# **ALICE IN ALCONA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 10,413 • Number of Households: 4,979

Median Household Income: \$39,424 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 9.3% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 15% (state average: 14%)

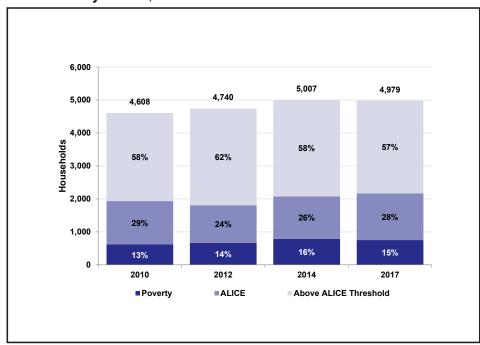
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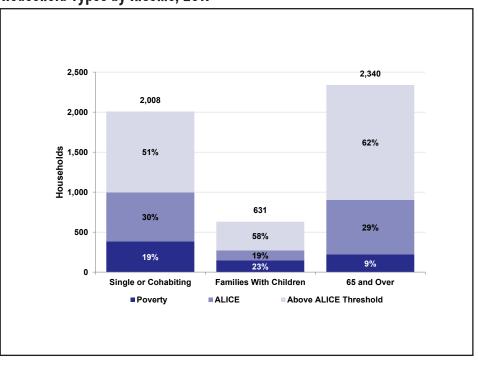
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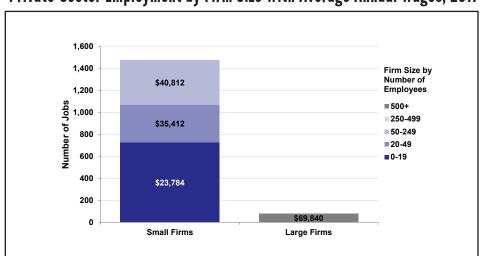
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Household Survival Budget, Alcona County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
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Miscellaneous	\$155	\$461	
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#### Alcona County, 2017 Total HH Alcona Township 583 30% 492 46% Caledonia Township 600 51% **Curtis Township** 661 40% Greenbush Township 47% 352 **Gustin Township** 199 59% Harrisville City Harrisville Township 563 45% Hawes Township 465 44% Haynes Township 298 29% Mikado Township 386 47% Millen Township 204 56% Mitchell Township 176 43%

# **ALICE IN ALGER COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 9,254 • Number of Households: 3,244

Median Household Income: \$42,647 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.9% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 41% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 13% (state average: 14%)

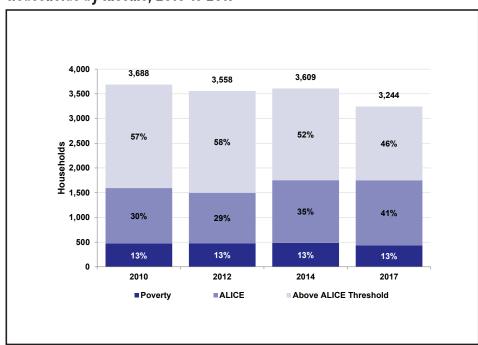
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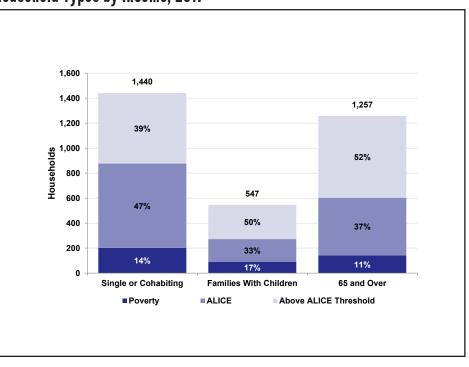
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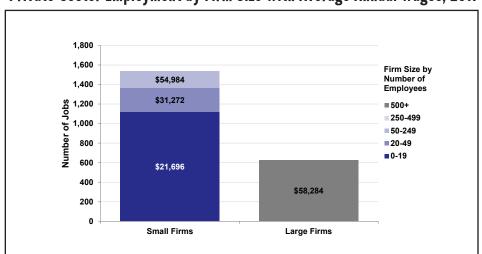
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Household Survival Budget, Alger County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
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#### Alger County, 2017 Total HH Au Train Township 508 48% 144 64% **Burt Township** Limestone Township 59% 156 145 53% Mathias Township 871 65% **Munising City** 707 52% **Munising Township** 136 **Onota Township** 50% **Rock River Township** 561 43%

# **ALICE IN ALLEGAN COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 116,447 • **Number of Households:** 44,766 **Median Household Income:** \$62,853 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 2.9% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 27% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 9% (state average: 14%)

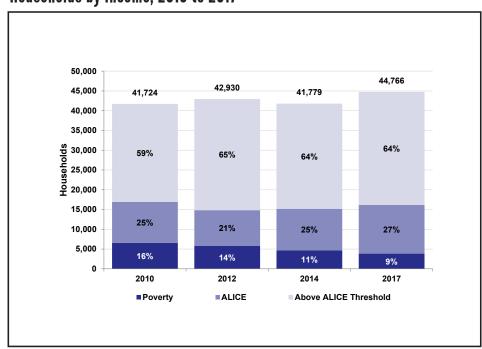
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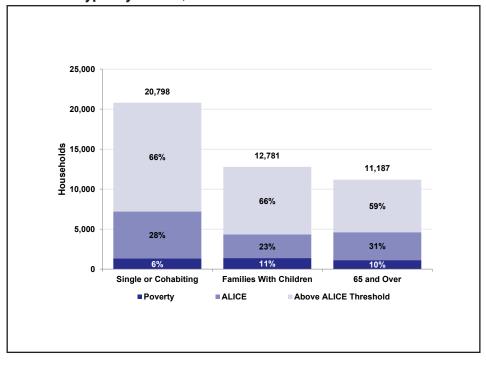
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Household Survival Budget, Allegan County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$585	\$727	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,033	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$169	\$449	
Taxes	\$272	\$479	
Monthly Total	\$1,856	\$4,934	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$22,272	\$59,208	
Hourly Wage	\$11.14	\$29.60	

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# **ALICE IN ALPENA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 28,730 • Number of Households: 12,789 Median Household Income: \$40,954 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.4% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 16% (state average: 14%)

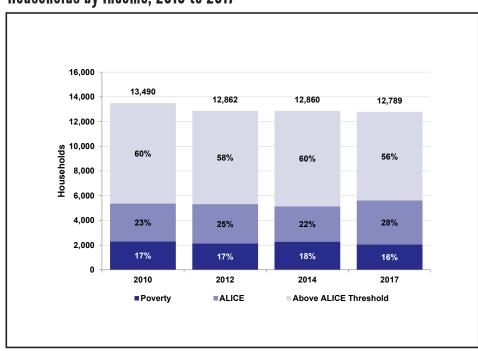
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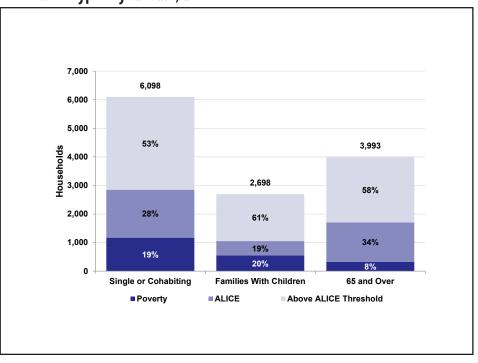
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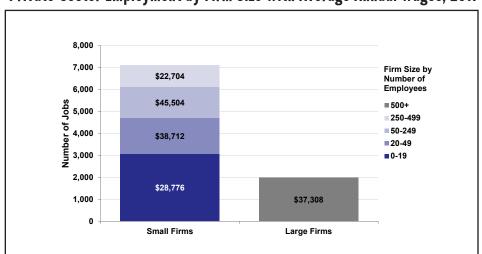
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Child Care	\$-	\$885	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$422	
Taxes	\$235	\$407	
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$4,641	
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#### Alpena County, 2017 Total HH 4,604 Alpena City Alpena Township 4,137 41% Green Township 485 27% Long Rapids 458 36% Township Maple Ridge Township 691 38% Ossineke Township 686 40% Sanborn Township 799 46% 116 Wellington Township 43% 34% Wilson Township 813

# **ALICE IN ANTRIM COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 23,133 • Number of Households: 9,732

Median Household Income: \$50,988 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.1% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 24% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 12% (state average: 14%)

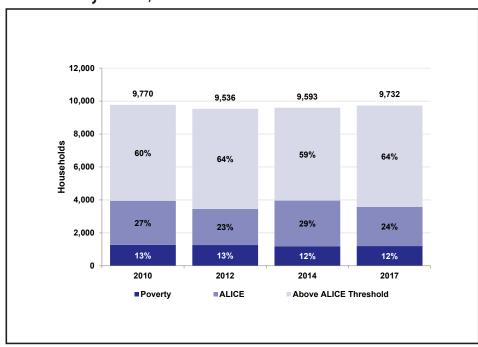
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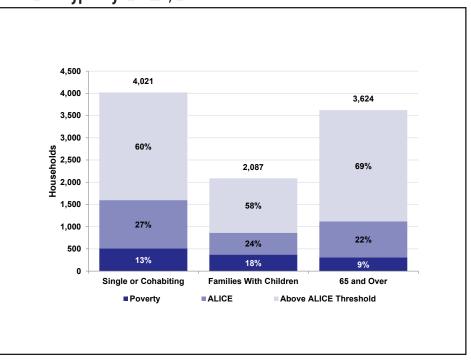
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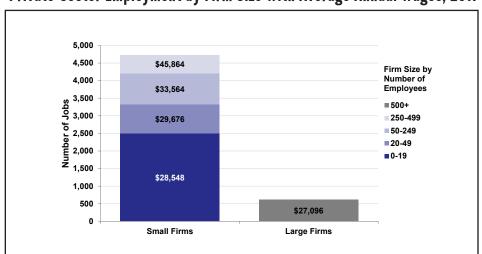
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Household Survival Budget, Antrim County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$444	\$700	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,192	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$150	\$467	
Taxes	\$224	\$529	
Monthly Total	\$1,648	\$5,134	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,776	\$61,608	
Hourly Wage	\$9.89	\$30.80	

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# **ALICE IN ARENAC COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 15,238 • Number of Households: 6,663

Median Household Income: \$39,947 (state average: \$54,909)

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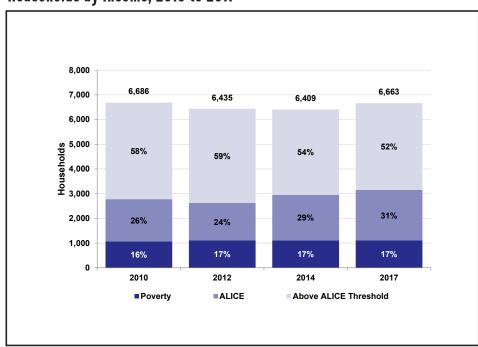
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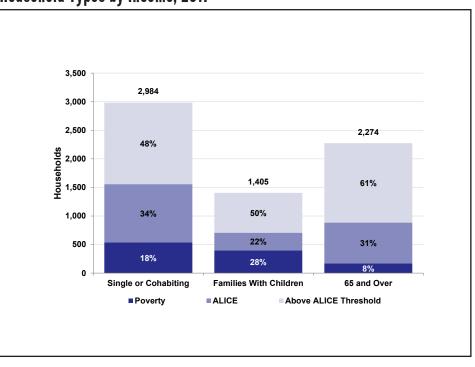
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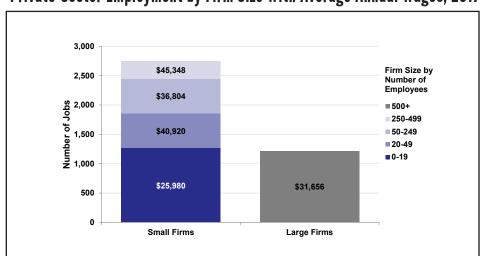
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# **ALICE IN BARAGA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 8,580 • Number of Households: 3,009

Median Household Income: \$42,757 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 43% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 15% (state average: 14%)

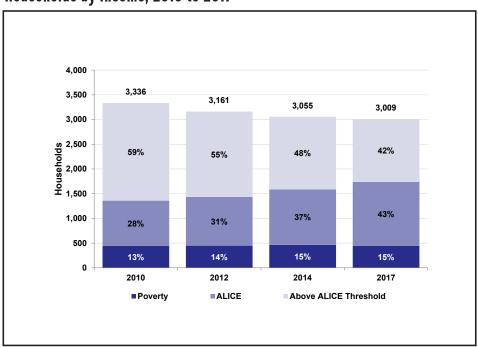
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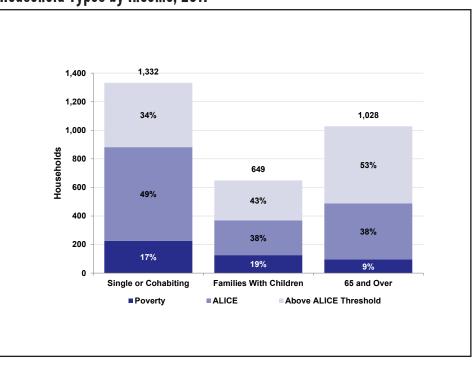
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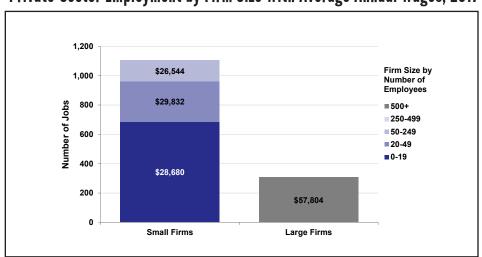
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Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
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#### Baraga County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** Arvon Township 175 856 63% Baraga Township Covington Township 220 52% 1,638 57% L'Anse Township 50% Spurr Township 120

# **ALICE IN BARRY COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 59,607 • **Number of Households:** 23,539 **Median Household Income:** \$57,312 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 6.2% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 9% (state average: 14%)

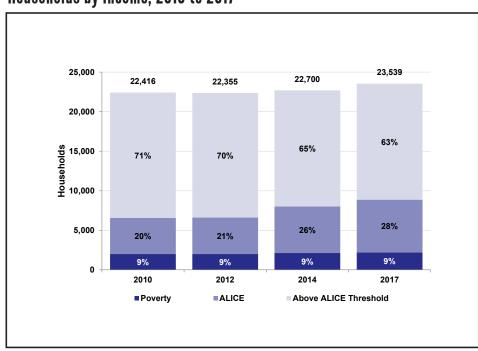
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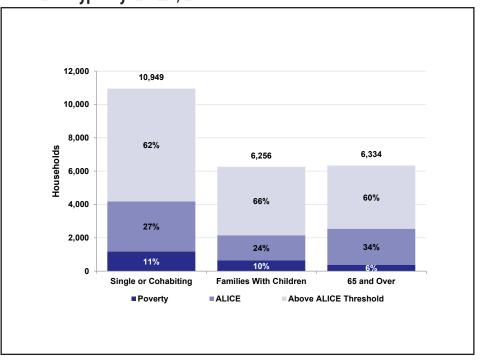
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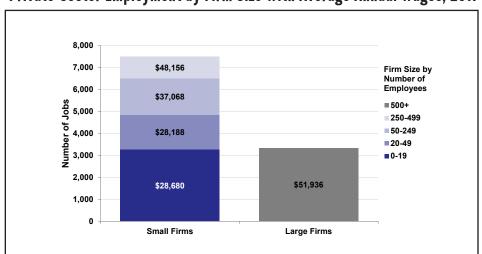
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Household Survival Budget, Barry County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$494	\$725	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,224	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$156	\$475	
Taxes	\$239	\$550	
Monthly Total	\$1,719	\$5,220	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,628	\$62,640	
Hourly Wage	\$10.31	\$31.32	

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#### Barry County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** Assyria Township 850 **Baltimore Township** 806 47% 1,499 47% **Barry Township** 849 27% Carlton Township 1,377 46% **Castleton Township** Hastings Charter 1,018 40% Township **Hastings City** 3,040 48% Hope Township 1.519 33% Irving Township 1,193 26% Johnstown Township 1,239 Maple Grove Township Orangeville Township 1,413 43% Prairieville Township 1,271 26% **Rutland Charter** 1 421 34% Township 2.908 38% Thornapple Township **Woodland Township** 843 39% Yankee Springs 1.758 31% Township

# **ALICE IN BAY COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 104,239 • Number of Households: 44,907 Median Household Income: \$44,770 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 8% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 16% (state average: 14%)

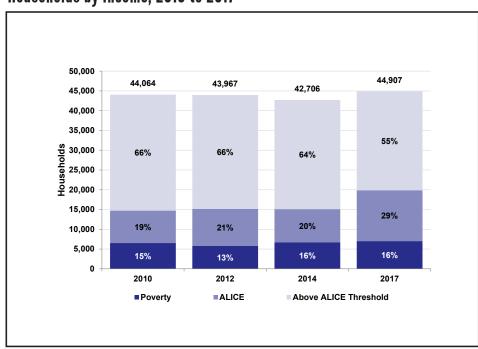
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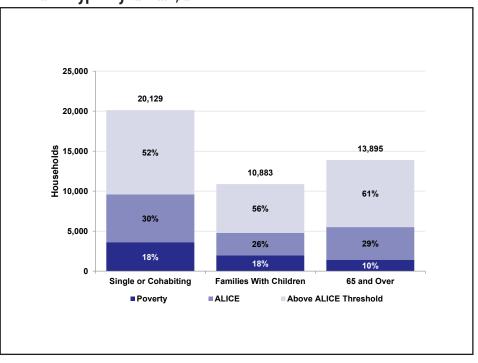
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Household Survival Budget, Bay County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$461	\$726
Child Care	\$-	\$1,197
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$152	\$471
Taxes	\$229	\$541
Monthly Total	\$1,672	\$5,181
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,064	\$62,172
Hourly Wage	\$10.03	\$31.09

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#### Bay County, 2017 Total HH **Auburn City** 918 Bangor Charter 5 785 44% Township **Bay City** 14,267 53% **Beaver Township** 977 30% **Essexville City** 1,401 37% Frankenlust Township 1,463 22% 1,489 37% Fraser Township 711 **Garfield Township** 29% 29% Gibson Township 419 **Hampton Charter** 4,150 53% 2,079 36% Kawkawlin Township 570 26% Merritt Township **Monitor Charter** 4,439 Township Mount Forest 580 40% Pinconning City 608 56% 933 33% Pinconning Township Portsmouth Charter 1,357 37% Township Williams Charter 1 854 30%

# **ALICE IN BENZIE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 17,462 • Number of Households: 6,911

Median Household Income: \$53,185 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.5% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 32% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 10% (state average: 14%)

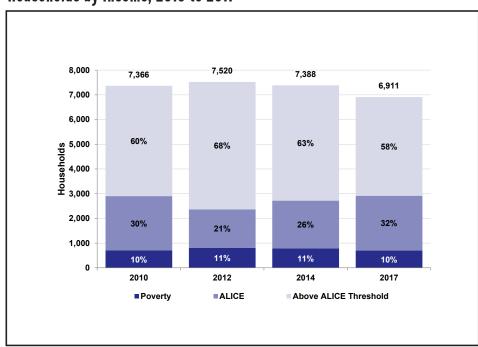
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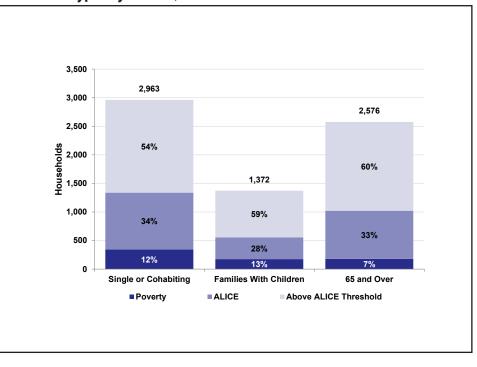
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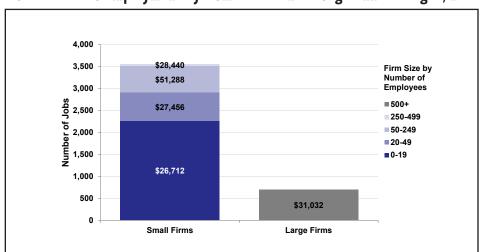
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Household Survival Budget, Benzie County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$541	\$765
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$163	\$472
Taxes	\$256	\$544
Monthly Total	\$1,790	\$5,194
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,480	\$62,328
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#### Benzie County, 2017 Total HH Almira Township 1,354 Benzonia Township 1,013 44% 227 35% **Blaine Township** 248 46% Colfax Township 455 31% Crystal Lake Township 552 51% Frankfort City Gilmore Township 277 52% Homestead Township 890 45% **Inland Township** 812 47% Joyfield Township 306 48% Lake Township 378 32% 158 47% Platte Township 241 62% Weldon Township

# **ALICE IN BERRIEN COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 154,259 • **Number of Households:** 64,166 **Median Household Income:** \$48,629 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.8% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 25% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 17% (state average: 14%)

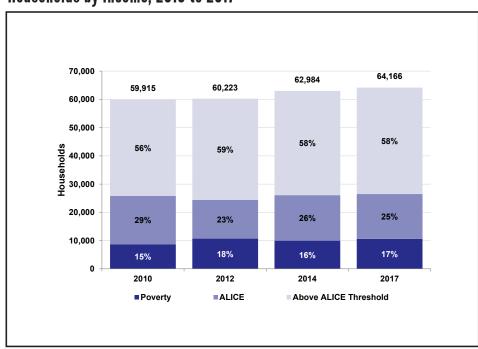
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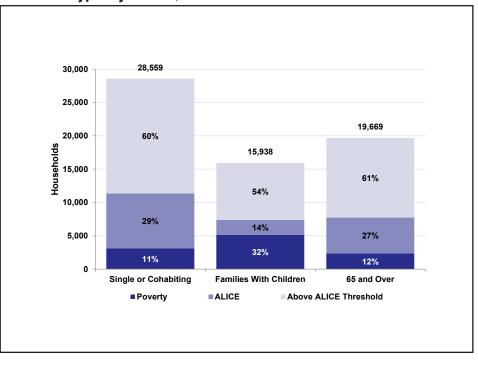
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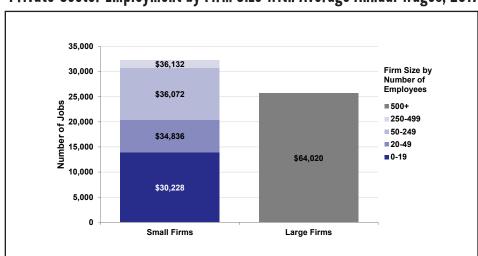
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Household Survival Budget, Berrien County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$453	\$714
Child Care	\$-	\$1,141
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$151	\$462
Taxes	\$227	\$515
Monthly Total	\$1,661	\$5,078
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,932	\$60,936
Hourly Wage	\$9.97	\$30.47

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#### Berrien County, 2017 Total HH Bainbridge Township 1,114 1,191 38% Baroda Township Benton Charter 5,889 63% 4,043 **Benton Harbor City** 77% Berrien Township 1,723 33% **Bertrand Township** 1,108 29% **Bridgman City** 994 38% **Buchanan City** 1.879 54% 1,397 **Buchanan Township** 35% **Chikaming Township** 1,427 33% Coloma Charter 2.056 26% Township Coloma City 613 44% Galien Township 565 39% Hagar Township 1,549 35% Lake Charter 1,381 36% Township Lincoln Charter 5,960 Township 841 New Buffalo City 38% 1,111 30% New Buffalo Township Niles City 4,611 62% Niles Township 5.562 43% Oronoko Charter 2.568 Township 838 Pipestone Township 39% **Royalton Township** 1.604 19% Sodus Township 770 36% St. Joseph Charter 24% 4,139 Township St. Joseph City 4,176 37% Three Oaks Township 1,069 39% 691 49% Watervliet City Watervliet Township 1.363 47% Weesaw Township 803 42%

