

ALICE IN BREVARD COUNTY

2016 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 579,130 • **Number of Households:** 226,021

Median Household Income: \$51,184 (state average: \$50,860)

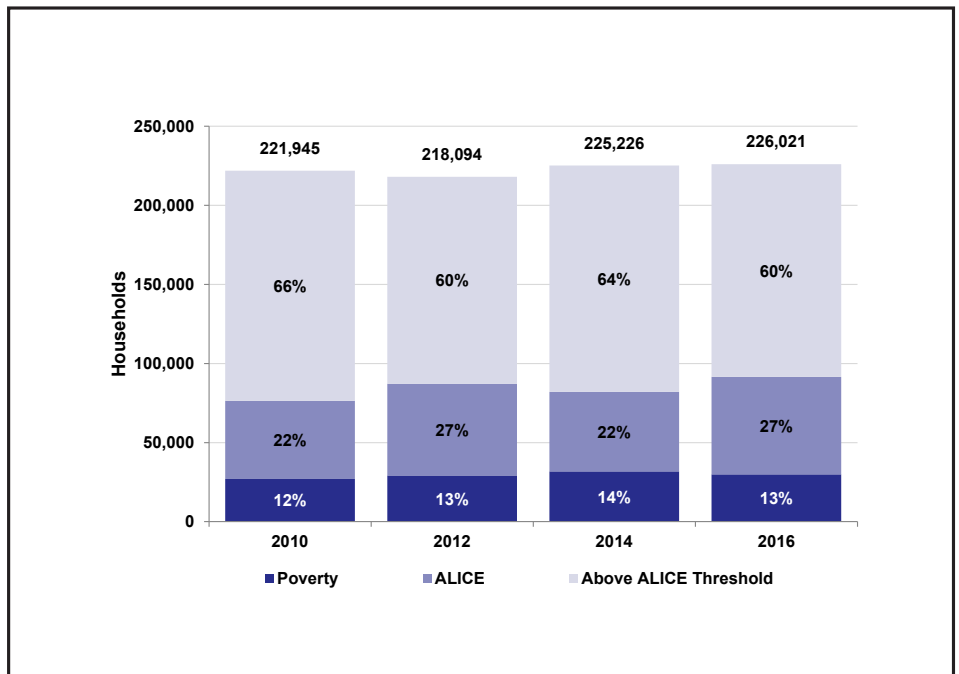
Unemployment Rate: 6.0% (state average: 6.0%)

ALICE Households: 27% (state average: 32%) • **Households in Poverty:** 13% (state average: 14%)

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.

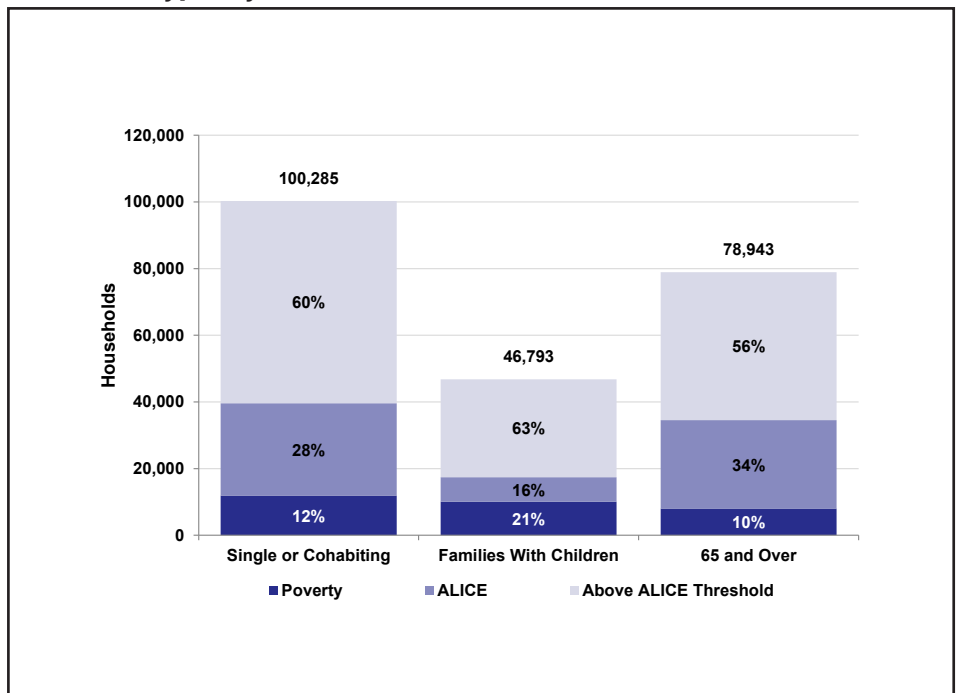
Households by Income, 2010 to 2016



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. 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 15 percent statewide from 2010 to 2016, compared to 9 percent inflation nationally.

Household Survival Budget, Brevard County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$538	\$872
Child Care	\$-	\$1,050
Food	\$164	\$542
Transportation	\$322	\$644
Health Care	\$196	\$726
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$146	\$424
Taxes	\$190	\$331
Monthly Total	\$1,611	\$4,664
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$19,332	\$55,968
Hourly Wage	\$9.67	\$27.98

...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 Florida Department of Education, 2016.

Brevard County, 2016		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Cape Canaveral	5,363	46%
Cocoa	6,733	59%
Cocoa Beach	5,826	38%
Cocoa Beach-Cape Canaveral CCD	12,465	41%
Cocoa West CDP	1,891	70%
Cocoa-Rockledge CCD	45,625	39%
Grant-Valkaria	1,457	30%
Indialantic	1,148	26%
Indialantic-Melbourne Beach CCD	19,100	28%
Indian Harbour Beach	3,699	38%
June Park CDP	1,587	39%
Malabar	1,123	28%
Malabar CCD	6,941	46%
Melbourne	31,902	49%
Melbourne Beach	1,210	26%
Melbourne CCD	51,226	44%
Melbourne Shores-Florida Beach CCD	3,269	34%
Melbourne Village	314	35%
Merritt Island CCD	17,913	38%
Merritt Island CDP	14,723	39%
Micco CDP	4,291	55%
Mims CDP	2,524	39%
Palm Bay	37,830	48%
Palm Bay CGD	38,175	48%
Palm Shores	464	38%
Patrick AFB CDP	401	44%
Port St. John CDP	4,344	43%
Rockledge	10,323	37%
Satellite Beach	4,093	22%
Sharpes CDP	1,152	54%
South Patrick Shores CDP	2,671	22%
Titusville	19,227	49%
Titusville CCD	27,954	43%
Viera East CDP	4,565	29%
Viera West CDP	3,255	16%
West Brevard CCD	1,705	20%
West Melbourne	7,249	32%

Note: Municipal-level data is 1- and 5-year averages for Incorporated Places and County Subdivisions, which include Census Designated Places (CDP) and Census County Divisions (CCD). Totals do not match county-level numbers because some places cross county borders, geographies may overlap, data is not available for the smallest towns, and county-level data is often 1-year estimates.