

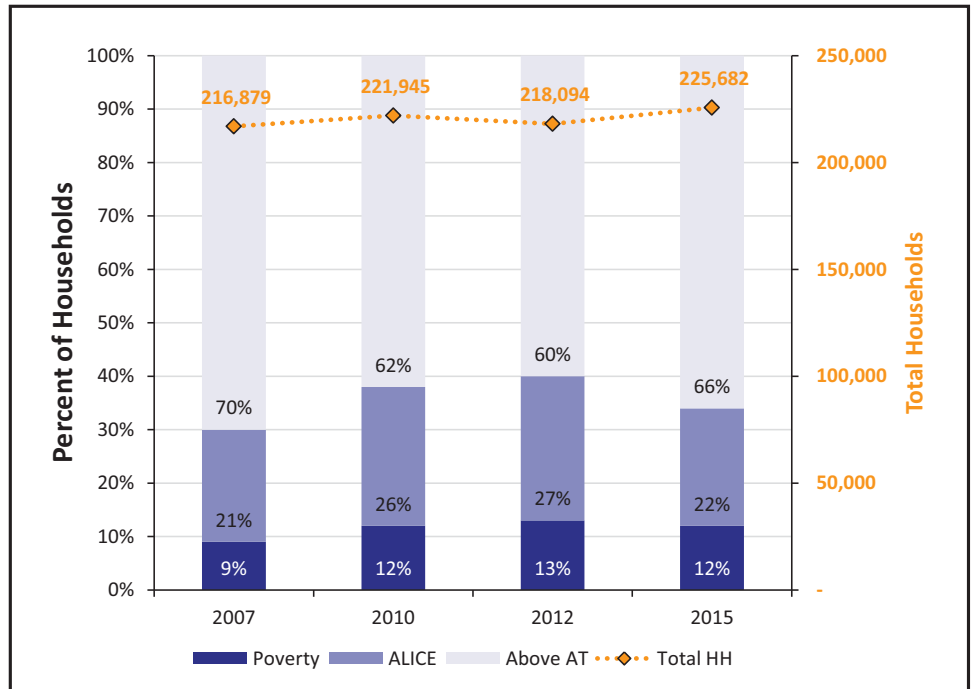
# ALICE IN BREVARD COUNTY

**Population:** 568,088 | **Number of Households:** 225,682  
**Median Household Income:** \$50,416 (state average: \$49,426)  
**Florida Underemployment Rate for 2015:** 11.5%  
**Households Below ALICE Threshold:** 75,153 (34%)

## How many households are struggling?

**ALICE** is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold, or AT). Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs. The percentage of households below the ALICE Threshold changes over time (left axis, blue bars) as does the total number of households (right axis, dotted yellow line). The Great Recession, from 2007 to 2010, caused hardship for many families. Conditions started to improve in 2010 and 2012 for some, but not for all.

Households by Income, 2007 to 2015



## What does it cost to afford the basic necessities?

The bare-minimum Household Survival Budget does not include any savings, leaving a household vulnerable to unexpected expenses. ALICE households typically earn above the Federal Poverty Level of \$11,770 for a single adult and \$24,250 for a family of four, but less than the Household Survival Budget.

### Household Survival Budget, Brevard County

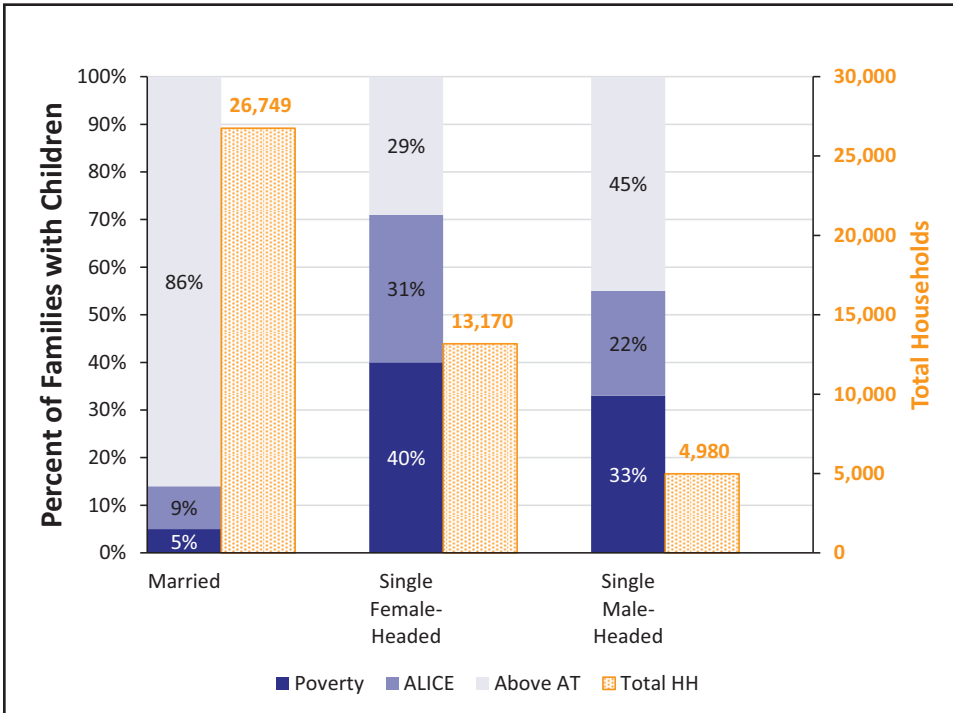
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$542	\$878
Child Care	\$-	\$933
Food	\$165	\$547
Transportation	\$322	\$644
Health Care	\$165	\$634
Miscellaneous	\$137	\$389
Taxes	\$172	\$251
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$1,503</b>	<b>\$4,276</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,036</b>	<b>\$51,312</b>
<b>POVERTY ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,770</b>	<b>\$24,250</b>

