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ALICE IN OCEANA COUNTY

Oceana County, 2012

Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Benona Township	549	41%
Claybanks Township	315	27%
Colfax Township	141	40%
Crystal Township	271	54%
Elbridge Township	386	52%
Ferry Township	484	30%
Golden Township	670	39%
Grant Township	1,027	44%
Greenwood Township	419	44%
Hart City	678	54%
Hart Township	747	35%
Leavitt Township	276	44%
Newfield Township	901	32%
Otto Township	257	41%
Pentwater Township	604	23%
Shelby Township	1,436	41%
Weare Township	493	36%

Population: 26,426 | **Number of Households:** 9,466
Median Household Income: \$38,289 (state average: \$46,859)
Unemployment Rate: 11.3% (state average: 9.1%)
Gini Coefficient (zero = equality; one = inequality): 0.42 (state average: 0.46)

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
1,589 HH 17%	2,310 HH 24%		5,567 HH 59%

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
fair (56)

Community Support
poor (41)

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, Oceana County

	SINGLE ADULT	FAMILY (INFANT AND PRE-K)
Housing	\$423	\$584
Child care	\$-	\$916
Food	\$196	\$592
Transportation	\$341	\$681
Health care	\$130	\$518
Miscellaneous	\$121	\$348
Taxes	\$126	\$192
Monthly total	\$1,336	\$3,832
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$16,033	\$45,983
Hourly wage	\$8.02	\$22.99

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, 3 year estimate.

NOTE: Municipal-level data may not match county-level data; municipal-level data often relies on 3- and 5-year averages, is not available for the smallest towns that don't report income, and may overlap with Census Designated Places (CDP).