

United Way of St. Clair County has four Impact Areas. Each month, beginning in May, UWSCC will unveil the funded programs within one of these impact areas. These programs are driving forces in our quest to raise the quality of life of our community.

Impact Areas:

- * Teaching Youth Life Skills » [May](#)
- * Improving Quality of Life through Health & Advocacy » [June](#)
 - * Helping Adults through Education or Training » [July](#)
 - * Reducing the Need for Emergency Services » [August](#)



TEACHING YOUTH LIFE SKILLS

Program

Affiliated Organization

Girl Engagement Initiative for At-risk Youth	Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan
Leadership Experience Financial Assistance	Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan
Scoutreach: Opportunities and Life Skills for Youth in High Risk Scenarios	MI Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America
Financial Support for Disadvantaged Youth	MI Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America
Recreation Outreach	SONS
Talented TENTH	SONS
Inclusive Youth Social Recreation	The Arc of St. Clair County
Cypress Place ~ Street Outreach Drop-in Center Program for Engaged Youth	The Harbor

UWSCC believes that the life skills and lessons learned through the programs listed above will help our youth to have a more enhanced childhood and a much more stable step into independence as young adults. Success stories shared by the respective Affiliated Organizations illustrate the positive impact these programs have on the youth of our community. Many of these programs are designed to help our ALICE and impoverished families so all youth may enjoy equal opportunities.

St. Clair County
Adult Population: 65,000+

14.9% in poverty

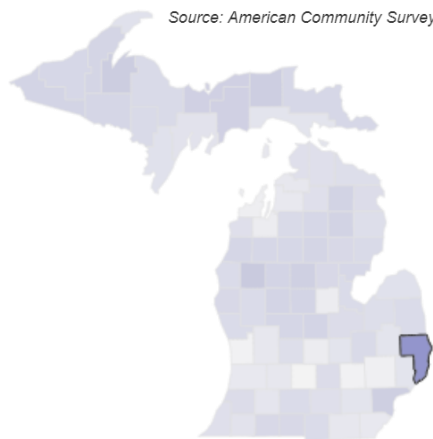
11% < high school diploma

9% unemployed

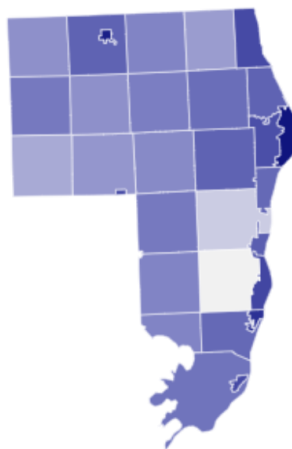
23.2% rental housing

2-1-1 Direct Contacts: 2,528 » 14.6% Increase over 2017 Direct Contacts

Source: American Community Survey, 2017, and the ALICE Threshold, 2017.



Below ALICE Threshold
30% 61%



Below ALICE Threshold
19% 60%

What is ALICE?

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

The ALICE Threshold categorizes households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level and still struggle to manage their most basic needs: shelter, food, transportation, health care, child care, and necessary technology.

When funds run short, ALICE households are forced to make impossible choices, such as deciding between quality child care or paying the rent, filling a prescription or fixing the car.

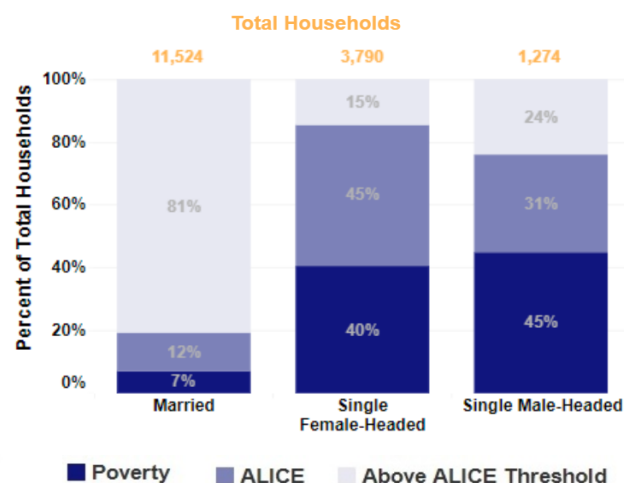
Youth

How many families with children are struggling?

Children add significant expense to a family budget, so it is not surprising that many families with children live below the ALICE Threshold. Though more families are headed by married parents, those families with a single parent are more likely to have income below the ALICE Threshold.

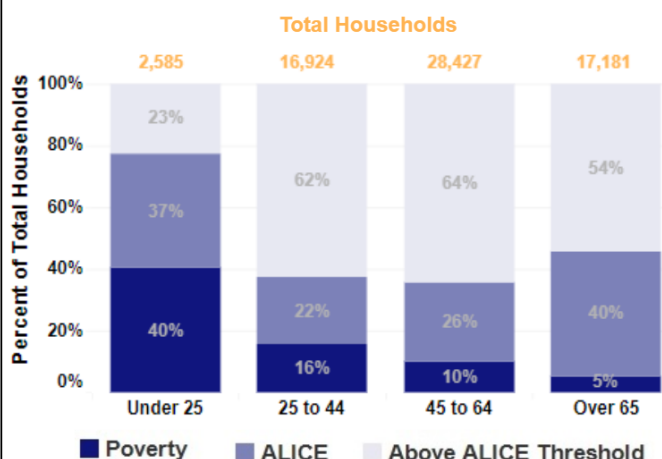
6,380 Total Families with Children living in or below ALICE Threshold

Families with Children - St. Clair, Michigan, 2017



Source: American Community Survey, 2017, and the ALICE Threshold, 2017.

Households by Age - St. Clair, Michigan, 2017



Source: American Community Survey, 2017, and the ALICE Threshold, 2017.

What are the differences in ALICE households by age?

There are ALICE households in every age bracket. The youngest group (people under 25) is more likely to be in poverty, and both the youngest and the oldest (people 65 and older) are more likely to be ALICE.

Young Adults

1,991 Young Adult Households living in or below ALICE Threshold