Sources: **2015 Point-in-Time Data:** American Community Survey. **ALICE Demographics:** American Community Survey; the ALICE Threshold. **Budget:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Florida Department of Education, Office of Early Learning.

# How many families with children are struggling?

Children add significant expense to a family budget, so it is not surprising that many families with children live below the ALICE Threshold. Though more Brevard County families are headed by married parents, a greater percent of single parent families have income below the AT (left axis, blue bar). Total number of families in each category are reflected by dotted yellow bars (right axis).

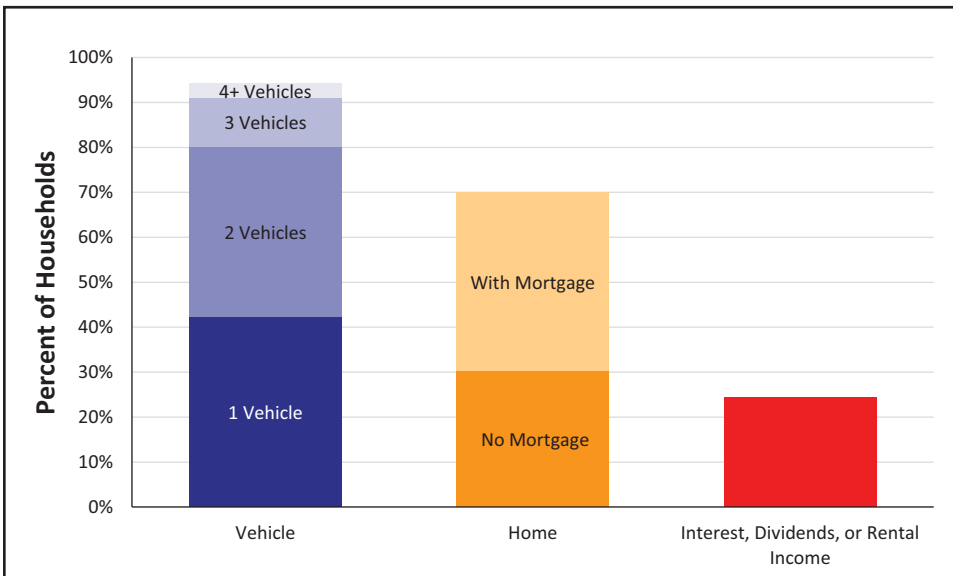
## Families with Children by Income, 2015



## What assets do households have?

Ownership of assets can contribute to stability of households. Yet few families in Brevard County own liquid assets, such as a savings account, 401(k) plan, or rental income, that are readily available to cover emergency expenses. Vehicles, the most common asset, depreciate over time. Homeownership, the next most common asset, can build wealth, but is not a liquid asset.

## Assets, All Households, 2015



Brevard County, 2015		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Cape Canaveral	5,602	39%
Cocoa	6,811	56%
Cocoa Beach	5,796	32%
Cocoa Beach-Cape Canaveral CCD	12,609	35%
Cocoa West CDP	1,953	70%
Cocoa-Rockledge CCD	45,172	34%
Grant-Valkaria	1,518	25%
Indialantic	1,212	27%
Indialantic-Melbourne Beach CCD	18,972	24%
Indian Harbour Beach	3,653	34%
June Park CDP	1,570	32%
Malabar	1,084	20%
Malabar CCD	6,928	39%
Melbourne	32,825	41%
Melbourne Beach	1,211	20%
Melbourne CCD	51,170	38%
Melbourne Shores-Floridana Beach CCD	3,317	31%
Melbourne Village	316	23%
Merritt Island CCD	17,826	34%
Merritt Island CDP	14,577	35%
Micco CDP	4,234	47%
Mims CDP	2,617	35%
Palm Bay	38,113	38%
Palm Bay CCD	37,981	42%
Palm Shores	410	33%
Patrick AFB CDP	370	32%
Port St. John CDP	4,283	37%
Rockledge	10,171	30%
Satellite Beach	4,020	15%
Sharpes CDP	1,186	43%
South Patrick Shores CDP	2,638	20%
Titusville	18,722	44%
Titusville CCD	27,170	38%
Viera East CDP	4,583	25%
Viera West CDP	3,312	9%
West Brevard CCD	1,646	10%
West Melbourne	7,158	31%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is for Places and County Subdivisions, which include Census Designated Places (CDP), and Census County Divisions (CCD), relatively permanent statistical areas delineated cooperatively by the Census Bureau and state and local government authorities. These are overlapping geographies so totals will not match county-level data. Municipal-level data often relies on 5-year averages and is not available for the smallest towns that do not report income.