

# ALICE IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY

## 2016 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 1249352 • **Number of Households:** 534,355

**Median Household Income:** 46,601 (state average: \$52,334)

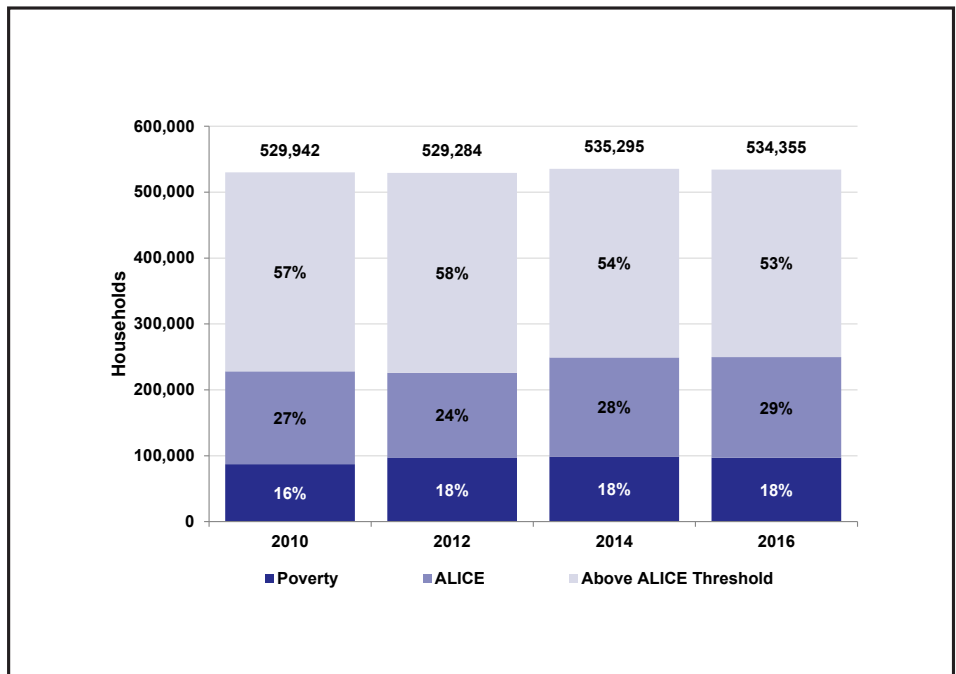
**Unemployment Rate:** 7.6% (state average: 5.7%)

**ALICE Households:** 29% (state average: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 18% (state average: 14%)

## How has the number of ALICE households changed over time?

**ALICE** is an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mloyed – 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.

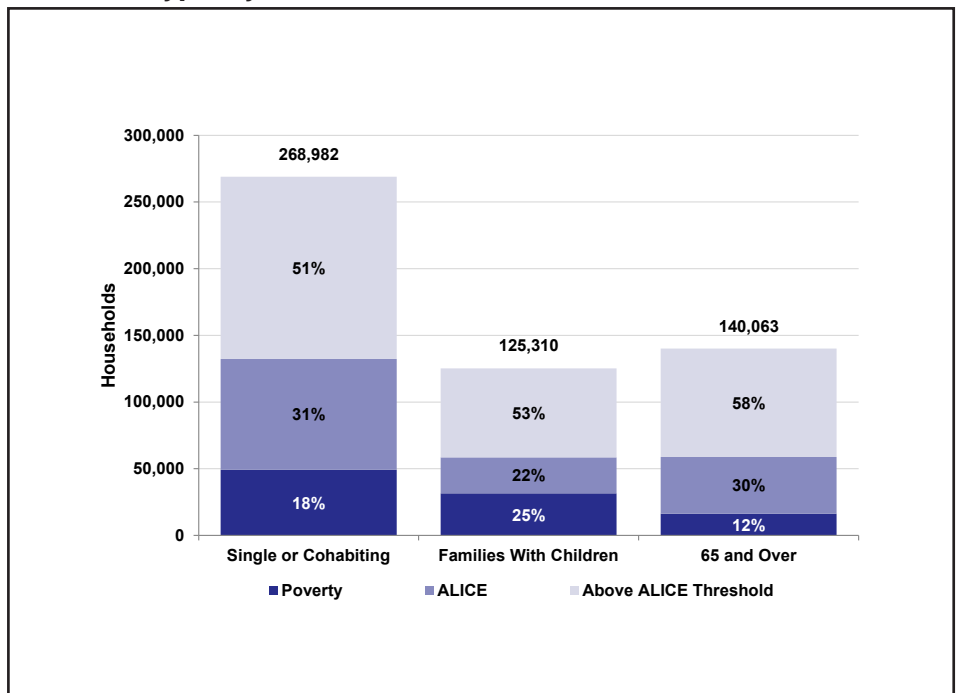
### Households by Income, 2010 to 2016



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

Household Survival Budget, Cuyahoga County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$499	\$773
Child Care	\$-	\$1,787
Food	\$182	\$603
Transportation	\$349	\$697
Health Care	\$214	\$800
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$153	\$544
Taxes	\$228	\$705
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$1,680</b>	<b>\$5,984</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,160</b>	<b>\$71,808</b>
<b>Hourly Wage</b>	<b>\$10.08</b>	<b>\$35.90</b>

### ...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 Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 2016.

Cuyahoga County, 2016		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Bay Village city	6,045	18%
Beachwood city	4,623	21%
Bedford city	5,712	55%
Bedford Heights city	5,176	53%
Bentleyville village	307	9%
Berea city	7,198	37%
Bratenahl village	668	21%
Brecksville city	5,332	23%
Broadview Heights city	7,568	21%
Brook Park city	7,611	42%
Brooklyn city	4,949	48%
Brooklyn Heights village	582	26%
Chagrin Falls	1,879	26%
Cleveland city	167,067	69%
Cleveland Heights city	19,057	43%
Cuyahoga Heights village	244	41%
East Cleveland city	8,213	77%
Euclid city	22,303	60%
Fairview Park city	7,325	37%
Garfield Heights city	11,678	53%
Gates Mills village	900	16%
Glenwillow village	347	25%
Highland Heights city	3,159	21%
Highland Hills village	273	70%
Hunting Valley village	246	10%
Independence city	2,690	18%
Lakewood city	24,465	49%
Lyndhurst city	6,164	28%
Maple Heights city	9,368	58%
Mayfield Heights city	9,417	43%
Mayfield village	1,489	22%
Middleburg Heights city	6,829	34%
Moreland Hills village	1,277	10%
Newburgh Heights village	892	66%
North Olmsted city	13,095	30%
North Randall village	460	67%
North Royalton city	12,771	31%
Oakwood village	1,468	44%
Olmsted	5,188	28%
Olmsted Falls city	3,679	30%
Orange village	1,295	18%
Parma city	33,489	41%
Parma Heights city	9,037	48%
Pepper Pike city	2,129	9%
Richmond Heights city	4,795	39%
Rocky River city	8,892	29%
Seven Hills city	4,888	22%
Shaker Heights city	11,132	28%
Solon city	8,335	20%
South Euclid city	8,803	37%
Strongsville city	17,598	22%
University Heights city	4,481	35%
Valley View village	718	24%
Walton Hills village	922	23%
Warrensville Heights city	6,114	58%
Westlake city	13,775	25%
Woodmere village	386	50%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is for County Subdivisions. Municipal-level data relies on 5-year averages and is not available for the smallest towns. Since there are missing geographies, totals will not match county-level numbers.