

# ALICE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## 2016 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 1,043,863 • **Number of Households:** 373,346

**Median Household Income:** \$99,763 (state average: \$78,945)

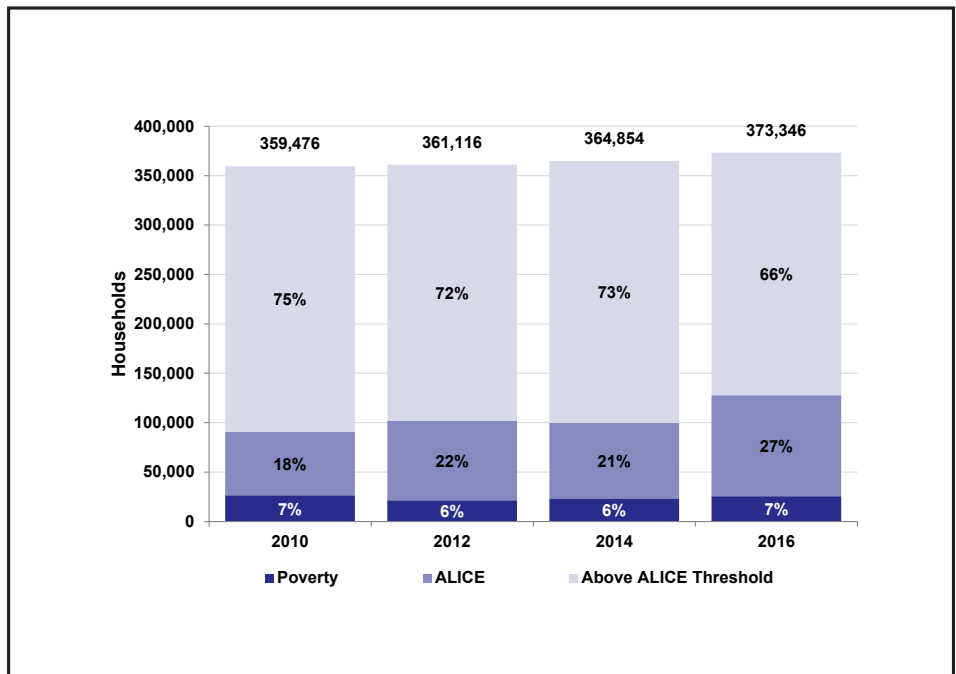
**Unemployment Rate:** 5% (state average: 5.4%)

**ALICE Households:** 27% (state average: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 7% (state average: 10%)

## How has the number of ALICE households changed over time?

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). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs. The number of households below the ALICE Threshold changes over time; households move in and out of poverty and ALICE status as their circumstances improve or worsen. The recovery, which started in 2010, has been uneven across the state. Conditions have improved for some families, but with rising costs, many still find themselves struggling.

