

ALICE IN GRANT COUNTY

2018 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 51,828 • **Number of Households:** 19,401

Median Household Income: \$52,958 (state average: \$60,773)

Unemployment Rate: 3.1% (state average: 3.2%)

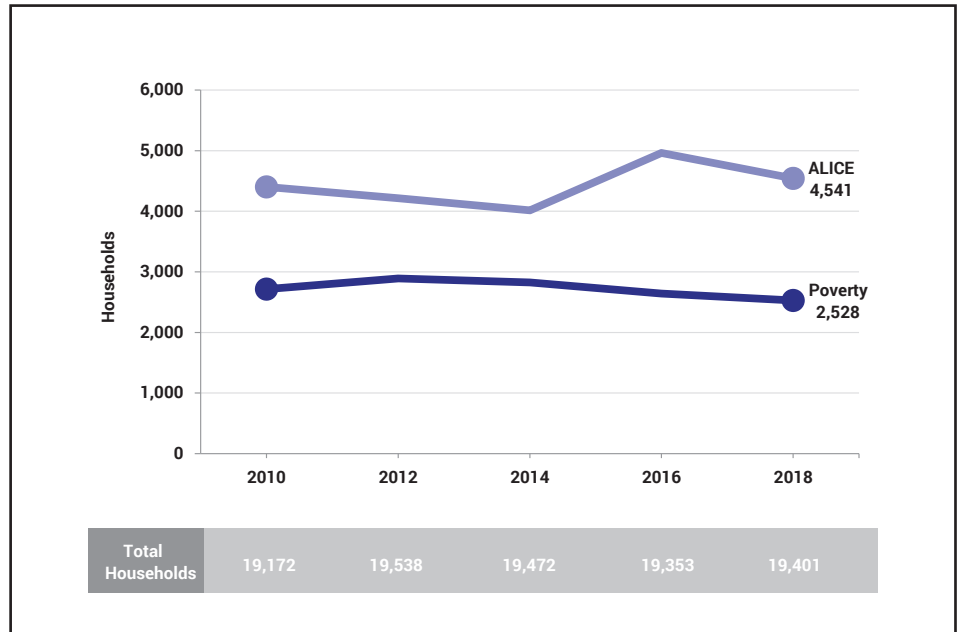
ALICE Households: 23% (state average: 23%) • **Households in Poverty:** 13% (state average: 11%)

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2018; American Community Survey, 2018

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). While conditions improved for some households from 2010 to 2018, many continued to struggle, especially as wages failed to keep pace with the cost of household essentials (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and a basic smartphone plan).

Households by Income, Grant County, 2010 to 2018

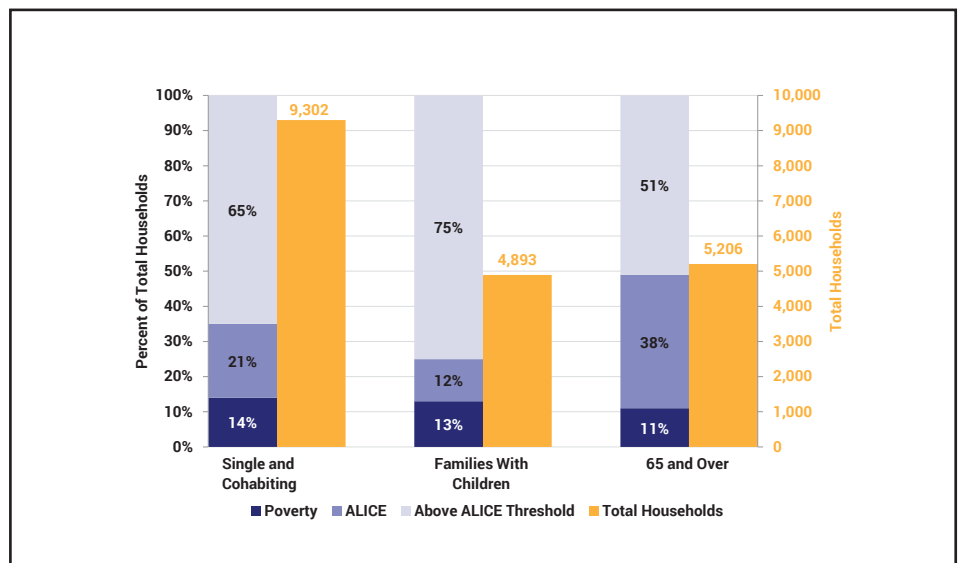


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What types of households are struggling?

