

Ouachita Parish, 2013

Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Bawcomville	1,335	62%
Brownsville	1,687	48%
Calhoun	379	39%
Claiborne	4,690	31%
Lakeshore	776	33%
Monroe	18,312	57%
Richwood	683	71%
Sterlington	600	42%
Swartz	1,762	36%
West Monroe	5,506	52%

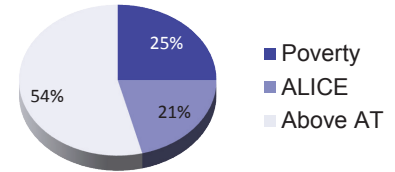
ALICE IN OUACHITA PARISH

2013 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 156,220 | **Number of Households:** 56,477
Median Household Income: \$40,473 (state average: \$44,164)
Unemployment Rate: 7.1% (state average: 8%)
Gini Coefficient (zero = equality; one = inequality): 0.5 (state average: 0.49)

How many households are struggling?

ALICE, an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mloyed, 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
poor (38)

Job Opportunities
poor (40)

Community Resources
poor (54)

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.

Household Survival Budget, Ouachita Parish

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Housing	\$523	\$695
Child Care	\$-	\$748
Food	\$177	\$535
Transportation	\$347	\$694
Health Care	\$109	\$435
Miscellaneous	\$132	\$314
Taxes	\$163	\$33
Monthly Total	\$1,450	\$3,456
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$17,400	\$41,472
Hourly Wage	\$8.70	\$20.73

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.