# **ALICE IN BRANCH COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 43,543 • Number of Households: 16,415

Median Household Income: \$48,192 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 34% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 13% (state average: 14%)

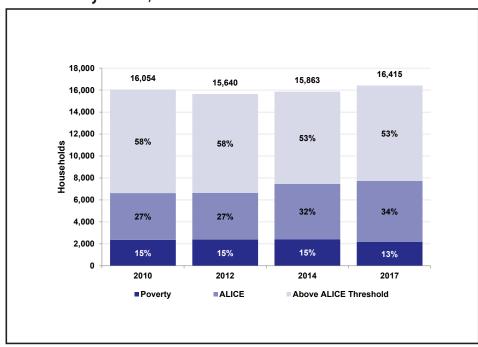
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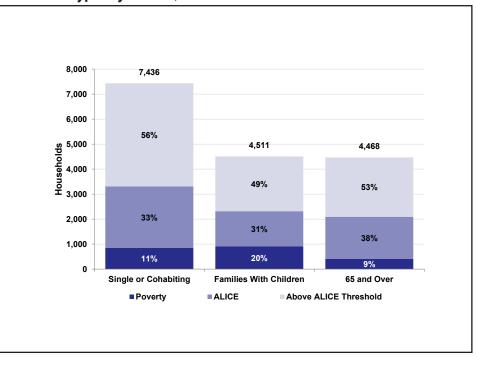
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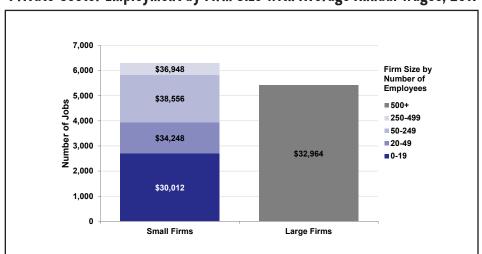
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Household Survival Budget, Branch County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$560	\$719
Child Care	\$-	\$1,024
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$165	\$446
Taxes	\$263	\$473
Monthly Total	\$1,818	\$4,908
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,816	\$58,896
Hourly Wage	\$10.91	\$29.45

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# **ALICE IN CALHOUN COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 134,128 • Number of Households: 54,556 Median Household Income: \$45,386 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 8% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 26% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 19% (state average: 14%)

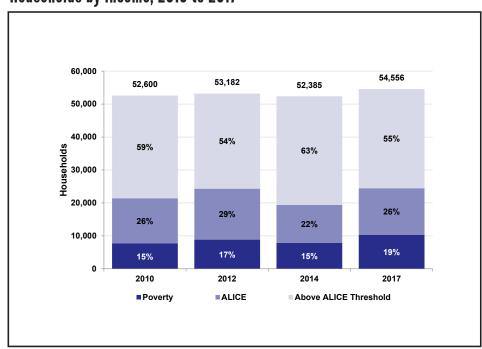
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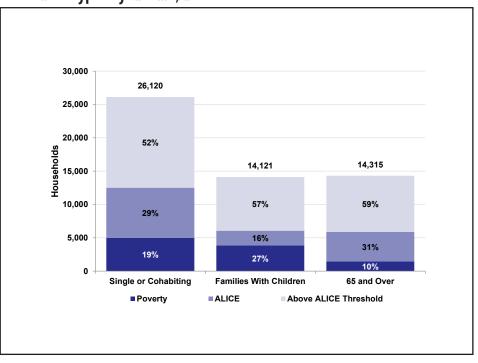
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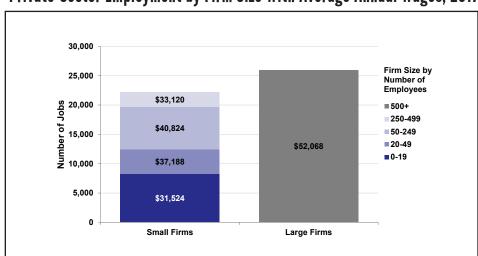
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Household Survival Budget, Calhoun County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$514	\$806
Child Care	\$-	\$1,073
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$159	\$465
Taxes	\$246	\$524
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# **ALICE IN CASS COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 51,397 • **Number of Households:** 20,686

Median Household Income: \$50,699 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7.8% (state average: 5.9%)

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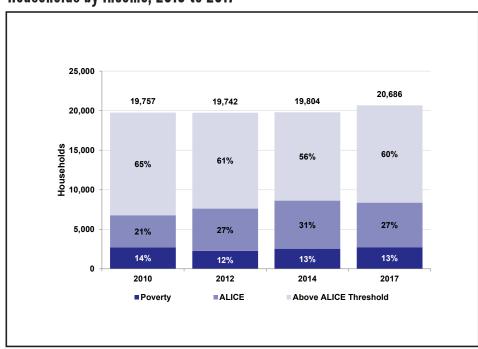
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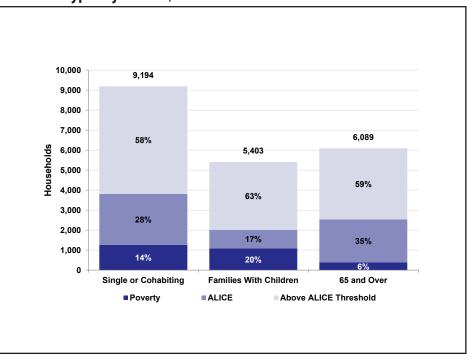
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Household Survival Budget, Cass County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$551	\$737
Child Care	\$-	\$1,008
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$164	\$446
Taxes	\$260	\$474
Monthly Total	\$1,805	\$4,911
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,660	\$58,932
Hourly Wage	\$10.83	\$29.47

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#### Cass County, 2017 Total HH Calvin Township 727 **Dowagiac City** 2,416 66% 2,635 40% **Howard Township** 924 26% Jefferson Township 49% Lagrange Township 1,283 1 012 41% Marcellus Township 1,057 Mason Township 42% Milton Township 1,409 24% **Newberg Township** 667 40% Ontwa Township 2.584 38% Penn Township 760 39% 45% Pokagon Township 909 1,517 Porter Township 1,316 32% Silver Creek Township 417 Volinia Township 36% Wayne Township

# **ALICE IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 26,160 • Number of Households: 11,234

Median Household Income: \$51,567 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.2% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 26% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 11% (state average: 14%)

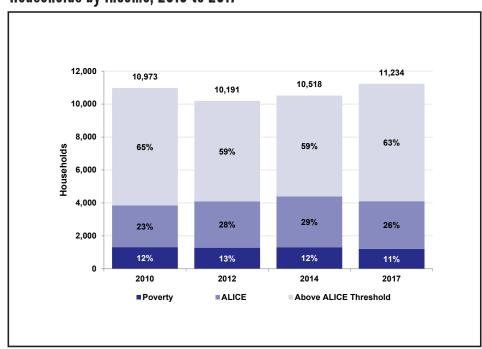
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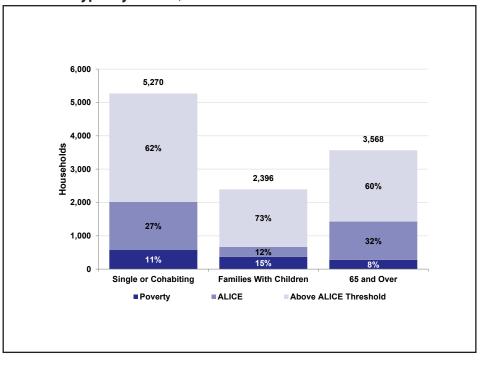
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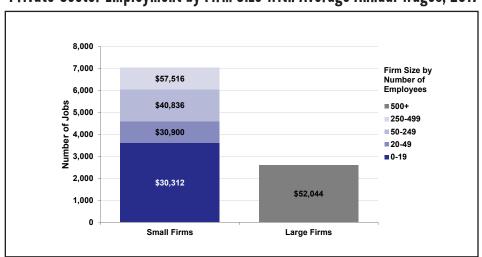
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Household Survival Budget, Charlevoix County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$582	\$715
Child Care	\$-	\$932
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$168	\$433
Taxes	\$271	\$437
Monthly Total	\$1,851	\$4,763
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$22,212	\$57,156
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#### Charlevoix County, 2017 Total HH **Bay Township** 564 1,629 39% Boyne City Boyne Valley 533 31% Township **Chandler Township** 106 38% Charlevoix City 1,321 52% Charlevoix Township 658 30% East Jordan City 993 58% 347 **Evangeline Township** 30% **Eveline Township** 719 27% Hayes Township 737 **Hudson Township** 278 37% Marion Township 669 33% 607 **Melrose Township** 36% 337 Peaine Township 135 27% South Arm Township 749 32% 145 36% St. James Township 26% Wilson Township 707

# **ALICE IN CHEBOYGAN COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 25,475 • Number of Households: 11,348

Median Household Income: \$42,876 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 10.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 26% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 16% (state average: 14%)

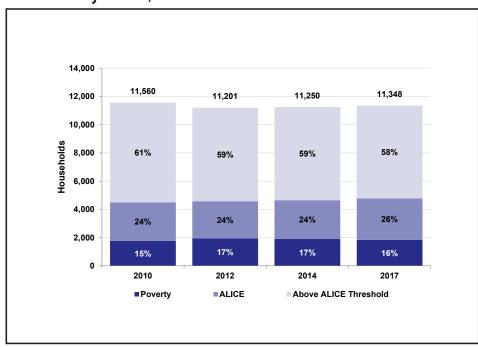
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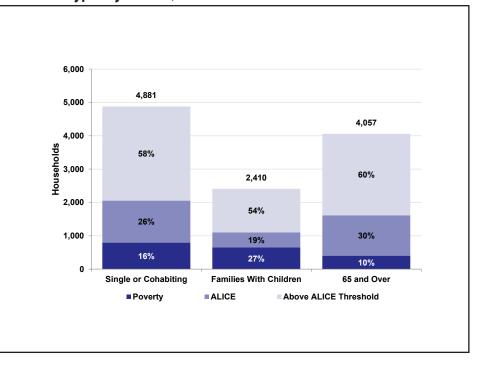
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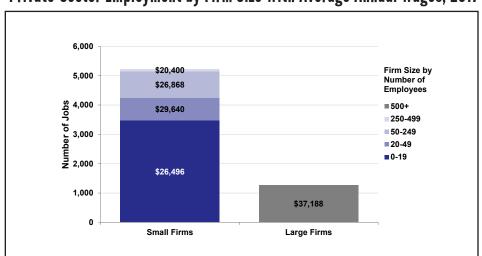
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Household Survival Budget, Cheboygan County		
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Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$482	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$905
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$425
Taxes	\$235	\$414
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$4,671
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$56,052
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# **ALICE IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 38,023 • **Number of Households:** 14,004

Median Household Income: \$44,030 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 9% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 33% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 15% (state average: 14%)

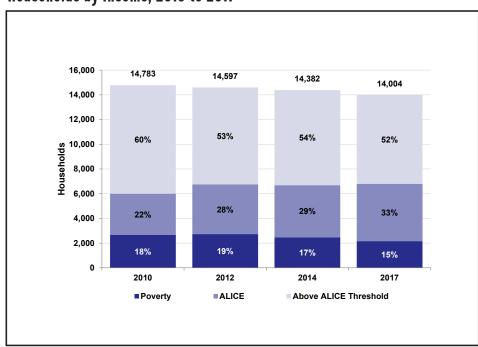
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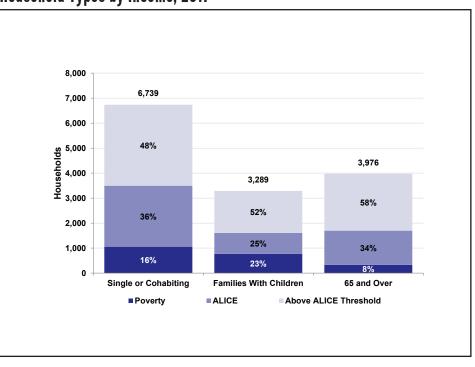
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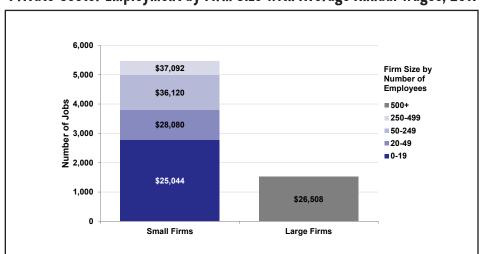
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Household Survival Budget, Chippewa County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$477	\$697
Child Care	\$-	\$873
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$154	\$422
Taxes	\$234	\$408
Monthly Total	\$1,695	\$4,646
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,340	\$55,752
Hourly Wage	\$10.17	\$27.88

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#### Chippewa County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** 642 Bay Mills Township 897 36% **Bruce Township** Dafter Township 498 34% 366 60% **Detour Township** 49% **Drummond Township** 568 Kinross Charter 1,430 57% Township Pickford Township 688 39% 297 Raber Township 51% 457 42% **Rudyard Township** Sault Ste. Marie City 5.581 Soo Township 1,254 35% Sugar Island Township 286 42% Superior Township 560 Whitefish Township 197 56%

# **ALICE IN CLARE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 30,597 • Number of Households: 12,726

Median Household Income: \$35,913 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 11.5% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 33% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 22% (state average: 14%)

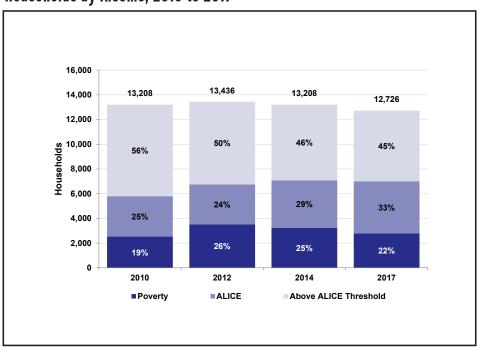
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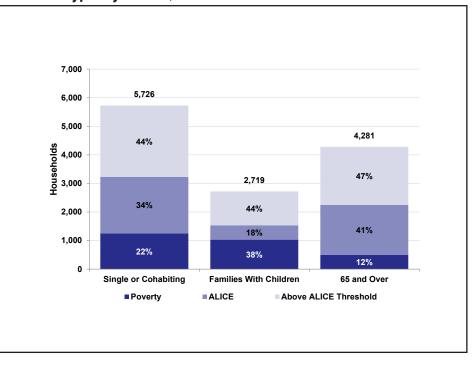
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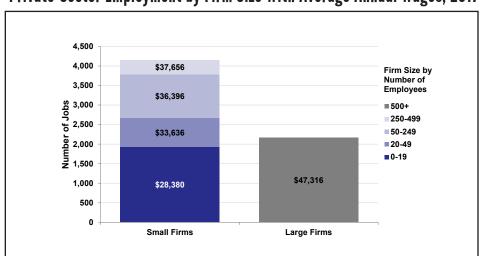
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Household Survival Budget, Clare County		
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Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$482	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$1,008
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$439
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#### Clare County, 2017 Total HH Arthur Township 249 1,436 57% Clare City Franklin Township 51% 312 492 50% Freeman Township 505 56% Frost Township 811 59% **Garfield Township Grant Township** 1,274 35% **Greenwood Township** 460 40% **Hamilton Township** 815 61% Harrison City 926 70% **Hatton Township** 371 44% 1,859 68% Haves Township 760 63% Lincoln Township 160 70% Redding Township 38% Sheridan Township 483 Summerfield 183 Township 1,424 Surrey Township 52% 206 Winterfield Township 51%

# **ALICE IN CLINTON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 78,443 • Number of Households: 29,959

Median Household Income: \$62,175 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 2.5% (state average: 5.9%)

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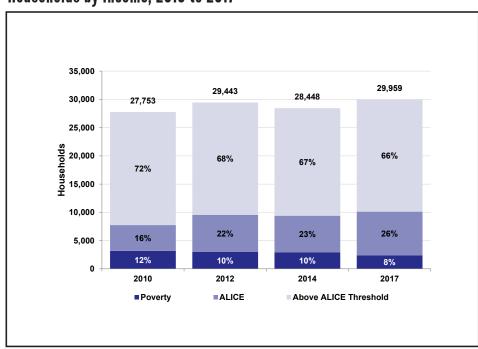
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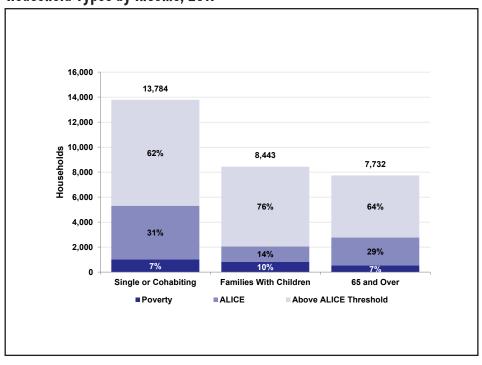
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Household Survival Budget, Clinton County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$532	\$815
Child Care	\$-	\$1,341
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$162	\$503
Taxes	\$253	\$628
Monthly Total	\$1,777	\$5,533
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,324	\$66,396
Hourly Wage	\$10.66	\$33.20

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# **ALICE IN CRAWFORD COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 13,821 • Number of Households: 6,025

Median Household Income: \$42,666 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 10.4% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 32% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 16% (state average: 14%)

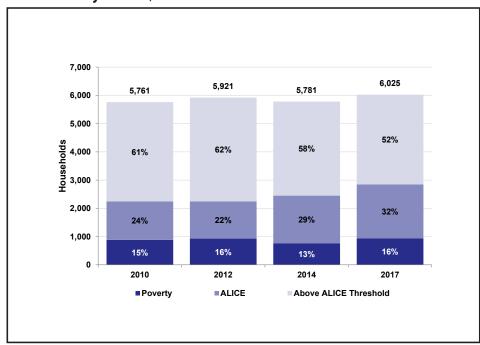
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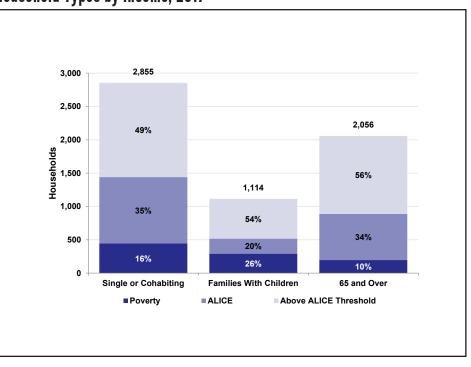
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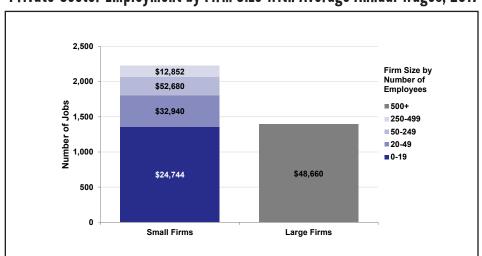
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Household Survival Budget, Crawford County		
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER	
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$522	\$738
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$160	\$468
Taxes	\$249	\$534
Monthly Total	\$1,761	\$5,153
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,132	\$61,836
Hourly Wage	\$10.57	\$30.92

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#### **Crawford County, 2017** Total HH Poverty Beaver Creek 804 50% Township Frederic Township 543 50% **Grayling Charter** 2,483 42% Township **Grayling City** 734 65% Lovells Township 304 43% Maple Forest 312 30% Township South Branch 845 50% Township

# **ALICE IN DELTA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 36,395 • **Number of Households:** 15,920

Median Household Income: \$44,639 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.5% (state average: 5.9%)

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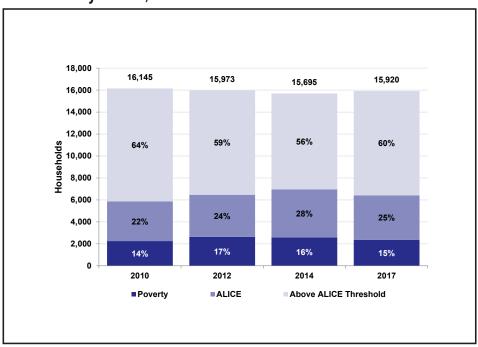
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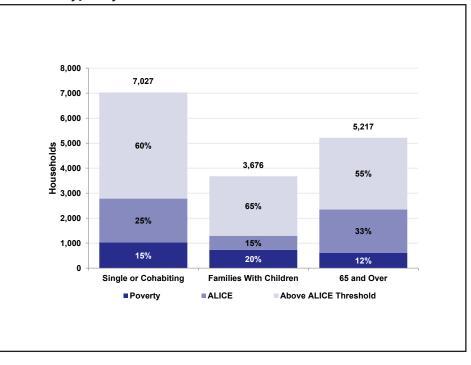
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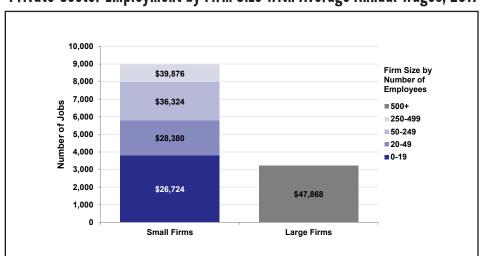
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Household Survival Budget, Delta County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$482	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$1,081
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$449
Taxes	\$235	\$480
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$4,937
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$59,244
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#### Delta County, 2017 Total HH **Baldwin Township** 301 30% Bark River Township 615 36% Bay De Noc Township 28% 152 400 27% **Brampton Township** 227 36% **Cornell Township** 338 37% **Ensign Township** Escanaba City 5,743 54% Escanaba Township 1,492 17% Fairbanks Township 166 33% Ford River Township 27% **Garden Township** 333 35% 2,007 43% Gladstone City 311 Maple Ridge Township 697 43% Masonville Township 212 Nahma Township 46% Wells Township

# **ALICE IN DICKINSON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 25,694 • Number of Households: 11,269

Median Household Income: \$45,681 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 16% (state average: 14%)

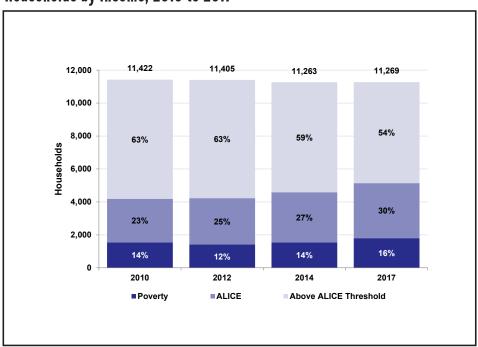
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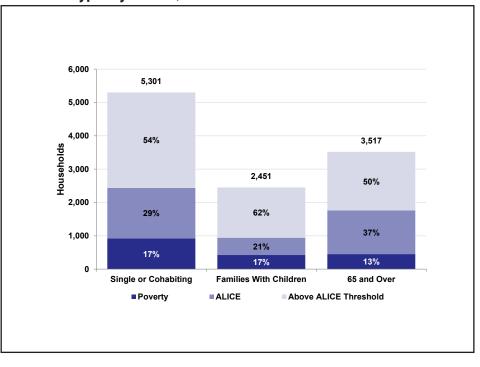
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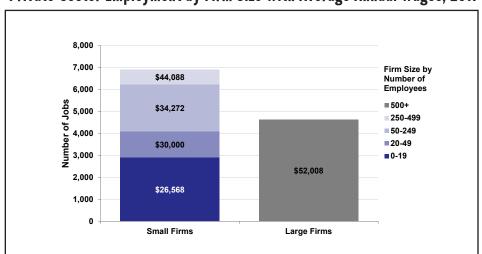
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Household Survival Budget, Dickinson County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$526	\$744	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,165	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$161	\$469	
Taxes	\$251	\$535	
Monthly Total	\$1,768	\$5,159	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,216	\$61,908	
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#### Dickinson County, 2017 Total HH **Breen Township** 182 **Breitung Charter** 2 357 37% Felch Township 298 35% Iron Mountain City 3,163 47% Kingsford City 2,310 51% 1,469 55% **Norway City Norway Township** 658 37% Sagola Township 480 47% Waucedah Township 337 44%

