

# ALICE IN MUSCATINE COUNTY

## 2014 Point-in-Time Data

### Muscatine County, 2014

Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Atalissa	144	38%
Conesville	128	40%
Fruitland	380	16%
Muscatine	9,413	38%
Nichols	156	27%
West Liberty	1,119	36%
Wilton	1,213	32%

**Population:** 42,857 | **Number of Households:** 16,301

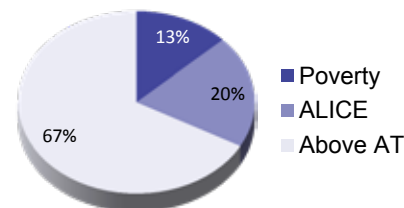
**Median Household Income:** \$52,899 (state average: \$53,712)

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.2% (state average: 4.4%)

**Gini Coefficient** (zero = equality; one = inequality): 0.41 (state average: 0.44)

## 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 Iowa population struggling to afford basic needs.



## 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**  
poor (38)

**Job Opportunities**  
good (66)

**Community Resources**  
fair (60)

## 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 level of \$11,670 for a single adult and \$23,850 for a family of four.

### Household Survival Budget, Muscatine County

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Housing	\$483	\$713
Child Care	\$--	\$736
Food	\$176	\$533
Transportation	\$351	\$702
Health Care	\$147	\$587
Miscellaneous	\$136	\$364
Taxes	\$204	\$373
Monthly Total	\$1,497	\$4,008
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	\$17,964	\$48,096
<b>Hourly Wage</b>	\$8.98	\$24.05

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, 2014; American Community Survey, 5-year estimate.

NOTE: Municipal-level data on this page is for Census Places. Totals will not match county-level data; municipal-level data often relies on 5-year averages and is not available for the smallest towns that do not report income.