

# VALLEY UNITED WAY

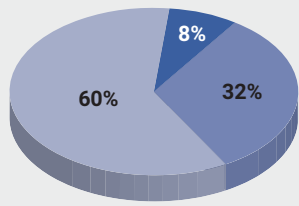
Number of Households – 39,563

## How many households are struggling?

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 area (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.

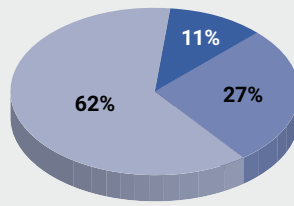
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Ansonia	7,452	53%
Derby	5,011	51%
Oxford	4,510	23%
Seymour	6,239	39%
Shelton	16,351	37%

### Valley United Way service area



- Poverty: 3,284 HH, 8%
- ALICE: 12,727 HH, 32%
- Above ALICE: 23,552 HH, 60%

### Connecticut



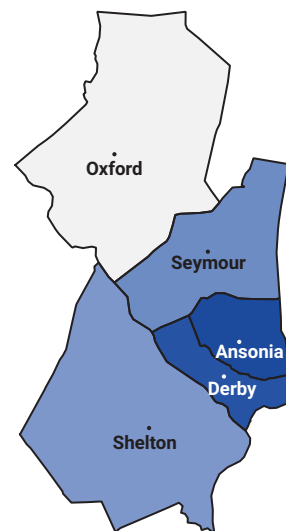
- Poverty: 146,552 HH, 11%
- ALICE: 367,175 HH, 27%
- Above ALICE: 864,364 HH, 62%

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

Household Survival Budget		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$913 - \$1,267	\$1,310 - \$1,986
Child Care	\$-	\$1,917 - \$2,396
Food	\$293 - \$345	\$886 - \$1,046
Transportation	\$357	\$826
Health Care	\$222	\$742
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$221 - \$275	\$687 - \$868
Taxes	\$368 - \$502	\$1,118 - \$1,609
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,429 - \$3,023</b>	<b>\$7,561 - \$9,548</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,148 - \$36,276</b>	<b>\$90,732 - \$114,576</b>
<b>Hourly Wage</b>	<b>\$14.57 - \$18.14</b>	<b>\$45.37 - \$57.29</b>

## Why do so many households struggle?

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 2018, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,140 for a single adult and \$25,100 for a family of four.



Below ALICE Threshold  
23% 53%

Sources: AAA, 2018; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2018; American Community Survey, 2018; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018—Consumer Expenditure Surveys; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019—Consumer Expenditure Survey; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018—Occupational Employment Statistics; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2016—Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2019; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2019—Medicare - Chronic Conditions; Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, 2018; Federal Highway Administration, 2017; Feeding America, 2019; Fowler, 2019; Internal Revenue Service, 2020; Internal Revenue Service—FICA, 2020; Medicare.gov; Scarborough, 2018; The Zebra, 2018; U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2018—Official USDA Food Plans; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2018—Fair Market Rents; Walczak, 2019.