



United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County

ALICE IN CHAMBERS COUNTY

2018 Point-In-Time Data

Population: 40,292	Number of Households: 13,529
Median Household Income: \$76,850	Unemployment Rate: 6.1%
ALICE Households: 28.0%	Households in Poverty: 12.0%

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed – 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.

Natural and human-made disasters will continue to impact ALICE households disproportionately.

Chambers County, Texas, 2018		
Zip Code	Total Households	% Below Alice Threshold
77514	1,778	59%
77523	6,874	29%
77560	235	31%
77580	220	41%
77597	264	60%
77661	243	66%
77665	2,364	57%

Chambers County, Texas, 2018		
Census Designation	Total Households	% Below Alice Threshold
Anahuac	799	57%
Beach City	892	24%
Cove	145	36%
Mont Belvieu	1,974	32%
Oak Island	131	68%
Old River-Winfree	699	54%
Stowell	463	78%
Winnie	1,348	56%

Across Texas, the increasing impact of these incidents – from floods and hurricanes to pandemics – is felt most acutely by ALICE households and their surrounding communities. With minimal job security and little or no savings, ALICE families feel the impact of an economic disruption almost immediately. ALICE households are more vulnerable during natural disasters as they often live in communities with fewer resources. With no financial cushion, ALICE workers struggle to repair damage, recover from illness, and pay ongoing bills. At the same time, ALICE workers are essential to disaster recovery efforts in both infrastructure repair and health care, and they are often forced to choose between caring for their families and ensuring community recovery.

The **Household Survival Budget** reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today – significantly more than the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,140 for a single adult and \$25,100 for a family of 4.

This budget is an estimate of the minimal total cost of household essentials: housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology. It does not include savings for emergencies, auto repairs, cable service, travel, laundry costs, or future goals like college.

ALICE Household Survival Budget, Chambers County			
	Single Adult	Two Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler	Single Senior
Housing	\$825	\$1,139	\$825
Child Care	\$0	\$1,300	\$0
Food	\$276	\$837	\$235
Transportation	\$358	\$826	\$312
Health Care	\$194	\$809	\$560
Technology	\$55	\$75	\$55
Miscellaneous	\$199	\$563	\$227
Taxes	\$279	\$645	\$279
Monthly Total	\$2,186	\$6,194	\$2,493
Annual Total	\$26,232	\$74,328	\$29,916
Hourly Wage	\$13.12	\$37.16	\$14.96