

ALICE IN TIOGA COUNTY

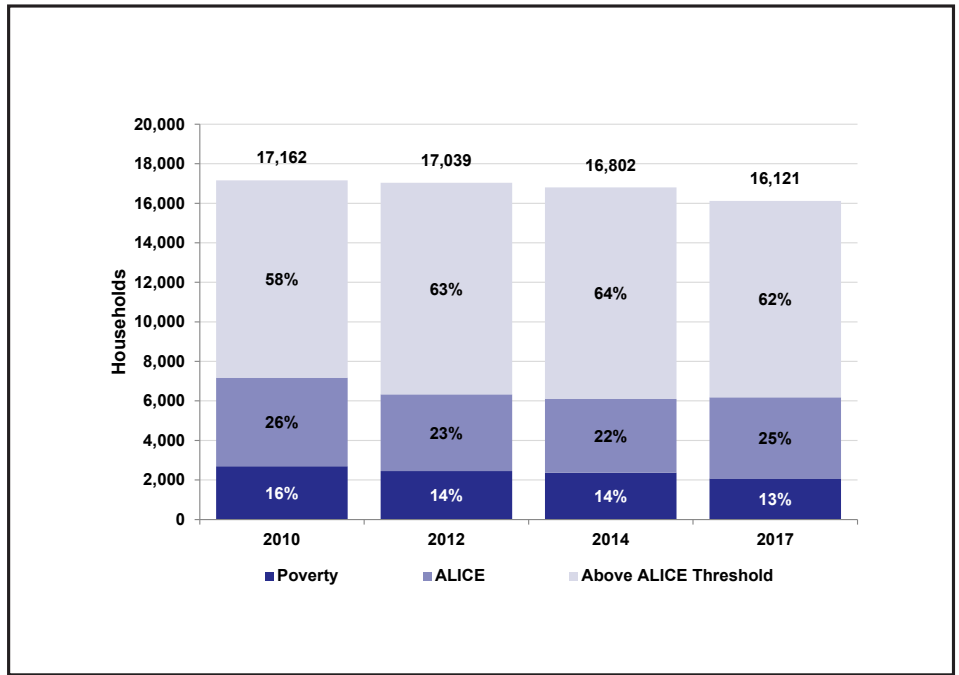
2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 41,550 • **Number of Households:** 16,121
Median Household Income: \$50,017 (state average: \$59,195)
Unemployment Rate: 6% (state average: 5.3%)
ALICE Households: 25% (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.

