

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN YOUR COUNTY

GREGG COUNTY

In Gregg County, there were 18,994 households that already couldn't afford the basics before COVID hit. These families fall **below the ALICE® Threshold**, which includes those in poverty and **ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)**. Struggling yet hidden in plain sight, ALICE earns above the poverty level, but less than the cost of household basics.

The figures below break down the data on financial hardship in your backyard.



42% of all households
earn below
the **ALICE Threshold**

2 in 5

There are **~2 times** more **ALICE**
households than those in poverty

ALICE
12,363

~2x

Poverty
6,631

**Many have No Rainy Day
Funds**



Above Alice
Threshold

29%

Below ALICE
Threshold

68%

Disparities persist

Households Below The ALICE Threshold

Black

63%

Hispanic

55%

White

33%

This document relies on 2018 data accessible via the United For ALICE Legislative District Tool. United For ALICE is a grassroots movement representing United Ways, corporations, nonprofits, and foundations across half of the United States, including Texas United Ways.

Redistricting and the 2020 Census: The district shown in this tool predates any redistricting being conducted following the 2020 Decennial Census.

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**DIG DEEPER
INTO THE DATA**



UNITED, WE CAN SHOW UP FOR ALICE



Rent or car payment? Medicine or groceries? ALICE is forced to make these impossible choices daily. When ALICE can't pay the bills, we all pay the price. By securing racial and economic equity for ALICE, we can improve life for all in our community. Join us in **turning the data into action**, strengthening the foundation of our community and economy.

A Blueprint For Change



Education

- Ensure access to affordable, high-quality early and out of school care and education opportunities, especially for underserved communities.
- Strengthen pathways to college and career, including wraparound supports, to provide equitable access to postsecondary opportunities.

“Jobs require reliable transportation or high Internet speeds. I don’t have either. I literally don’t have enough money to work.”

— ALICE Survey Respondent



Financial Stability

- Provide funding for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to ensure hardworking families can access all pro-work, anti-poverty tax credits through free, high-quality tax preparation and filing services.
- Strengthen access to workforce education and training programs that provide wraparound services and align with quality, family-sustaining wage jobs.



Health

- Ensure access to comprehensive, equitable, and quality physical, mental, and behavioral health services, including substance use treatment.
- Expand healthcare coverage for low-wage Texans and postpartum coverage to 12 months.



Community Supports

- Support information and referral systems that connect Texans to community-based resources, including 2-1-1 Texas.