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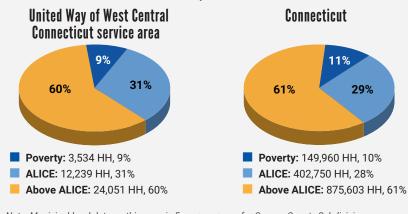
Number of Households - 39,824



## **Meet ALICE**

**ALICE** is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, Income **C**onstrained, **E**mployed — households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. Households below the ALICE Threshold — ALICE households plus those in poverty — can't afford the basics in the communities where they live.

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Bristol	24,076	43%
Burlington	3,206	17%
Plainville	8,046	39%
Plymouth	4,496	40%



Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census County Subdivisions. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included.

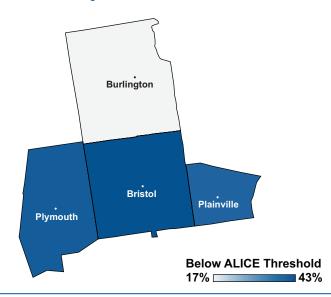
Household Survival Budget, 2022			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER	
Monthly Costs and Credits			
Housing - Rent	\$763	\$1,044	
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310	
Child Care	_	\$2,319	
Food	\$526	\$1,433	
Transportation	\$424	\$1,074	
Health Care	\$195	\$693	
Technology	\$86	\$116	
Miscellaneous	\$216	\$699	
Tax Payments	\$426	\$1,578	
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$433)	
Monthly Total	\$2,799	\$8,833	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$33,588	\$105,996	
Hourly Wage*	\$16.79	\$53.00	

Sources: Sources: AAA, 2022; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022—Consumer Expenditure Surveys; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022—Occupational Employment Statistics; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2023—Medicare - Chronic Conditions; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2020—Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2023; Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, 2022; Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta—Policy Rules Database; Federal Highway Administration, 2017; Feeding America, 2023; Frank, 2022; Internal Revenue Service, 2022; Medicare.gov; The Zebra, 2022; U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2022—Official USDA Food Plans; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2022—Fair Market Rents; USTelecom, 2022.

## The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum costs of household necessities (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology), plus taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. In 2022, wage increases in low-wage jobs helped fill the gap when pandemic assistance expired, but wasn't enough for many workers to keep up with the rising costs of necessities.

To see costs for different household compositions and locations in Connecticut, visit <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Connecticut</u>



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