

# ALICE IN BAYTOWN and HIGHLANDS

## 2018 Point-In-Time Data

Population: 77,024	Number of Households: 26,512
Median Household Income: \$55,628	Unemployment Rate: 8.2%
ALICE Households: 52.0%	Households in Poverty: 16.0%

**ALICE** is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs. The number of households below the ALICE Threshold changes over time; households move in and out of poverty and ALICE status as their circumstances improve or worsen. Conditions have improved for some families, but with rising costs, many still find themselves struggling.

Baytown and Highlands, 2018		
Zip Code	Total Households	% Below Alice Threshold
77520	12,442	59%
77521	19,650	42%
77562	3,676	49%

### Natural and human-made disasters will continue to impact ALICE households disproportionately.

Across Texas, the increasing impact of these incidents – from floods and hurricanes to pandemics – is felt most acutely by ALICE households and their surrounding communities. With minimal job security and little or no savings, ALICE families feel the impact of an economic disruption almost immediately. ALICE households are more vulnerable during natural disasters as they often live in communities with fewer resources. With no financial cushion, ALICE workers struggle to repair damage, recover from illness, and pay ongoing bills. At the same time, ALICE workers are essential to disaster recovery efforts in both infrastructure repair and health care, and they are often forced to choose between caring for their families and ensuring community recovery.

ALICE Household Survival Budget, Harris County			
	Single Adult	Two Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler	Single Senior
<b>Housing</b>	\$957	\$1,321	\$957
<b>Child Care</b>	\$0	\$1,300	\$0
<b>Food</b>	\$266	\$805	\$226
<b>Transportation</b>	\$358	\$826	\$312
<b>Health Care</b>	\$194	\$809	\$573
<b>Technology</b>	\$55	\$75	\$55
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$214	\$582	\$243
<b>Taxes</b>	\$311	\$684	\$311
<b>Monthly Total</b>	\$2,355	\$6,402	\$2,677
<b>Annual Total</b>	\$28,260	\$76,824	\$32,124
<b>Hourly Wage</b>	\$14.13	\$38.41	\$16.06

The **Household Survival Budget** reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today – significantly more than the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) of \$12,140 for a single adult and \$25,100 for a family of 4.

This budget is an estimate of the minimal total cost of household essentials: housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology. It does not include savings for emergencies, auto repairs, cable service, travel, laundry costs, or future goals like college.

The actual cost of household basics in every county in Texas is well above the FPL for all household sizes and types. Public assistance programs are based on the FPL, but the average Household Survival Budget in Texas for 2018 was \$22,320 per year. The gaps are even larger for families.