

# UNITED WAY OF MILFORD

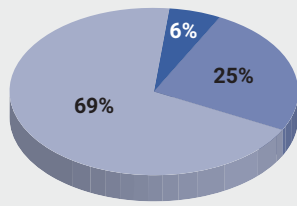
Number of Households – 22,065

## 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.

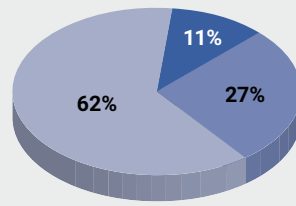
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Milford	22,065	31%

### United Way of Milford service area



- Poverty:** 1,335 HH, 6%
- ALICE:** 5,425 HH, 25%
- Above ALICE:** 15,305 HH, 69%

### 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).

## 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.



### Household Survival Budget

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$913	\$1,310
Child Care	\$-	\$1,917
Food	\$293	\$886
Transportation	\$357	\$826
Health Care	\$222	\$742
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$221	\$687
Taxes	\$368	\$1,118
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,429</b>	<b>\$7,561</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,148</b>	<b>\$90,732</b>
<b>Hourly Wage</b>	<b>\$14.57</b>	<b>\$45.37</b>

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.