# **ALICE IN EATON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 109,027 • **Number of Households:** 44,329 **Median Household Income:** \$64,522 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 22% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 8% (state average: 14%)

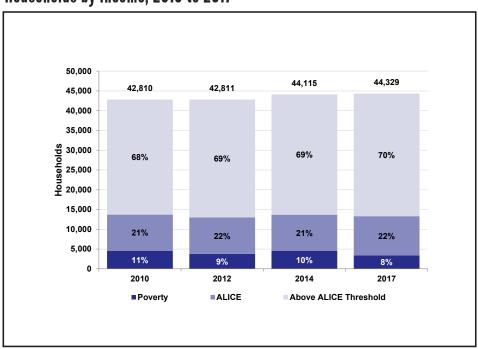
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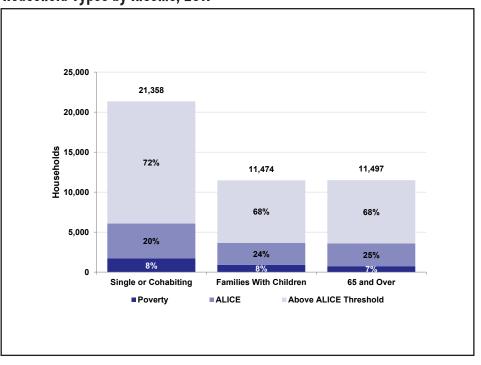
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Household Survival Budget, Eaton County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$532	\$815
Child Care	\$-	\$1,019
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$162	\$459
Taxes	\$253	\$507
Monthly Total	\$1,777	\$5,046
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,324	\$60,552
Hourly Wage	\$10.66	\$30.28

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#### Eaton County, 2017 Total HH Bellevue Township 1,233 1,105 **Benton Township** 20% **Brookfield Township** 575 29% 1,163 24% Carmel Township 3,635 49% **Charlotte City** 702 24% **Chester Township Delta Charter** 14,422 30% Township Eaton Rapids City 2.109 55% Eaton Rapids 1,529 14% Township 1,505 20% **Eaton Township** Grand Ledge City 3.566 38% 1.306 26% Hamlin Township Kalamo Township 661 33% Lansing City 2,056 65% Olivet City 389 42% Oneida Charter 1,483 22% Township 1.038 41% Potterville City Roxand Township 37% **Sunfield Township** 34% Vermontville Township Walton Township 799 28% Windsor Charter 2 798 21% Township

# **ALICE IN EMMET COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 32,978 • **Number of Households:** 14,496

Median Household Income: \$51,475 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.1% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 31% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 11% (state average: 14%)

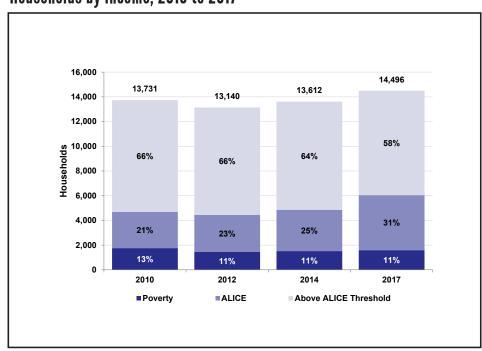
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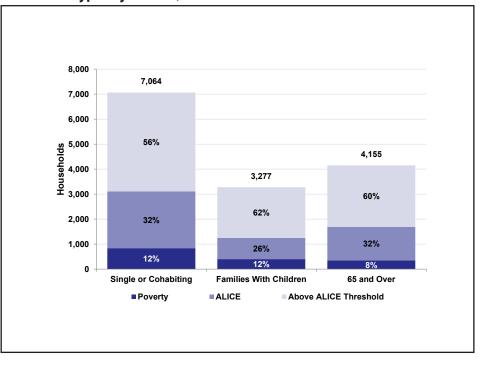
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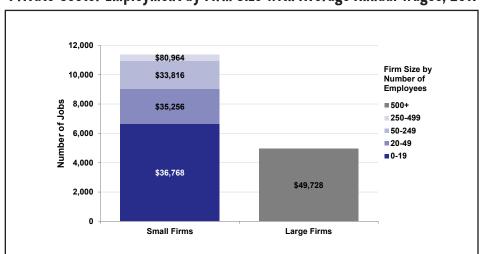
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Household Survival Budget, Emmet County		
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER	
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$522	\$800
Child Care	\$-	\$1,161
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$160	\$476
Taxes	\$249	\$555
Monthly Total	\$1,761	\$5,238
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,132	\$62,856
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# **ALICE IN GENESEE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 407,385 • Number of Households: 165,719 Median Household Income: \$46,298 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 10.3% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 17% (state average: 14%)

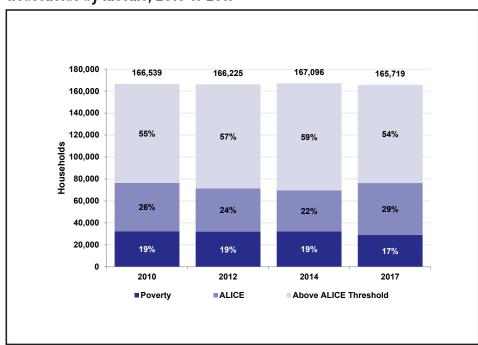
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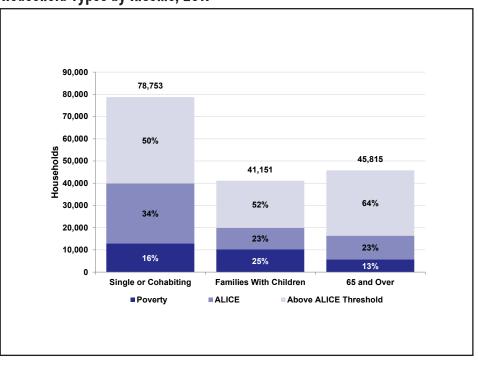
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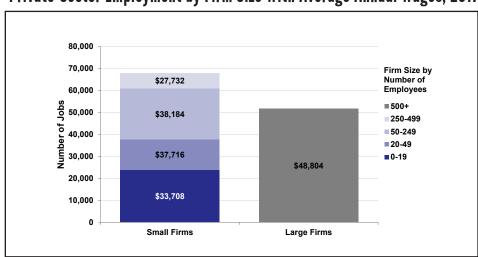
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Household Survival Budget, Genesee County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$468	\$738	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,284	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$153	\$485	
Taxes	\$231	\$578	
Monthly Total	\$1,682	\$5,331	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,184	\$63,972	
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# **ALICE IN GLADWIN COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 25,324 • Number of Households: 10,990

**Median Household Income:** \$40,871 (state average: \$54,909) **Unemployment Rate:** 7.4% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 19% (state average: 14%)

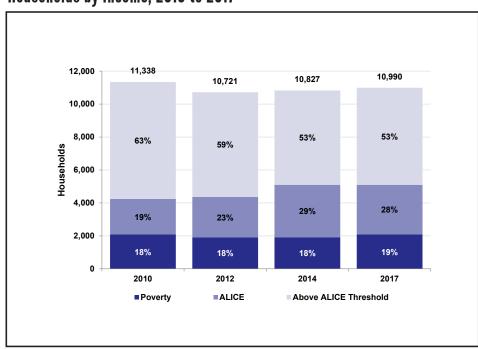
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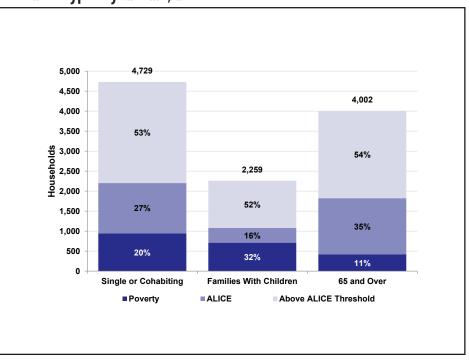
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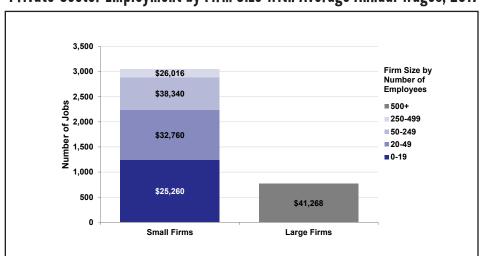
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Household Survival Budget, Gladwin County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$482	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$873
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$420
Taxes	\$235	\$402
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ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$55,464
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#### Gladwin County, 2017 Total HH **Beaverton City** 558 Beaverton Township 761 46% 354 29% **Bentley Township** 1,086 50% Billings Township 54% **Bourret Township** 214 531 45% **Buckeye Township Butman Township** 881 39% **Clement Township** 452 45% **Gladwin City** 1,267 58% Gladwin Township 410 55% **Grout Township** 650 46% 51% Hay Township 602 969 41% Sage Township 651 37% Secord Township 456 55% Sherman Township Tobacco Township

# **ALICE IN GOGEBIC COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 15,577 • Number of Households: 6,660

Median Household Income: \$36,689 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 6.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 32% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 19% (state average: 14%)

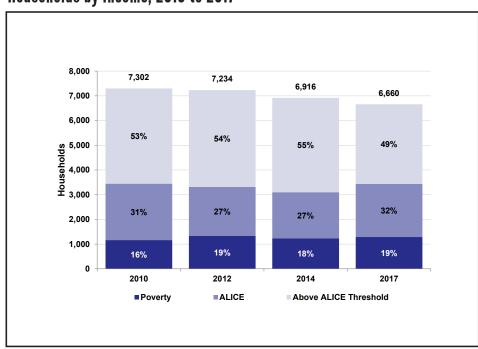
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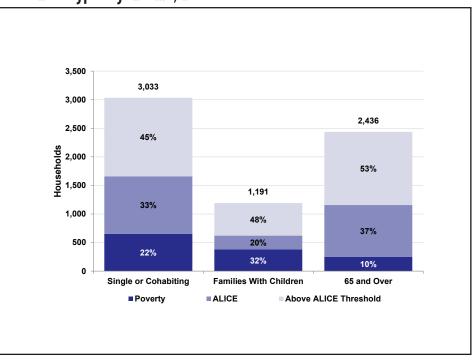
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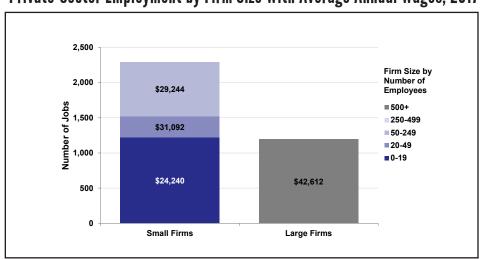
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Household Survival Budget, Gogebic County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$482	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$461
Taxes	\$235	\$512
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#### Gogebic County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty Bessemer City** 896 Bessemer Township 529 47% 147 42% Erwin Township Ironwood Charter 915 38% Township 2,458 Ironwood City 63% Marenisco Township 219 35% Wakefield City 724 44% 157 Wakefield Township 56% 39% Watersmeet Township 615

# **ALICE IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 91,807 • Number of Households: 38,211

Median Household Income: \$60,601 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 24% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 10% (state average: 14%)

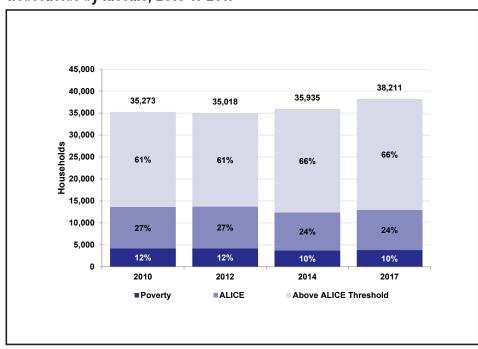
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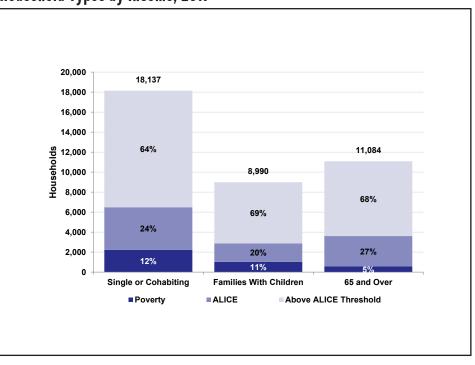
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### Households by Income, 2010 to 2017





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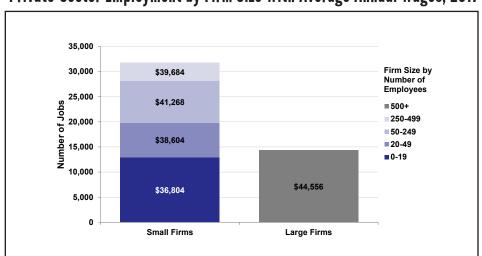
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Household Survival Budget, Grand Traverse County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$621	\$878
Child Care	\$-	\$1,131
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$174	\$483
Taxes	\$285	\$573
Monthly Total	\$1,910	\$5,311
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$22,920	\$63,732
Hourly Wage	\$11.46	\$31.87

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#### **Grand Traverse County, 2017** Total HH Town Acme Township 2,123 3,064 42% **Blair Township** East Bay Township 4,427 26% 631 42% Fife Lake Township Garfield Charter 7,268 47% Township **Grant Township** 466 39% Green Lake Township 2,475 27% 3,634 Long Lake Township 27% **Mayfield Township** 582 31% Paradise Township 1,577 Peninsula Township 2,618 20% Traverse City 6.519 40% 28%

24%

Whitewater Township

# **ALICE IN GRATIOT COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 41,319 • **Number of Households:** 14,736

Median Household Income: \$42,256 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7.4% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 31% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 20% (state average: 14%)

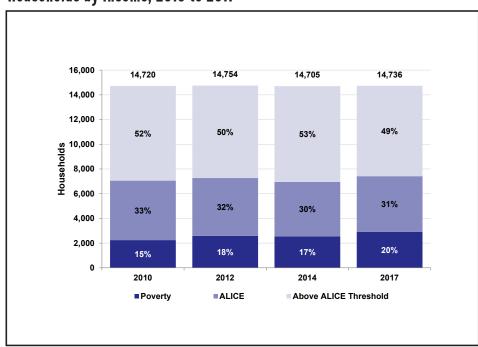
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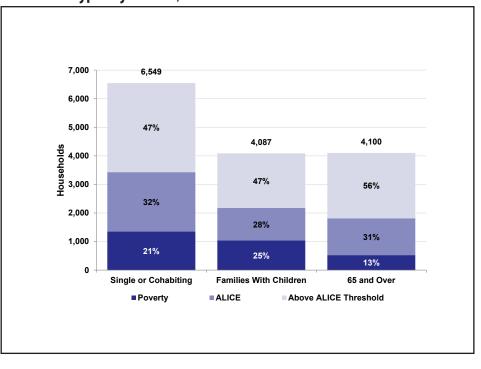
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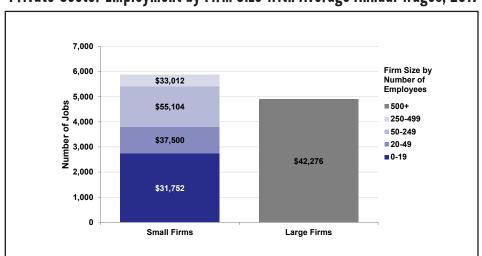
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Household Survival Budget, Gratiot County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$432	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$951
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$148	\$431
Taxes	\$220	\$431
Monthly Total	\$1,630	\$4,740
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,560	\$56,880
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#### **Gratiot County, 2017** Total HH 3,529 Alma City Arcada Township 746 53% **Bethany Township** 537 45% 479 46% Elba Township 44% 345 **Emerson Township** 942 39% **Fulton Township Hamilton Township** 167 40% Ithaca City 1.071 54% Lafayette Township 221 35% New Haven Township 404 43% **Newark Township** 466 34% 265 51% North Shade Township 362 36% North Star Township 837 43% Pine River Township Seville Township 810 St. Louis City 1 308 Sumner Township 726 49% **Washington Township** 355 Wheeler Township

# **ALICE IN HILLSDALE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 45,909 • **Number of Households:** 17,896

Median Household Income: \$46,160 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.1% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 15% (state average: 14%)

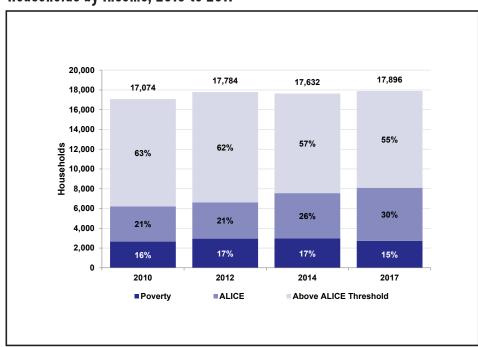
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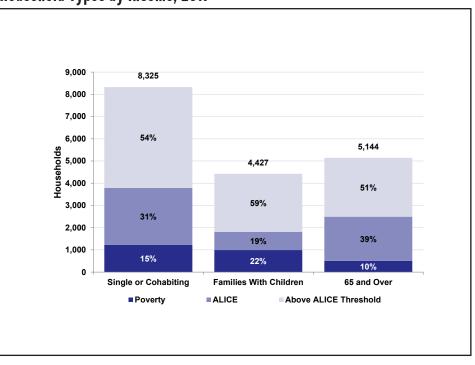
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### Households by Income, 2010 to 2017





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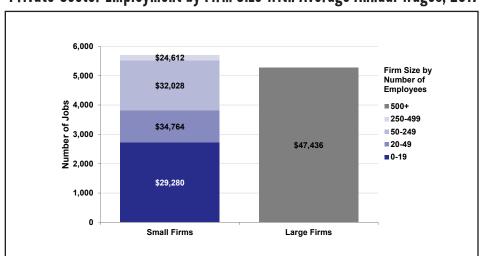
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Household Survival Budget, Hillsdale County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$499	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$784
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$157	\$408
Taxes	\$241	\$369
Monthly Total	\$1,727	\$4,488
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,724	\$53,856
Hourly Wage	\$10.36	\$26.93

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#### Hillsdale County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** Adams Township 980 602 41% Allen Township 435 45% Amboy Township 984 42% Cambria Township 724 42% Camden Township 437 33% **Fayette Township** 2,919 Hillsdale City 61% Hillsdale Township 800 36% Jefferson Township 1,296 39% 44% Jonesville City 949 Litchfield City 549 59% Litchfield Township 50% 404 36% Moscow Township 581 40% Pittsford Township Ransom Township 360 Reading City 356 Reading Township 749 42% Scipio Township 674 Somerset Township Wheatland Township Woodbridge Township 398 46% Wright Township 51% 636

# **ALICE IN HOUGHTON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 36,333 • Number of Households: 13,157

Median Household Income: \$41,379 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.8% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 20% (state average: 14%)

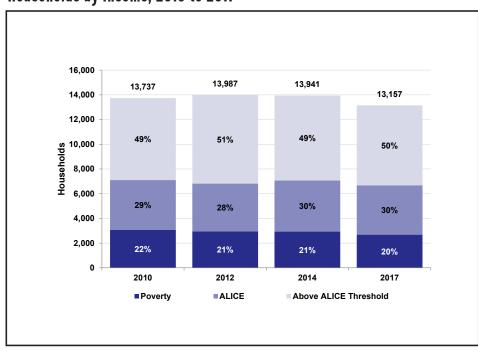
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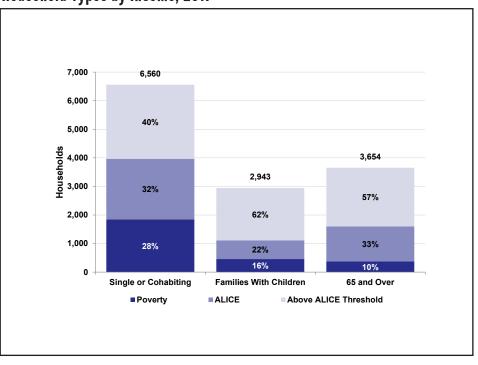
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### Households by Income, 2010 to 2017





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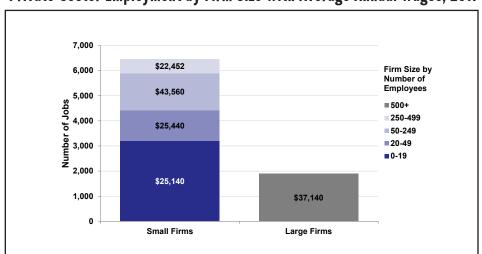
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Household Survival Budget, Houghton County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$442	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$1,164
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$150	\$460
Taxes	\$223	\$511
Monthly Total	\$1,645	\$5,062
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,740	\$60,744
Hourly Wage	\$9.87	\$30.37

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#### Houghton County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** Adams Township 907 Calumet Charter 2 623 57% Chassell Township 644 39% Elm River Township 110 53% Franklin Township 455 40% Hancock City 1,807 58% Hancock Township 169 22% 2,515 **Houghton City** 63% Laird Township 163 46% Osceola Township 573 Portage Charter 1,114 37% 100 22% **Quincy Township** Schoolcraft Township 676 48% Stanton Township 435 34% Torch Lake Township 772 38%

# **ALICE IN HURON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 31,750 • Number of Households: 13,880

Median Household Income: \$45,191 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.8% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 13% (state average: 14%)

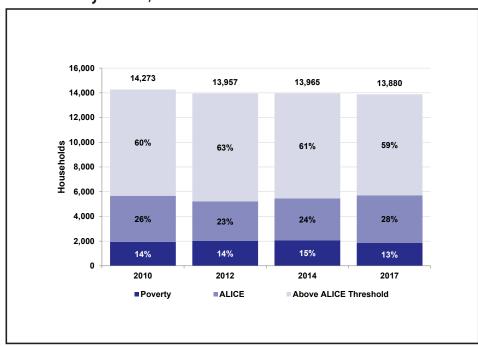
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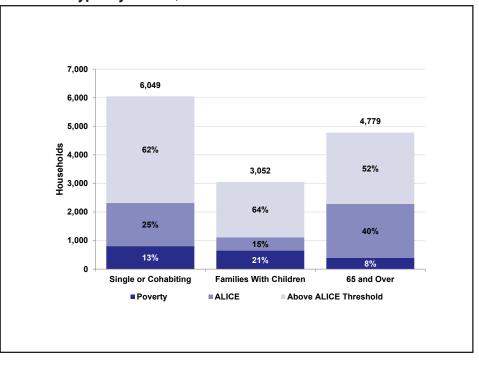
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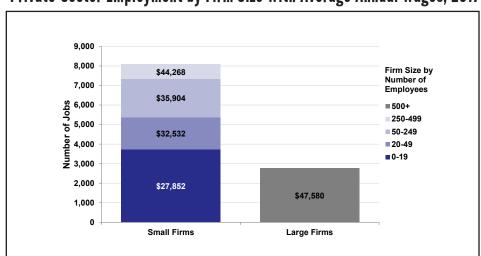
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Household Survival Budget, Huron County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$546	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$959
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$163	\$432
Taxes	\$258	\$434
Monthly Total	\$1,797	\$4,752
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,564	\$57,024
Hourly Wage	\$10.78	\$28.51

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#### **Huron County, 2017** Total HH **Bad Axe City** 1,256 Bingham Township 691 41% **Bloomfield Township** 175 36% Brookfield Township 310 41% Caseville City 430 60% 796 31% Caseville Township **Chandler Township** 199 32% **Colfax Township** 717 37% **Dwight Township** 325 52% Fairhaven Township 499 53% **Grant Township** 361 31% 829 58% Harbor Beach City 345 36% Hume Township 164 45% **Huron Township** 328 Lake Township 38% Lincoln Township 306 **Mckinley Township** 206 Meade Township 307 Oliver Township Paris Township 36% **Port Austin Township** 690 41% 340 41% Rubicon Township 406 33% Sand Beach Township 1,118 **Sebewaing Township** 29% Sheridan Township 243 28% Sherman Township 453 41% 188 22% Sigel Township Verona Township 485 30% **Winsor Township** 839 43%

