

ALICE IN FOND DU LAC COUNTY

2016 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 102,144 • **Number of Households:** 40,815

Median Household Income: \$58,310 (state average: \$56,811)

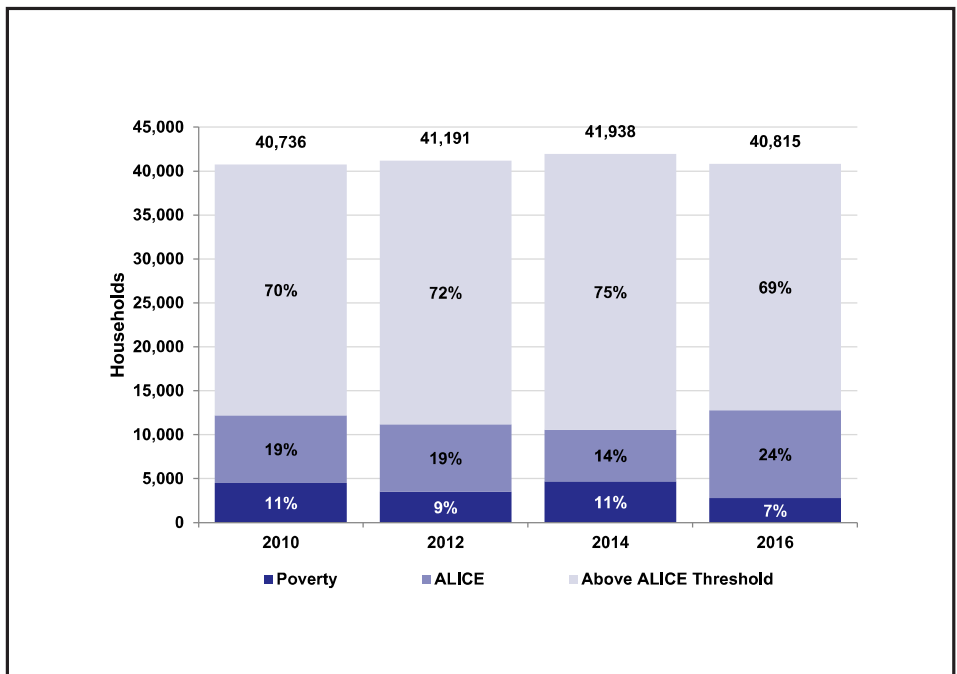
Unemployment Rate: 3% (state average: 4.1%)

ALICE Households: 24% (state average: 25.8%) • **Households in Poverty:** 7% (state average: 11.7%)

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.

