



# United Way ALICE Report



# ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (“Working Poor”)

“ALICE Report” is a partnership w/ United Ways throughout Florida and Rutgers University to understand the “working poor” in all 67 counties throughout the state of Florida

48% of year-round residents in the Keys do not make enough money to survive here.

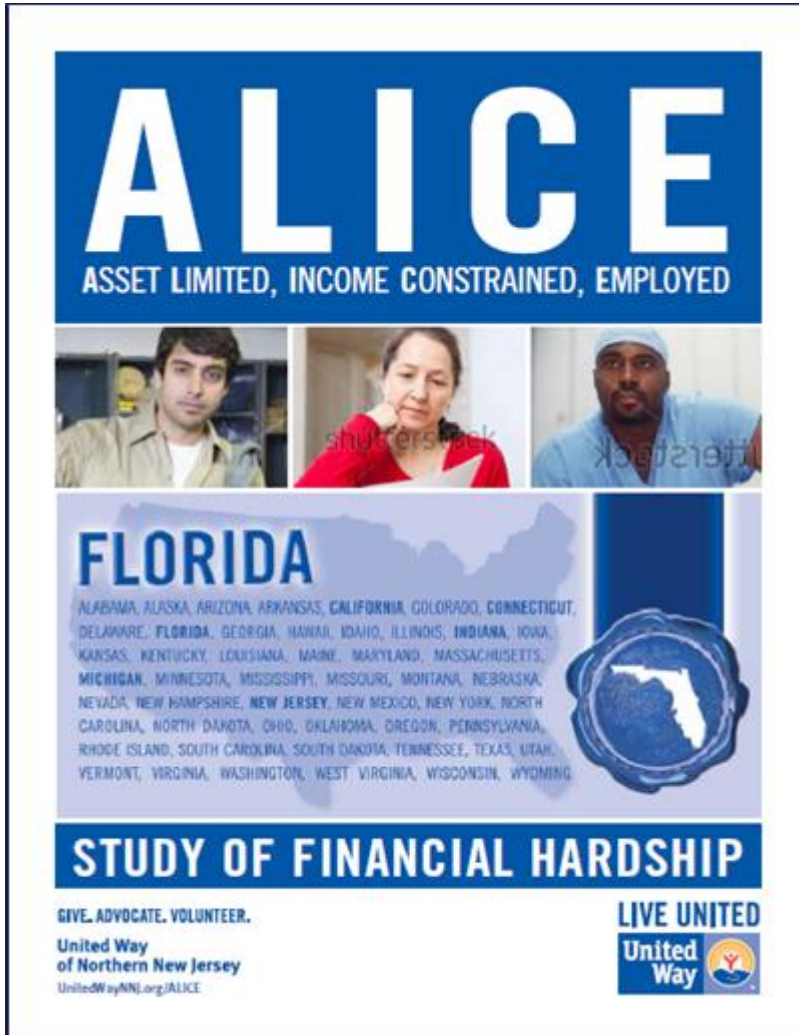
3 out of 5 children in the Florida Keys live in “ALICE” families

20% of children under the age of 5 live below the Poverty Line

# Federal Poverty Line: \$24,250 for family of 4 (\$11,770 for single adult!)

- Same all over the country – no adjustment for differences in cost of living
- Originally developed in 1964 by Social Security Administration
- Based on dollar costs of U.S. Department of Agriculture's "economy food"
- This is the formula and method still used today to calculate access to government benefits

# ALICE Threshold: Survival Budget



Monroe County ALICE Threshold for  
Survival in 2017:

\$68,952 for family of 4

\$29,208 for a single adult

*This Household Survival Budget  
reflects the bare minimum cost to  
live and work in the Florida Keys.*

# ALICE Threshold: Survival Budget

Housing: Federal HUD “Fair Market Rental” and utilities (no phone) =  
\$1635/ month for 2 bedroom 2 bath rental

\*Monroe County had a 37% drop in “affordable” housing stock from  
2007 - 2015

Childcare – Cheapest legal (licensed) home-based childcare according to  
Florida Department of Children and Families = \$1200/ month

Food – USDA “Thrifty Food Plan,” requires careful purchasing and  
preparation with no eating out = \$547/ month

Transportation – Gas, insurance and basic maintenance only based on  
Bureau of Labor Statistics data = \$644/ month

