

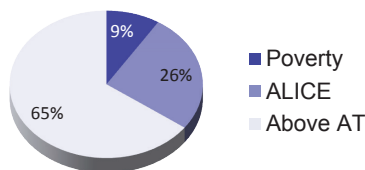
ALICE IN MERCER COUNTY

2015 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 40,863 | **Number of Households:** 15,919
Median Household Income: \$53,099 (state average: \$51,075)
Unemployment Rate: 5.5% (state average: 6.4%)
Gini Coefficient (zero = equality; one = inequality): 0.40 (state average: 0.46)

How many households are struggling?

ALICE, an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed, are households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold, or AT). Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.



What are the economic conditions?

The **Economic Viability Dashboard** evaluates community conditions for ALICE in three core areas. Each is an index with a scale of 1 (worse) to 100 (better).

Housing Affordability
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Job Opportunities
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Community Resources
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What does it cost to afford the basic necessities?

This bare-minimum budget does not allow for any savings, leaving a household vulnerable to unexpected expenses. Affording only a very modest living in each community, this budget is still significantly more than the Federal Poverty Level of \$11,770 for a single adult and \$24,250 for a family of four.

| Household Survival Budget, Mercer County | | |
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| | SINGLE ADULT | 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER |
| Housing | \$454 | \$669 |
| Child Care | \$- | \$1,315 |
| Food | \$184 | \$609 |
| Transportation | \$349 | \$697 |
| Health Care | \$184 | \$707 |
| Miscellaneous | \$134 | \$438 |
| Taxes | \$169 | \$386 |
| Monthly Total | \$1,474 | \$4,821 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | \$17,688 | \$57,852 |
| Hourly Wage | \$8.84 | \$28.93 |

Source: American Community Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), U.S. Census, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Ohio Department of Taxation, and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 2015.

| Mercer, 2015 | | |
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| County Subdivisions | Total HH | % ALICE & Poverty |
| Black Creek Township | 179 | 37% |
| Butler Township | 2,459 | 34% |
| Center Township | 511 | 26% |
| Dublin Township | 850 | 37% |
| Franklin Township | 1,046 | 29% |
| Gibson Township | 663 | 22% |
| Granville Township | 1,305 | 26% |
| Hopewell Township | 350 | 21% |
| Jefferson Township | 5,650 | 42% |
| Liberty Township | 315 | 18% |
| Marion Township | 1,078 | 31% |
| Recovery Township | 558 | 22% |
| Union Township | 558 | 48% |
| Washington Township | 397 | 37% |

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is for County Subdivisions. Totals will not match county-level data; municipal-level data relies on 5-year averages and is not available for the smallest towns that do not report income.