ALICE IN DUBOIS COUNTY

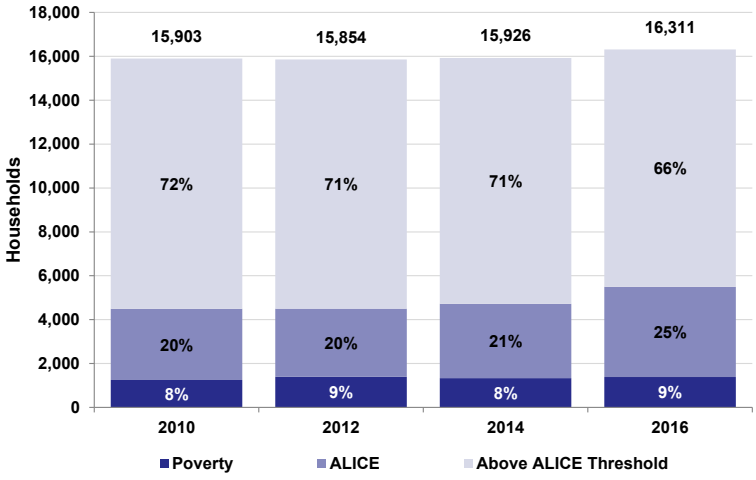
2016 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 42,345 • **Number of Households:** 16,311
Median Household Income: $55,154 (state average: $52,314)
Unemployment Rate: 2.9% (state average: 5.0%)
ALICE Households: 25% (state average: 25%) • **Households in Poverty:** 9% (state average: 14%)

How has the number of ALICE households changed over time?

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 (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.

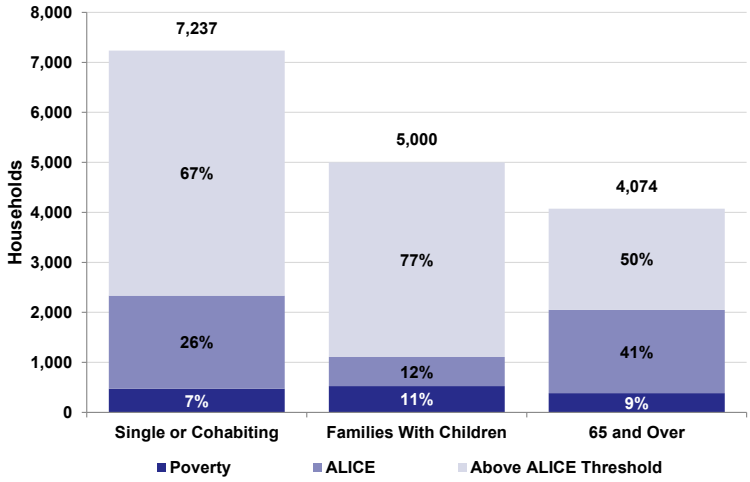
Households by Income, 2010 to 2016



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 23 percent statewide from 2010 to 2016, compared to 9 percent inflation nationally.

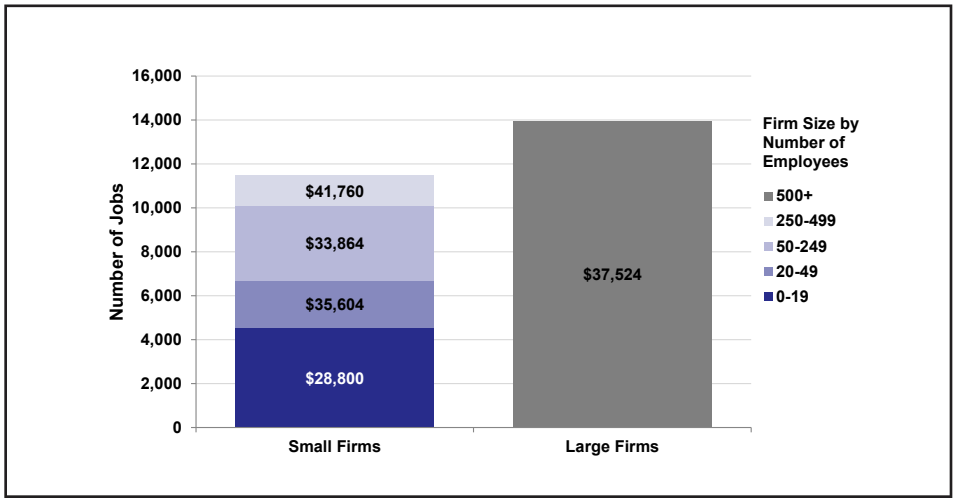
Household Survival Budget, Dubois County

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	$494	$650
Child Care	$–	$792
Food	$158	$525
Transportation	$349	$697
Health Care	$214	$800
Technology	$55	$75
Miscellaneous	$150	$386
Taxes	$226	$325
Monthly Total	$1,646	$4,250
ANNUAL TOTAL	$19,752	$51,000
Hourly Wage	*$9.88*	*$25.50*

…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 Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, 2016.*

Dubois County, 2016

Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Bainbridge Township	6,571	35%
Birdseye Town	177	58%
Boone Township	305	33%
Cass Township	893	30%
Columbia Township	361	34%
Dubois CDP	162	69%
Ferdinand Town	810	37%
Ferdinand Township	1,408	32%
Hall Township	453	17%
Harbison Township	565	37%
Holland Town	287	44%
Huntingburg City	2,327	43%
Jackson Township	840	24%
Jasper City	6,251	34%
Jefferson Township	672	41%
Madison Township	947	14%
Marion Township	567	40%
Patoka Township	2,729	41%

Note: Municipal-level data is 1- and 5-year averages for Incorporated Places and County Subdivisions, which include Census Designated Places (CDPs). Totals do not match county-level numbers because some places cross county borders, geographies may overlap, data is not available for the smallest towns, and county-level data is often 1-year estimates.