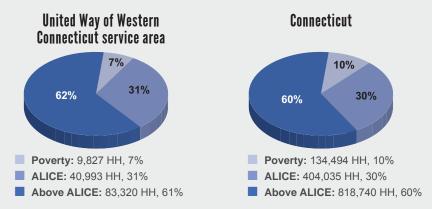
# **UNITED WAY OF WESTERN CONNECTICUT**

# How many households are struggling?

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the area (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.



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).

Household Survival Budget			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler	
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$687 - \$1,121	\$1,114 - \$1,775	
Child Care	\$-	\$1,720 - \$1,845	
Food	\$182	\$603	
Transportation	\$79 - \$341	\$132 - \$682	
Health Care	\$213	\$792	
Technology	\$55	\$75	
Miscellaneous	\$175 - \$199	\$587 - \$620	
Taxes	\$276 - \$341	\$884 - \$947	
Monthly Total	\$1,929 - \$2,190	\$6,457 - \$6,816	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,148 - \$26,280	\$77,484 - \$81,792	
Hourly Wage	\$11.57 - \$13.14	\$38.74 - \$40.90	

## 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.

Томп	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Bethel	7,210	36%
Bridgewater	763	19%
Brookfield	6,042	31%
Danbury	29,426	50%
Kent	1,149	36%
New Fairfield	4,795	25%
New Milford	10,373	29%
Newtown	9,796	29%
Redding	3,496	24%
Ridgefield	8,909	23%
Roxbury	951	16%
Sherman	1,430	23%
Stamford	47,708	42%
Warren	603	24%
Washington	1,489	28%

### 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.