# **ALICE IN INGHAM COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 290,186 • Number of Households: 111,915 Median Household Income: \$50,896 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 26% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 18% (state average: 14%)

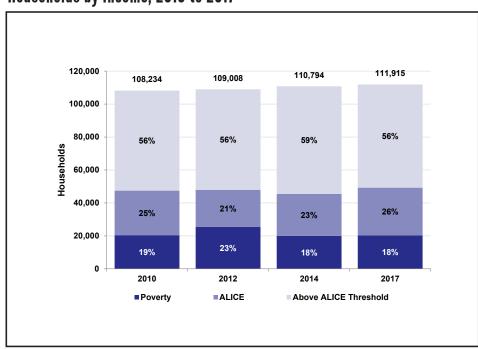
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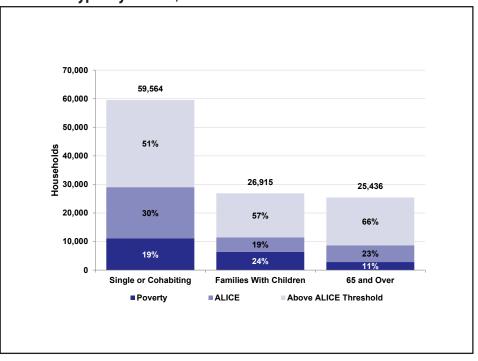
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Household Survival Budget, Ingham County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$532	\$815
Child Care	\$-	\$1,400
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$162	\$511
Taxes	\$253	\$650
Monthly Total	\$1,777	\$5,622
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,324	\$67,464
Hourly Wage	\$10.66	\$33.73

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#### **Ingham County, 2017** Total HH **Poverty** Alaiedon Township 1,106 Aurelius Township 1,463 18% Bunker Hill Township 708 31% Delhi Charter 10.829 33% Township 12,894 **East Lansing City** 58% Ingham Township 870 28% Lansing Charter 3.901 53% Lansing City 46,670 57% Leroy Township 1,353 34% Leslie City 673 42% 934 30% Leslie Township 636 24% Locke Township 3,193 Mason City 31% Meridian Charter 18.008 34% Township Onondaga Township 1,084 33% Stockbridge Township 1.479 **Vevay Township** 1.378 18% Wheatfield Township 16% White Oak Township 448 Williamston City 1,604 2.043 12%

# **ALICE IN IONIA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 64,147 • Number of Households: 22,625

Median Household Income: \$51,980 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.2% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 13% (state average: 14%)

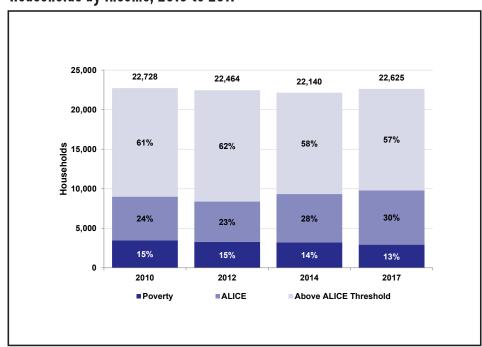
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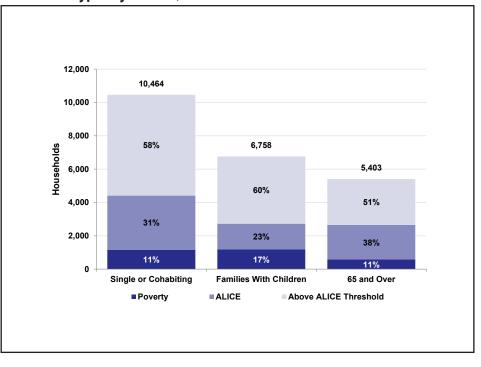
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Household Survival Budget, Ionia County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$551	\$737
Child Care	\$-	\$915
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$164	\$434
Taxes	\$260	\$439
Monthly Total	\$1,805	\$4,771
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,660	\$57,252
Hourly Wage	\$10.83	\$28.63

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# **ALICE IN IOSCO COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 25,317 • Number of Households: 11,457

Median Household Income: \$41,414 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 9.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 16% (state average: 14%)

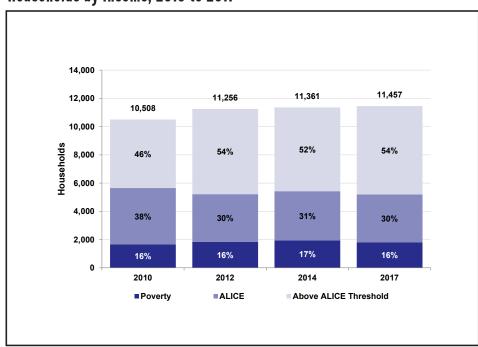
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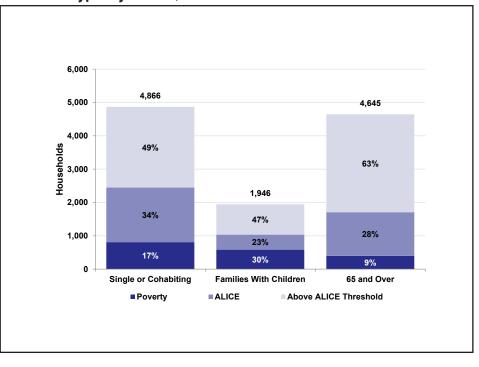
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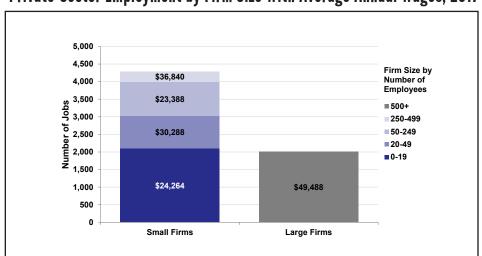
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Household Survival Budget, losco County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$432	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$1,147
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$148	\$458
Taxes	\$220	\$505
Monthly Total	\$1,630	\$5,037
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,560	\$60,444
Hourly Wage	\$9.78	\$30.22

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# **ALICE IN IRON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 11,291 • Number of Households: 5,315

Median Household Income: \$36,773 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 34% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 15% (state average: 14%)

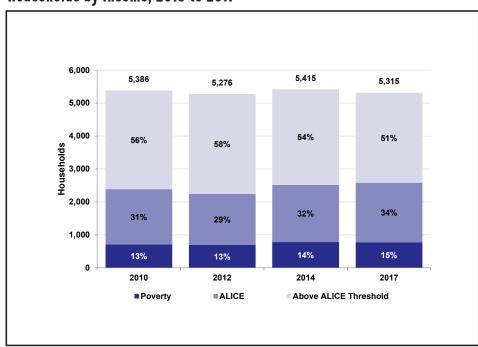
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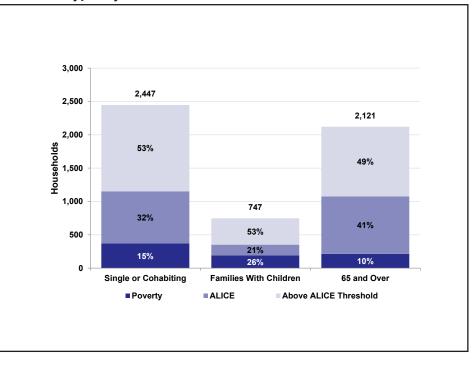
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Household Survival Budget, Iron County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$487	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$461
Taxes	\$237	\$512
Monthly Total	\$1,709	\$5,067
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,508	\$60,804
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#### Iron County, 2017 Total HH 414 **Bates Township** 28% Caspian City 302 62% Crystal Falls City 724 51% Crystal Falls Township 655 38% 158 52% **Gaastra City** 129 51% Hematite Township 1,526 Iron River City 63% Iron River Township 470 48% Mansfield Township 108 33% 43% Mastodon Township 310 Stambaugh Township 519 31%

# **ALICE IN ISABELLA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 71,063 • **Number of Households:** 25,000

Median Household Income: \$44,100 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 7.8% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 23% (state average: 14%)

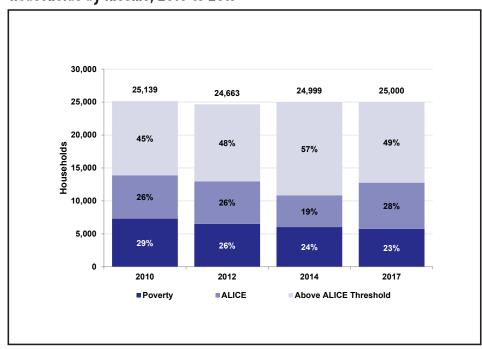
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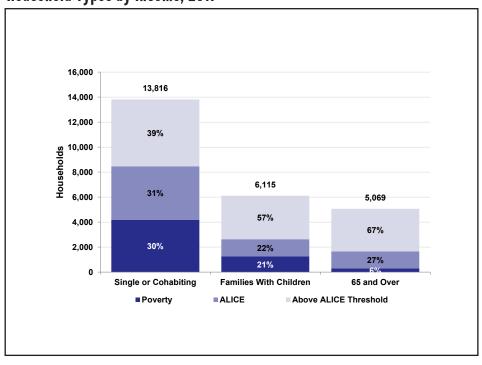
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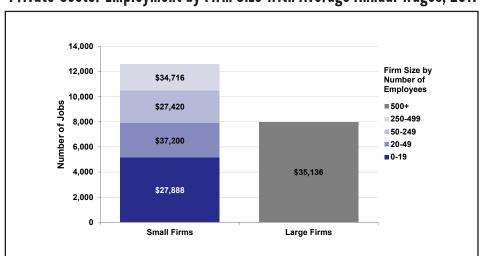
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Household Survival Budget, Isabella County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$506	\$700
Child Care	\$-	\$1,175
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$158	\$464
Taxes	\$243	\$522
Monthly Total	\$1,737	\$5,107
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,844	\$61,284
Hourly Wage	\$10.42	\$30.64

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#### Isabella County, 2017 Total HH **Broomfield Township** 696 1,770 48% Chippewa Township 1,230 45% Coe Township 309 59% Coldwater Township 1,160 22% **Deerfield Township** 437 46% **Denver Township** Fremont Township 551 49% Gilmore Township 531 55% Isabella Township 795 49% 742 Lincoln Township 36% **Mount Pleasant City** 8,027 62% 885 36% Nottawa Township 460 36% Rolland Township 1 165 46% Sherman Township **Union Charter** 5,133 67% Township Vernon Township 466 30% Wise Township 521 48%

# **ALICE IN JACKSON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 158,640 • **Number of Households:** 62,220 **Median Household Income:** \$50,258 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.5% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 13% (state average: 14%)

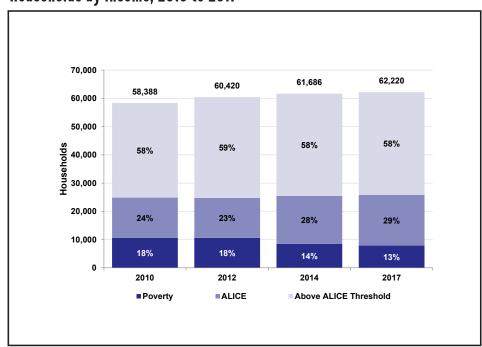
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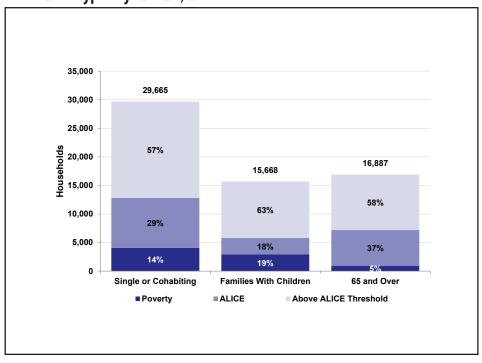
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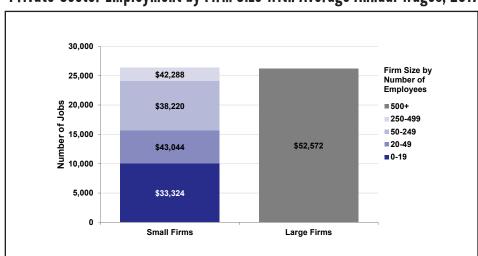
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Household Survival Budget, Jackson County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$491	\$769
Child Care	\$-	\$1,012
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$156	\$451
Taxes	\$238	\$487
Monthly Total	\$1,715	\$4,965
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,580	\$59,580
Hourly Wage	\$10.29	\$29.79

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#### **Jackson County, 2017** Total HH Poverty Blackman Charter 7,754 51% Township Columbia Township 3,098 26% **Concord Township** 988 29% **Grass Lake Charter** 2,230 23% Township Hanover Township 1.426 30% Henrietta Township 12,798 Leoni Township 5,772 Liberty Township 1,253 26% 2,868 34% Napoleon Township 1,254 36% Norvell Township 1.135 43% Parma Township 812 Pulaski Township 37% Rives Township 1,649 32% Sandstone Township 1,404 34% Spring Arbor 2,652 37% 38% **Springport Township** 816 **Summit Township** 9,300 37% **Tompkins Township** 1,162 Waterloo Township

# **ALICE IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 262,985 • **Number of Households:** 104,075 **Median Household Income:** \$56,025 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.8% (state average: 5.9%)

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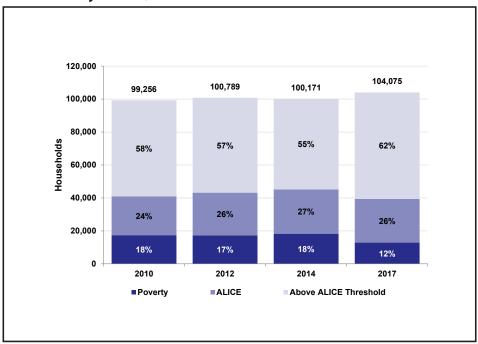
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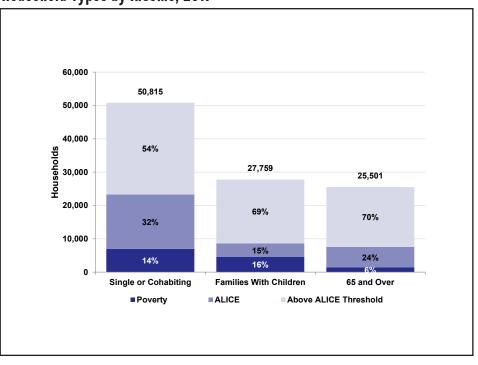
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Household Survival Budget, Kalamazoo County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$513	\$782
Child Care	\$-	\$1,381
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$159	\$504
Taxes	\$246	\$631
Monthly Total	\$1,748	\$5,544
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,976	\$66,528
Hourly Wage	\$10.49	\$33.26

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# **ALICE IN KALKASKA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 17,358 • Number of Households: 7,019

Median Household Income: \$43,431 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 8.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 17% (state average: 14%)

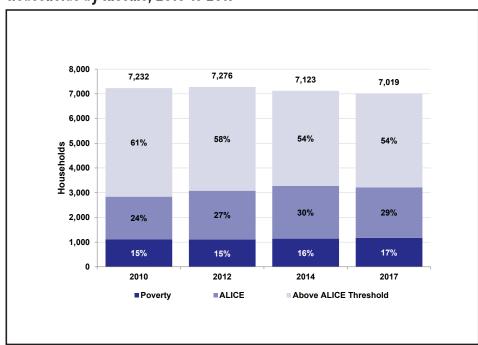
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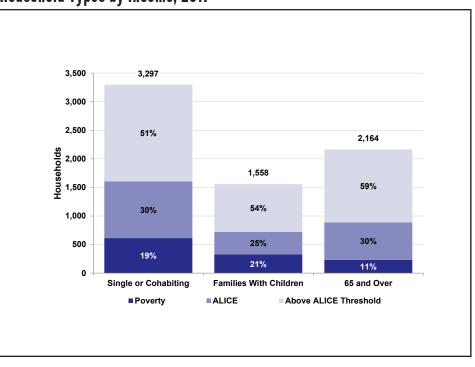
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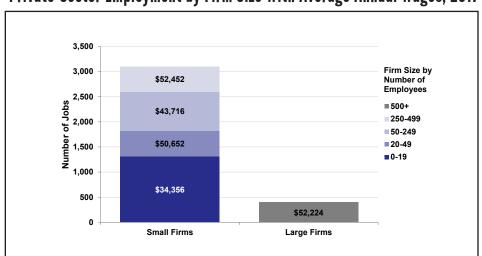
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Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$460	\$725
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$152	\$467
Taxes	\$229	\$529
Monthly Total	\$1,671	\$5,134
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,052	\$61,608
Hourly Wage	\$10.03	\$30.80

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#### Kalkaska County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** Bear Lake Township 310 210 31% Blue Lake Township 491 43% **Boardman Township** 985 48% Clearwater Township 47% 656 **Coldsprings Township** 345 40% **Excelsior Township Garfield Township** 374 53% Kalkaska Township 1,975 48% Oliver Township 140 43% Orange Township 458 35% Rapid River Township 468 52% Springfield Township 45% 607

# **ALICE IN KENT COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 648,594 • Number of Households: 240,678 Median Household Income: \$61,125 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 4% (state average: 5.9%)

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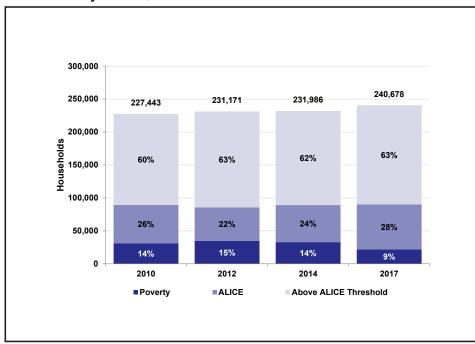
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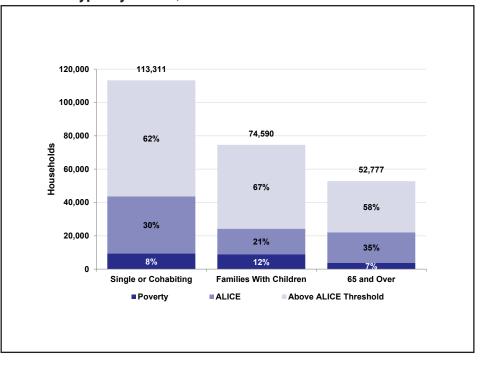
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Household Survival Budget, Kent County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$549	\$823
Child Care	\$-	\$1,244
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$164	\$491
Taxes	\$259	\$595
Monthly Total	\$1,802	\$5,399
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,624	\$64,788
Hourly Wage	\$10.81	\$32.39

#### ...and wages lag behind

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#### Kent County, 2017 Total HH Ada Township 4,734 3,902 26% Algoma Township 5,422 48% Alpine Township 1,110 23% Bowne Township 8,271 33% **Byron Township** 4 708 25% Caledonia Township Cannon Township 4,928 20% Cascade Charter 6.916 Township **Cedar Springs City** 1.269 52% **Courtland Township** 2,733 18% **East Grand Rapids** 4.028 11% **Gaines Charter** 9.397 33% Township **Grand Rapids Charter** 17% 6.310 Township 73,434 Grandville City 6,248 38% Grattan Township 1,487 30% 20,368 46% Kentwood City Lowell Charter 2,506 33% Township Lowell City 1,470 35% 1,820 31% **Nelson Township** 2,191 25% Oakfield Township Plainfield Charter 12,921 32% Township Rockford City 2,269 41% 2.547 35% Solon Township 3.367 45% Sparta Township Spencer Township 1.561 40% Tyrone Township 1,567 45% 1,452 16% Vergennes Township Walker City 10,078 43% **Wyoming City** 27,915 46%

# **ALICE IN KEWEENAW COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 2,136 • Number of Households: 1,013

Median Household Income: \$41,118 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.5% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 27% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 14%)

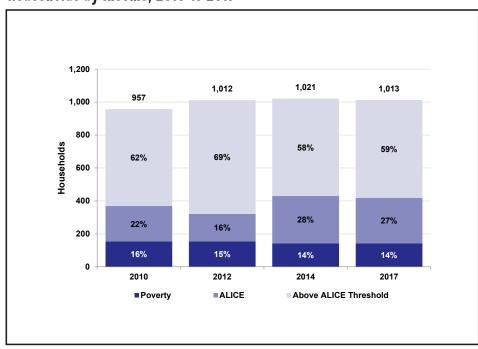
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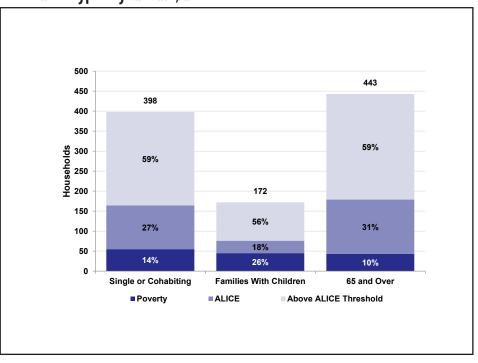
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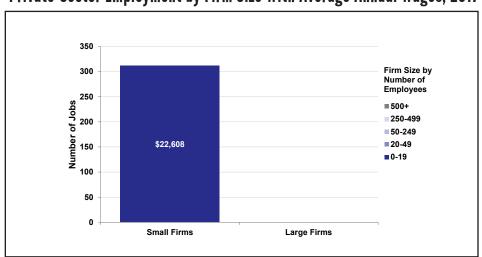
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Household Survival Budget, Keweenaw County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$482	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$461
Taxes	\$235	\$512
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$5,067
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$60,804
Hourly Wage	\$10.21	\$30.40

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# Town Total HH ALICE & Poverty Allouez Township 674 48% Eagle Harbor Township 138 28% Grant Township 105 22%

# **ALICE IN LAKE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 11,669 • Number of Households: 4,555

Median Household Income: \$32,309 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 11.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 38% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 23% (state average: 14%)

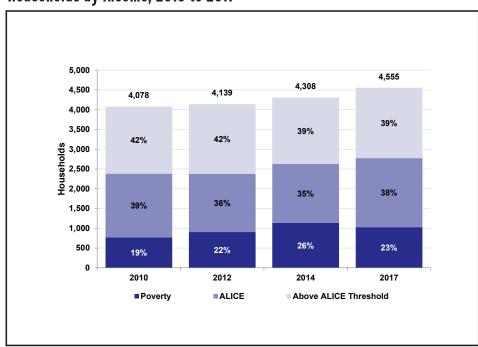
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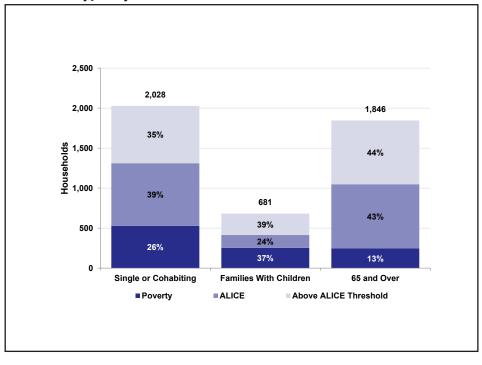
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#### Households by Income, 2010 to 2017





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Household Survival Budget, Lake County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$482	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
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#### Lake County, 2017 Total HH Chase Township 401 Cherry Valley 176 54% Township **Dover Township** 133 44% Eden Township 224 62% Elk Township 459 55% Ellsworth Township 277 50% Lake Township 349 47% **Newkirk Township** 286 69% **Peacock Township** 175 54% Pinora Township 302 59% **Pleasant Plains** 697 66% Township Sauble Township 162 55% **Sweetwater Township** 103 61% Webber Township 545 76% Yates Township 266 79%