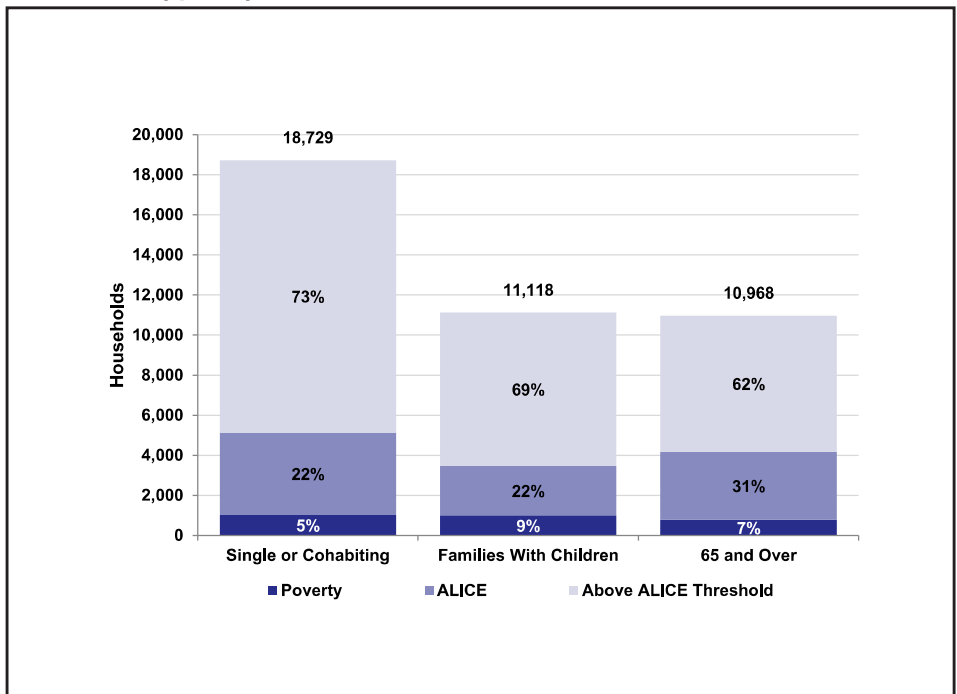
Households by Income, 2010 to 2016



What types of households are struggling?

The way Americans live is changing. There are more different family and living combinations than ever before, including more adults 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, 2016



Why do so many households struggle?

The cost of living continues to increase...

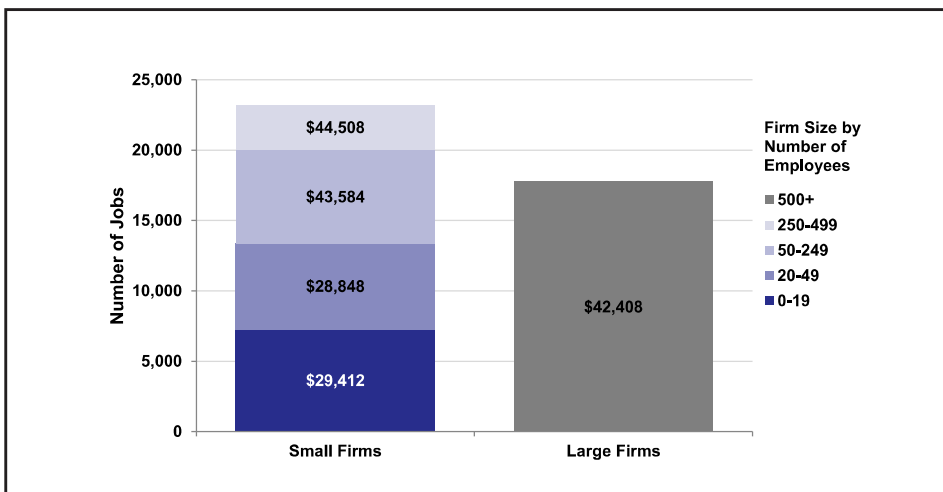
The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. In 2016, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$11,880 for a single adult and \$24,300 for a family of four. Family costs increased by 18 percent statewide from 2010 to 2016, compared to 9 percent inflation nationally.

Household Survival Budget, Fond du Lac County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$465	\$709
Child Care	\$-	\$1,187
Food	\$158	\$525
Transportation	\$349	\$697
Health Care	\$214	\$800
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$147	\$457
Taxes	\$225	\$573
Monthly Total	\$1,613	\$5,023
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,356	\$60,276
Hourly Wage	\$9.68	\$30.14

...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, 2016



Sources: 2016 Point-in-Time Data: American Community Survey. ALICE Demographics: American Community Survey; the ALICE Threshold. Budget: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Internal Revenue Service; Tax Foundation; and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, 2016.

Fond du Lac County, 2016		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Alto	371	15%
Ashford	693	26%
Auburn	887	21%
Brandon village	348	31%
Byron	639	21%
Calumet	626	31%
Campbellsport village	771	39%
Eden	388	20%
Eden village	322	39%
Eldorado	601	20%
Empire	1,043	12%
Fairwater village	142	35%
Fond du Lac	1,323	22%
Fond du Lac city	17,890	42%
Forest	432	22%
Friendship	1,098	31%
Lamartine	709	19%
Marshfield	393	17%
Metomen	277	20%
Mount Calvary village	200	32%
North Fond du Lac village	1,953	41%
Oakfield	293	25%
Oakfield village	416	33%
Osceola	752	24%
Ripon	613	31%
Ripon city	3,252	43%
Rosendale	284	21%
Rosendale village	355	24%
Springvale	258	24%
St. Cloud village	227	21%
Taycheedah	1,650	17%
Waupun	518	23%
Waupun city	1,305	28%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census Places and County Subdivisions. Totals will not always match county-level numbers because some county-level data is 1-year estimates.