

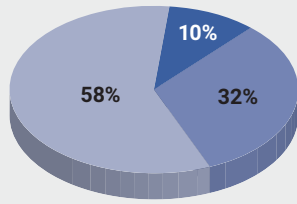
UNITED WAY OF COASTAL FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Number of Households – 180,423

How many households are struggling?

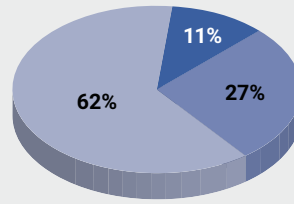
ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the area (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling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

United Way of Coastal Fairfield County service area



- Poverty: 18,569 HH, 10%
- ALICE: 58,030 HH, 32%
- Above ALICE: 103,824 HH, 58%

Connecticut



- Poverty: 146,552 HH, 11%
- ALICE: 367,175 HH, 27%
- Above ALICE: 864,364 HH, 62%

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).

Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Bridgeport	50,547	68%
Darien	6,858	17%
Easton	2,805	21%
Fairfield	20,595	28%
Monroe	6,703	26%
New Canaan	7,084	21%
Norwalk	33,923	43%
Stratford	20,084	45%
Trumbull	12,427	26%
Weston	3,473	16%
Westport	9,896	21%
Wilton	6,028	18%

Household Survival Budget

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$1,267	\$1,986
Child Care	\$-	\$2,396
Food	\$345	\$1,046
Transportation	\$357	\$826
Health Care	\$222	\$742
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$275	\$868
Taxes	\$502	\$1,609
Monthly Total	\$3,023	\$9,548
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$36,276	\$114,576
Hourly Wage	\$18.14	\$57.29

Sources: AAA, 2018; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2018; American Community Survey, 2018; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018—Consumer Expenditure Surveys; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019—Consumer Expenditure Survey; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018—Occupational Employment Statistics; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2016—Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2019; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2019—Medicare - Chronic Conditions; Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, 2018; Federal Highway Administration, 2017; Feeding America, 2019; Fowler, 2019; Internal Revenue Service, 2020; Internal Revenue Service—FICA, 2020; Medicare.gov; Scarborough, 2018; The Zebra, 2018; U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2018—Official USDA Food Plans; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2018—Fair Market Rents; Walczak, 2019.

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 2018, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,140 for a single adult and \$25,100 for a family of four.