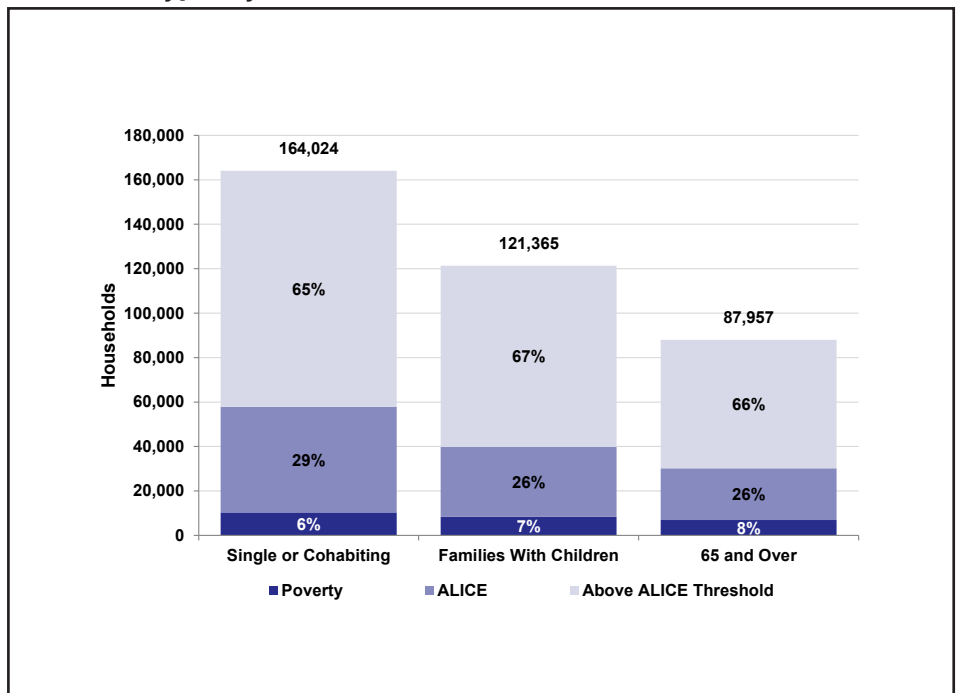
### Households by Income, 2010 to 2016



## What types of households are struggling?

The way Americans live is changing. There are more different family and living combinations than ever before, including more adults living alone, with roommates, or with their parents. Families with children are changing: There are more non-married cohabiting parents, same-sex parents, and blended families with remarried parents. The number of senior households is also increasing. Yet all types of households continue to struggle: ALICE and poverty-level households exist across all of these living arrangements.

### Household Types by Income, 2016



# Why do so many households struggle?

## The cost of living continues to increase...

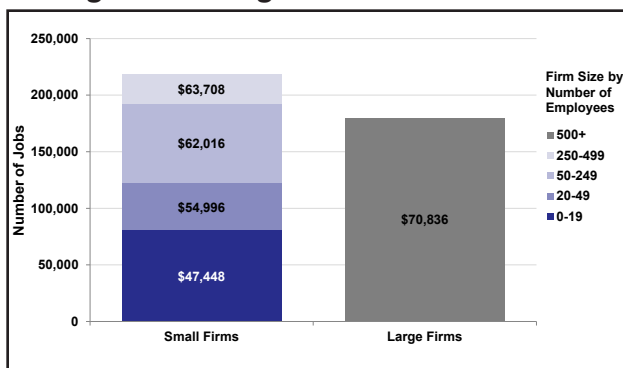
The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. Family costs increased by 27 percent statewide from 2010 to 2016.

Household Survival Budget, Montgomery County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$1,307	\$1,623
Child Care	\$-	\$1,937
Food	\$182	\$603
Transportation	\$116	\$172
Health Care	\$229	\$860
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$234	\$623
Taxes	\$452	\$956
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,575</b>	<b>\$6,849</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,900</b>	<b>\$82,188</b>
<b>Hourly Wage</b>	<b>\$15.45</b>	<b>\$41.09</b>

## ...and wages lag behind

Employment and wages vary by location and firm size, but across the state, wages are still often less than the cost of the family Household Survival Budget.

## Private-Sector Employment by Firm Size With Average Annual Wages, 2016



Sources: 2016 Point-in-Time Data: American Community Survey. ALICE Demographics: American Community Survey; the ALICE Threshold. Budget: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Internal Revenue Service; Tax Foundation; and Maryland Family Network, 2016.

Montgomery County, 2016		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Ashton-Sandy Spring	1,881	26%
Aspen Hill	17,022	43%
Bethesda	25,160	21%
Brookmont	1,360	11%
Burtonsville	3,154	26%
Cabin John	795	19%
Calverton	6,783	39%
Chevy Chase	3,789	15%
Chevy Chase	1,038	5%
Chevy Chase Section Five village	201	7%
Chevy Chase Section Three village	250	5%
Chevy Chase View	311	11%
Chevy Chase Village	693	6%
Clarksburg	6,005	20%
Cloverly	4,835	22%
Colesville	4,847	26%
Damascus	4,897	23%
Darnestown	2,183	11%
Derwood	752	39%
Fairland	8,787	46%
Forest Glen	2,594	34%
Four Corners	2,846	27%
Friendship Heights Village	2,942	38%
Gaithersburg City	23,759	40%
Garrett Park	368	15%
Germantown	31,001	42%
Glen Echo	101	7%
Glenmont	5,357	41%
Hillandale	1,897	28%
Kemp Mill	4,311	24%
Kensington	801	28%
Layhill	1,560	27%
Laytonsville	119	30%
Leisure World	5,888	52%
Martin's Additions village	301	8%
Montgomery Village	11,541	47%
North Bethesda	20,991	34%
North Chevy Chase village	201	7%
North Kensington	3,544	36%
North Potomac	7,987	21%
Olney	11,644	20%
Poolesville	1,544	15%
Potomac	16,126	15%
Redland	5,666	35%
Rockville City	24,370	32%
Silver Spring	34,994	47%
Somerset	426	11%
South Kensington	3,017	16%
Spencerville	561	22%
Takoma Park City	6,498	45%

