# Introduction to ALICE Gahanna City Council Meeting April 7, 2025





# Who is ALICE?

## <u>ALICE</u>: <u>Asset Limited</u>, <u>Income Constrained</u>, <u>Employed</u>







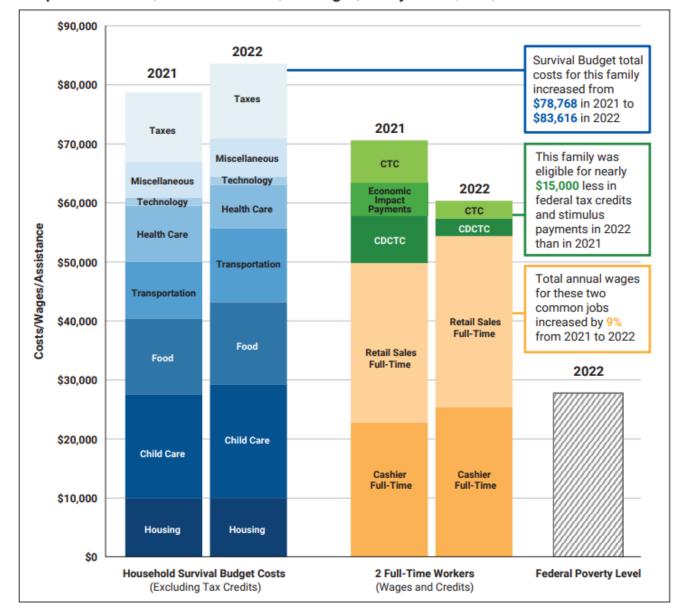
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# Household Survival Budget

Reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the current economy. This budget is the basis for determining whether households are above or below the ALICE Threshold by county.

