How many households are struggling?

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 area (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.

United Way of Greenwich service area

- Poverty: 1,419 HH, 6.4%
- ALICE: 4,686 HH, 21.2%
- Above ALICE: 16,008 HH, 72.4%

Connecticut

- Poverty: 134,494 HH, 10%
- ALICE: 404,035 HH, 30%
- Above ALICE: 818,740 HH, 60%

Note: Municipal-level data often relies on 5-year averages, is not available for the smallest towns that don’t report income, and may overlap with Census Designated Places (CDP).

Why do so many households struggle?

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.


Where does ALICE live?

ALICE and poverty-level households live in every town in Connecticut. Towns with the highest percentage of households below the ALICE Threshold are shaded in the darkest blue; towns with the lowest percentage of households below the ALICE Threshold are shaded in lightest blue.