Healthcare – basic out-of-pocket costs with no insurance = \$634/ month

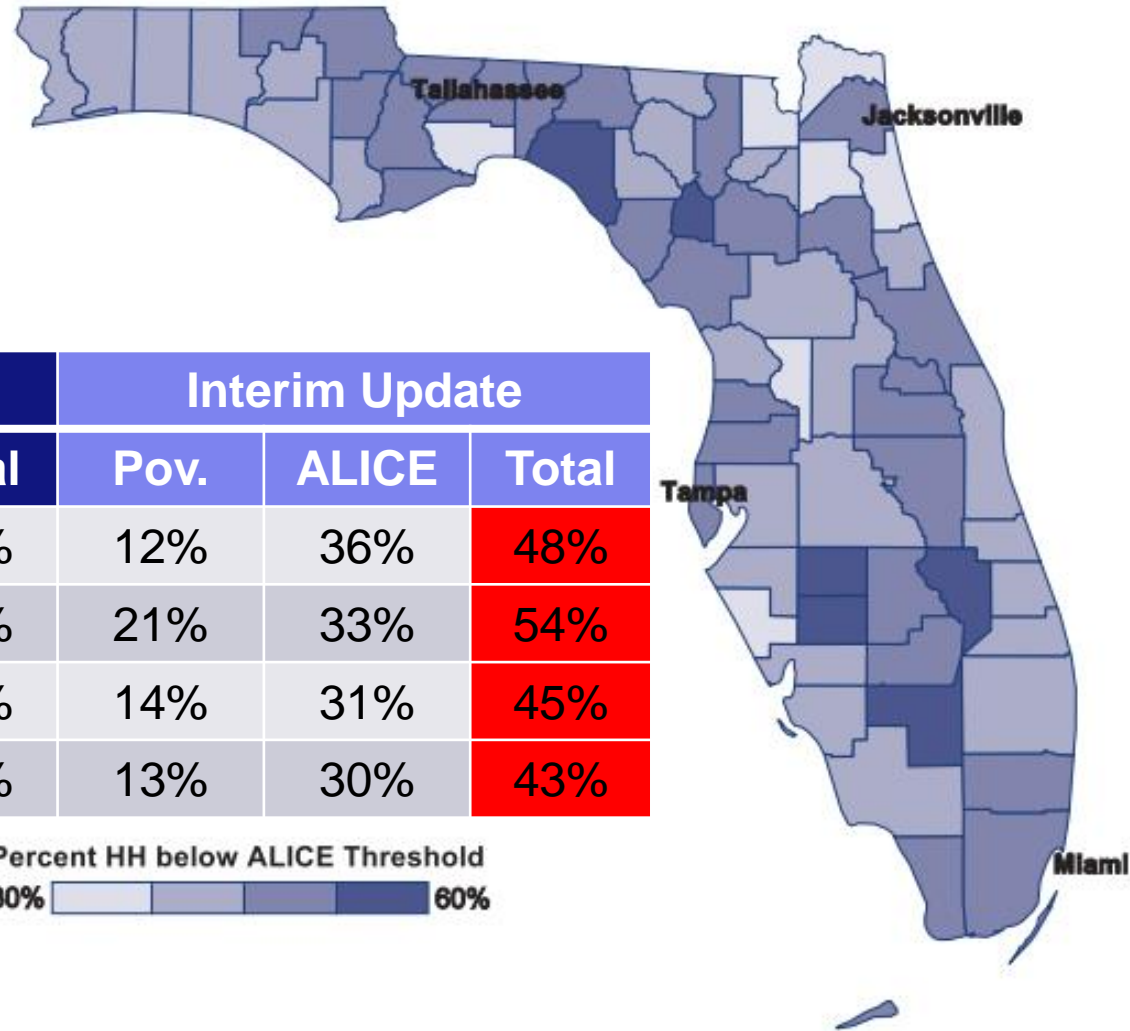
Miscellaneous – minor cost overruns and other essentials (e.g. phone,  
higher utilities cost) = \$522/ month

Taxes – Social Security, Medicare and Income taxes and credits = \$5746/  
month

**ALICE Threshold in Monroe  
County = \$68,952 for family of 4**



# Households below a County's Threshold



	2014 Report			Interim Update		
County	Pov.	ALICE	Total	Pov.	ALICE	Total
Monroe	12%	32%	44%	12%	36%	48%
Miami	21%	31%	52%	21%	33%	54%
Broward	14%	30%	44%	14%	31%	45%
Palm Bch	12%	29%	41%	13%	30%	43%

Percent HH below ALICE Threshold  
30%  60%

# Key Questions:

- How does ALICE Survive?
- How does ALICE affect our entire Community?
- What can be done to help?
- What is United Way of the Florida Keys doing to help?