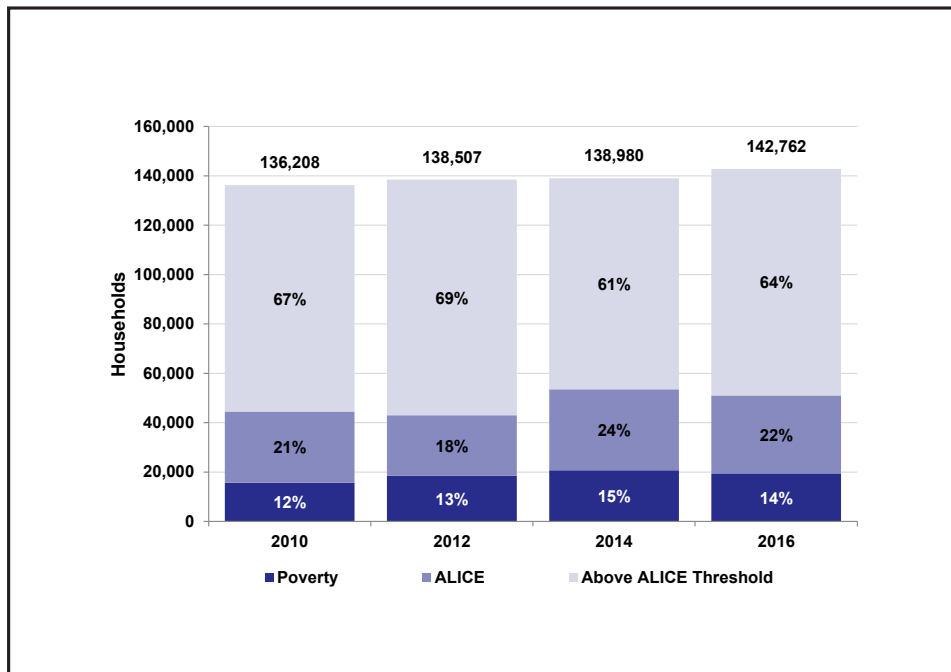
Unemployment Rate: 4.8% (state average: 5.0%)

ALICE Households: 22% (state average: 25%) • **Households in Poverty:** 14% (state average: 14%)

How has the number of ALICE households changed over time?

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). 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.

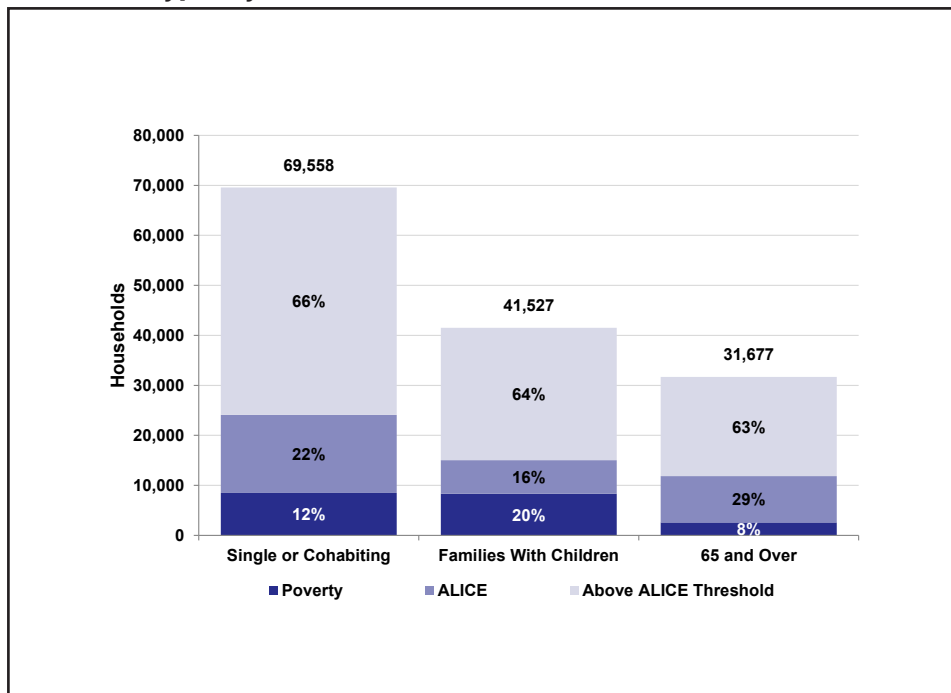
Households by Income, 2010 to 2016



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, 2016



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 2016, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$11,880 for a single adult and \$24,300 for a family of four. Family costs increased by 23 percent statewide from 2010 to 2016, compared to 9 percent inflation nationally.

Household Survival Budget, Allen County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$491	\$708
Child Care	\$-	\$854
Food	\$158	\$525
Transportation	\$349	\$697
Health Care	\$214	\$800
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$149	\$403
Taxes	\$225	\$368
Monthly Total	\$1,641	\$4,430
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,692	\$53,160
Hourly Wage	\$9.85	\$26.58

...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, 2016



Sources: 2016 Point-in-Time Data: American Community Survey. ALICE Demographics: American Community Survey; the ALICE Threshold. Budget: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Internal Revenue Service; Tax Foundation; and Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, 2016.

Allen County, 2016		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Aboite Township	14,173	17%
Adams Township	12,492	47%
Cedar Creek Township	4,355	17%
Eel River Township	1,303	12%
Fort Wayne City	103,942	41%
Grabill Town	569	40%
Harlan CDP	535	27%
Hoagland CDP	346	29%
Huntertown Town	1,789	16%
Jackson Township	147	8%
Jefferson Township	824	32%
Lafayette Township	1,166	15%
Lake Township	1,031	30%
Leo-Cedarville Town	1,207	14%
Madison Township	615	31%
Marion Township	1,600	22%
Maumee Township	986	26%
Milan Township	1,076	23%
Monroe Township	714	34%
Monroeville Town	488	43%
New Haven City	6,101	37%
Perry Township	10,451	15%
Pleasant Township	1,317	25%
Scipio Township	161	39%
Springfield Township	1,377	30%
St. Joseph Township	29,651	32%
Washington Township	15,441	38%
Wayne Township	42,603	56%
Woodburn City	566	29%

Note: Municipal-level data is 1- and 5-year averages for Incorporated Places and County Subdivisions, which include Census Designated Places (CDPs). Totals do not match county-level numbers because some places cross county borders, geographies may overlap, data is not available for the smallest towns, and county-level data is often 1-year estimates.