Households Below the ALICE Threshold: 2021: 1,853,492 2022: 1,897,973





### Comparison of Costs, Public Assistance, and Wages, Family of Four, Ohio, 2021 and 2022

## Wages + Benefits Still Not Enough



# Spotlight on ALICE Families with Children

# In 2022, 32% of families with children in Ohio struggled to get by.





# **Older Americans on the Brink**

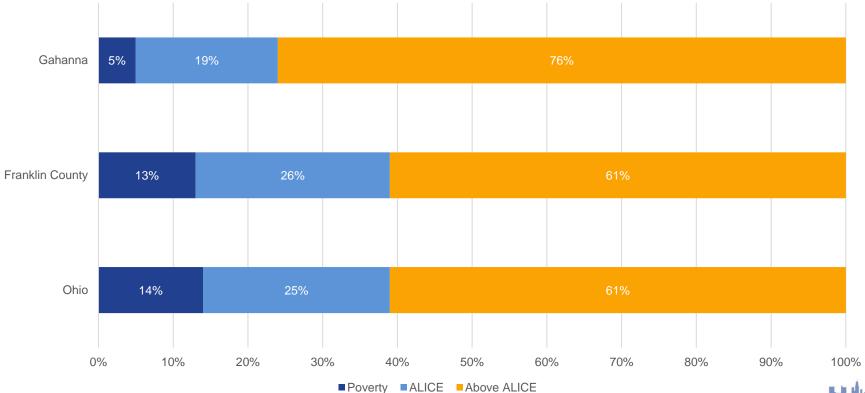


## 28% surge in 65+ households unable to afford basics, 2010–2022



# **ALICE in Ohio, Franklin County, and Gahanna**

**Percent of ALICE Households by Location** 





## **Inflation Hits ALICE Harder** Insights from the ALICE Essentials Index



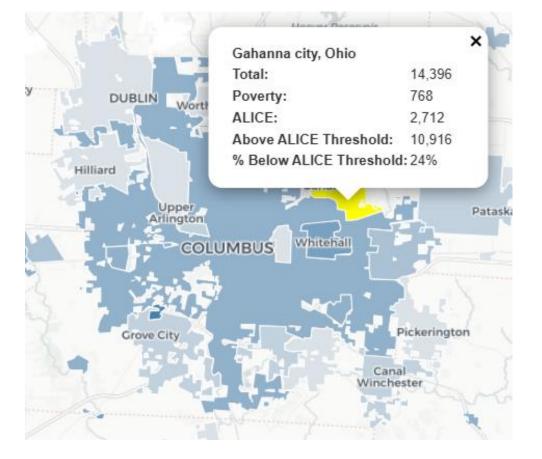
ALICE Essentials Index outpaces CPI, both spiking 2021-2023: ALICE Essentials, U.S.: 7.3% ALICE Essentials, OHIO: 7.4% CPI, U.S.: 6.1%





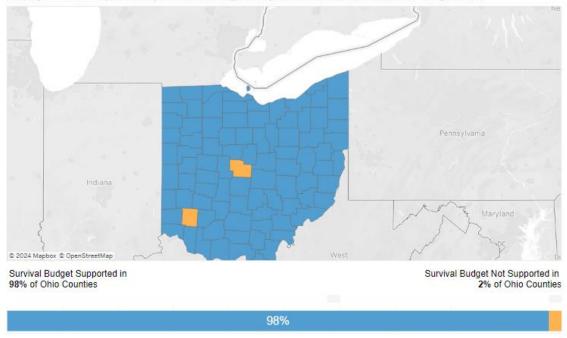


# **ALICE Interactive Maps, Wage Tool and more**



Select State	Select Hourly Wage	Select Family Type	Family Types:
Ohio	24	Family of 2	 1 Adult - 1 worker 2 Adults - 2 workers
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			Family of 4 - 2 workers, 2 Children

Family of 2 on \$24 per Hour per Worker Wage Compared to Household Survival Budget, Ohio





# **ALICE Legislative District Tool**

## ALICE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TOOL

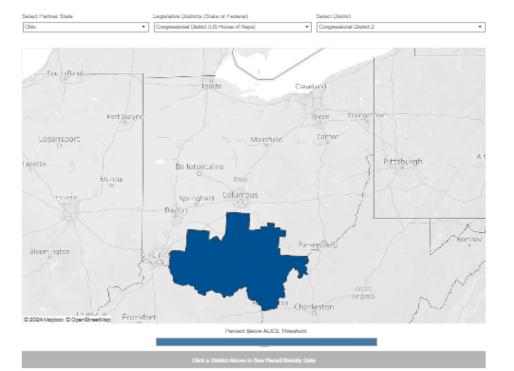
## **Exploring Financial Hardship by District**

While the Federal Poverty Level is the basis for many public programs, looking at poverty alone excludes the 36.3 million households in the U.S. who are ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), earning above the poverty level but below the basic cost of living in their communities.

This interactive tool helps policymakers and community stakeholders better understand how many households are actually struggling in their district.

#### How to Use This Tool

#### Not sure where to look? Find your district by address or current location.



#### Congressional District 2, Ohio ALICE Above ALICE Threshold overb Below ALICE Total Households Threehold 53% 30,658 127.945 15% Total 1/% 34% 457 316 AllAN. Asian 1,785 491 12% 73% 4,180 2.24421% 48% Black Hispanic 3.1181.230en., 80% Two or More 5,530 2,926 1455 47% Races White 207,771 120,661 58% 1155 0% 50% 80% 70% 80%

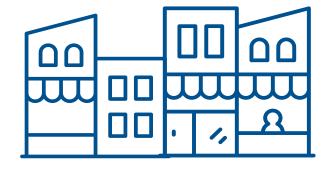




Click a District Above to See Race/Ethnicity D

# **Data for Action**

- Visit UnitedForALICE.org to dig deeper into the data
- Advocate for the use of the ALICE Essentials Index
- Encourage the use of this data to create change in your community
- Build awareness







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# https://unitedforalice.org/

https://www.axios.com/local/columbus/2024/11/18/columbus-ohio-direct-assistance-program-500

https://liveunitedcentralohio.org/alice-report-reveals-number-of-households-struggling-to-meet-basicneeds-rising-in-franklin-county/

