

ALICE IN LAPORTE COUNTY

LaPorte County, 2012

Area	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Cass Township	700	25%
Center Township	9,980	40%
Clinton Township	541	22%
Coolspring Township	6,633	42%
Dewey Township	391	26%
Galena Township	788	20%
Hanna Township	385	17%
Hudson Township	815	33%
Kankakee Township	1,801	32%
La Porte City	9,016	45%
Lincoln Township	648	35%
Michigan City City	12,309	48%
Michigan Township	10,368	41%
New Durham Township	1,769	35%
Noble Township	702	18%
Pleasant Township	1,385	35%
Scipio Township	1,845	35%
Springfield Township	1,622	32%
Union Township	949	36%
Washington Township	350	23%
Wills Township	756	23%

Population: 111,246 | **Number of Households:** 43,468

Median Household Income: \$46,048 (state average: \$46,974)

Unemployment Rate: 9.7% (state average: 8.7%)

Gini Coefficient (zero = equality; one = inequality): 0.42 (state average: 0.44)

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 county. Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.

Poverty	ALICE	STRUGGLING	Above ALICE
7,014 HH	9,074 HH		27,380 HH
16%	21%		63%

What are the economic conditions?

The **Economic Viability Dashboard** evaluates community conditions for ALICE in three core areas. Each is an index with a scale of 1 (worst) to 100 (best).

Housing Affordability
fair (52)

Job Opportunities
poor (50)

Community Support
good (56)

What does it cost to afford the basic necessities?

This bare-minimum 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 rate of \$11,170 for a single adult and \$23,050 for a family of four.

Household Survival Budget, LaPorte County

	SINGLE ADULT	FAMILY (INFANT AND PRE-K)
Housing	\$458	\$671
Child care	\$0	\$1,125
Food	\$170	\$515
Transportation	\$341	\$681
Health care	\$130	\$518
Miscellaneous	\$127	\$383
Taxes	\$175	\$322
Monthly total	\$1,401	\$4,217
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$16,809	\$50,604
Hourly wage	\$8.00	\$25.00

Source: 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 ChildCare Aware, 2012; American Community Survey, 1 year estimate.

NOTE: Not all townships, towns, or cities within a county will be listed in the table above, as there is insufficient data for jurisdictions with small populations. Data for many townships, towns, and cities rely on 3- and 5-year averages (whereas most counties have 1-year averages). Some townships, towns, and cities may overlap with Census Designated Places (CDP).