

ALICE IN ADAMS COUNTY

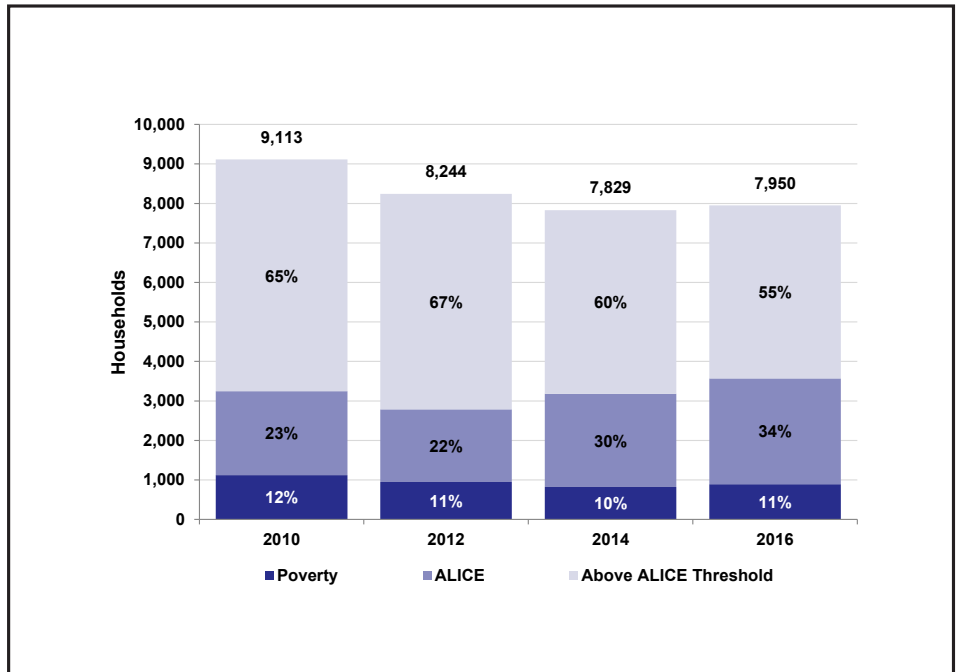
2016 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 20,294 • **Number of Households:** 7,950
Median Household Income: \$43,554 (state average: \$56,811)
Unemployment Rate: 10% (state average: 4.1%)
ALICE Households: 34% (state average: 25.8%) • **Households in Poverty:** 11% (state average: 11.7%)

How has the number of ALICE households changed over time?

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mloyed – 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.

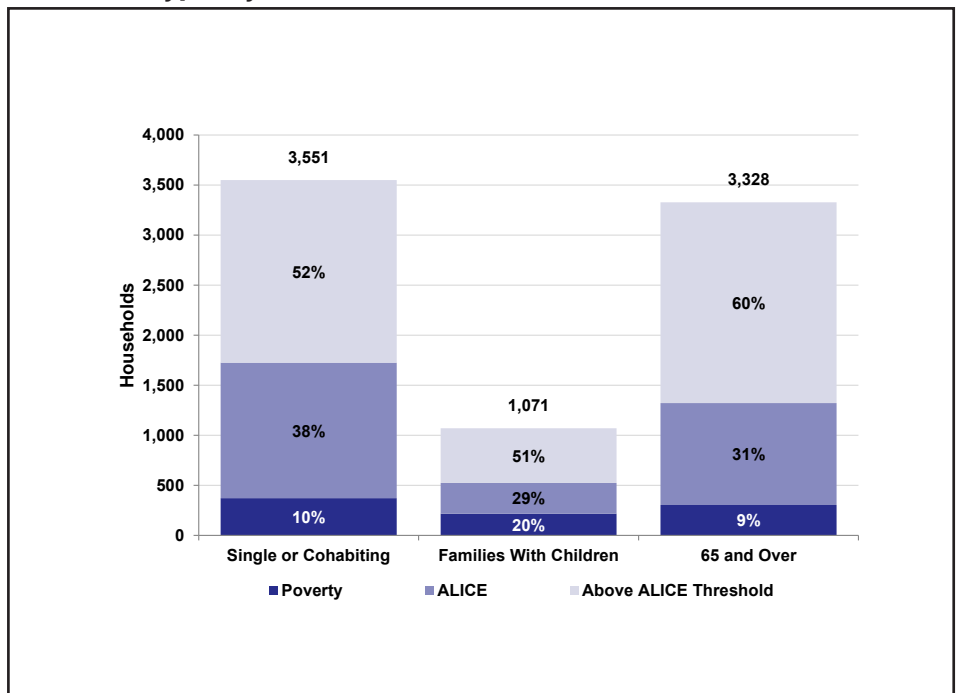
Households by Income, 2010 to 2016



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. In 2016, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$11,880 for a single adult and \$24,300 for a family of four. Family costs increased by 18 percent statewide from 2010 to 2016, compared to 9 percent inflation nationally.

Household Survival Budget, Adams County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$449	\$658
Child Care	\$-	\$1,159
Food	\$158	\$525
Transportation	\$349	\$697
Health Care	\$214	\$800
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$145	\$446
Taxes	\$220	\$541
Monthly Total	\$1,590	\$4,901
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,080	\$58,812
Hourly Wage	\$9.54	\$29.41

...and wages lag behind

Employment and wages vary by location; firms generally pay higher wages in areas with a higher cost of living, although those wages still do not always cover basic needs. Employment and wages also vary by firm size: Large firms tend to offer higher wages and more job stability; smaller businesses can account for more jobs overall, especially in rural areas, but may pay less and offer less stability. Medium-size firms pay more but typically employ the fewest workers.

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 Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, 2016.

Adams County, 2016		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Adams	543	54%
Adams city	754	62%
Big Flats	398	59%
Colburn	110	43%
Dell Prairie	582	31%
Easton	399	49%
Friendship village	214	52%
Jackson	487	40%
Lincoln	136	40%
Monroe	196	40%
New Chester	363	46%
New Haven	259	47%
Preston	541	44%
Quincy	556	54%
Rome	1,231	26%
Springville	509	50%
Strongs Prairie	506	48%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census Places and County Subdivisions. Totals will not always match county-level numbers because some county-level data is 1-year estimates.