# **ALICE IN LAPEER COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 88,174 • Number of Households: 34,271

Median Household Income: \$55,866 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.4% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 9% (state average: 14%)

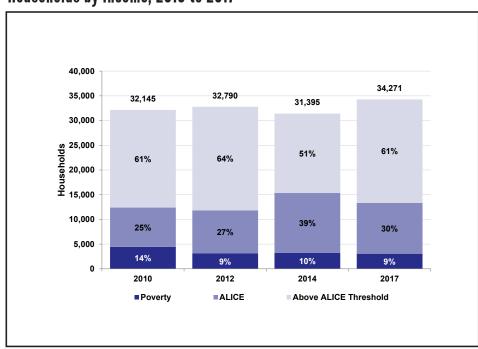
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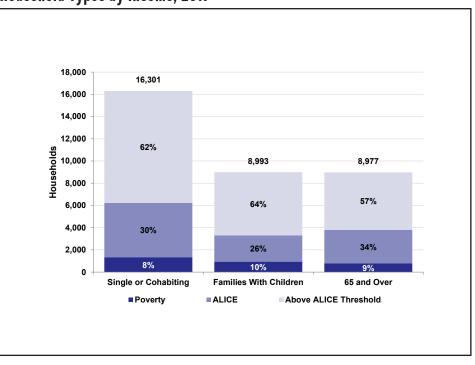
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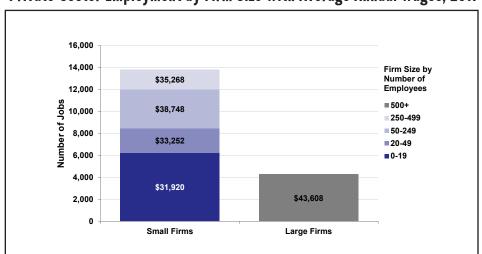
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Household Survival Budget, Lapeer County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$578	\$911
Child Care	\$-	\$1,221
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$434	\$868
Health Care	\$234	\$879
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$180	\$525
Taxes	\$303	\$687
Monthly Total	\$1,983	\$5,770
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,796	\$69,240
Hourly Wage	\$11.90	\$34.62

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#### Lapeer County, 2017 Total HH Almont Township 2,531 Arcadia Township 1,199 34% 1,708 34% Attica Township 551 50% **Burlington Township** 677 39% **Burnside Township** 2 008 31% **Deerfield Township Dryden Township** 1,754 28% Elba Township 2.069 32% **Goodland Township** 660 39% **Hadley Township** 1.714 28% Imlay City 1,266 58% Imlay Township 1,032 37% 3,565 63% Lapeer City 1 920 28% Lapeer Township **Marathon Township** 1,728 **Mayfield Township** Metamora Township 1.609 36% North Branch 1,415 44% Township 2,126 Oregon Township 33% Rich Township 565 33%

# **ALICE IN LEELANAU COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 21,564 • Number of Households: 9,022

Median Household Income: \$62,646 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.3% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 26% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 7% (state average: 14%)

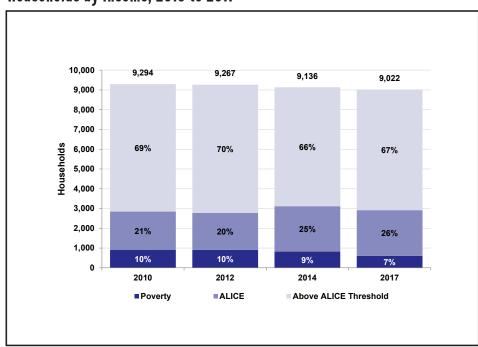
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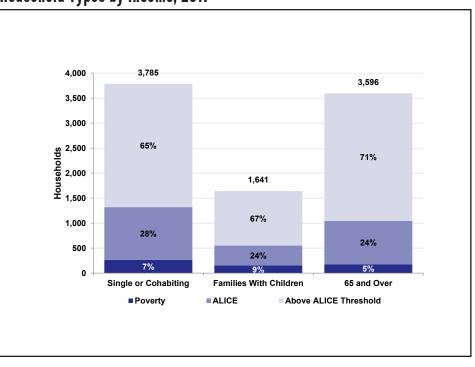
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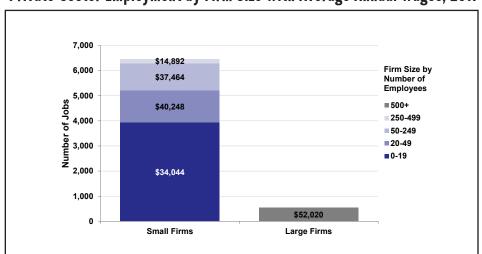
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Household Survival Budget, Leelanau County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$580	\$820
Child Care	\$-	\$1,056
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$168	\$464
Taxes	\$270	\$523
Monthly Total	\$1,848	\$5,109
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$22,176	\$61,308
Hourly Wage	\$11.09	\$30.65

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#### Leelanau County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty Bingham Township** 1,030 Centerville Township 520 35% Cleveland Township 485 36% Elmwood Charter 1.873 30% Township 597 34% **Empire Township** Glen Arbor Township 305 21% Kasson Township 513 41% Leelanau Township 970 39% **Leland Township** 834 27% Solon Township 614 30% **Suttons Bay Township** 1,171 34% **Traverse City** 110 13%

# **ALICE IN LENAWEE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 98,623 • Number of Households: 38,559

Median Household Income: \$56,515 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 4.5% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 27% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 10% (state average: 14%)

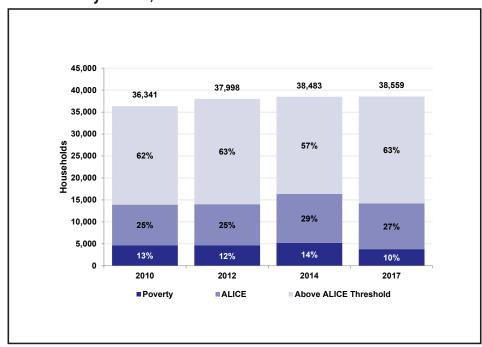
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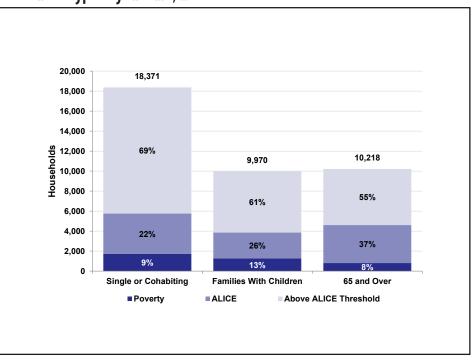
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Household Survival Budget, Lenawee County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$568	\$804
Child Care	\$-	\$1,071
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$166	\$464
Taxes	\$266	\$522
Monthly Total	\$1,830	\$5,107
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,960	\$61,284
Hourly Wage	\$10.98	\$30.64

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# **ALICE IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 189,651 • **Number of Households:** 72,726 **Median Household Income:** \$80,733 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 3% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 26% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 5% (state average: 14%)

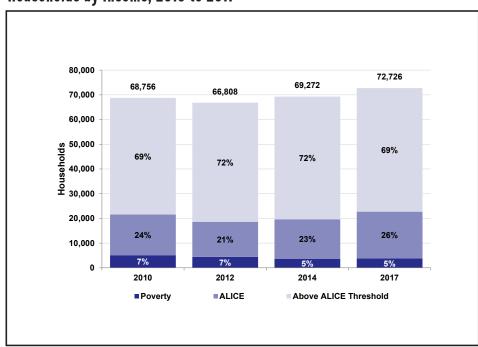
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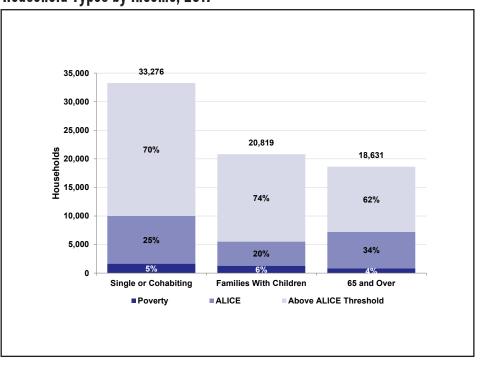
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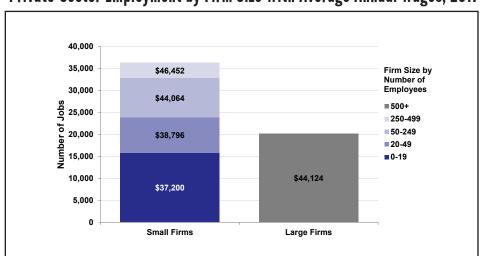
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Household Survival Budget, Livingston County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$626	\$922
Child Care	\$-	\$1,408
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$434	\$868
Health Care	\$234	\$879
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$187	\$552
Taxes	\$321	\$761
Monthly Total	\$2,056	\$6,069
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$24,672	\$72,828
Hourly Wage	\$12.34	\$36.41

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#### Livingston County, 2017 Total HH **Brighton City** 3,676 **Brighton Township** 6,646 21% Cohoctah Township 1,290 33% 1,144 33% Conway Township 1,498 31% **Deerfield Township** 34% 8 051 Genoa Township **Green Oak Township** 7,068 29% Hamburg Township 8.350 29% Handy Township 3,075 44% Hartland Township 5.388 28% **Howell City** 4.054 55% 2,547 33% Howell Township 1,254 28% losco Township 3 801 28% Marion Township 24% Oceola Township 4,626 **Putnam Township** 3 333 Tyrone Township 3 621 24% Unadilla Township 1,409

# **ALICE IN LUCE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 6,406 • Number of Households: 2,253

Median Household Income: \$41,221 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 11.8% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 40% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 17% (state average: 14%)

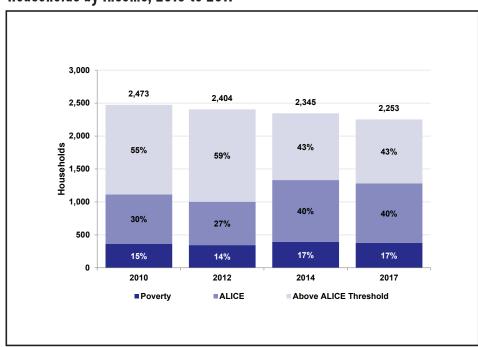
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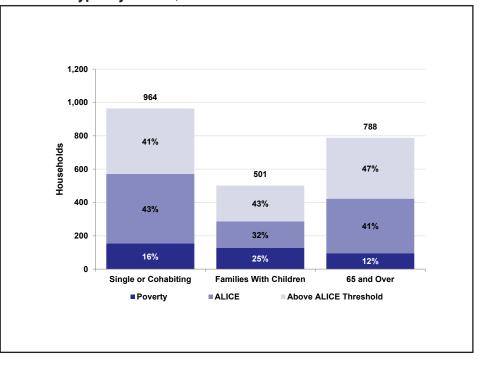
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#### Households by Income, 2010 to 2017





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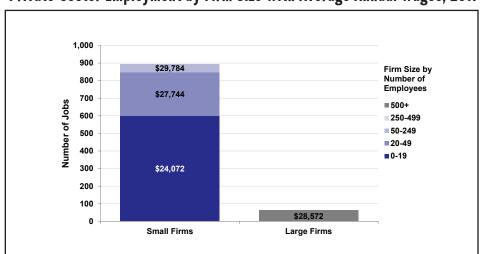
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Household Survival Budget, Luce County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$461	
Taxes	\$235	\$512	
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$5,067	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$60,804	
Hourly Wage	\$10.21	\$30.40	

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# Luce County, 2017 Town Total HH % ALICE & Poverty Lakefield Township 431 62% Mcmillan Township 1,140 61% Pentland Township 615 46%

# **ALICE IN MACKINAC COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 10,836 • Number of Households: 5,132

Median Household Income: \$42,559 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 10.5% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 25% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 14%)

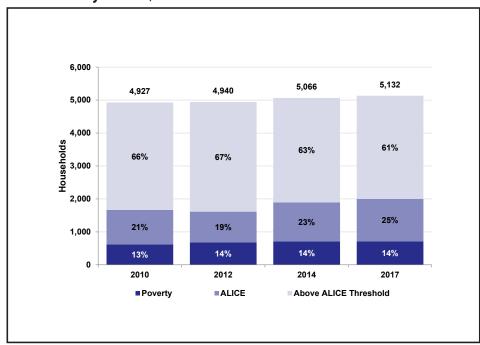
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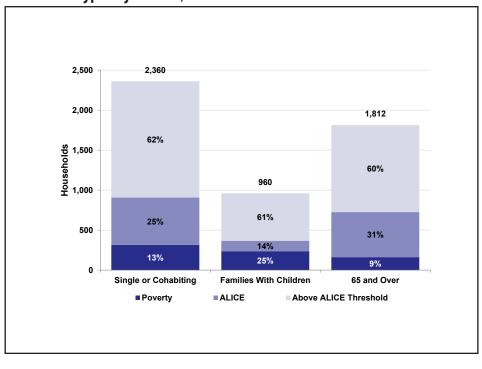
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Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$795	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$409	
Taxes	\$235	\$373	
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#### Mackinac County, 2017 Total HH **Brevort Township** 271 911 36% Clark Township **Garfield Township** 509 32% 105 44% **Hudson Township** 369 33% **Mackinac Island City** 291 31% Marquette Township Moran Township 367 27% **Newton Township** 206 64% Portage Township 350 42% 1,240 44% St. Ignace City St. Ignace Township 387 45%

# ALICE IN MACOMB COUNTY

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 871,375 • **Number of Households:** 346,457 **Median Household Income:** \$60,380 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.5% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 11% (state average: 14%)

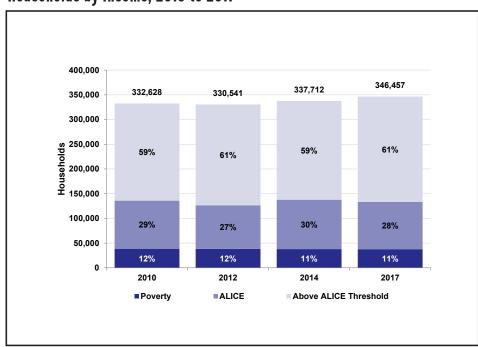
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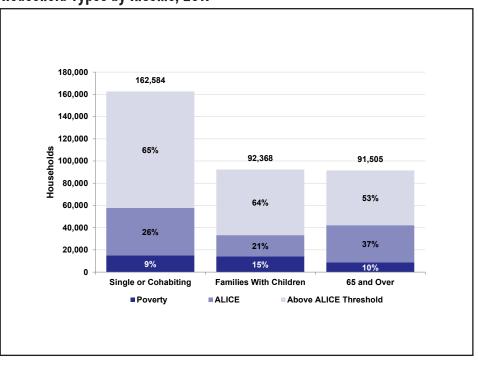
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Household Survival Budget, Macomb County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$578	\$911	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,400	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$434	\$868	
Health Care	\$234	\$879	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$180	\$549	
Taxes	\$303	\$754	
Monthly Total	\$1,983	\$6,040	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,796	\$72,480	
Hourly Wage	\$11.90	\$36.24	

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#### Macomb County, 2017 Total HH Armada Township 2,061 Bruce Township 3,210 28% Center Line City 3,618 63% 17,291 31% Chesterfield Township Clinton Charter 43,713 45% Township **Eastpointe City** 12,539 52% Fraser City 6,170 43% Harrison Charter 11,403 41% Township Lenox Township 3,192 33% 28,978 18% Macomb Township 59% **Memphis City** 366 6.785 **Mount Clemens City** 58% 4 505 29% **New Baltimore City** Ray Township 1,603 34% Richmond City 2,188 47% Richmond Township 1,239 22% Roseville City 19,585 54% Shelby Charter 30 519 32% St. Clair Shores City 26,763 40% Sterling Heights City Utica City 2.253 43% Warren City 53,436 51% **Washington Township** 10,247 28%

# **ALICE IN MANISTEE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 24,432 • Number of Households: 9,810

Median Household Income: \$44,882 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 8% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 35% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 14%)

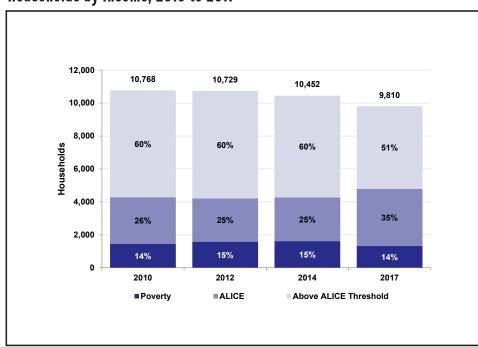
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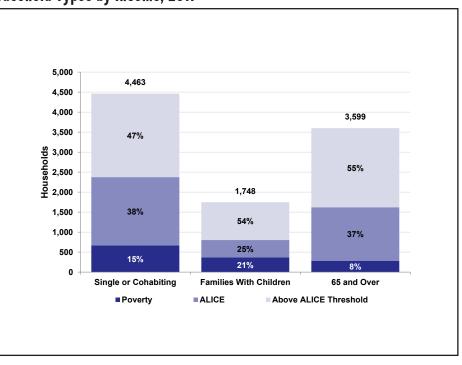
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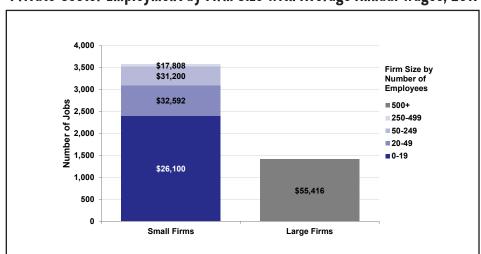
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Household Survival Budget, Manistee County			
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Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,122	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$454	
Taxes	\$235	\$495	
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$4,998	
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#### Manistee County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** Arcadia Township 274 Bear Lake Township 650 43% 257 42% **Brown Township** 374 55% Cleon Township 371 51% **Dickson Township** 1 090 38% Filer Charter Township **Manistee City** 2,784 59% Manistee Township 1,207 38% Maple Grove Township 515 58% Marilla Township 117 47% Norman Township 564 56% 589 40% Onekama Township 325 45% Pleasanton Township Springdale Township 341 52% 352 46% Stronach Township

# **ALICE IN MARQUETTE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 66,502 • Number of Households: 25,725

Median Household Income: \$49,008 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 16% (state average: 14%)

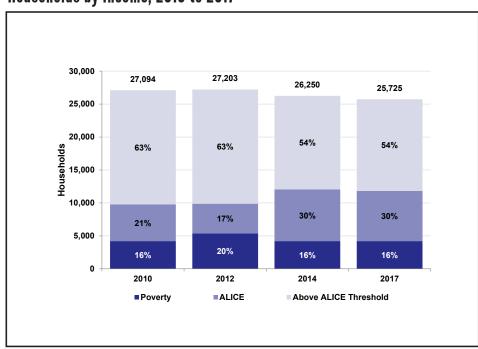
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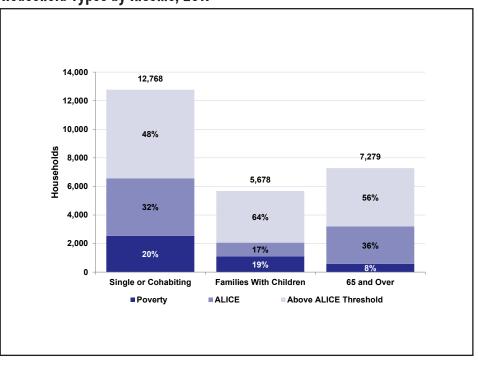
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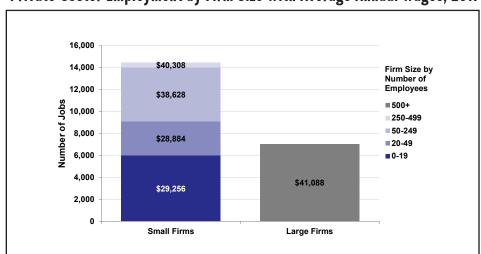
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Household Survival Budget, Marquette County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$453	\$714
Child Care	\$-	\$1,360
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$151	\$492
Taxes	\$227	\$597
Monthly Total	\$1,661	\$5,409
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,932	\$64,908
Hourly Wage	\$9.97	\$32.45

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#### Marquette County, 2017 Total HH **Champion Township** 130 **Chocolay Charter** 2 352 34% Township **Ely Township** 813 38% Forsyth Township 2,552 44% **Humboldt Township** 190 41% 2,760 54% Ishpeming City Ishpeming Township 1,419 36% Marquette Charter 1.707 42% 7,587 **Marquette City** 56% Michigamme 153 42% **Negaunee City** 1,788 43% **Negaunee Township** 1,098 34% Powell Township 220 50% Republic Township 426 62% **Richmond Township** 367 46% Sands Township 926 Skandia Township 383 42% Tilden Township 390 Wells Township 103 56% West Branch 708 59% Township

# **ALICE IN MASON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 28,800 • Number of Households: 12,186

**Median Household Income:** \$45,524 (state average: \$54,909) **Unemployment Rate:** 7.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 31% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 14%)

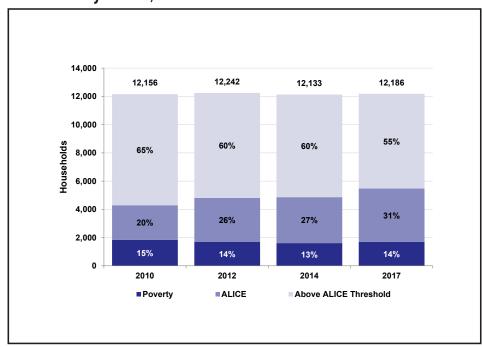
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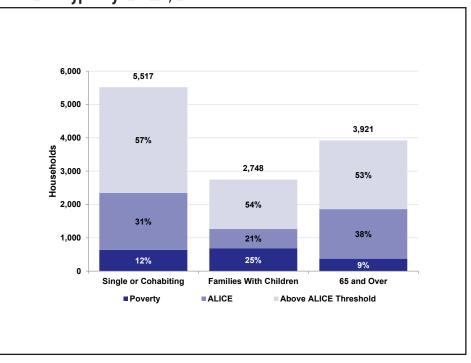
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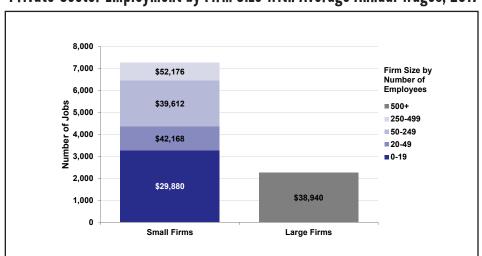
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Household Survival Budget, Mason County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$514	\$727	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,105	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$159	\$458	
Taxes	\$246	\$506	
Monthly Total	\$1,749	\$5,042	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,988	\$60,504	
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#### Mason County, 2017 Total HH Amber Township 1,130 566 62% **Branch Township Custer Township** 484 47% 192 48% Eden Township 46% 314 Free Soil Township 398 41% **Grant Township** Hamlin Township 1,650 41% Logan Township 132 44% **Ludington City** 3,582 50% Pere Marquette 960 32% **Charter Township** 458 35% Scottville City 441 57% 54% Sheridan Township Sherman Township 491 47% Summit Township 365 31% Victory Township 522 43%

# **ALICE IN MECOSTA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 43,181 • Number of Households: 15,641

Median Household Income: \$43,470 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 8.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 31% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 20% (state average: 14%)

