

# UNITED WAY OF MERIDEN AND WALLINGFORD

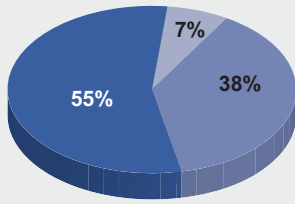
Number of Households – 43,075

## How many households are struggling?

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

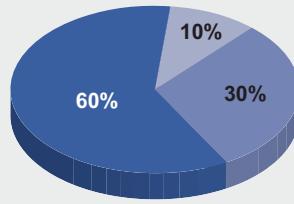
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Meriden	25,180	51%
Wallingford	17,895	36%

### United Way of Meriden and Wallingford service area



- Poverty: 3,141 HH, 7%
- ALICE: 16,276 HH, 38%
- Above ALICE: 23,658 HH, 55%

### Connecticut



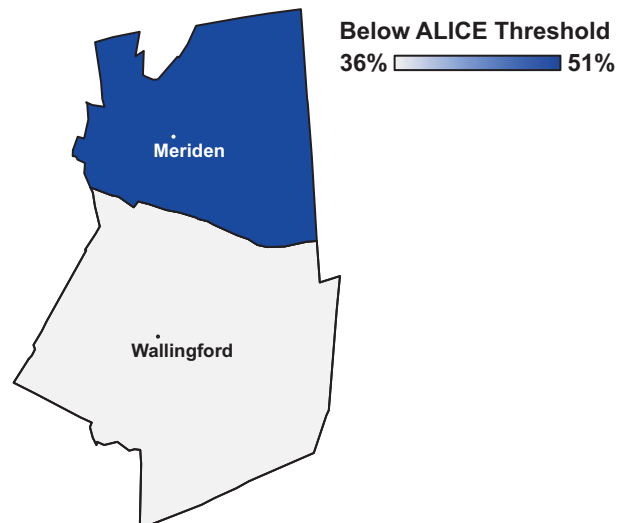
- Poverty: 134,494 HH, 10%
- ALICE: 406,673 HH, 30%
- Above ALICE: 816,102 HH, 60%

Note: Municipal-level data often relies on 5-year averages, is not available for the smallest towns that don't report income, and may overlap with Census Designated Places (CDP).

## Why do so many households struggle?

The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. In 2016, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$11,880 for a single adult and \$24,300 for a family of four.

Sources: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Internal Revenue Service, Tax Foundation, and Connecticut 211Childcare, 2016; American Community Survey.



Household Survival Budget		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$1,002	\$1,274
Child Care	\$-	\$1,718
Food	\$182	\$603
Transportation	\$341	\$682
Health Care	\$213	\$792
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$219	\$609
Taxes	\$396	\$944
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,408</b>	<b>\$6,697</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,896</b>	<b>\$80,364</b>
<b>Hourly Wage</b>	<b>\$14.45</b>	<b>\$40.18</b>

## Where does ALICE live?

ALICE and poverty-level households live in every town in Connecticut. Towns with the highest percentage of households below the ALICE Threshold are shaded in the darkest blue; towns with the lowest percentage of households below the ALICE Threshold are shaded in lightest blue.