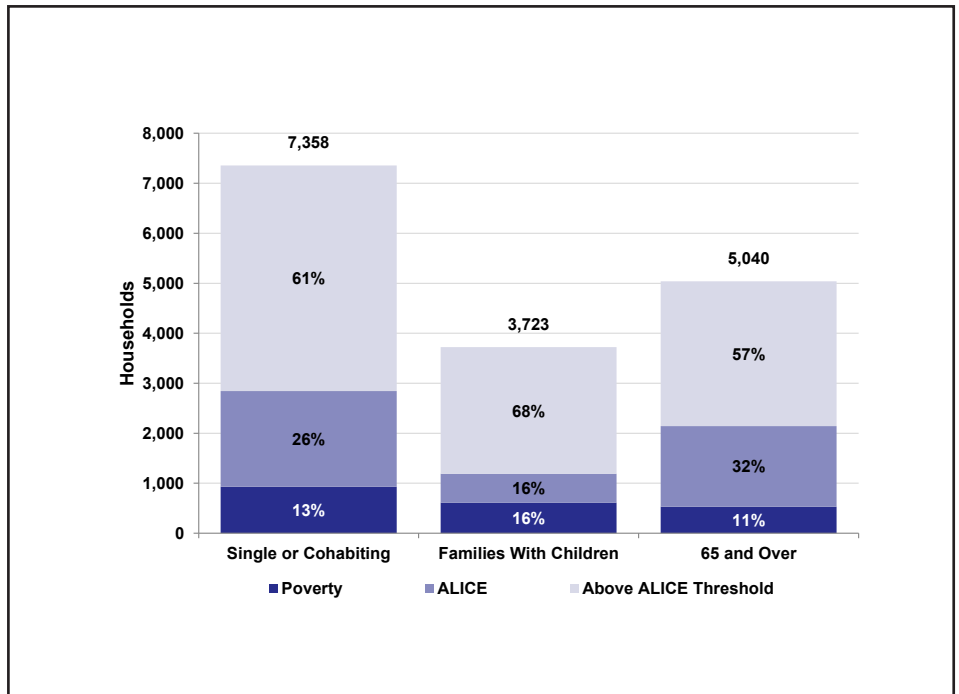
Households by Income, 2010 to 2017



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...

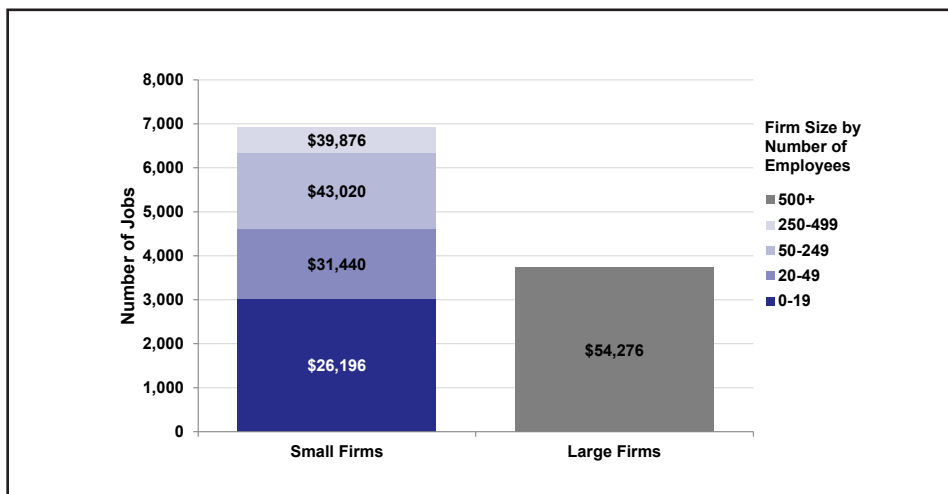
The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. In 2017, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,060 for a single adult and \$24,600 for a family of four. Family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

Household Survival Budget, Tioga County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$481	\$746
Child Care	\$-	\$997
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$318	\$636
Health Care	\$158	\$596
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$144	\$407
Taxes	\$229	\$414
Monthly Total	\$1,584	\$4,475
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,008	\$53,700
Hourly Wage	\$9.50	\$26.85

...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.

Tioga County, 2017		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Bloss Township	149	28%
Blossburg Borough	633	42%
Brookfield Township	144	42%
Charleston Township	1,167	33%
Chatham Township	201	30%
Clymer Township	210	28%
Covington Township	349	31%
Deerfield Township	236	34%
Delmar Township	1,071	27%
Elkland Borough	755	48%
Farmington Township	244	27%
Gaines Township	212	50%
Hamilton Township	218	38%
Jackson Township	668	30%
Knoxville Borough	258	47%
Lawrence Township	685	34%
Lawrenceville Borough	233	52%
Liberty Township	364	41%
Mansfield Borough	1,339	45%
Middlebury Township	547	32%
Morris Township	201	38%
Nelson Township	190	44%
Osceola Township	241	45%
Putnam Township	151	32%
Richmond Township	897	35%
Rutland Township	305	41%
Shippen Township	155	43%
Sullivan Township	639	22%
Tioga Borough	282	51%
Tioga Township	434	48%
Union Township	332	37%
Wellsboro Borough	1,446	38%
Westfield Borough	475	56%
Westfield Township	395	55%

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.