

2021 ALICE

IN BLOUNT COUNTY



Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

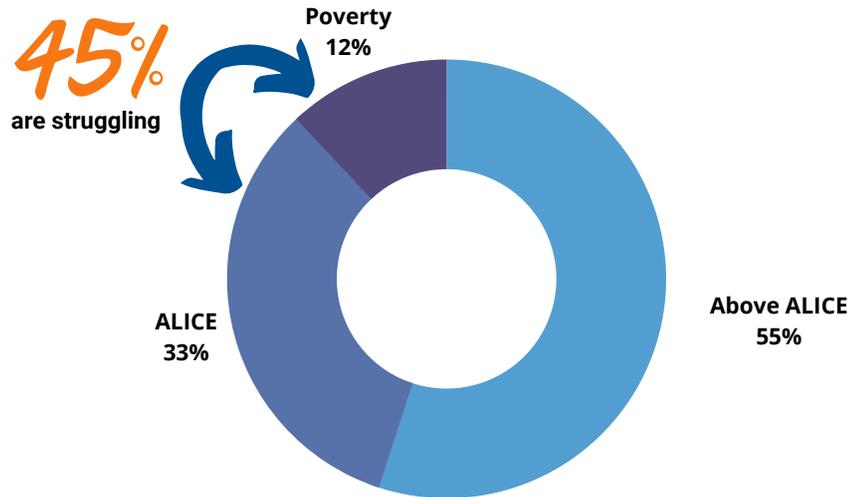
Households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE threshold)

MEET ALICE

For many families, the cost of living outpaces what they earn. These households struggle to manage even their most basic needs - housing, food, transportation, child care, health care, and necessary technology.

Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equal 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.

Households By Income



Where is ALICE?

AREA	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	% OF ALICE OR BELOW
Alcoa	5,026	60%
Eagleton	4,740	46%
Friendsville	4,702	42%
Louisville	4,989	49%
Maryville	4,216	35%
Rockford	4,518	43%
Townsend	4,698	46%

67%
of Blacks & Hispanics are below the ALICE threshold

81%
of Female-headed households are below the ALICE threshold

NEED DOESN'T STOP AT THE POVERTY LINE.

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 2018, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,140 for a single adult and \$25,100 for a family of four. And government aid does not make up the difference. As income rises, benefits fall away before households can survive.

In the past 10 years, family costs increased by 31% while median earnings increased by only 15% statewide.

Household Survival Budget, 2018

	Single Adult	Two Adults Two School-Age Children
Housing	\$667	\$1,028
Child Care	\$0	\$391
Food	\$283	\$980
Transportation	\$332	\$801
Health Care	\$193	\$760
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$190	\$477
Taxes	\$365	\$738
Monthly Total	\$2,085	\$5,250
Annual Total	\$25,020	\$63,000
Hourly Wage	\$12.51	\$31.50

- Population: 131,349
- Households: 51,446
- Median Household Income: \$58,809
- Unemployment Rate: 4%
- Jobs that pay less than \$15/hr: 41%
- ALICE Households: 33%
- Households in Poverty: 12%
- People Living as ALICE or Below: 59,107
- Young Adults Living as ALICE or Below: 75%
- Seniors Living as ALICE or Below: 50%

Municipal-level data is a 1-5 year average based on estimated census data.



Benefits like health insurance, paid time off, sick leave and consistent pay rapidly decrease for those who don't hold a full-time salary position.



SAVING MONEY SAVES MONEY

Instead of a downward cycle of accumulating fees, debt and stress, families can have an upward cycle of savings and health.



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