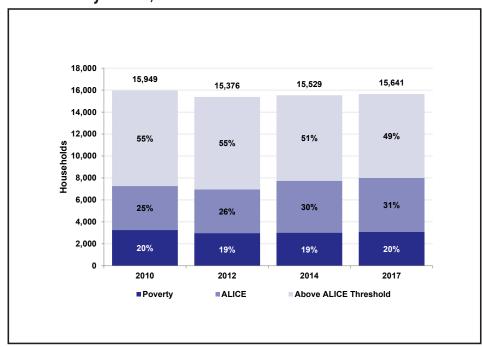
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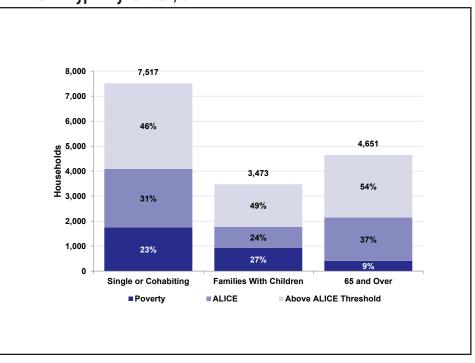
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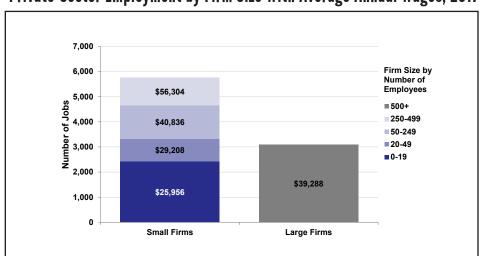
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Household Survival Budget, Mecosta County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$943	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$430	
Taxes	\$235	\$428	
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$4,728	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$56,736	
Hourly Wage	\$10.21	\$28.37	

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#### Mecosta County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** Aetna Township 804 596 45% **Austin Township** Big Rapids Charter 1,665 47% 3,028 **Big Rapids City** 67% Chippewa Township 560 46% 726 34% Colfax Township Deerfield Township 605 54% Fork Township 636 59% 259 **Grant Township** 42% **Green Charter** 1,259 57% Township 401 45% Hinton Township 47% 626 **Martiny Township** 1.011 53% Mecosta Township Millbrook Township 397 51% 2,072 39% Morton Township Sheridan Township 454 43% **Wheatland Township** 542 52%

# ALICE IN MENOMINEE COUNTY

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population: 23,389 • Number of Households: 10,593** 

Median Household Income: \$44,480 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 5.9% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 27% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 14%)

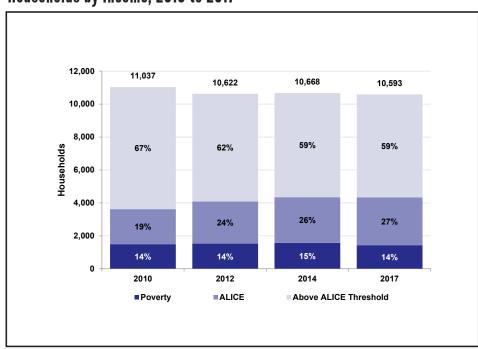
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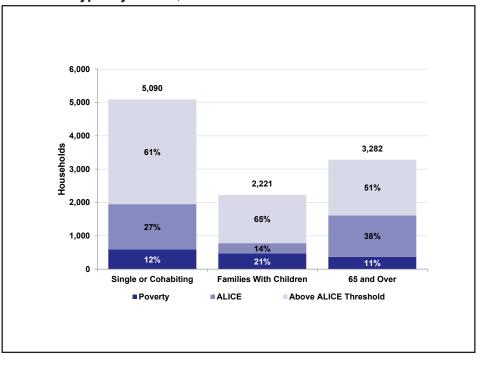
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Household Survival Budget, Menominee County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,004	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$438	
Taxes	\$235	\$451	
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$4,820	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$57,840	
Hourly Wage	\$10.21	\$28.92	

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#### Menominee County, 2017 Total HH Cedarville Township 107 31% 283 26% **Daggett Township** Faithorn Township 104 19% 155 45% **Gourley Township** 38% 633 Harris Township 160 36% Holmes Township 423 Ingaliston Township 24% Lake Township 264 43% Mellen Township 518 34% Menominee City 3.976 49% **Menominee Township** 1,678 27% 41% Mever Township 462 49% Nadeau Township 653 45% **Spalding Township** 359 Stephenson City 56% Stephenson Township

# **ALICE IN MIDLAND COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 83,411 • Number of Households: 34,096

Median Household Income: \$61,624 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 23% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 11% (state average: 14%)

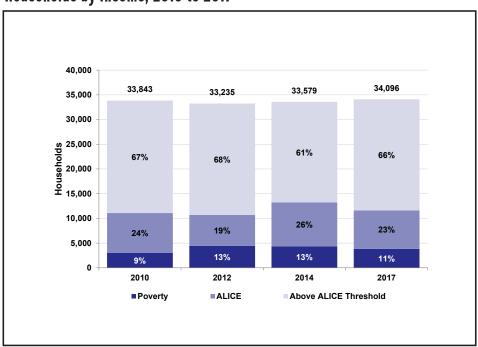
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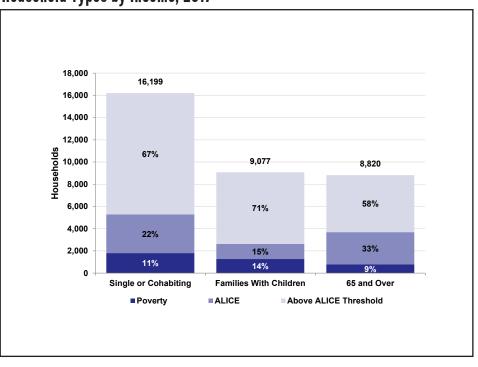
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Household Survival Budget, Midland County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$484	\$743	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,099	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$460	
Taxes	\$236	\$510	
Monthly Total	\$1,705	\$5,058	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,460	\$60,696	
Hourly Wage	\$10.23	\$30.35	

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#### Midland County, 2017 Total HH 647 Coleman City Edenville Township 1,035 40% 432 33% Geneva Township 685 42% Greendale Township 1,630 30% **Homer Township** 616 37% Hope Township Ingersoll Township 986 30% Jasper Township 415 43% Jerome Township 1,968 36% Larkin Charter 1,988 19% Township Lee Township 1.525 41% Lincoln Township 1.131 35% Midland Charter 33% 889 Township Midland City 17,504 38% Mills Township 679 42% **Mount Haley Township** 694 38% Porter Township 428 28% Warren Township 734 48%

# **ALICE IN MISSAUKEE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 14,982 • Number of Households: 5,941

Median Household Income: \$42,370 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 34% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 14%)

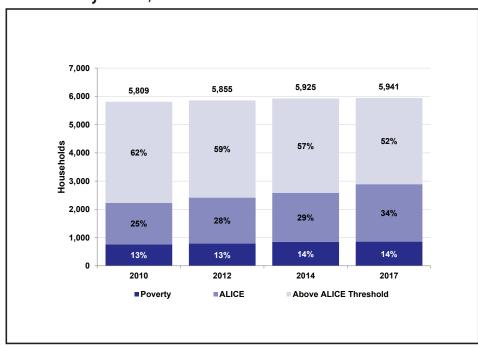
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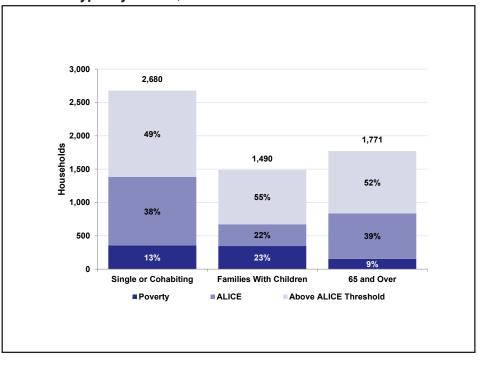
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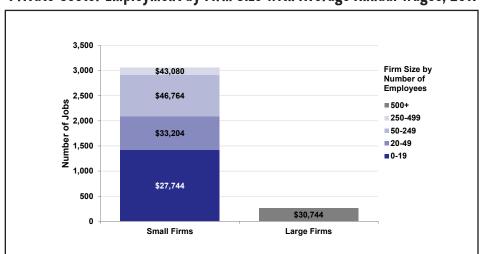
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Household Survival Budget, Missaukee County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$494	\$698	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$156	\$463	
Taxes	\$239	\$519	
Monthly Total	\$1,719	\$5,093	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,628	\$61,116	
Hourly Wage	\$10.31	\$30.56	

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# **ALICE IN MONROE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 149,649 • **Number of Households:** 59,528 **Median Household Income:** \$59,290 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 23% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 13% (state average: 14%)

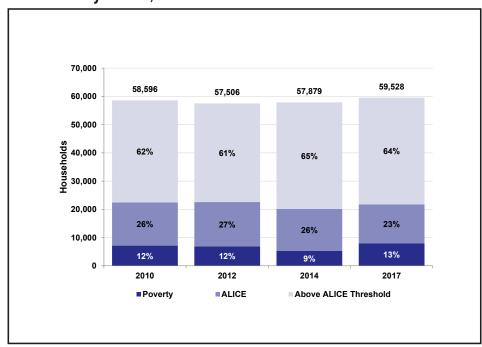
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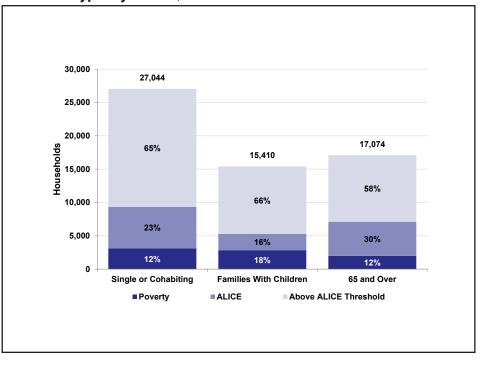
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Household Survival Budget, Monroe County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$530	\$836	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,147	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$161	\$479	
Taxes	\$252	\$563	
Monthly Total	\$1,773	\$5,271	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,276	\$63,252	
Hourly Wage	\$10.64	\$31.63	

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# **ALICE IN MONTCALM COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 62,956 • **Number of Households:** 23,556

Median Household Income: \$44,651 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 33% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 16% (state average: 14%)

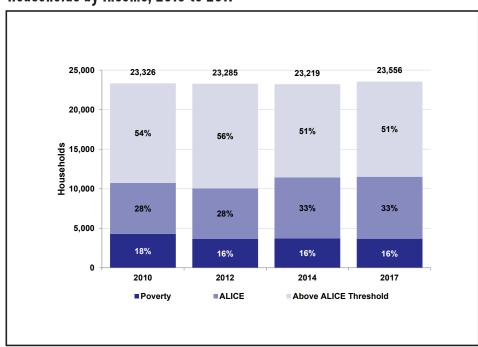
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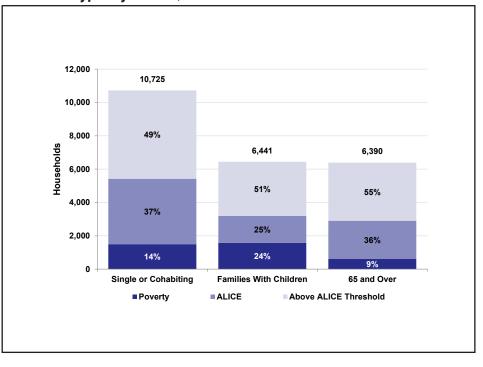
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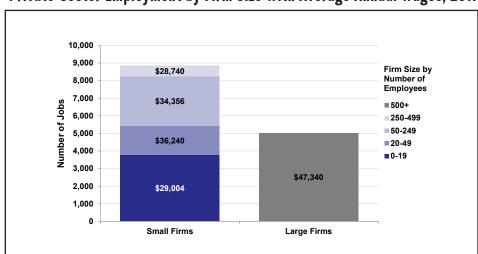
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Household Survival Budget, Montcalm County		
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Monthly Costs		
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Child Care	\$-	\$973
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$152	\$434
Taxes	\$230	\$440
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ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,112	\$57,288
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#### Montcalm County, 2017 Total HH Belvidere Township 872 503 43% **Bloomer Township Bushnell Township** 561 49% 467 62% Carson City 1,041 Cato Township 55% 1.088 56% **Crystal Township** Day Township 406 40% **Douglass Township** 878 44% Eureka Township 1,554 41% **Evergreen Township** 1.093 46% Fairplain Township 677 49% 507 40% Ferris Township 58% Greenville City 991 60% Home Township Maple Valley Township 780 Montcalm Township 1 368 Pierson Township 1 291 Pine Township 779 Revnolds Township 1,946 **Richland Township** Sidney Township 1,104 44% 517 61% Stanton City 692 Winfield Township 38%

# **ALICE IN MONTMORENCY COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 9,290 • Number of Households: 4,074

Median Household Income: \$39,152 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 12.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 39% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 13% (state average: 14%)

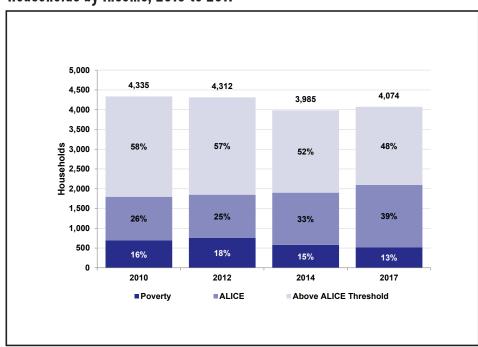
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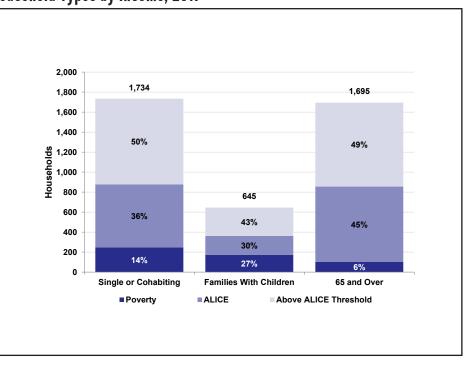
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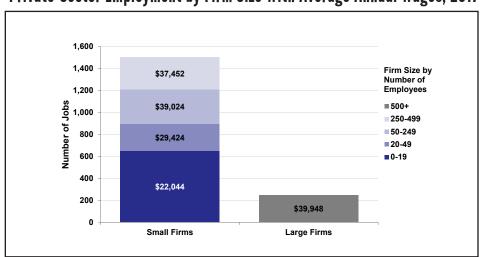
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Housing	\$494	\$698	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167	
Food	\$199	\$604	
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#### Montmorency County, 2017 Total HH Town Albert Township 1,039 51% 294 61% Avery Township **Briley Township** 809 55% 885 54% Hillman Township 50% 121 **Loud Township** Montmorency 483 43% Township **Rust Township** 193 50% Vienna Township 250 41%

# **ALICE IN MUSKEGON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 173,693 • **Number of Households:** 64,581 **Median Household Income:** \$49,229 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.9% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 31% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 14%)

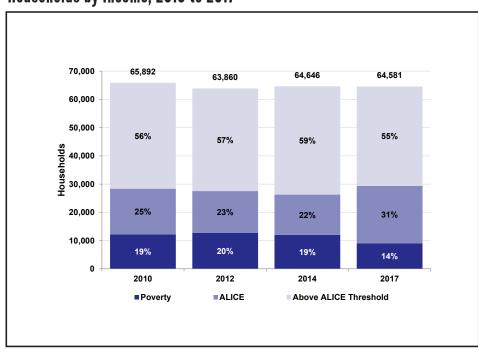
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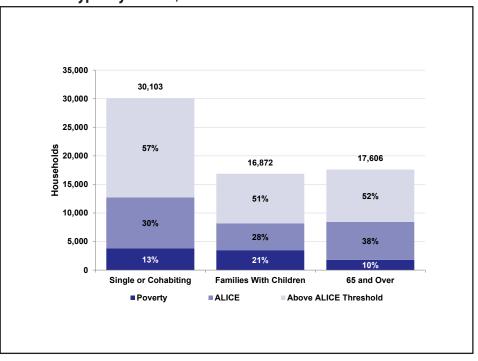
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Household Survival Budget, Muskegon County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$503	\$723	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,024	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$158	\$447	
Taxes	\$242	\$474	
Monthly Total	\$1,733	\$4,914	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,796	\$58,968	
Hourly Wage	\$10.40	\$29.48	

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#### Muskegon County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** Blue Lake Township 745 940 44% Casnovia Township Cedar Creek Township 1,215 44% 3,356 33% **Dalton Township** Egelston Township 3,349 50% 38% 2 094 Fruitland Township **Fruitport Charter** 5,296 37% Township **Holton Township** 888 50% 2 945 Laketon Township 32% **Montague City** 1,059 36% Moorland Township 538 41% 46% 6.844 Township Muskegon City 13,794 68% Muskegon Heights 3,994 75% North Muskegon City 1.577 37% Norton Shores City 10.045 39% Ravenna Township 1,065 **Roosevelt Park City** Sullivan Township White River Township 490 28% Whitehall City 1,160 50% Whitehall Township 681 34%

# **ALICE IN NEWAYGO COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 47,899 • **Number of Households:** 18,772

Median Household Income: \$45,645 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 17% (state average: 14%)

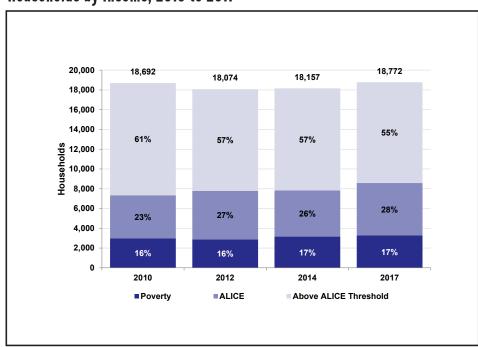
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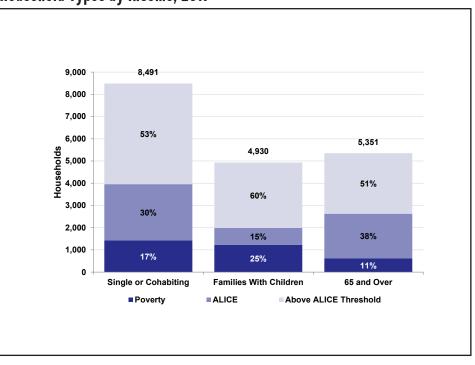
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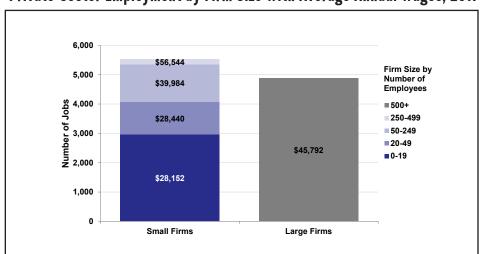
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Household Survival Budget, Newaygo County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$506	\$715	
Child Care	\$-	\$976	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$158	\$439	
Taxes	\$243	\$453	
Monthly Total	\$1,737	\$4,829	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,844	\$57,948	
Hourly Wage	\$10.42	\$28.97	

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#### Newaygo County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty Ashland Township** 934 281 38% **Barton Township** 176 47% **Beaver Township** 1,115 64% Big Prairie Township 851 48% **Bridgeton Township** 1 586 47% **Brooks Township Croton Township** 1,360 43% **Dayton Township** 682 29% **Denver Township** 762 52% **Ensley Township** 933 33% **Everett Township** 735 49% 1,715 49% Fremont City 856 Garfield Township 40% Goodwell Township 206 34% 346 **Grant City Grant Township** 1.135 Lilley Township 321 Lincoln Township 567 37% Merrill Township 299 Monroe Township Newaygo City 788 56% 218 43% Norwich Township Sheridan Charter 996 29% Township 752 35% Sherman Township White Cloud City 417 67% Wilcox Township 407 52%

# **ALICE IN OAKLAND COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 1,250,836 • **Number of Households:** 504,944 **Median Household Income:** \$77,475 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 4.1% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 24% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 8% (state average: 14%)

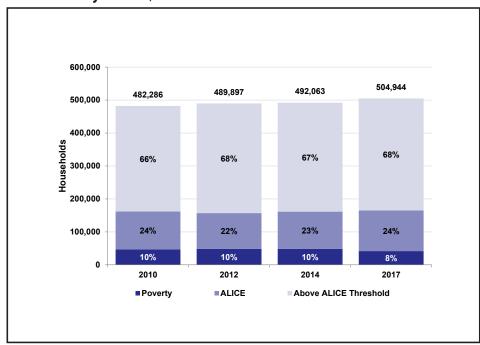
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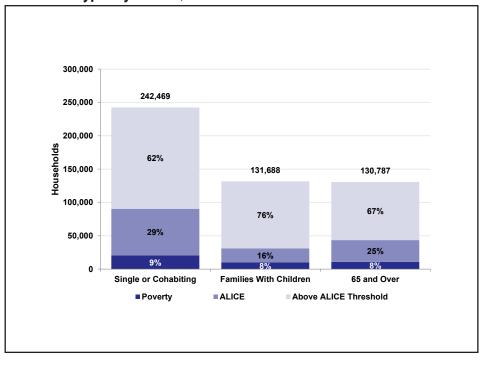
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#### Households by Income, 2010 to 2017





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Household Survival Budget, Oakland County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$578	\$911	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,652	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$434	\$868	
Health Care	\$234	\$879	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$180	\$584	
Taxes	\$303	\$849	
Monthly Total	\$1,983	\$6,422	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,796	\$77,064	
Hourly Wage	\$11.90	\$38.53	

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Oakland County, 2017			
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty	
Addison Township	2,388	26%	
Auburn Hills City	9,235	48%	
Berkley City	6,504	30%	
Birmingham City	8,982	19%	
Bloomfield Charter Township	16,578	19%	
Bloomfield Hills City	1,292	13%	
Brandon Charter Township	5,729	31%	
Clawson City	5,652	41%	
Commerce Charter Township	15,789	26%	
Farmington City	4,717	35%	
Farmington Hills City	34,377	34%	
Ferndale City	9,909	46%	
Groveland Township	1,919	29%	
Hazel Park City Highland Charter	7,107 7,510	68% 31%	
Township		44%	
Holly Township Huntington Woods City	4,378 2,447	13%	
Independence Charter Township	13,493	27%	
Keego Harbor City	1,512	57%	
Lake Angelus City	126	11%	
Lathrup Village City	1,541	22%	
Lyon Charter Township	6,297	25%	
Madison Heights City	12,868	55%	
Milford Charter Township	6,458	31%	
Northville City	1,403	17%	
Novi City	22,770	28%	
Oak Park City Oakland Charter	11,601 6,326	54% 13%	
Township Orchard Lake Village	855	12%	
Orion Charter	13,744	26%	
Township Oxford Charter	8,076	30%	
Township Pleasant Ridge City	1,058	22%	
Pontiac City	23,262	72%	
Rochester City	5,461	35%	
Rochester Hills City	28,468	28%	
Rose Township	2,573	30%	
Royal Oak Charter Township	1,093	77%	
Royal Oak City	28,548	35%	
South Lyon City	4,902	39%	
Southfield City	32,333	49%	
Southfield Township	5,804	19%	
Springfield Charter Township	5,185	27%	
Sylvan Lake City	846	31%	
Troy City	31,520	24%	
Village Of Clarkston City	413	35%	
Walled Lake City Waterford Charter	3,442 30,371	52% 45%	
Township West Bloomfield	24,822	23%	
Charter Township White Lake Charter	11,690	30%	
Township Wixom City	6,189	53%	

# **ALICE IN OCEANA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population: 26,317 • Number of Households: 10,176** 

Median Household Income: \$44,382 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 32% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 15% (state average: 14%)