In the past few decades, there have been major shifts in household composition. The share of American adults who have never been married is at a historic high, as is the number of senior households. There is also a growing number of people who live alone or with roommates, and an increasing share of grown children who live with their parents. Yet all types of households continue to struggle: ALICE and poverty-level households exist across all of these living arrangements.

Household Income by Household Type, Grant County, 2018



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2018; American Community Survey, 2018

Why do so many households struggle?

The cost of household basics outpaces wages...

The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum cost to live and work in the modern economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, technology (a smartphone plan), and taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. In 2018, household costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,140 for a single adult and \$25,100 for a family of four.

Household Survival Budget, Grant County, 2018		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$523	\$689
Child Care	\$-	\$1,044
Food	\$240	\$726
Transportation	\$326	\$795
Health Care	\$214	\$699
Technology	55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$160	\$464
Taxes	\$244	\$613
Monthly Total	\$1,762	\$5,105
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,144	\$61,260
Hourly Wage*	\$10.57	\$30.63

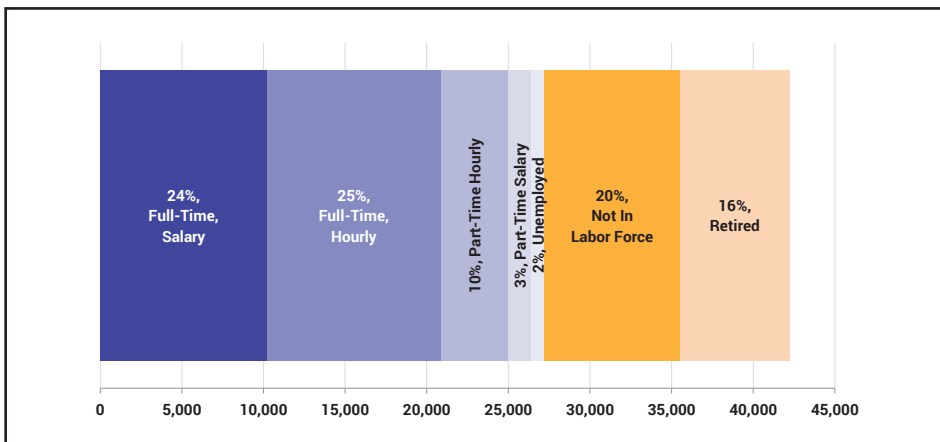
* Wage working full-time required to support this budget

For ALICE Survival Budget Sources, see the 2020 Methodology Overview available at [UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology](https://www.unitedforalice.org/methodology)

..and the labor landscape is challenging for ALICE workers

A breakdown of the labor force shows a small portion of adults (16 years and older) who were unemployed and a large number who were working in 2018. However, a significant portion of full- and part-time workers were paid by the hour; these workers were more likely to have fluctuations in income and less likely to receive benefits. There was also a high number of workers outside of the labor force (people who are not employed and not looking for work), which helped keep wages low: When more workers are available, employers have less incentive to raise wages to attract employees.

Labor Status, Population 16 and Over, Grant County, 2018



Note: Data for full- and part-time jobs is only available at the national level; these national rates (51% of full-time workers and 75% of part-time workers paid hourly) have been applied to the total county workforce to calculate the breakdown shown in this figure. Full-time represents a minimum of 35 hours per week at one or more jobs for 48 weeks per year.

Sources: American Community Survey, 2018; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 2018

Grant County, 2018		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Bagley Village	166	46%
Beetown	240	39%
Bloomington	154	35%
Bloomington Village	319	32%
Blue River Village	217	48%
Boscobel	167	48%
Boscobel City	1,188	44%
Cassville	154	26%
Cassville Village	414	45%
Castle Rock	114	31%
Clifton	120	18%
Cuba City City	766	36%
Dickeyville Village	482	33%
Ellenboro	221	31%
Fennimore	213	27%
Fennimore City	988	34%
Glen Haven	131	27%
Harrison	179	26%
Hazel Green	411	31%
Hazel Green Village	426	40%
Hickory Grove	154	40%
Jamestown	824	19%
Lancaster City	1,546	40%
Liberty	177	44%
Lima	219	25%
Livingston Village	230	35%
Marion	223	44%
Montfort Village	239	37%
Mount Ida	172	22%
Muscoda	284	40%
Muscoda Village	588	43%
North Lancaster	216	19%
Paris	234	21%
Patch Grove	117	31%
Platteville	635	20%
Platteville City	4,070	45%
Potosi	280	25%
Potosi Village	314	40%
Smelser	316	23%
South Lancaster	247	24%
Tennyson Village	135	32%
Waterloo	233	28%
Watterstown	123	30%
Wingville	142	29%
Wyalusing	149	42%

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. As a result, totals will not match county-level numbers.