

ALICE IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Middlesex County, 2012

Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Chester	1,697	26%
Clinton	5,443	28%
Cromwell	5,544	21%
Deep River	1,881	26%
Durham	2,589	13%
East Haddam	3,580	18%
East Hampton	4,933	20%
Essex	2,876	20%
Haddam	3,192	17%
Killingworth	2,518	10%
Middlefield	1,677	25%
Middletown	19,065	36%
Old Saybrook	4,400	25%
Portland	3,731	17%
Westbrook	2,875	34%

Population: 165,602 | **Number of Households:** 67,386

Median Household Income: \$74,484 (state average: \$67,276)

Unemployment Rate: 7.0% (state average: 9.7%)

Gini Coefficient (zero = equality; one = inequality): 0.43 (state average: 0.49)

How many households are struggling?

ALICE, an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **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 county. Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.

Poverty	ALICE	STRUGGLING	Above ALICE
3,585 HH	13,335 HH		50,466 HH
5%	20%		75%

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 (66)

Job Opportunities
good (62)

Community Support
fair (58)

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 rate of \$11,170 for a single adult and \$23,050 for a family of four.

Household Survival Budget, Middlesex County

	SINGLE ADULT	FAMILY (INFANT AND PRE-K)
Housing	\$748	\$1,055
Child care	\$0	\$1,543
Food	\$196	\$592
Transportation	\$352	\$704
Health care	\$120	\$482
Miscellaneous	\$167	\$495
Taxes	\$251	\$570
Monthly total	\$1,834	\$5,441
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$22,005	\$65,297
Hourly wage	\$11.00	\$32.65

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 ChildCare Aware, 2012; American Community Survey, 1 year estimate.

NOTE: Municipal-level data may not match county-level data; municipal-level data often relies on 3- and 5-year averages, is not available for the smallest towns that don't report income, and may overlap with Census Designated Places (CDP).