

43% of Muskegon 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 county (the ALICE Threshold). While conditions have improved for some households, many continue to struggle, especially as wages fail to keep pace with the cost of household essentials (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, & a basic smartphone plan). Below the ALICE Threshold includes those living as ALICE & those living under the federal poverty level.

Population: 173,566

Median Household Income: \$50,366 (state average: \$59,584)

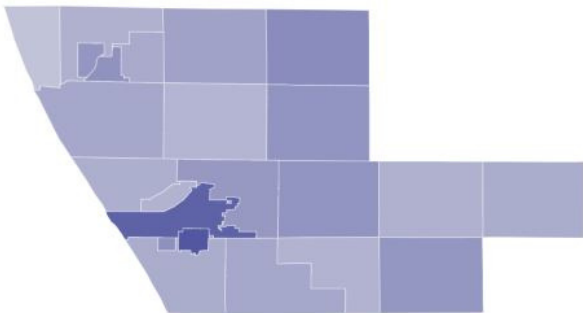
ALICE Households: 31% (state average: 25%)

Number of Households: 66,148

Unemployment Rate: 6.7% (state average: 5.0%)

Households in Poverty: 12% (state average: 13%)

MUSKEGON MUNICIPALITIES & THE PERCENTAGE LIVING UNDER THE ALICE THRESHOLD



Blue Lake township, 36%	Moorland township, 29%
Casnovia township, 31%	Muskegon charter township, 40%
Cedar Creek township, 42%	Muskegon city, 65%
Dalton township, 27%	Muskegon Heights city, 70%
Egelston township, 42%	North Muskegon city, 28%
Fruitland township, 33%	Norton Shores city, 31%
Fruitport charter township, 33%	Ravenna township, 41%
Holton township, 46%	Roosevelt Park city, 44%
Laketon township, 30%	Sullivan township, 28%
Montague city, 41%	White River township, 21%
Montague township, 29%	Whitehall city, 43%
	Whitehall township, 32%

WHEN FACED WITH A CRISIS, ALICE FAMILIES MUST MAKE CHOICES. THESE CHOICES HAVE CONSEQUENCES ON NOT ONLY THEM, BUT ALL OF US.

Choices in one area invariably affect choices in other areas. The problems are complicated and interwoven. Because the problems facing ALICE families are interconnected, effective solutions must be, too. Working toward these solutions will require innovation and vision, to both recognize local factors and address as many areas of struggle as possible. Family, friends, nonprofits, businesses, and the government – can start to work together to build solutions that are right for their neighborhoods, towns, cities, counties, and states. If ALICE households can become financially stable, state economies across the country will be stronger and communities more vibrant, improving life not just for ALICE, but for everyone.

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