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ALICE Report: An Overview

ALICE represents a growing number of individuals and families who are working but are unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, food, childcare, health care and transportation. Although ALICE is earning income, pays taxes and contributes to Iowa's economy, the household income is not enough to meet a basic survival budget in these categories.

United Ways of Iowa

ALICE Households: By the Numbers

Who is ALICE in Iowa?

ALICE is Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed: these are the Iowa households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level who cannot meet a basic needs budget.

46% of senior households in Iowa are below the ALICE Threshold.

34% of households below the ALICE Threshold are working age adults with no children under 18 in the household.

29% of households headed by a person 25 to 64 years old are below the ALICE Threshold.

69% of single parent households are below the ALICE Threshold.

61% of Black households are below the below ALICE Threshold.

Of Iowa's 1.2M households, **36% (459,000)** could not afford basic needs like food, housing, transportation.

Between 2019-2021, Iowa's state population grew **1%**, while the number of ALICE households grew **5%**.

11% of Iowa's households (**144,000**) are below the Federal Poverty Level.

An **additional 25% (315,000)** are above the FPL, but are unable to meet a basic needs budget.

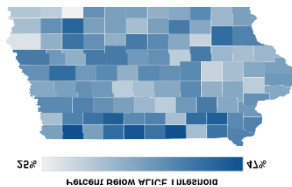
Iowa Household Survival Budget

The ALICE Survival Budget for a family of four - two adults, an infant and toddler - is **\$61,000**. FPL for the same family is **\$26,500**.

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The ALICE Survival Budget for an individual is **\$24,100**. FPL for the same individual is **\$12,880**.

Child care counts for the highest expense of a family's budget (**22%**) - **\$1,122** for an infant and toddler in a registered family child care home.

ALICE lives in every Iowa County



From a low of **25%** of Dickinson County households to a high of **47%** of households in Appanoose and Page Counties.

ALICE At Work

Of the 20 most common jobs in Iowa, **70%** pay below **\$20/hour**.

\$15/hour at a full time job equals **\$30,000/year**, less than one-half of a family of 4 survival budget.

Child care providers median hourly wage is **\$10.76** per hour with **29%** living below the ALICE Threshold.