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30% OUT OF POVERTY BY 2030

ALICE in Lewis County



Do You Know ALICE?

The answer is YES. **ALICE** is everywhere. In fact, you know many ALICE's. ALICE is your child care worker, the cashier at your supermarket, the gas attendant, the salesperson at your big box store, your waitress, a home health aide, an office clerk.

ALICE is an acronym developed by United Ways, which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.

For far too many families, the cost of living outpaces what they earn. These households struggle to manage even their most basic needs - housing, food, transportation, child care, health care, and necessary technology.

When funds run short, cash-strapped households are forced to make impossible choices, such as deciding between quality child care or paying the rent, filling a prescription or fixing the car. These short-term decisions have long-term consequences not only for ALICE families, but for all of us.

ALICE represents men and women of all ages and races. **ALICE** is your customers, constituents, neighbors - even family members and friends.

The **United Way ALICE Report** provides high quality, research-based information to foster a better understanding of who is struggling in our community.

According to the most recent data released in 2018, **11% of residents in Lewis County live below the poverty threshold**, but an additional **24% live just above the poverty threshold** and are unable to consistently afford basic necessities. **This is the ALICE population.**

HELLO
my name is

ALICE[®]

I am a hard worker.
I live paycheck to paycheck.
I struggle to make ends meet.
I make tough choices daily. **I am ALICE.**

What Research Revealed In Lewis County

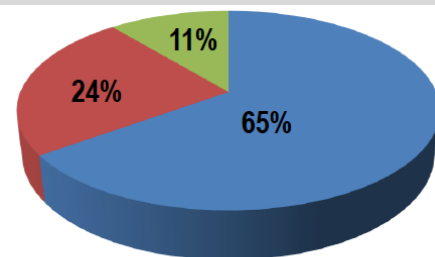
Total Population: 79,604

Total # of Households: 30,327

**ALICE/Poverty Households:
10,614**

**Median Household Income:
\$61,058**
(State Average: \$74,073)

Unemployment Rate: 6.8%
(State Average: 4.3%)



■ Above ALICE threshold ■ ALICE ■ Poverty

Why Does ALICE Exist?

ALICE lives in every community. Surprisingly, well over half of Lewis County's towns have 50% or more households earning less than what is needed to afford the basics. While each ALICE family has its own set of unique circumstances, two primary factors emerged from this study – **RISING COSTS** and **STAGNANT WAGES**.

	Single Adult	Two Adults	Two Adults 2 School-Age Children	Two Adults 2 in Child Care	Single Senior	Two Seniors
Housing	\$528	\$622	\$827	\$827	\$528	\$622
Child Care	\$0	\$0	\$475	\$1,391	\$0	\$0
Food	\$280	\$581	\$971	\$848	\$238	\$495
Transportation	\$346	\$518	\$815	\$815	\$301	\$427
Health Care	\$144	\$358	\$581	\$581	\$493	\$987
Technology	\$55	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$246	\$407	\$507	\$181	\$291
Taxes	\$192	\$306	\$324	\$529	\$192	\$306
Monthly Total	\$1,700	\$2,706	\$4,475	\$5,573	\$1,988	\$3,203
Annual Total	\$20,400	\$32,472	\$53,700	\$66,876	\$23,856	\$38,436
Hourly Wage	\$10.20	\$16.24	\$26.85	\$33.44	\$11.93	\$19.22

Affording the Basics

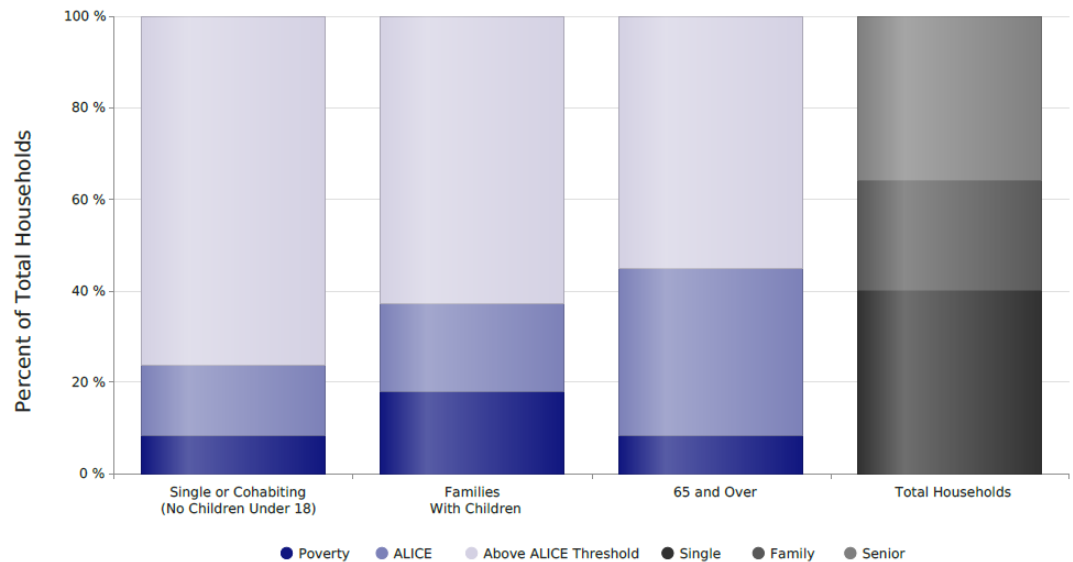
Based on the **Household Survival Budget**, it takes more than double the U.S. poverty rate of \$25,100 for a family of four (\$12,140 for a single adult) to afford the essentials.

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.

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.



For more information on ALICE, visit www.unitedforalice.org/washington.