

# ALICE IN LYCOMING COUNTY

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 113,841 • **Number of Households:** 46,122

**Median Household Income:** \$50,909 (state average: \$59,195)

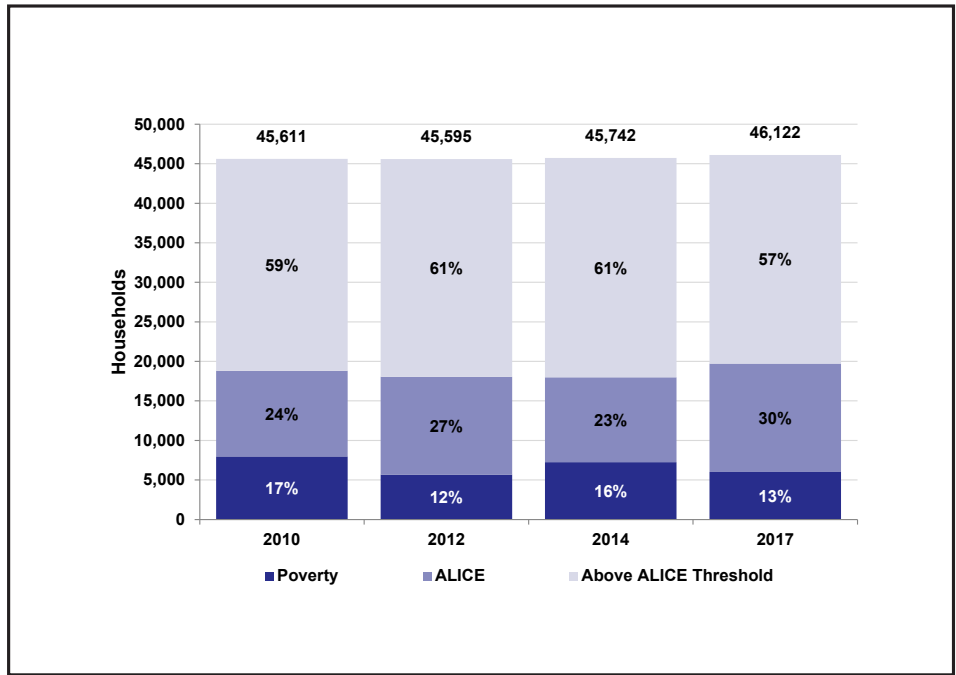
**Unemployment Rate:** 5% (state average: 5.3%)

**ALICE Households:** 30% (state average: 24%) • **Households in Poverty:** 13% (state average: 13%)

## 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.

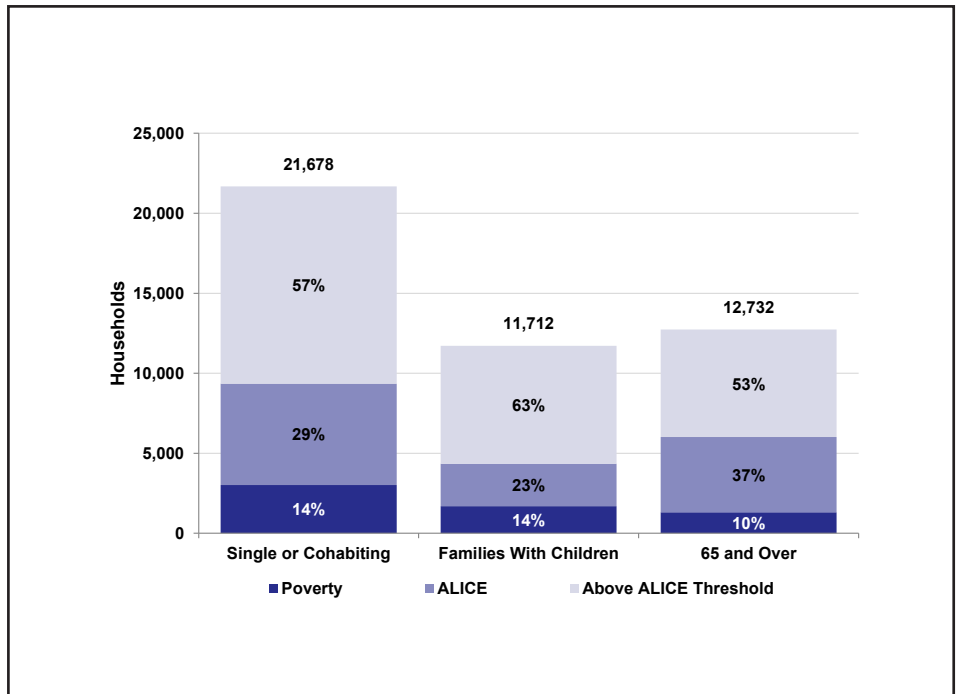
Households by Income, 2010 to 2017



## What types of households are struggling?

The way Americans live is changing. There are many different family and living combinations — more than ever before. More adults are 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...

