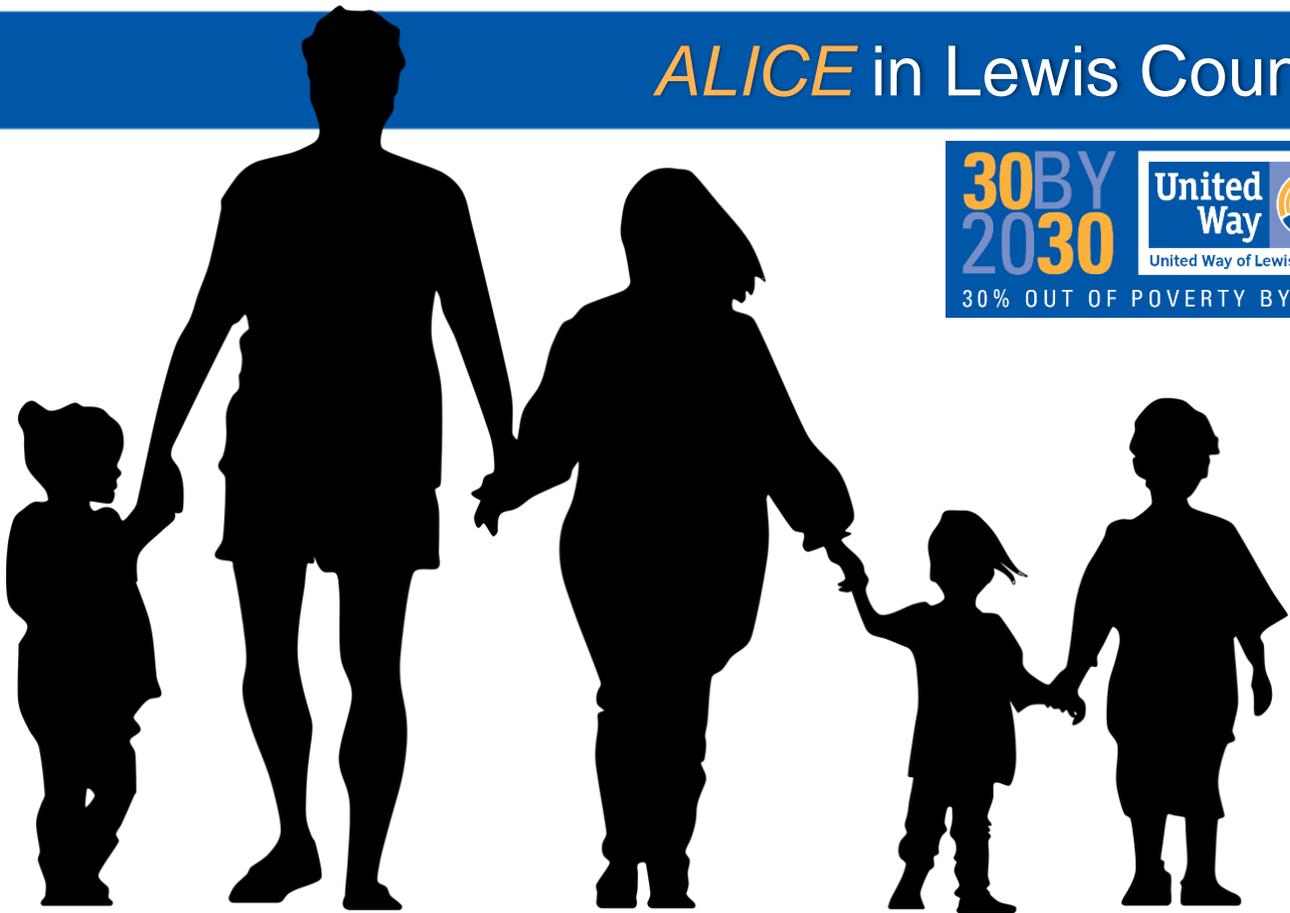
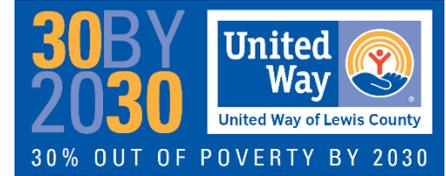


ALICE in Lewis County



Do You Know ALICE?

The answer is YES. **ALICE** is everywhere. In fact, you know many ALICE's.

ALICE is an acronym developed by United Ways, which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.

Overlooked by federal poverty measures, **ALICE** individuals and families work hard, but still don't make enough to afford basic expenses, such as housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care. **ALICE** is the 'working poor'.

ALICE represents men and women of all ages and races. **ALICE** is your customers, constituents, neighbors - even family members and friends.

The United Way ALICE Report provides high quality, research-based information to foster a better understanding of who is struggling in our community. United Ways of the Pacific Northwest developed and released the ALICE report for Idaho, Oregon, and Washington to equip communities with information to create innovative solutions.

According to the most recent data released in 2016, **14% of residents in Lewis County live below the poverty threshold**, but an additional **33% live just above the poverty threshold** and are unable to consistently afford basic necessities. **This is the ALICE population.**

In reality, 47% of Lewis County residents are barely making ends meet, living paycheck to paycheck to survive, not thrive.

