

ALICE IN MENARD COUNTY

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 12,416 • **Number of Households:** 5,230

Median Household Income: \$62,368 (state average: \$62,992)

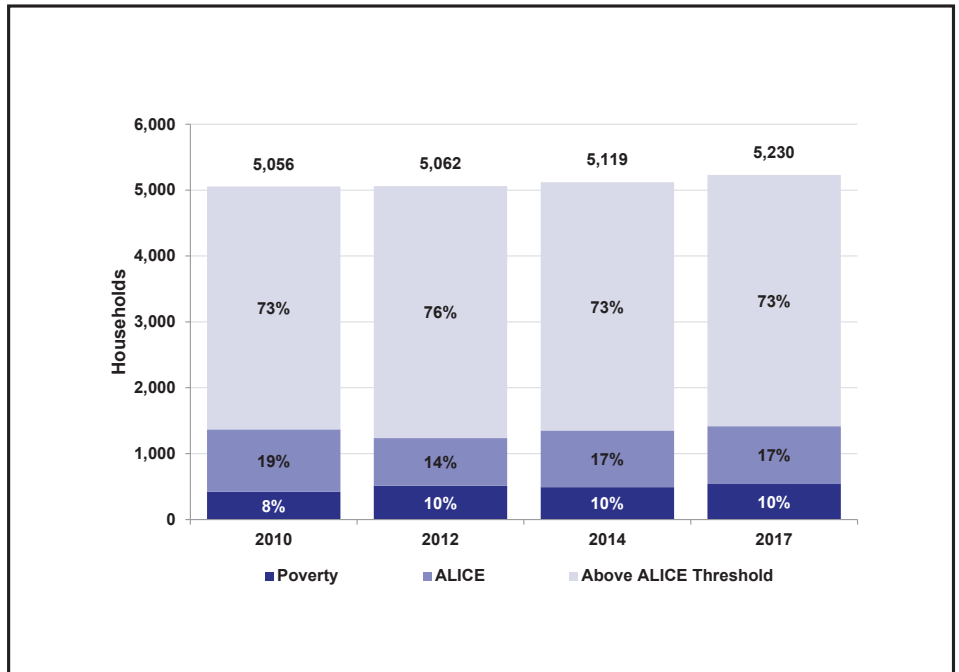
Unemployment Rate: 4.6% (state average: 6.1%)

ALICE Households: 17% (state average: 24%) • **Households in Poverty:** 10% (state average: 12%)

How has the number of ALICE households changed over time?

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 (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.

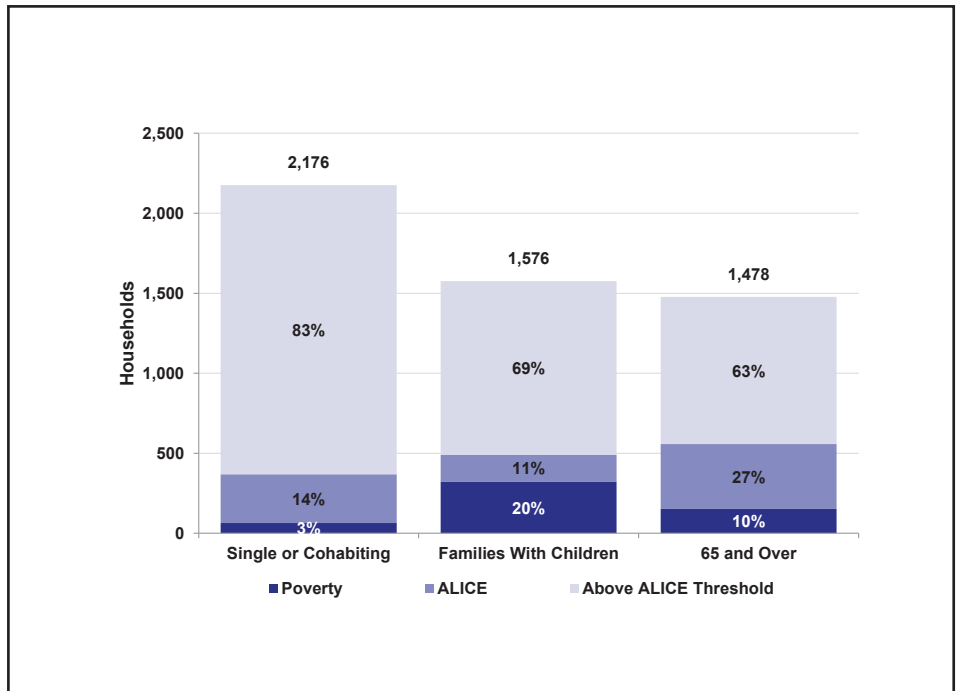
Households by Income, 2010 to 2017



What types of households are struggling?

