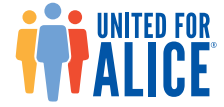


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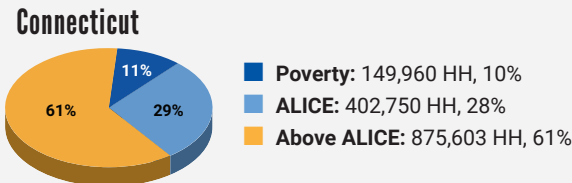


Number of Households – 329,563

## Meet ALICE

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. Households below the ALICE Threshold – ALICE households plus those in poverty – can't afford the basics in the communities where they live.

### United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut service area



Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census County Subdivisions. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included.

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Bethel	7,390	40%
Bridgeport	55,550	66%
Bridgewater	696	18%
Brookfield	6,584	32%
Danbury	31,692	54%
Darien	7,116	16%
Easton	2,686	15%
Fairfield	20,506	24%
Kent	1,277	32%
Monroe	6,114	19%
New Canaan	7,025	16%
New Fairfield	4,590	32%
New Milford	10,775	44%
Newtown	9,563	26%
Norwalk	35,272	45%
Redding	3,374	25%

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Ridgefield	9,191	27%
Roxbury	968	20%
Sherman	1,573	32%
Stamford	53,520	45%
Stratford	20,821	41%
Trumbull	11,820	23%
Warren	523	24%
Washington	1,453	35%
Weston	3,549	16%
Westport	9,725	21%
Wilton	6,210	19%

Household Survival Budget, 2022		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
Housing – Rent	\$935	\$1,325
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	–	\$2,660
Food	\$566	\$1,543
Transportation	\$424	\$1,074
Health Care	\$195	\$693
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$237	\$772
Tax Payments	\$484	\$1,794
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$433)
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$3,090</b>	<b>\$9,854</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,080</b>	<b>\$118,248</b>
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$18.54</b>	<b>\$59.12</b>

Sources: Sources: AAA, 2022; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022—Consumer Expenditure Surveys; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022—Occupational Employment Statistics; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2023—Medicare - Chronic Conditions; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2020—Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2023; Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, 2022; Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta—Policy Rules Database; Federal Highway Administration, 2017; Feeding America, 2023; Frank, 2022; Internal Revenue Service, 2022; Medicare.gov; The Zebra, 2022; U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2022—Official USDA Food Plans; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2022—Fair Market Rents; USTelecom, 2022.

## The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum costs of household necessities (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology), plus taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. In 2022, wage increases in low-wage jobs helped fill the gap when pandemic assistance expired, but wasn't enough for many workers to keep up with the rising costs of necessities.

To see costs for different household compositions and locations in Connecticut, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Connecticut](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Connecticut)