What Research Revealed In Lewis County

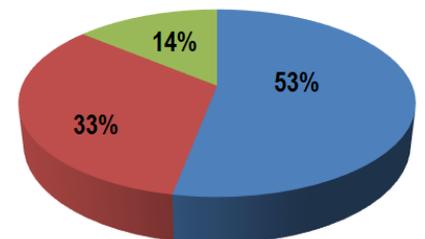
Population: 77,066

Number of Households: 29,509

ALICE/Poverty Households: 13,869

Median Household Income: \$45,523
(State Average: \$67,106)

Unemployment Rate: 4.8%
(State Average: 5.4%)



■ Above ALICE threshold ■ ALICE ■ Poverty

Poverty: 4,131 households

ALICE: 9,738 households

Above ALICE: 15,640 households

Why Does ALICE Exist?

ALICE lives in every community. Surprisingly, well over half of Lewis County's towns have 50% or more households earning less than what is needed to afford the basics. While each ALICE family has its own set of unique circumstances, two primary factors emerged from this study – **HIGH COST OF LIVING** and **LACK OF HIGHER PAYING JOBS**.

	Single Adult	Married Couple	1 Adult, 1 Child	1 Adult, 1 Child Care	2 Adults, 2 Children	2 Adults, 2 Child Care
Housing	\$567	\$653	\$653	\$653	\$860	\$860
Child Care	\$–	\$–	\$284	\$650	\$568	\$1,235
Food	\$177	\$402	\$334	\$279	\$672	\$586
Transportation	\$409	\$470	\$470	\$470	\$818	\$818
Health Care	\$226	\$452	\$502	\$386	\$845	\$845
Miscellaneous	\$167	\$237	\$250	\$291	\$415	\$491
Technology	\$55	\$75	\$55	\$55	\$75	\$75
Taxes	\$233	\$315	\$205	\$300	\$310	\$487
Monthly Total	\$1,834	\$2,604	\$2,753	\$3,084	\$4,563	\$5,397
Annual Total	\$22,008	\$31,248	\$33,036	\$37,008	\$54,756	\$64,764
Hourly Wage	\$11.00	\$15.62	\$16.52	\$18.50	\$27.38	\$32.38

Affording the Basics

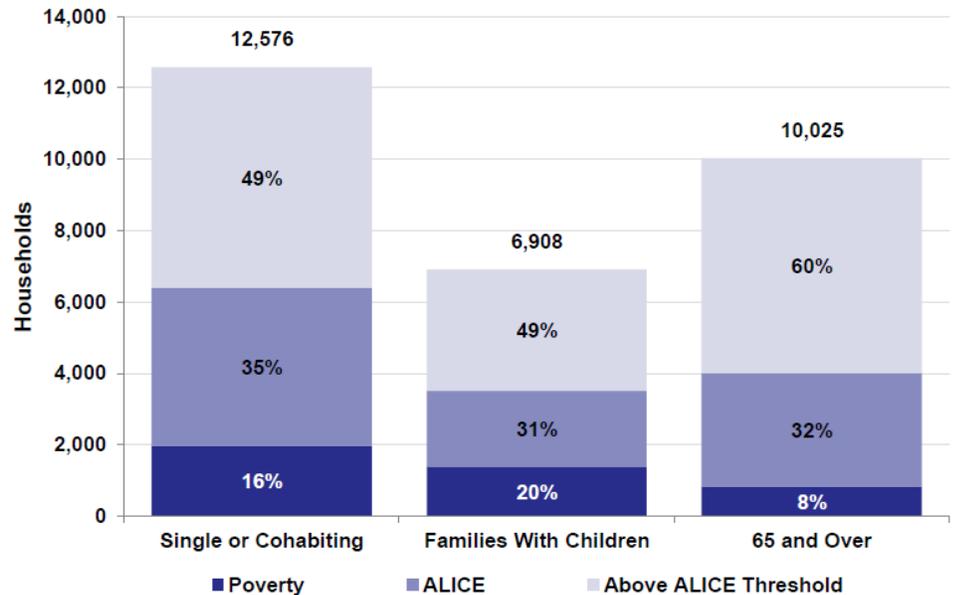
Based on the **Household Survival Budget**, it takes more than double the U.S. poverty rate of \$24,300 for a family of four (\$11,880 for a single adult) to afford the essentials.

The bare minimum Household Survival Budget does not include any saving, leaving a household vulnerable to unexpected expenses. Frequently, many ALICE households are still unable to make ends meet on a monthly basis. This gap in income forces families to make tough decisions; pay the electric bill or fill a prescription, buy food or fill their gas tank.

What types of households are struggling?

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.



For more information on **ALICE**, visit www.lewiscountyuw.com/content/alice-report.

*Data sources: 2016 Point-in-Time Data, American Community Survey. ALICE demographics, American Community Survey; the ALICE Threshold. Budget: US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development; US Dept. of Agriculture; Bureau of Labor Statistics; IRS; Child Care Aware of WA, 2016.