

UNITED WAY OF MERIDEN AND WALLINGFORD



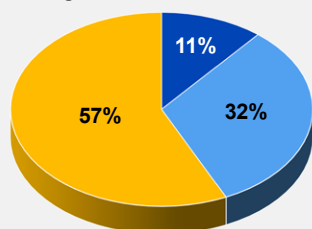
Number of Households – 43,363

Meet ALICE

ALICE® is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **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.

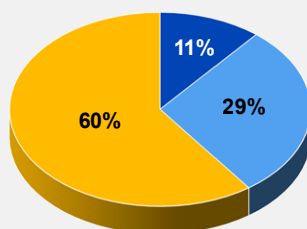
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Meriden	24,709	51%
Wallingford	18,654	33%

United Way of Meriden and Wallingford service area



■ **Poverty:** 4,706 HH, 11%
■ **ALICE:** 14,089 HH, 32%
■ **Above ALICE Threshold:** 24,568 HH, 57%

Connecticut



■ **Poverty:** 160,037 HH, 11%
■ **ALICE:** 420,483 HH, 29%
■ **Above ALICE Threshold:** 862,449 HH, 60%

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, 2023		
	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$1,320	\$1,806
Child Care	–	\$2,729
Food	\$538	\$1,461
Transportation	\$419	\$967
Health Care	\$212	\$802
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$258	\$788
Tax Payments	\$400	\$1,390
Monthly Total	\$3,233	\$10,059
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$38,796	\$115,512
Hourly Wage*	\$19.40	\$57.76

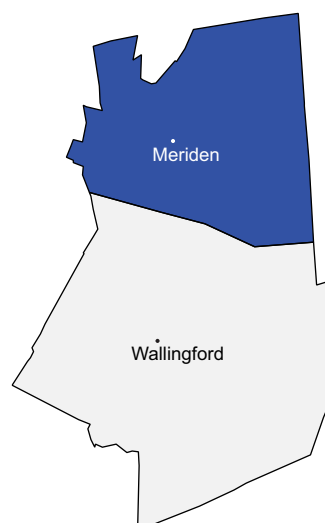
*Full-time wage required to support this budget

For ALICE Household Survival Budget Sources, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology

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. The Household Survival Budget is calculated for each planning region in Connecticut (U.S. Census county equivalent), as costs can vary greatly depending on location and household needs.

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



Below ALICE Threshold
33% 51%