

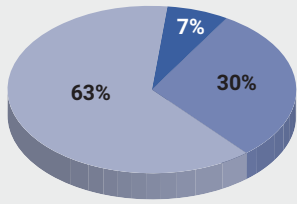
# UNITED WAY OF WESTERN CONNECTICUT

Number of Households – 136,599

## How many households are struggling?

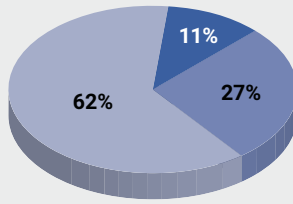
ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the area (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.

United Way of Western Connecticut service area



- Poverty: 9,855 HH, 7%
- ALICE: 41,410 HH, 30%
- Above ALICE: 85,334 HH, 63%

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).

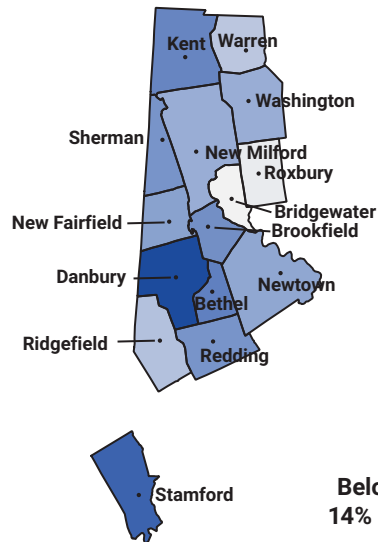
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Bethel	7,271	35%
Bridgewater	710	14%
Brookfield	6,190	32%
Danbury	29,736	49%
Kent	1,138	34%
New Fairfield	5,019	28%
New Milford	10,434	26%
Newtown	9,840	27%
Redding	3,440	31%
Ridgefield	8,983	22%
Roxbury	888	15%
Sherman	1,477	31%
Stamford	49,510	42%
Warren	569	21%
Washington	1,394	26%

## Household Survival Budget

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$697 - \$1,267	\$1,092
Child Care	\$-	\$1,958 - \$2,396
Food	\$309 - \$345	\$935 - \$1,046
Transportation	\$357	\$826
Health Care	\$222	\$742
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$194 - \$275	\$670 - \$868
Taxes	\$302 - \$502	\$1,076 - \$1,609
Monthly Total	\$2,136 - \$3,023	\$7,374 - \$9,548
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$25,632 - \$36,276	\$88,488 - \$114,576
Hourly Wage	\$12.82 - \$18.14	\$44.24 - \$57.29

## 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.



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.