

## How to Determine the ALICE Status of an Individual Household

To calculate ALICE status of households served, a non-profit will need to collect 3 pieces of information:

- annual household income
- the number of individuals in the household, and
- the age group of each individual in the household (infant, preschool, school-age child, adult, or senior).

With that information the nonprofit can use the table below to determine the ALICE threshold for the household size and composition and whether the household falls below that threshold.

ALICE Household Survival Budget, Michigan, 2019								
	Single Adult	One Adult, One Child	One Adult, One In Child Care	Two Adults	Two Adults Two Children	Two Adults, Two In Child Care	Single Senior	Two Seniors
Housing	\$549	\$616	\$616	\$616	\$779	\$779	\$549	\$616
Child Care	\$0	\$200	\$588	\$0	\$400	\$1,122	\$0	\$0
Food	\$261	\$453	\$379	\$543	\$909	\$794	\$225	\$464
Transportation	\$457	\$606	\$606	\$647	\$929	\$929	\$406	\$545
Health Care	\$189	\$403	\$403	\$403	\$569	\$569	\$481	\$963
Technology	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$177	\$260	\$298	\$265	\$405	\$486	\$199	\$304
Taxes	\$262	\$271	\$336	\$367	\$391	\$589	\$272	\$377
Monthly Total	\$1,950	\$2,864	\$3,281	\$2,916	\$4,457	\$5,343	\$2,187	\$3,344
Annual Total	\$23,400	\$34,368	\$39,372	\$34,992	\$53,484	\$64,116	\$26,244	\$40,128
Hourly Wage	\$11.70	\$17.18	\$19.69	\$17.50	\$26.74	\$32.06	\$13.12	\$20.06

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### Additional Household Sizes, Michigan, 2019

The ALICE Household Survival Budget can also be customized for different household sizes using the numbers below:

Add 1 Adult	Add 1 Senior (65+)	Add 1 Infant	Add 1 Preschooler	Add 1 School-Age Child
\$12,913	\$14,739	\$15,138	\$14,489	\$9,511

Also available through the ALICE Research Center's Household Budgets page:

<https://unitedforalice.org/household-budgets/michigan>.

## What You Can Do If You Don't Collect That Information

### **If You Don't Collect Income Information**

If you are unable to determine the ALICE status of individual households, you can speak in more broad terms about the number or percent of ALICE households in your services area. The ALICE Research Center will allow you to determine the number and percent of households below the ALICE threshold at the county or city/township level through the County Profiles page (<https://unitedforalice.org/county-profiles/michigan>).

Examples:

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, [United Way's ALICE Report](#) showed that 40 percent of Southeastern Michigan households were just one missed paycheck or unexpected doctors bill away from financial crisis.

### **If You Know Whether or Not Individual Households Fall Below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)**

The ALICE Research Center breaks out the ALICE population of a county or state into two groups: Households in Poverty (below FPL) and ALICE Households (above FPL but below ALICE Threshold). If you know the number of households you serve who fall below the FPL for can combine that specific number of households with the percent of households in your service area that are over FPL but below the ALICE Threshold.

Example:

60 percent of households engaged with our organization fall below the Federal Poverty Level. We know, however that nearly 30 percent of households in our service area still struggle to provide the essentials to their families, despite not being a household in poverty in the eyes of the Federal Government and its benefit programs.