

AT-A-GLANCE: LOUISIANA

2013 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 4,625,470 | Number of Parishes: 64 | Number of Households: 1,730,059

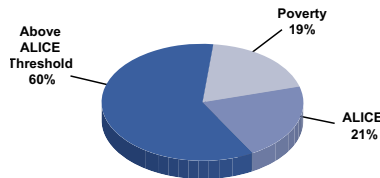
Median Household Income (state average): \$44,164

Unemployment Rate (state average): 8%

Gini Coefficient (zero = equality; one = inequality) (state average): 0.49

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 state (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households (40 percent) equals the total Louisiana population struggling to afford basic needs.



Income Assessment for Louisiana

The total annual income of poverty-level and ALICE households in Louisiana is \$10.7 billion, which includes wages and Social Security. This is only 44.4 percent of the amount needed just to reach the ALICE Threshold of \$24.1 billion statewide. Government and nonprofit assistance makes up an additional 41.7 percent, or \$10 billion, but that still leaves an Unfilled Gap of 14 percent, or \$3.4 billion.

ALICE Threshold	-	Earned Income and Assistance	=	Unfilled Gap
\$24.1 billion	-	\$20.7 billion	=	\$3.4 billion

What does it cost to afford the basic necessities?

This bare-minimum Household Survival 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 \$11,490 for a single adult and \$23,550 for a family of four.

Monthly Costs – Louisiana Average – 2013

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER	2007–2013 PERCENT CHANGE
Housing	\$517	\$713	20%
Child Care	\$–	\$791	16%
Food	\$177	\$535	17%
Transportation	\$347	\$694	8%
Health Care	\$109	\$435	17%
Taxes	\$161	\$47	-39%
Miscellaneous	\$131	\$322	11%
Monthly Total	\$1,442	\$3,537	11%
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$17,304	\$42,444	11%
Hourly Wage	\$8.65/hour	\$21.22/hour	11%

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Louisiana Parishes, 2013		
Parish	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Acadia	22,837	45%
Allen	8,108	45%
Ascension	40,762	22%
Assumption	8,658	40%
Avoyelles	15,050	49%
Beauregard	12,966	37%
Bienville	5,668	50%
Bossier	47,151	33%
Caddo	98,570	44%
Calcasieu	76,601	40%
Caldwell	3,935	42%
Cameron	2,529	25%
Catahoula	3,767	43%
Claiborne	5,726	50%
Concordia	7,733	52%
De Soto	10,208	46%
East Baton Rouge	168,824	35%
East Carroll	2,488	66%
East Feliciana	7,052	39%
Evangeline	12,053	47%
Franklin	7,388	54%
Grant	7,328	47%
Iberia	26,536	38%
Iberville	11,396	44%
Jackson	6,090	42%
Jefferson	167,442	41%
Jefferson Davis	11,587	44%
Lafayette	88,453	32%
Lafourche	34,469	36%
La Salle	5,619	36%
Lincoln	17,221	51%
Livingston	47,465	36%

Louisiana Parishes, 2013		
Parish	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Madison	4,068	64%
Morehouse	10,424	57%
Natchitoches	14,544	49%
Orleans	158,354	47%
Ouachita	56,477	45%
Plaquemines	8,673	35%
Pointe Coupee	8,848	46%
Rapides	48,074	43%
Red River	3,320	40%
Richland	7,674	47%
Sabine	9,193	45%
St Bernard	14,251	51%
St Charles	18,190	37%
St Helena	4,130	51%
St James	7,937	34%
St John The Baptist	15,182	40%
St Landry	31,698	49%
St Martin	18,615	41%
St Mary	20,077	42%
St Tammany	88,248	31%
Tangipahoa	46,039	42%
Tensas	2,049	55%
Terrebonne	38,949	32%
Union	8,507	51%
Vermilion	21,447	36%
Vernon	17,856	40%
Washington	17,549	51%
Webster	15,410	46%
West Baton Rouge	9,057	36%
West Carroll	4,130	49%
West Feliciana	4,007	44%
Winn	5,402	46%

Sources: 2013 Point-in-Time Data: American Community Survey, 2013. ALICE demographics: American Community Survey, 2013, and the ALICE Threshold, 2013. Income Assessment: Office of Management and Budget, 2014; Department of Treasury, 2015; American Community Survey, 2013; National Association of State Budget Officers, 2014; NCCS Data Web Report Builder, 2010; see Appendix E. Budget: 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 Child Care Aware, 2013; American Community Survey, 1-year estimate.