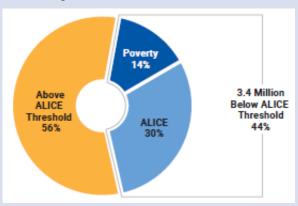


ALICE — an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. ALICE represents the growing number of households in our communities that earn enough to be considered above the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), but do not earn enough to afford basic necessities.



You can make a difference.

Each individual action you take will help increase public awareness about ALICE. When combined with similar actions taken by others, our collective effort will help rebuild the ladder of opportunity for thousands of ALICE families living in New York.

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In Clinton, Essex, and Franklin Counties, approximately 4 out of every 10 people fall below the ALICE threshold.

That equates to 66,037 people in our region.

ALICE and COVID-19

ALICE households are especially vulnerable to national economic disruptions. The number of ALICE households in New York increased substantially through the Great Recession (2007-2010) then continued to increase gradually aftweward, never returning to pre-Recession levels. By 2019, that number had just started to fall – and then the pandemic hit. From 2019 to 2021, both the number of ALICE households and the number of households in poverty increased slightly. Together, the number of households below the ALICE Threshold increased by 5%, while total households in the state increased by 3%. During this period, the share of households below the Threshold grew slightly, from 43% to 44%.