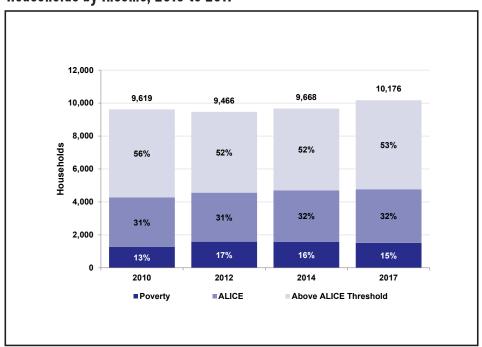
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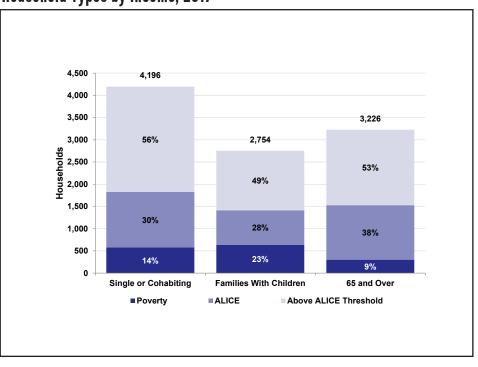
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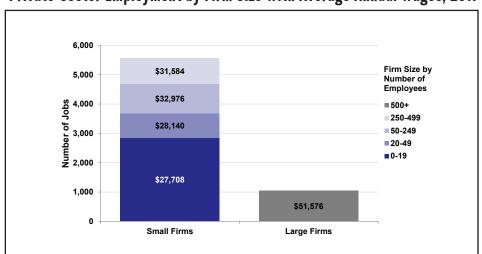
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Household Survival Budget, Oceana County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$483	\$683	
Child Care	\$-	\$859	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$418	
Taxes	\$235	\$397	
Monthly Total	\$1,703	\$4,603	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,436	\$55,236	
Hourly Wage	\$10.22	\$27.62	

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#### Oceana County, 2017 Total HH Benona Township 652 43% Claybanks Township 35% 372 Colfax Township 204 51% 273 58% Crystal Township 49% 319 Elbridge Township 466 47% Ferry Township 693 Golden Township 46% **Grant Township** 1.043 41% **Greenwood Township** 434 40% Hart City 61% Hart Township 690 46% 307 59% Leavitt Township 902 47% Newfield Township 342 46% Otto Township 761 38% **Pentwater Township** Shelby Township 1.480 Weare Township 435 38%

# **ALICE IN OGEMAW COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 20,979 • Number of Households: 9,325

Median Household Income: \$38,149 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 10% (state average: 5.9%)

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

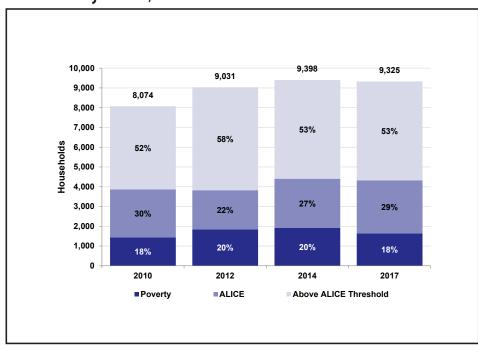
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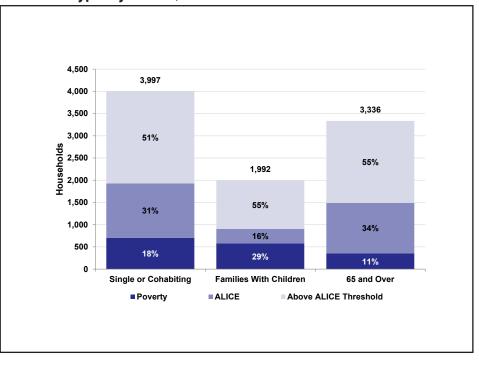
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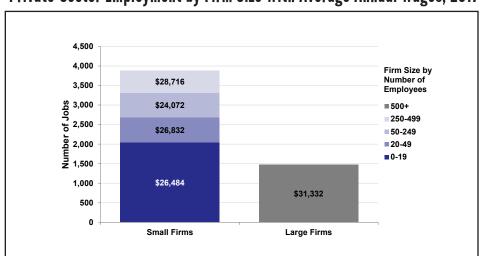
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Household Survival Budget, Ogemaw County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$767	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$406	
Taxes	\$235	\$362	
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$4,462	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$53,544	
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#### Ogemaw County, 2017 Total HH Churchill Township 678 287 48% **Cumming Township** 554 38% **Edwards Township** 385 45% Foster Township 54% 201 **Goodar Township** 669 41% Hill Township Horton Township 388 37% Klacking Township 283 36% Logan Township 226 46% Mills Township 1.913 60% Ogemaw Township 443 34% Richland Township 402 48% Rose City 65% Rose Township 546 43% 1,027 West Branch City 63% West Branch Township

# **ALICE IN ONTONAGON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 6,072 • Number of Households: 2,945

Median Household Income: \$36,073 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 10% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 34% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 14%)

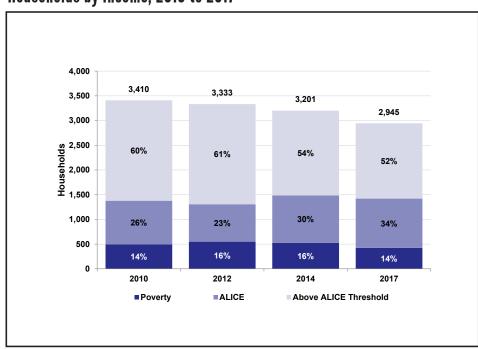
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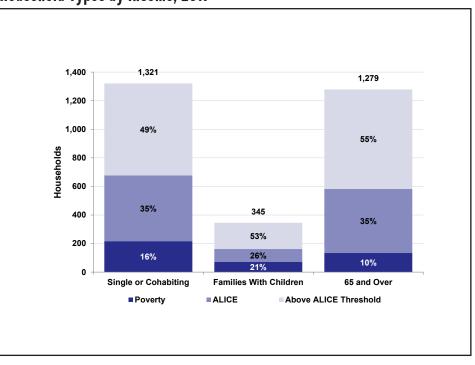
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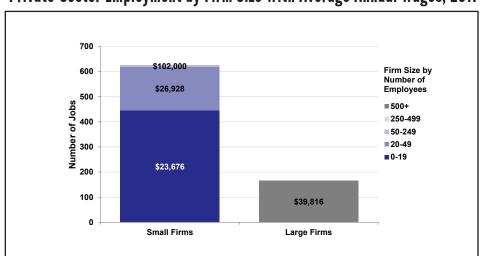
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Household Survival Budget, Ontonagon County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$482	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$461
Taxes	\$235	\$512
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$5,067
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$60,804
Hourly Wage	\$10.21	\$30.40

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# **ALICE IN OSCEOLA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 23,221 • Number of Households: 9,010

Median Household Income: \$41,099 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 7.2% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 33% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 18% (state average: 14%)

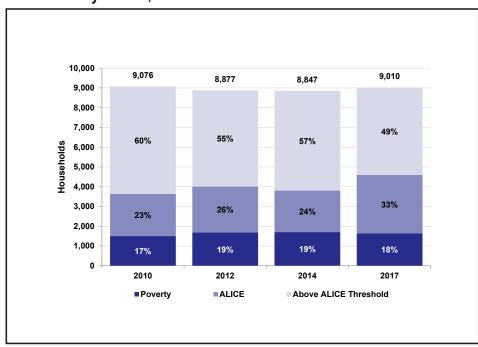
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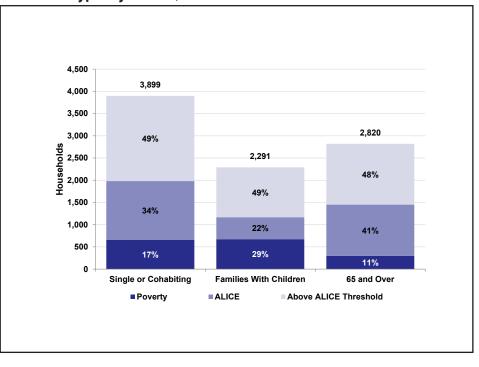
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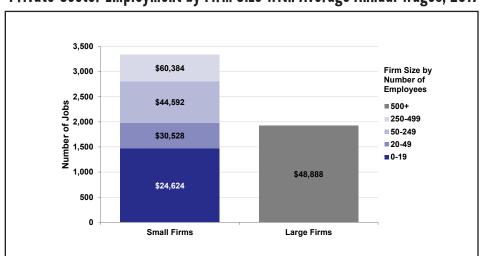
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Household Survival Budget, Osceola County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$482	\$681
Child Care	\$-	\$956
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$432
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#### Osceola County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty Burdell Township** 490 Cedar Township 183 45% **Evart City** 656 73% 581 41% **Evart Township** 237 50% Hartwick Township 661 46% Hersey Township 445 **Highland Township** 42% Le Roy Township 506 44% Lincoln Township 608 52% **Marion Township** 632 60% Middle Branch 339 56% **Orient Township** 315 48% Osceola Township 1.105 Richmond Township 609 39% Rose Lake Township 489 49% 396 37% Sherman Township Sylvan Township 332 42%

# **ALICE IN OSCODA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 8,304 • Number of Households: 3,728

Median Household Income: \$36,833 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 11.9% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 33% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 19% (state average: 14%)

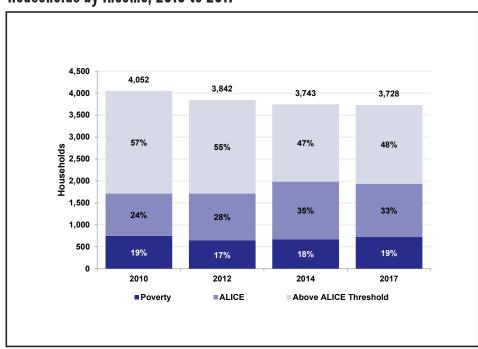
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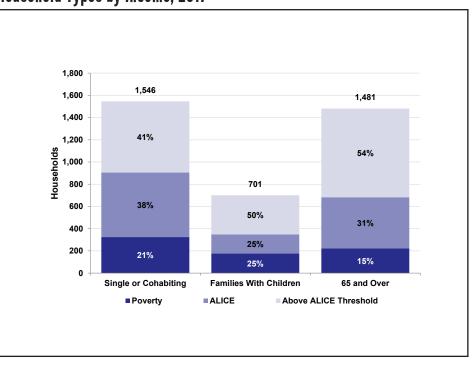
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Household Survival Budget, Oscoda County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$461	
Taxes	\$235	\$512	
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$5,067	
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#### Oscoda County, 2017 Total HH Big Creek Township 1,320 253 57% Clinton Township Comins Township 699 49% 382 37% Elmer Township 586 46% **Greenwood Township** 55% 488 Mentor Township

# **ALICE IN OTSEGO COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 24,247 • Number of Households: 9,880

Median Household Income: \$50,823 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 6.4% (state average: 5.9%)

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

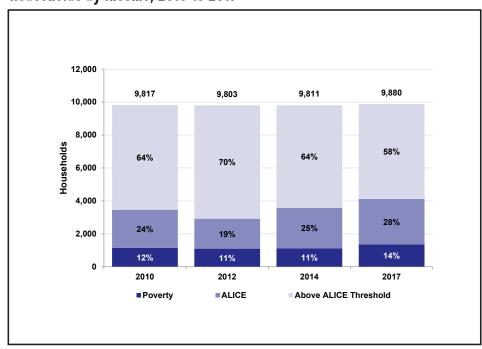
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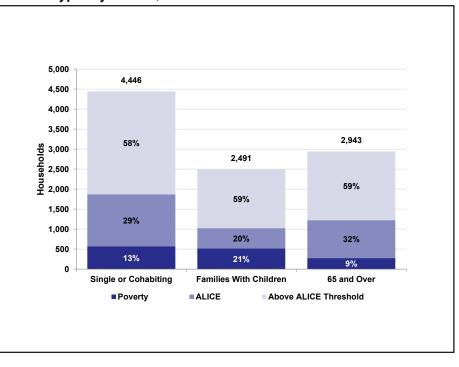
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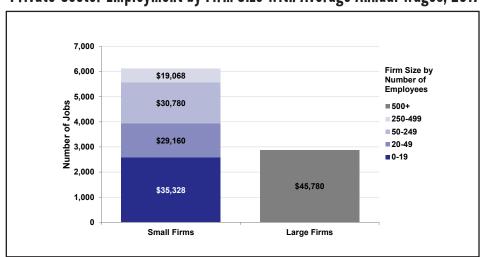
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Household Survival Budget, Otsego County			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$516	\$729	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,153	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$159	\$465	
Taxes	\$247	\$525	
Monthly Total	\$1,752	\$5,118	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,024	\$61,416	
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#### Otsego County, 2017 Total HH 2,210 **Bagley Township** 38% 559 47% **Charlton Township** Chester Township 538 27% 736 55% Corwith Township 35% 197 **Dover Township** 688 28% Elmira Township 1,764 **Gaylord City** 64% Hayes Township 1.041 32% Livingston Township 957 33% Otsego Lake Township 34%

# **ALICE IN OTTAWA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 286,383 • **Number of Households:** 104,281 **Median Household Income:** \$68,543 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 3.3% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 22% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 9% (state average: 14%)

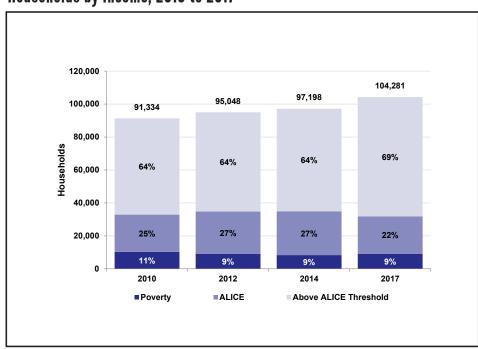
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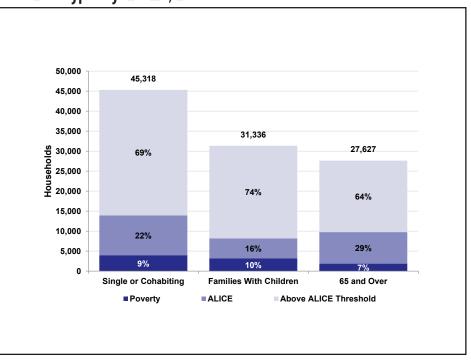
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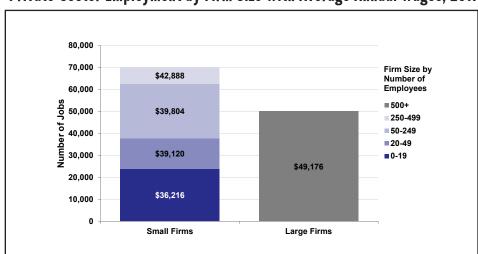
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Household Survival Budget, Ottawa County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$526	\$773
Child Care	\$-	\$1,175
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$161	\$474
Taxes	\$251	\$550
Monthly Total	\$1,768	\$5,218
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,216	\$62,616
Hourly Wage	\$10.61	\$31.31

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# **ALICE IN PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 12,854 • Number of Households: 5,929

Median Household Income: \$43,758 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 11.4% (state average: 5.9%)

**ALICE Households:** 28% (state average: 29%) • **Households in Poverty:** 15% (state average: 14%)

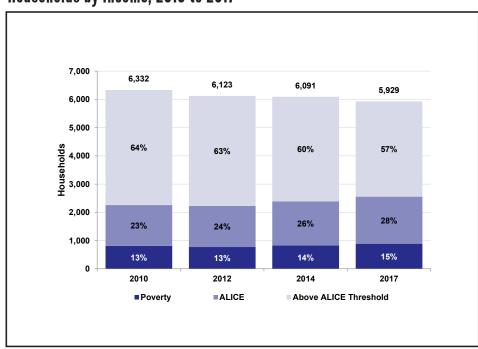
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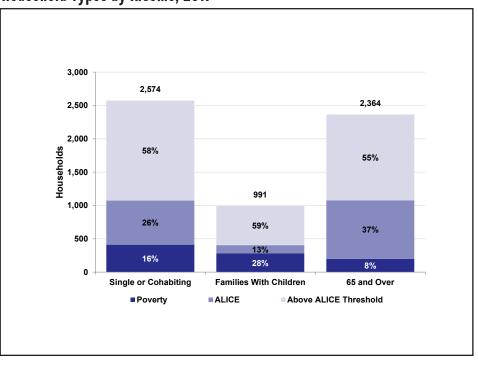
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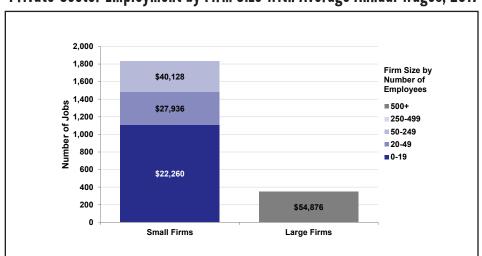
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Household Survival Budget, Presque Isle County			
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Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167	
Food	\$199	\$604	
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#### Presque Isle County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty** Allis Township 420 51% Bearinger Township 161 32% 286 46% Belknap Township 186 43% Bismarck Township 41% 334 Case Township 353 41% Krakow Township **Metz Township** 134 62% Moltke Township 128 31% North Allis Township 182 39% Ocqueoc Township 298 38% **Onaway City** 355 67% 356 49% Posen Township 835 22% Presque Isle Township Pulawski Township 142 46% 1,277 **Rogers City** 51% Rogers Township

# **ALICE IN ROSCOMMON COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 23,934 • Number of Households: 11,131

Median Household Income: \$37,834 (state average: \$54,909)

Unemployment Rate: 13% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 32% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 18% (state average: 14%)

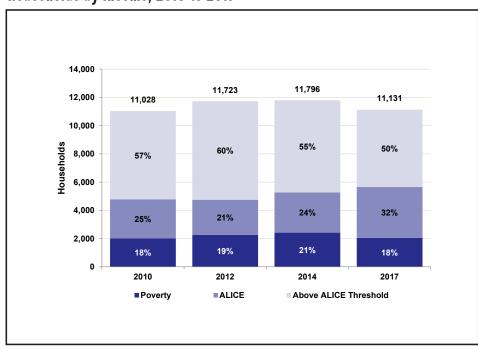
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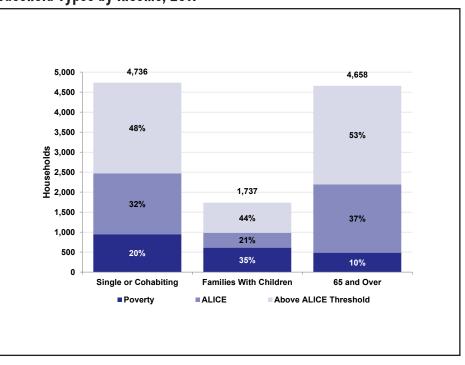
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Household Survival Budget, Roscommon County		
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Housing	\$513	\$682
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$159	\$461
Taxes	\$246	\$513
Monthly Total	\$1,748	\$5,069
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,976	\$60,828
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#### Roscommon County, 2017 Total HH Au Sable Township 134 147 37% **Backus Township** 2,759 58% **Denton Township** 1,404 30% Gerrish Township 871 56% **Higgins Township** 543 42% Lake Township Lyon Township 577 40% Markey Township 1,105 54% Richfield Township 1,700 57% Roscommon 1,796 52% Township

## **ALICE IN SAGINAW COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 191,934 • **Number of Households:** 80,958 **Median Household Income:** \$45,331 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7.3% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 27% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 17% (state average: 14%)

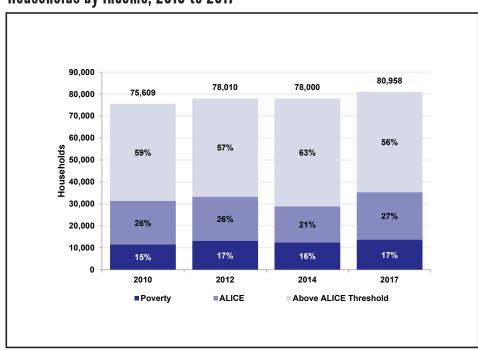
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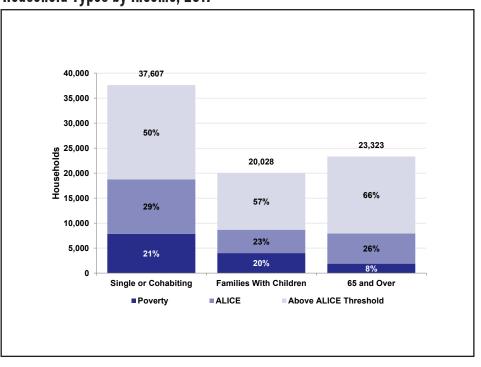
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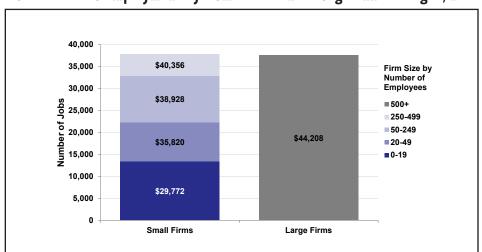
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Household Survival Budget, Saginaw County			
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Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$479	\$755	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,151	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$154	\$469	
Taxes	\$234	\$534	
Monthly Total	\$1,697	\$5,155	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,364	\$61,860	
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## **ALICE IN SANILAC COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 41,535 • Number of Households: 17,121

Median Household Income: \$44,417 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7.7% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 15% (state average: 14%)

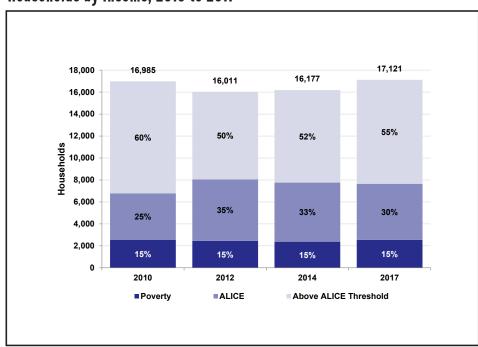
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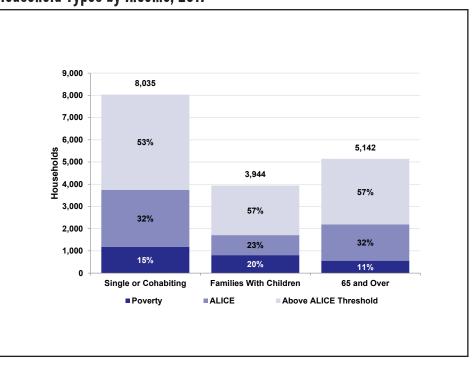
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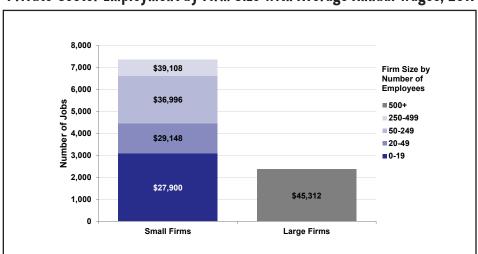
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Household Survival Budget, Sanilac County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$453	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,084	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$151	\$449	
Taxes	\$227	\$481	
Monthly Total	\$1,661	\$4,941	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,932	\$59,292	
Hourly Wage	\$9.97	\$29.65	

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## **ALICE IN SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 8,114 • Number of Households: 3,282

Median Household Income: \$37,428 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 13.9% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 33% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 21% (state average: 14%)