Montgomery County, 2016		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Travilah	3,676	11%
Washington Grove	236	16%
Wheaton	15,138	46%
White Oak	6,973	52%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Incorporated Places. Totals will not match county-level numbers because some places cross county borders, data is not available for the smallest places, and county-level data is often 1-year estimates..

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, 2016

## ALICE HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET

	Single Adult	Married Couple	1 Adult, 1 School-Age Child	1 Adult, 1 Infant	2 Adult, 2 School-Age Children	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$1,307	\$1,402	\$1,402	\$1,402	\$1,623	\$1,623
Child Care	\$-	\$-	\$530	\$1,043	\$1,059	\$1,937
Food	\$182	\$414	\$344	\$287	\$691	\$603
Transportation	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$172	\$172
Health Care	\$229	\$459	\$579	\$463	\$860	\$860
Miscellaneous	\$234	\$299	\$358	\$420	\$515	\$623
Technology	\$55	\$75	\$55	\$55	\$75	\$75
Taxes	\$452	\$526	\$551	\$716	\$671	\$956
Monthly Total	\$2,575	\$3,291	\$3,935	\$4,502	\$5,666	\$6,849
Annual Total	\$30,900	\$39,492	\$47,220	\$54,024	\$67,992	\$82,188
Hourly Wage	\$15.45	\$19.75	\$23.61	\$27.01	\$34.00	\$41.09

Note: The budgets reflect different costs based on the age of children in the household; full-day care for infants and preschoolers (4-year-old) and after school care for school-age children. To create budgets for additional family types: For an additional infant, increase the total budget by 19 percent; for an additional 4-year-old, by 16 percent; and for a school-age child, by 10 percent.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Internal Revenue Service; Tax Foundation; and Maryland Family Network, 2016.

## ALICE HOUSEHOLD STABILITY BUDGET

	Single Adult	Married Couple	1 Adult, 1 School-Age Child	1 Adult, 1 Infant	2 Adult, 2 School-Age Children	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$1,402	\$1,623	\$1,623	\$1,623	\$2,031	\$2,031
Child Care	\$-	\$-	\$588	\$1,415	\$1,176	\$2,501
Food	\$360	\$775	\$679	\$513	\$1,366	\$1,182
Transportation	\$267	\$604	\$604	\$604	\$895	\$895
Health Care	\$304	\$728	\$1,057	\$1,057	\$1,280	\$1,280
Miscellaneous	\$244	\$386	\$466	\$532	\$688	\$802
Savings	\$244	\$386	\$466	\$532	\$688	\$802
Technology	\$109	\$129	\$109	\$109	\$129	\$129
Taxes	\$732	\$1,060	\$1,093	\$1,337	\$2,050	\$2,867
Monthly Total	\$3,662	\$5,691	\$6,685	\$7,722	\$10,303	\$12,489
Annual Total	\$43,944	\$68,292	\$80,220	\$92,664	\$123,636	\$149,868
Hourly Wage	\$21.97	\$34.15	\$40.11	\$46.33	\$61.82	\$74.93

Note: The budgets reflect different costs based on the age of children in the household; full-day care for infants and preschoolers (4-year-old) and after school care for school-age children. To create budgets for additional family types: For an additional infant, increase the total budget by 16 percent; for an additional 4-year-old, by 13 percent; and for a school-age child, by 7 percent.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Internal Revenue Service; Tax Foundation; and Maryland Family Network, 2016.

Reference: [UnitedWayALICE.org](http://UnitedWayALICE.org)

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