The way Americans live is changing. There are many different family and living combinations — more than ever before. More adults are 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, 2017



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 2017, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,060 for a single adult and \$24,600 for a family of four. Family costs increased by 28 percent statewide from 2010 to 2017, compared to 12 percent inflation nationally.

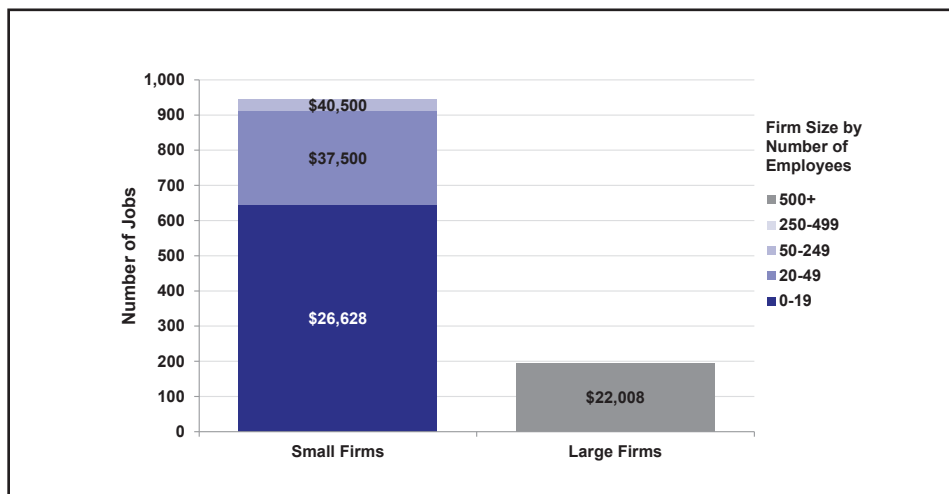
Menard County, 2017		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Athens	814	29%
Greenview	353	31%
Lake Petersburg CDP	325	19%
Oakford	135	31%
Petersburg	1,101	43%
Tallula	214	33%

Household Survival Budget, Menard County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$528	\$783
Child Care	\$-	\$1,146
Food	\$174	\$526
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$162	\$683
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$148	\$435
Taxes	\$222	\$453
Monthly Total	\$1,629	\$4,780
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,548	\$57,360
Hourly Wage	\$9.77	\$28.68

...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, 2017



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ALICE IN SANGAMON COUNTY

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 196,452 • **Number of Households:** 84,583

Median Household Income: \$61,542 (state average: \$62,992)

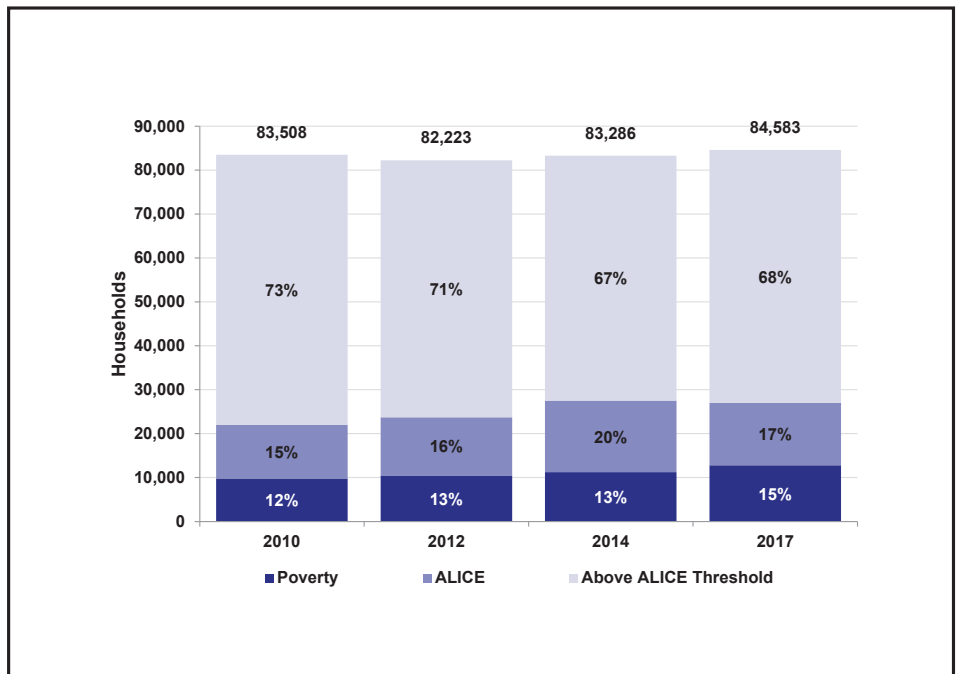
Unemployment Rate: 5.6% (state average: 6.1%)

ALICE Households: 17% (state average: 24%) • **Households in Poverty:** 15% (state average: 12%)