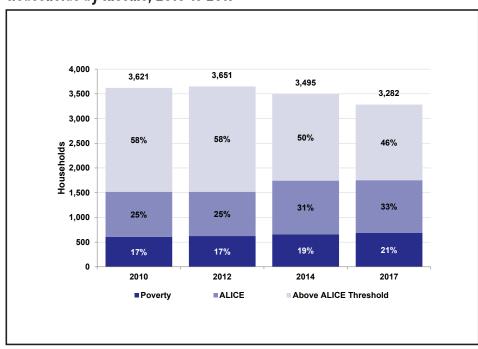
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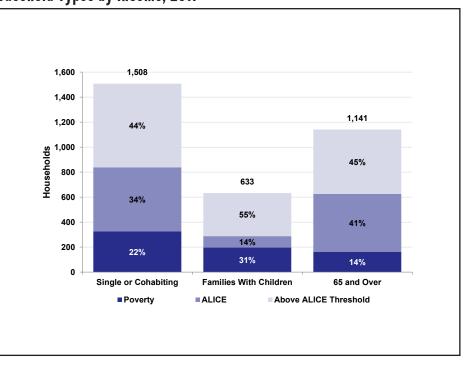
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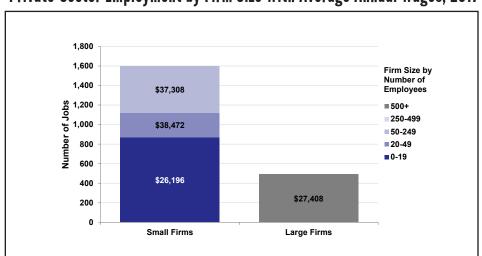
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Household Survival Budget, Schoolcraft County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$482	\$681	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,167	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$461	
Taxes	\$235	\$512	
Monthly Total	\$1,702	\$5,067	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,424	\$60,804	
Hourly Wage	\$10.21	\$30.40	

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#### Schoolcraft County, 2017 Total HH **Doyle Township** 226 Germfask Township 205 46% Hiawatha Township 540 34% 267 50% Inwood Township 1,204 67% Manistique City 358 53% Manistique Township **Mueller Township** 110 54% **Thompson Township** 333 50%

## **ALICE IN SHIAWASSEE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 68,446 • Number of Households: 27,277

Median Household Income: \$53,361 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 3.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 10% (state average: 14%)

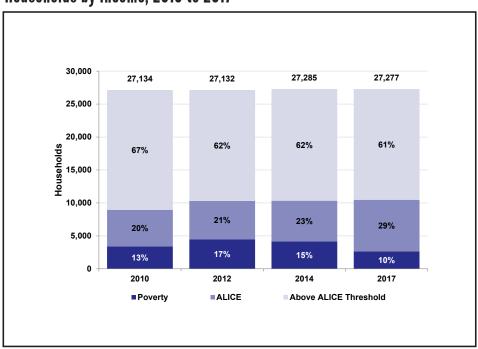
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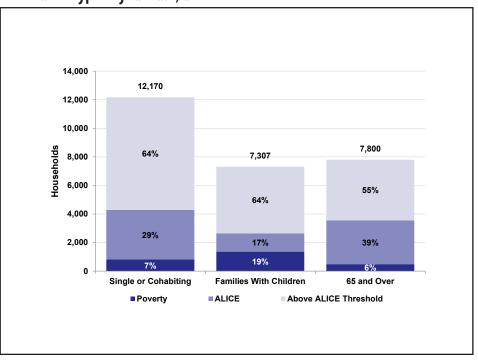
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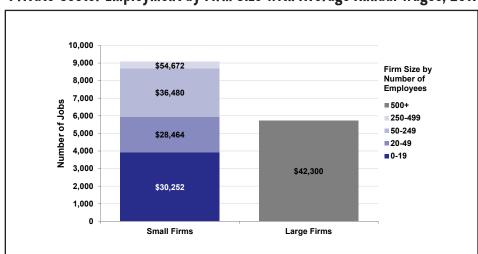
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Household Survival Budget, Shiawassee County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$573	\$767	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,000	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$167	\$449	
Taxes	\$267	\$482	
Monthly Total	\$1,837	\$4,944	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$22,044	\$59,328	
Hourly Wage	\$11.02	\$29.66	

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#### Shiawassee County, 2017 Total HH Antrim Township 818 Bennington Township 1,211 28% **Burns Township** 1,301 29% Caledonia Charter 1.819 41% Township 1,362 Corunna City 51% **Durand City** 1,469 55% Fairfield Township 290 38% Hazelton Township 818 25% Laingsburg City 501 36% Middlebury Township 631 New Haven Township 481 26% Owosso Charter 1,892 47% Township 6,052 54% Owosso City Perry City 894 47% 1,431 20% Perry Township Rush Township 460 31% Sciota Township 657 34% Shiawassee Township 1,082 28% 1,019 39% Venice Township 1,962 39% Vernon Township Woodhull Township 1,473 29%

## **ALICE IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 159,350 • **Number of Households:** 65,117 **Median Household Income:** \$57,362 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 11% (state average: 14%)

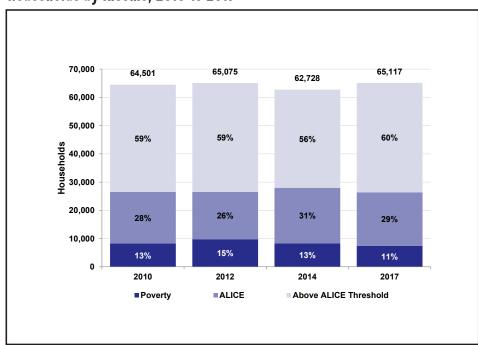
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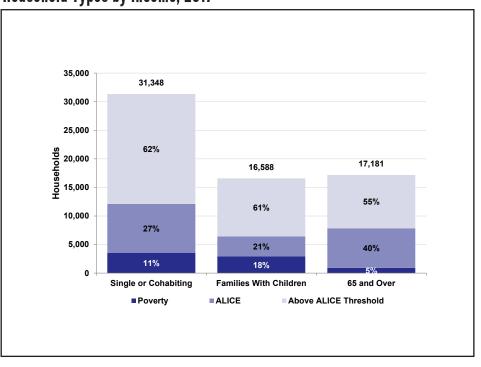
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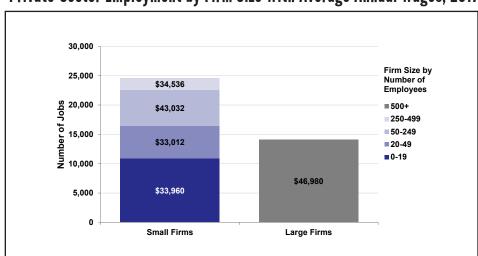
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Household Survival Budget, St. Clair County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$578	\$911	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,122	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$434	\$868	
Health Care	\$234	\$879	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$180	\$511	
Taxes	\$303	\$650	
Monthly Total	\$1,983	\$5,620	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,796	\$67,440	
Hourly Wage	\$11.90	\$33.72	

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#### St. Clair County, 2017 Total HH Algonac City 1,855 1,212 29% Berlin Township 690 41% **Brockway Township** 1,582 46% Burtchville Township 1,483 35% Casco Township 1.286 19% China Township **Clay Township** 4,009 38% Clyde Township 2,156 39% Columbus Township 1,498 37% Cottrellville Township 1.315 40% East China Township 1.627 47% 944 33% **Emmett Township** Fort Gratiot Charter 4.384 41% Township 680 **Greenwood Township** 531 35% 2,021 35% Ira Township 36% Kenockee Township 935 3,493 Kimball Township 41% Lynn Township 419 33% Marine City 1.866 52% Marysville City 4,191 40% Memphis City 157 45% **Mussey Township** 1.523 37% Port Huron Charter 45% 4.003 Port Huron City 12,390 60% Riley Township 1,173 St. Clair City 2,385 42% St. Clair Township 2,535 24% 1,237 34% Wales Township Yale City 57%

## **ALICE IN ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 60,890 • Number of Households: 23,831

Median Household Income: \$47,856 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.3% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 34% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 13% (state average: 14%)

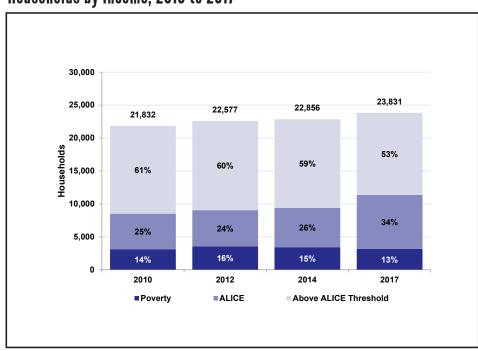
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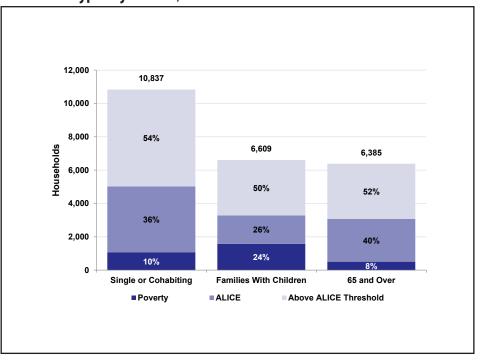
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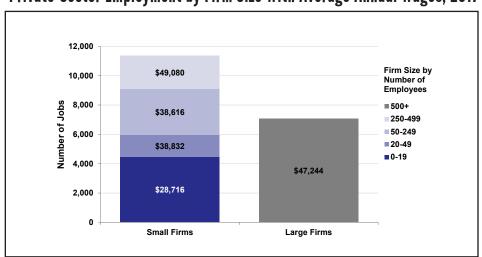
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Household Survival Budget, St. Joseph County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$494	\$709	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,388	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$156	\$495	
Taxes	\$239	\$606	
Monthly Total	\$1,719	\$5,444	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,628	\$65,328	
Hourly Wage	\$10.31	\$32.66	

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#### St. Joseph County, 2017 Total HH **Poverty Burr Oak Township** 971 1,302 52% Colon Township Constantine Township 1,611 47% 1,302 33% Fabius Township 517 33% Fawn River Township 517 46% Florence Township Flowerfield Township 634 38% Leonidas Township 432 44% Lockport Township 1,547 37% Mendon Township 1.036 48% Mottville Township 580 43% 1,398 34% Nottawa Township 982 35% Park Township 1 369 36% Sherman Township 4.347 Sturgis City Sturgis Township 816 Three Rivers City 3 008 58% White Pigeon 1,462 51% Township

## **ALICE IN TUSCOLA COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 53,569 • **Number of Households:** 21,624

Median Household Income: \$45,495 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7.4% (state average: 5.9%)

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

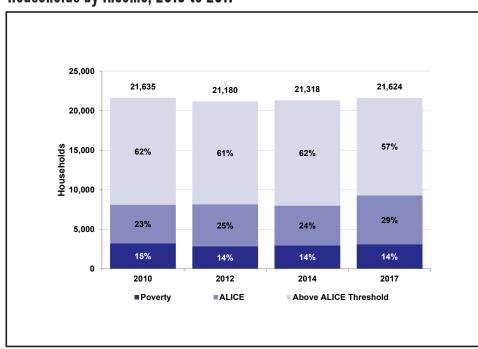
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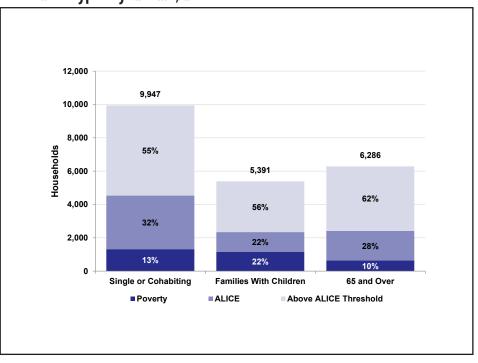
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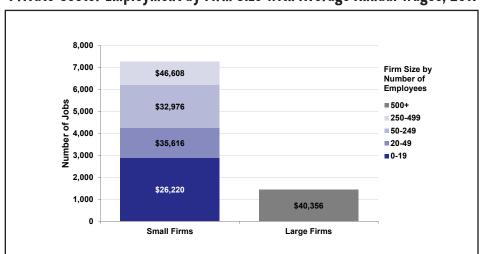
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Household Survival Budget, Tuscola County				
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler			
Monthly Costs				
Housing	\$432	\$681		
Child Care	\$-	\$909		
Food	\$199	\$604		
Transportation	\$340	\$679		
Health Care	\$236	\$888		
Technology	\$55	\$75		
Miscellaneous	\$148	\$425		
Taxes	\$220	\$416		
Monthly Total	\$1,630	\$4,677		
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## **ALICE IN VAN BUREN COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 75,353 • **Number of Households:** 29,037

Median Household Income: \$52,971 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 5% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 34% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 10% (state average: 14%)

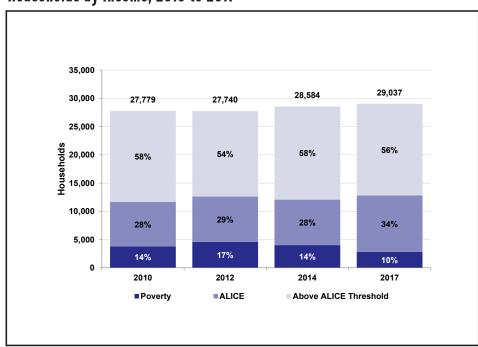
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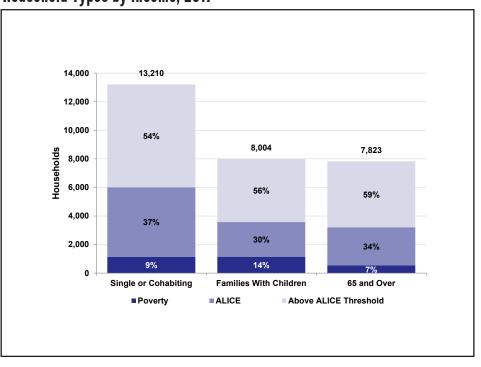
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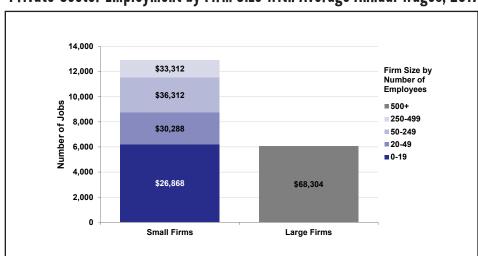
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Household Survival Budget, Van Buren County				
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER			
Monthly Costs				
Housing	\$513	\$782		
Child Care	\$-	\$1,045		
Food	\$199	\$604		
Transportation	\$340	\$679		
Health Care	\$236	\$888		
Technology	\$55	\$75		
Miscellaneous	\$159	\$458		
Taxes	\$246	\$505		
Monthly Total	\$1,748	\$5,036		
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,976	\$60,432		
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#### Van Buren County, 2017 Total HH Almena Township 1,635 4,413 32% Antwerp Township Arlington Township 52% 799 681 61% Bangor City Bangor Township 792 55% Bloomingdale 1,375 50% Township Columbia Township 920 53% **Covert Township** 1.127 63% 1,398 60% **Decatur Township** Geneva Township 1,401 **Gobles City** 318 48% Hamilton Township 495 43% Hartford City 841 Hartford Township 1,120 Keeler Township 819 47% 1,248 46% Lawrence Township 2,895 49% Paw Paw Township 1.036 Pine Grove Township 32% Porter Township 979 30% South Haven Charter 1,675 Township 2,157 50% South Haven City Waverly Township 1.027 44%

## **ALICE IN WASHTENAW COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 367,627 • **Number of Households:** 140,729 **Median Household Income:** \$70,286 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 3.6% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 27% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 12% (state average: 14%)

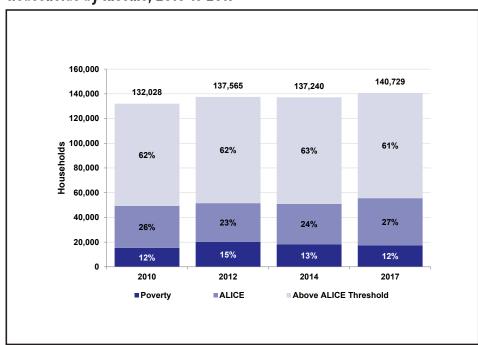
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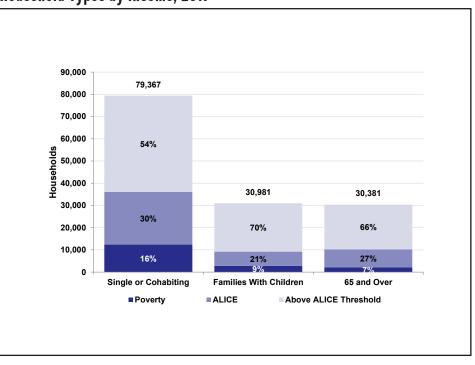
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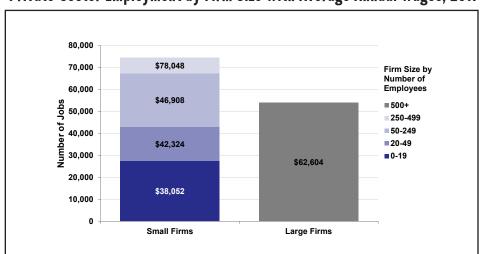
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Household Survival Budget, Washtenaw County			
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler		
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$797	\$1,025	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,881	
Food	\$199	\$604	
Transportation	\$340	\$679	
Health Care	\$236	\$888	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$198	\$606	
Taxes	\$350	\$910	
Monthly Total	\$2,175	\$6,668	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$26,100	\$80,016	
Hourly Wage	\$13.05	\$40.01	

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## **ALICE IN WAYNE COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 1,753,616 • **Number of Households:** 683,986 **Median Household Income:** \$45,135 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 9.3% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 36% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 20% (state average: 14%)

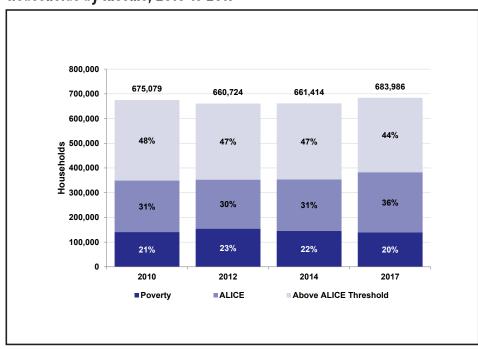
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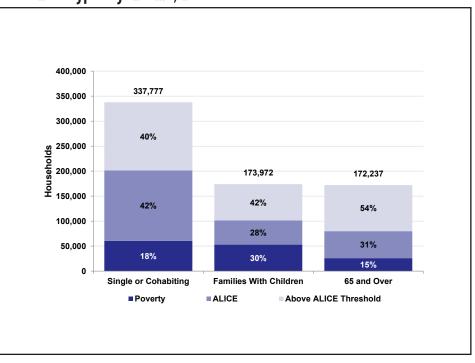
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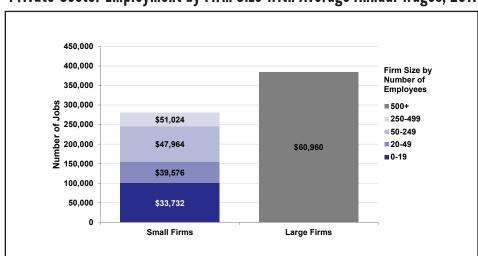
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Household Survival Budget, Wayne County				
	SINGLE ADULT 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER			
Monthly Costs				
Housing	\$578	\$911		
Child Care	\$-	\$1,527		
Food	\$199	\$604		
Transportation	\$434	\$868		
Health Care	\$234	\$879		
Technology	\$55	\$75		
Miscellaneous	\$180	\$567		
Taxes	\$303	\$802		
Monthly Total	\$1,983	\$6,233		
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,796	\$74,796		
Hourly Wage	\$11.90	\$37.40		

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Wayne County, 2017			
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty	
Allen Park City	10,928	35%	
Belleville City	1,739	54%	
Brownstown Charter Township	11,502	35%	
Canton Charter Township	32,567	29%	
Dearborn City	30,814	53%	
Dearborn Heights City	20,483	54%	
Detroit City	258,471	74%	
Ecorse City	3,696	74%	
Flat Rock City	3,558	41%	
Garden City	10,500	48%	
Gibraltar City	1,804	42%	
Grosse Ile Township	4,088	21%	
Grosse Pointe City	2,212	21%	
Grosse Pointe Farms City	3,113	12%	
Grosse Pointe Park City	4,238	26%	
Grosse Pointe Woods City	6,024	25%	
Hamtramck City	6,158	79%	
Harper Woods City	5,199	57%	
Highland Park City	4,523	81%	
Huron Charter Township	5,580	37%	
Inkster City	9,348	69%	
Lincoln Park City	14,408	60%	
Livonia City	37,186	31%	
Melvindale City	3,769	65%	
Northville City	1,147	29%	
Northville Township  Plymouth Charter	11,077	22%	
Township			
Redford Charter	4,208 18,127	32% 52%	
Township			
River Rouge City	2,821	74%	
Riverview City	5,067	47%	
Rockwood City	1,341	42%	
Romulus City	8,585	56%	
Southgate City	12,650	48% 47%	
Sumpter Township	3,487		
Taylor City	23,666	57%	
Van Buren Charter Township	7,841 11,245	39% 48%	
Village Of Grosse Pointe Shores City	1,166	11%	
Wayne City	6,622	62%	
Westland City	35,107	56%	
Woodhaven City	5,148	44%	
Wyandotte City	11,113	49%	

## **ALICE IN WEXFORD COUNTY**

2017 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 32,915 • **Number of Households:** 13,105

Median Household Income: \$42,793 (state average: \$54,909)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7.2% (state average: 5.9%)

ALICE Households: 32% (state average: 29%) • Households in Poverty: 16% (state average: 14%)

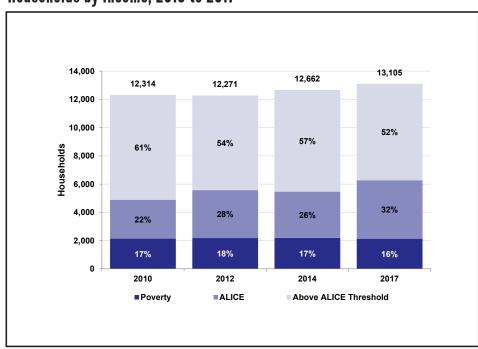
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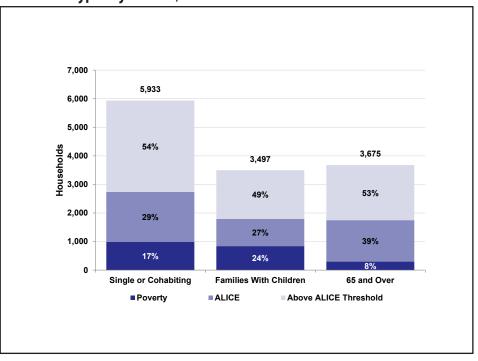
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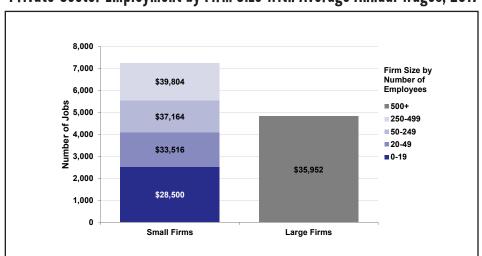
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Household Survival Budget, Wexford County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$483	\$761
Child Care	\$-	\$887
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$340	\$679
Health Care	\$236	\$888
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$433
Taxes	\$235	\$437
Monthly Total	\$1,703	\$4,764
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$20,436	\$57,168
Hourly Wage	\$10.22	\$28.58

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#### **Wexford County, 2017** Total HH **Poverty** 344 Antioch Township 279 51% **Boon Township** Cadillac City 4,299 56% Cedar Creek Township 48% 614 **Cherry Grove** 856 39% Township Clam Lake Township 917 25% Colfax Township 359 44% **Greenwood Township** 225 37% Hanover Township 590 44% Haring Charter 38% 1.306 Liberty Township 369 44% Manton City 512 64% 954 44% Selma Township Slagle Township 220 58% South Branch 141 47% Township Springville Township 668 59% 357 **Wexford Township** 48%