



ALICE lives in every town and in each of our parishes — working as childcare providers, aides for the elderly, cashiers, waiters and so much more. ALICE provides essential services that keep our economy moving, often without adequate healthcare or childcare support.

ALICE households earn above the Federal Poverty Level, but cannot afford the basic cost of living in their parish. ALICE households do not qualify for public assistance or other programs that households living in poverty receive, despite their struggling to make ends meet.

ALICE households have no savings to fall back on and often are one emergency away from falling into poverty.

### CALCASIEU PARISH

**48%** of Calcasieu Parish residents live Below the ALICE Threshold

TOTAL Number of Households: 71,511  
(-7% change from 2019)

#### The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

**ALICE 30%**

**POVERTY 18%**

Able to apply for public assistance and help from nonprofits

ALICE HOUSEHOLDS: .....21,453

POVERTY HOUSEHOLDS .....12,872

SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS ALICE..... 40%

SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS POVERTY ..... 17%

DeQuincy ... 49%	Moss Bluff .. 34%
Gillis ..... 57%	Starks ..... 92%
Hayes ..... 50%	Sulphur ..... 53%
Iowa ..... 47%	Vinton..... 71%
Lake Charles 54%	Westlake..... 36%

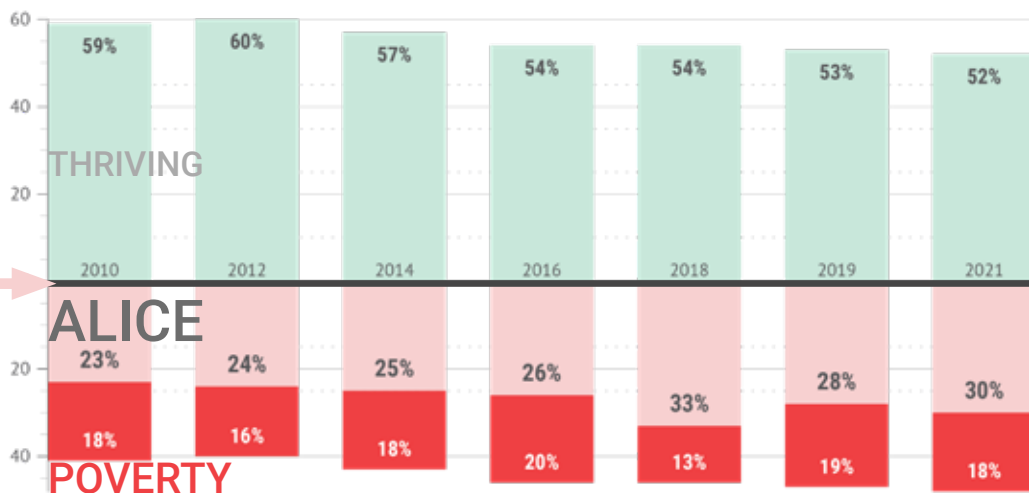
### ALICE THRESHOLD

ALICE lives in a gray area, struggling to pay for basic necessities and without a safety net.

The ALICE THRESHOLD is the minimum average income that a household needs to afford housing, childcare, food, transportation, healthcare and a smartphone. This amount varies by parish and household type.

A household that is ALICE or living in poverty is considered BELOW ALICE THRESHOLD.

To calculate the ALICE Threshold for your household type or download the entire report, visit [UNITEDWAYSWLA.ORG/ALICE](http://UNITEDWAYSWLA.ORG/ALICE)



Calcasieu Parish Median Household Income: \$58,020

HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET	SINGLE.....	FAMILY OF 4
Monthly Total .....	\$2,171	\$5,436
ANNUAL TOTAL.....	\$26,052	\$65,232
Hourly Wage .....	\$13.03	\$32.62

working full time to afford just the Household Survival Budget

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is the standard used by policymakers and stakeholders to gauge the extent of financial hardship across the country.

The FPL is not adjusted to reflect cost-of-living differences or increases and is assumed to be equal across all US households.

The ALICE Survival Budget takes into consideration the cost of actual household necessities, family types and location.

Download the full report at: [UNITEDWAYSWLA.ORG/ALICE](http://UNITEDWAYSWLA.ORG/ALICE)