

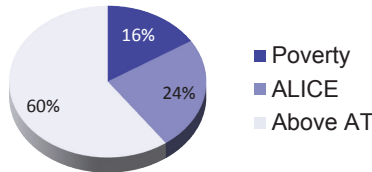
ALICE IN CALCASIEU PARISH

2013 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 195,296 | **Number of Households:** 76,601
Median Household Income: \$42,625 (state average: \$44,164)
Unemployment Rate: 9.2% (state average: 8%)
Gini Coefficient (zero = equality; one = inequality): 0.48 (state average: 0.49)

How many households are struggling?

ALICE, an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed, are households that earn more than the U.S. poverty level, but less than the basic cost of living for the parish. Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.



What are the economic conditions?

The **Economic Viability Dashboard** evaluates community conditions for ALICE in three core areas. Each is an index with a scale of 1 (worst) to 100 (best).

Housing Affordability
fair (49)

Job Opportunities
good (53)

Community Resources
fair (59)

What does it cost to afford the basic necessities?

This bare-minimum budget does not allow for any savings, leaving a household vulnerable to unexpected expenses. Affording only a very modest living in each community, this budget is still significantly more than the U.S. poverty level of \$11,490 for a single adult and \$23,550 for a family of four.

Calcasieu Parish, 2013		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Carlyss	1,714	38%
Dequincy	1,178	54%
Gillis	212	38%
Hayes	149	30%
Iowa	1,092	39%
Lake Charles	30,111	47%
Moss Bluff	4,079	20%
Starks	261	54%
Sulphur	7,657	39%
Vinton	1,259	54%
Westlake	1,825	42%

Household Survival Budget, Calcasieu Parish

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Housing	\$563	\$748
Child Care	\$-	\$815
Food	\$177	\$535
Transportation	\$347	\$694
Health Care	\$109	\$435
Miscellaneous	\$137	\$328
Taxes	\$172	\$57
Monthly Total	\$1,504	\$3,613
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$18,048	\$43,356
Hourly Wage	\$9.02	\$21.68

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and state Treasury, and Child Care Aware, 2013; American Community Survey, 1 year estimate.

NOTE: Municipal-level data on this page is for Census Places. Totals will not match parish-level data; municipal-level data often relies on 3- and 5-year averages and is not available for the smallest towns that do not report income.