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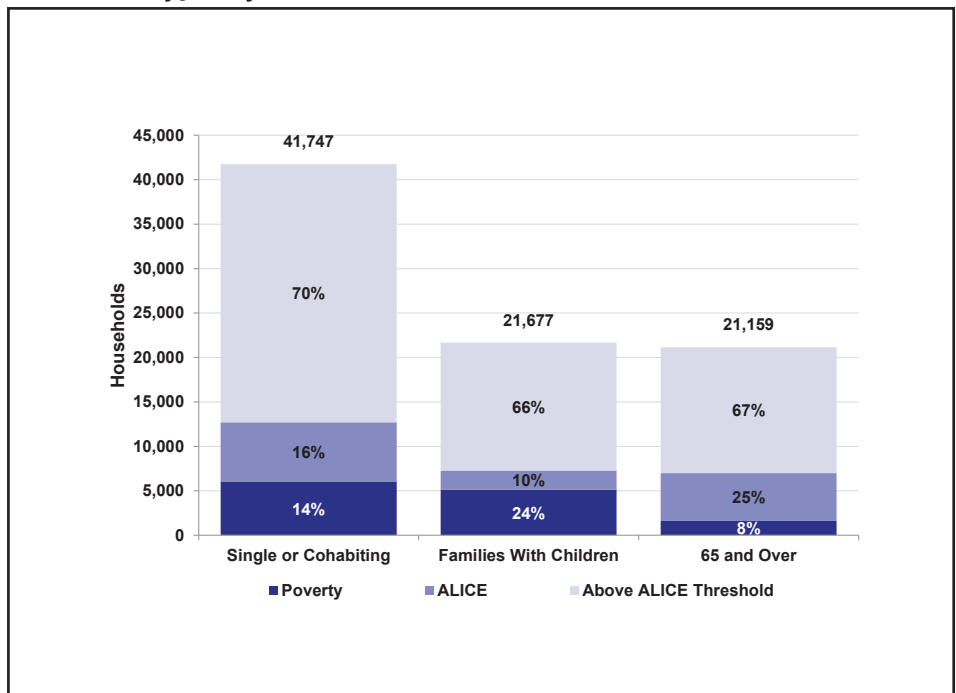
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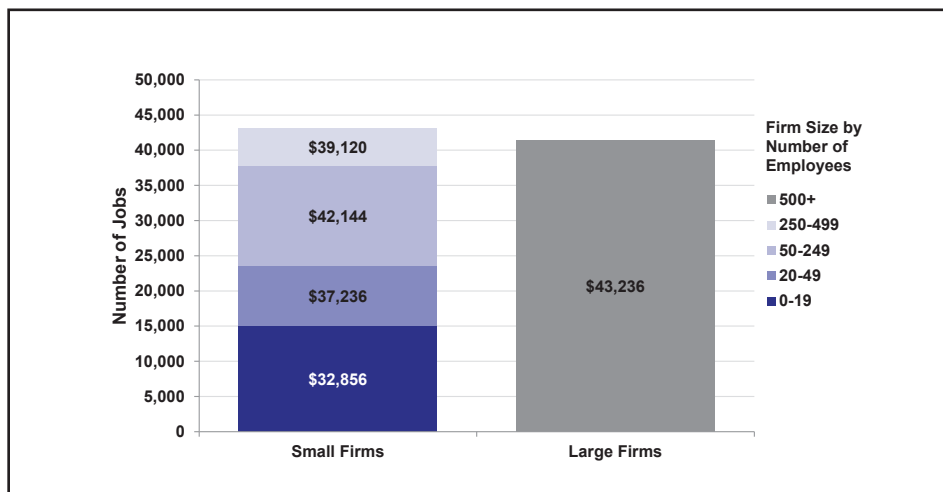
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Household Survival Budget, Sangamon County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
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Child Care	\$-	\$1,302
Food	\$174	\$526
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$162	\$689
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$148	\$457
Taxes	\$222	\$513
Monthly Total	\$1,629	\$5,024
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,548	\$60,288
Hourly Wage	\$9.77	\$30.14

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Sangamon County, 2017		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Auburn	1,764	27%
Buffalo	234	40%
Chatham	4,721	15%
Curran	101	46%
Dawson	283	30%
Divernon	517	23%
Grandview	572	42%
Illioopolis	318	31%
Jerome	840	29%
Leland Grove	692	11%
Loami	337	34%
Mechanicsburg	264	35%
New Berlin	587	24%
Pawnee	1,012	26%
Pleasant Plains	309	26%
Riverton	1,427	25%
Rochester	1,360	16%
Sherman	1,747	18%
Southern View	786	34%
Spaulding	333	7%
Springfield	51,116	39%
Thayer	313	37%
Williamsville	513	18%

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