

Washington Counties, 2013		
County	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Adams	5,738	47%
Asotin	9,270	37%
Benton	68,334	30%
Chelan	27,665	36%
Clallam	30,606	38%
Clark	158,778	33%
Columbia	1,651	38%
Cowlitz	38,483	34%
Douglas	14,138	34%
Ferry	2,951	49%
Franklin	24,434	42%
Garfield	970	30%
Grant	29,888	44%
Grays Harbor	26,815	42%
Island	32,990	32%
Jefferson	13,285	40%
King	819,434	25%
Kitsap	97,854	23%
Kittitas	16,409	43%
Klickitat	7,829	39%
Lewis	29,040	43%
Lincoln	4,457	34%
Mason	23,395	38%
Okanogan	16,231	41%
Pacific	9,165	42%
Pend Oreille	5,484	41%
Pierce	302,287	34%
San Juan	7,753	32%
Skagit	45,234	36%
Skamania	4,452	33%
Snohomish	270,616	33%
Spokane	186,456	37%
Stevens	17,586	34%
Thurston	99,815	35%
Wahkiakum	1,715	38%
Walla Walla	21,413	45%
Whatcom	78,330	41%
Whitman	17,340	52%
Yakima	79,742	46%

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2013 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 6,971,406 | Number of Counties: 39 | Number of Households: 2,648,033

Median Household Income (state average): \$58,405

Unemployment Rate (state average): 7.9%

Gini Coefficient (zero = equality; one = inequality) (state average): 0.46

How many households are struggling?

ALICE, an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mloyed, 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 (32 percent) equals the total Washington population struggling to afford basic needs.



Income Assessment for Washington

The total annual income of poverty-level and ALICE households in Washington is \$14.2 billion, which includes wages and Social Security. This is only 42 percent of the amount needed just to reach the ALICE Threshold of \$33.8 billion statewide. Government and nonprofit assistance makes up an additional 34.7 percent, but that still leaves an Unfilled Gap of 23.3 percent, or \$7.9 billion.

Washington ALICE Threshold – Earned Income and Assistance = Unfilled Gap

$$\text{\$33.8 billion} - \text{\$25.9 billion} = \text{\$7.9 billion}$$

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 – Washington Average – 2013			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER	2007–2013 PERCENT CHANGE
Housing	\$528	\$805	17%
Child Care	\$–	\$1,223	2%
Food	\$191	\$579	17%
Transportation	\$334	\$666	-4%
Health Care	\$119	\$473	27%
Taxes	\$137	\$205	-16%
Miscellaneous	\$131	\$395	8%
Monthly Total	\$1,440	\$4,346	7%
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$17,280	\$52,152	7%
Hourly Wage	\$8.64	\$26.08	7%