

The State of ALICE in Wisconsin

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ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed — with income above the FPL, but not enough to afford basic expenses in the county where they live. The dashboard.

United For ALICE provides data and research on households that are working but struggling to afford basic needs. ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) represents individuals and families who earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but less than the cost of basic household necessities such as housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care.

The State of ALICE in Wisconsin report offers a comprehensive look at financial hardship across the state, including the ALICE Threshold, which measures the minimum income required to meet basic needs by county and household type. The data provides insight into the combined population of households living below the Federal Poverty Level and those above it but still unable to make ends meet.

Indicators and Types of Data				
The Cost of Basics	ALICE Demographics	ALICE in the Labor Force	Trends in Financial Hardship	Indicators of Well-Being
• ALICE Household Survival Budget	• Households with children • Households by Age of Householder • Households by Race/Ethnicity	• Top Occupations, Employment, Wages, and Percentage Below ALICE Threshold • Labor Status, Population 16 and Over	• Number of ALICE and Poverty-Level Households (since 2010) • ALICE County Reports with ZIP and Place Data	• County level State map with comprehensive framework of indicators used to measure community well-being across key areas such as housing, education, health, food access, transportation, income, technology, and demographics. • There is a drop down list of 50 standardized indicators

INDICATORS OF WELL-BEING

AVAILABLE INDICATORS (2026 RELEASE)

INDICATOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE
HOUSING		
Homeownership (2024)	Percentage of all occupied housing units that are occupied by owners	American Community Survey
Rent Burden (2024)	Percentage of all renter-occupied housing units that pay 30 percent or more of their household income on rental costs	American Community Survey
Housing Burden Owners (2024)	Percentage of all owner-occupied housing units that pay 30 percent or more of their household income on housing costs	American Community Survey
Housing Problems (2022)	Percentage of households with incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, overcrowding (more than 1 person per room), and a cost burden greater than 30%	HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
Severe Housing Problems (2022)	Percentage of households with incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, overcrowding (more than 1.5 people per room), and a cost burden greater than 50%	HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
Violent Crime Rate (2016)	Rate of violent crime per 100,000 total population	Uniform Crime Reporting – FBI via County Health Rankings
Real Estate Taxes (2024)	Median real estate taxes paid for each county	American Community Survey
Seniors Living Alone (2024)	Percentage of households headed by someone 65 years and over living alone	American Community Survey
Access to Parks (2020)	Percentage of total population within a half mile of a park	CDC National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network
EDUCATION		
Child Care Facility Rate (2023)	Number of facilities that provide care for infants and children per 100, 000 children	County Business Patterns
Disconnected Youth (2024)	Percentage of 16–19 year olds not enrolled in school and unemployed or not in the labor force	American Community Survey
Teen Birth Rate (2023)	Rate of births to females ages 15–19 per 1,000 population	CDC National Center for Health Statistics via County Health Rankings
Preschool Enrollment (2024)	Percentage of 3 to 4-year-olds enrolled in preschool	American Community Survey

Educational Attainment Less than High School (2024)	Percentage of population 25 and over without a high school diploma	American Community Survey
Educational Attainment High School Only (2024)	Percentage of population 25 and over with only a high school diploma	American Community Survey
Educational Attainment High School and Higher (2024)	Percentage of population 25 and over with a high school diploma or higher	American Community Survey
Educational Attainment Bachelor's Degree+ (2024)	Percentage of population 25 and over with a bachelor's degree or higher	American Community Survey
FOOD		
Food Insecurity (2023)	Percentage of all people living in food-insecure households	Feeding America
Food Insecurity Black All Ethnicities (2023)	Percentage of Black people living in food-insecure households	Feeding America
Food Insecurity Hispanic All Races (2023)	Percentage of Hispanic people living in food-insecure households	Feeding America
Food Insecurity White Non-Hispanic (2023)	Percentage of White non-Hispanic people living in food-insecure households	Feeding America
Child Food Insecurity (2023)	Percentage of children living in food-insecure households	Feeding America
Limited Grocery Store Access (2015)	Percentage of people more than 1 mile (urban) or 10 miles (rural) from a supermarket or large grocery store	USDA Food Environment Atlas
Limited Grocery Store Access Children (2015)	Percentage of children more than 1 mile (urban) or 10 miles (rural) from a supermarket or large grocery store	USDA Food Environment Atlas
Grocery Store Rate (2023)	Number of supermarkets and grocery stores per 100,000 population	County Business Patterns
TRANSPORTATION		
Commute Time (2024)	Average travel time to work	American Community Survey
Long Commute Alone (2024)	Percentage of workers commuting alone with 30 or more minutes of travel time	American Community Survey
Worker Public Transportation Usage (2024)	Percent of adults who use public transportation to work	American Community Survey
HEALTH		
Life Expectancy (2022)	Average expected years of life based on county mortality rates	CDC National Center for Health Statistics via County Health Rankings
Fatal Drug Overdoses (2024)	Rate of deaths from drug overdose per 100,000 population	CDC Multiple Cause of Death
Dentist Rate (2022)	Number of dentists per 100,000 population	Area Health Resource File via County Health Rankings

Primary Care Provider Rate (2021)	Number of primary care physicians per 100,000 population	Area Health Resource File via County Health Rankings
Mental Health Provider Rate (2024)	Number of mental health providers per 100,000 population	National Provider Identification File via County Health Rankings
Uninsured Population Under 65 (2023)	Percentage of population under 65 without health insurance	U.S. Census Bureau SAHIE
Uninsured Children (2023)	Percentage of population under 19 without health insurance	U.S. Census Bureau SAHIE
Diabetes Prevalence (2023)	Percentage of population diagnosed with diabetes	CDC Diabetes Interactive Atlas
Low Birthweight (2023)	Percentage of live births under 2500 grams	CDC National Center for Health Statistics
Air Pollution Fine Particulate Matter (2020)	Average annual concentration of PM2.5 in micrograms per cubic meter	CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking Network
Flood Vulnerability (2018)	Number of housing units in FEMA-designated flood hazard areas	CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking Network
Exercise Facility Rate (2023)	Number of fitness and recreational facilities per 100,000 population	County Business Patterns
Preventable Hospitalizations Medicare Population (2023)	Rate of preventable hospital stays per 100,000 population	CMS Mapping Medicare Disparities
INCOME/FINANCIAL SECURITY		
Unemployment (2024)	Percentage of unemployed workers in the total labor force	American Community Survey
New Hire Wages (2024)	Average monthly earnings of newly stable employees	Quarterly Workforce Indicators
Households with Investment Income (2024)	Percentage of households with interest dividend or rental income in past 12 months	American Community Survey
Income Inequality (2024)	Gini index of income inequality	American Community Survey
Alternative Credit Lender Rate (2023)	Alternative credit lender services per 100,000 population	County Business Patterns
TECHNOLOGY		
Internet Access Cellular Data Only (2024)	Percentage of households with only a cellular data internet plan	American Community Survey
Internet Access (2024)	Percentage of households with an internet subscription	American Community Survey
DEMOGRAPHY		
Foreign-Born (2024)	Percentage of total population born outside the United States to non-American parents	American Community Survey
Limited English Language Proficiency (2024)	Percentage of households with limited English proficiency	American Community Survey