

# ALICE IN BUTLER COUNTY



**ALICE** is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mloyed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. Households below the ALICE Threshold – ALICE households plus those in poverty – can't afford the essentials.

## 2022 Point-in-Time-Data

**Population:** 388,420      **Number of Households:** 148,259

**Median Household Income:** \$74,581 (state average: \$65,720)

**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 63% (state average: 63%)

**ALICE Households:** 28% (state average 25%)      **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state average 14%)

## The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

The Household Survival Budget (below) reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the modern economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, a smart phone plan, and taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. In 2022, household costs in every county in Ohio were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$13,590 for a single adult and \$27,750 for a family of four.

Monthly Costs and Credits	Single Adult	One Adult, one Child	One Adult, One in Child Care	Two Adults	Two Adults, Two Children	Two Adults, Two in Child Care	Single Senior	Two Seniors
Housing - Rent	\$647	\$676	\$676	\$676	\$909	\$909	\$647	\$676
Housing - Utilities	\$163	\$258	\$258	\$258	\$310	\$310	\$163	\$258
Child Care	\$0	\$328	\$875	\$0	\$656	\$1,917	\$0	\$0
Food	\$450	\$764	\$685	\$826	\$1,389	\$1,227	\$416	\$762
Transportation	\$394	\$527	\$527	\$634	\$1,044	\$1,044	\$330	\$506
Health Care	\$165	\$392	\$392	\$392	\$613	\$613	\$557	\$1,113
Technology	\$86	\$86	\$86	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$191	\$303	\$350	\$290	\$504	\$614	\$220	\$343
Tax Payments	\$330	\$708	\$825	\$445	\$972	\$1,250	\$402	\$708
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$217)	(\$217)	\$0	(\$433)	(\$433)	\$0	\$0
Monthly Total	\$2,426	\$3,825	\$4,457	\$3,637	\$6,080	\$7,567	\$2,821	\$4,482
Annual Total	\$29,112	\$45,900	\$53,484	\$43,644	\$72,960	\$90,804	\$33,852	\$53,784
Hourly Wage	\$14.56	\$22.95	\$26.74	\$21.82	\$36.48	\$45.40	\$16.93	\$26.89

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CITY/TOWNSHIP	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	PERCENTAGE BELOW ALICE AND POVERTY
Fairfield	18,383	44%
Fairfield Township	8,266	27%
Hamilton	24,700	55%
Hanover Township	3,071	28%
Lemon Township	5,908	25%
Liberty Township	14,549	13%
Madison Township	3,184	34%
Middletown	19,533	58%
Milford Township	1,250	34%
Morgan Township	1,769	20%
Oxford Township	6,907	57%
Reily Township	1,112	39%
Ross Township	2,904	30%
St. Clair Township	2,362	48%
Trenton	4,418	28%
Wayne Township	1,780	37%
West Chester Township	24,445	26%

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