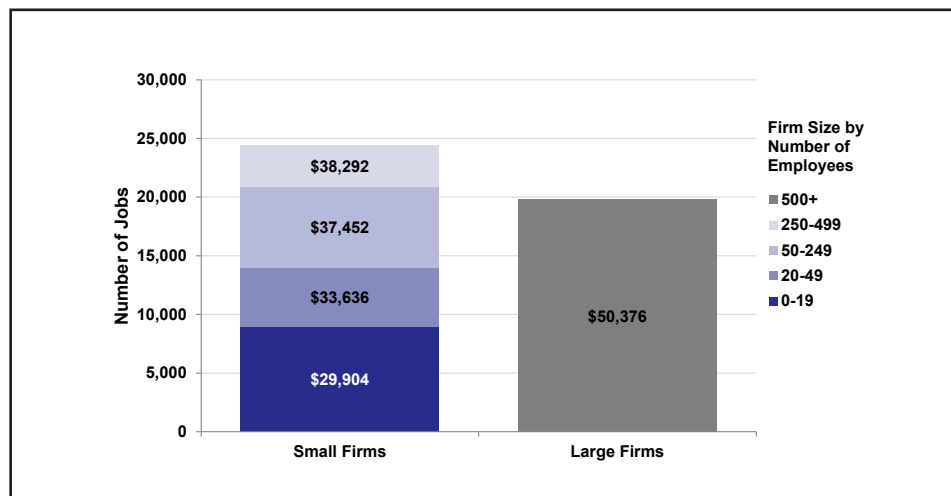
The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. In 2017, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,060 for a single adult and \$24,600 for a family of four. Family costs increased by 22 percent statewide from 2010 to 2017, compared to 12 percent inflation nationally.

Household Survival Budget, Lycoming County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$679	\$835
Child Care	\$-	\$1,091
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$318	\$636
Health Care	\$158	\$596
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$170	\$432
Taxes	\$291	\$479
Monthly Total	\$1,870	\$4,748
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,440</b>	<b>\$56,976</b>
Hourly Wage	\$11.22	\$28.49

## ...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



Sources: 2017 Point-in-Time Data: American Community Survey, 2017. ALICE Demographics: American Community Survey and the ALICE Threshold, 2017. Wages: BLS, 2017. Budget: BLS, 2017; Consumer Reports, 2017; HUD, 2017; IRS, 2017; Office of Child Development and Early Learning; Tax Foundation 2017, 2018; USDA, 2017.

Lycoming County, 2017		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Anthony Township	342	23%
Armstrong Township	273	36%
Bastress Township	200	27%
Brady Township	205	22%
Cascade Township	179	37%
Clinton Township	833	35%
Cogan House Township	392	38%
Cummings Township	138	39%
Dubois Borough	516	39%
Eldred Township	831	23%
Fairfield Township	1,166	36%
Franklin Township	363	38%
Gamble Township	306	29%
Hepburn Township	1,136	29%
Hughesville Borough	909	46%
Jackson Township	173	43%
Jersey Shore Borough	1,689	46%
Jordan Township	363	39%
Lewis Township	363	42%
Limestone Township	709	22%
Loyalsock Township	4,641	41%
Lycoming Township	559	36%
McIntyre Township	179	40%
Mifflin Township	433	34%
Mill Creek Township	266	20%
Montgomery Borough	557	41%
Montoursville Borough	1,915	42%
Moreland Township	346	26%
Muncy Borough	996	37%
Muncy Creek Township	1,335	39%
Muncy Township	432	32%
Nippenose Township	272	38%
Old Lycoming Township	2,390	39%
Penn Township	348	26%
Piatt Township	368	44%
Picture Rocks Borough	285	34%
Pine Township	124	36%
Plunketts Creek Township	277	26%
Porter Township	700	34%
Salladasburg Borough	115	49%
Shrewsbury Township	201	45%
South Williamsport Borough	2,698	40%
Susquehanna Township	410	36%
Upper Fairfield Township	749	32%
Washington Township	609	32%
Watson Township	233	21%
Williamsport City	11,253	57%
Wolf Township	1,136	28%
Woodward Township	896	38%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is for County Subdivisions. Municipal-level data relies on 5-year averages and is not available for the smallest Towns. Since there are missing geographies, totals will not match county-level numbers.