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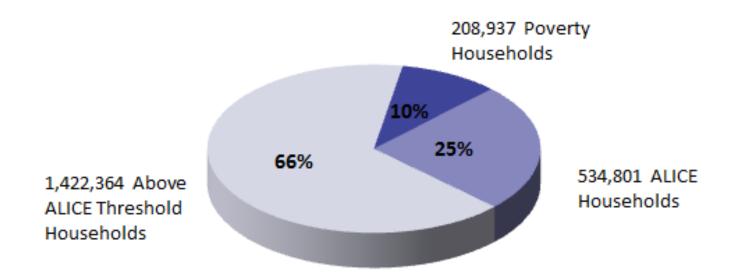




#### Who is ALICE?

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Households by Income, Maryland, 2014

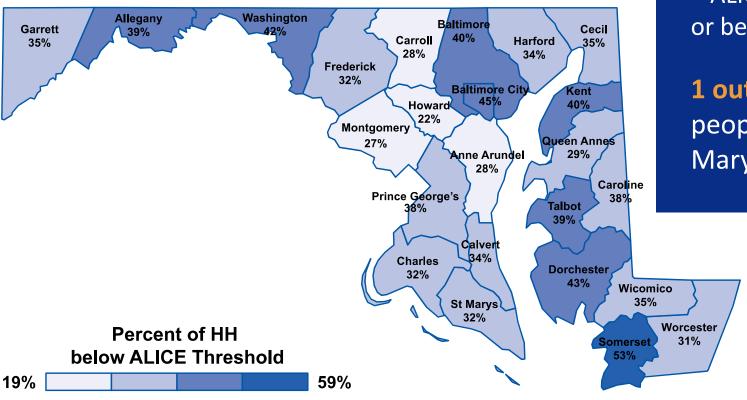


In Maryland, 35% of Household have income below the ALICE Threshold

Source: American Community Survey, 2014, and the ALICE Threshold, 2014



# Percent of Households below the ALICE Threshold by County, Maryland, 2014



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## 743,738 Households

ALICE threshold or below

1 out of every 3 people in Maryland

#### ALICE IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY

2014 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 110,382 | Number of Households: 39,179 Median Household Income: \$86,417 (state average: \$73,971)

Unemployment Rate: 5.3% (state average: 7.2%)

Gini Coefficient (zero = equality; one = inequality): 0.41 (state average: 0.45)

#### How many households are struggling?

ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, are households that earn more than the U.S. poverty level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold, or AT). Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.



#### 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 (worse) to 100 (better).

Housing Affordability good (60)

Job Opportunities fair (48)

Community Resources fair (54)

#### 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 level of \$11,670 for a single adult and \$23,850 for a family of four.

Household Survival Budget, St. Mary's County		
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Child Care	\$-	\$1,299
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Transportation	\$445	\$889
Health Care	\$152	\$607
Miscellaneous	\$192	\$520
Taxes	\$304	\$578
Monthly Total	\$2,114	\$5,721
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$25,368	\$68,652
Hourly Wage	\$12.68	\$34.33

Source: American Community Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), U.S. Census, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Comptroller of Naryland, and Maryland Family Network, 2014.

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Mechanicsville	594	33%		
Piney Point	335	44%		

Note: I/funicipal-level data on this page is for Census places. Totals will not match county-level data; municipal-level data often relies on 6-year averages and is not available for the smallest towns that do not report Income.

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## **Household Survival Budget**

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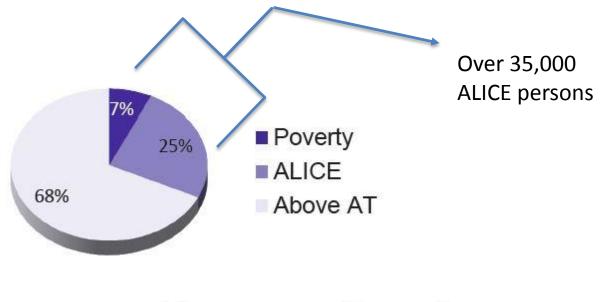
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FPL = \$11,490 single adult - and \$23,550 family Maryland minimum wage: \$8.75/hr = \$17,500

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#### **Dashboard**



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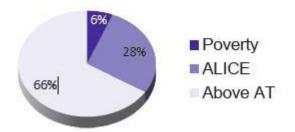
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Housing	\$1,176	\$1,469
Child Care	\$-	\$1,373
Food	\$202	\$612
Transportation	\$445	\$889
Health Care	\$152	\$607
Miscellaneous	\$239	\$563
Taxes	\$414	\$677
Monthly Total	\$2,628	\$6,190
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$31,536	\$74,280
Hourly Wage	\$15.77	\$37.14

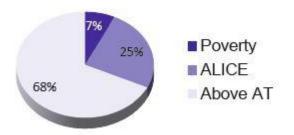
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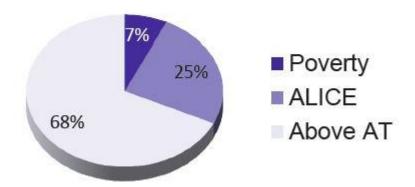
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Community Resources good (61)

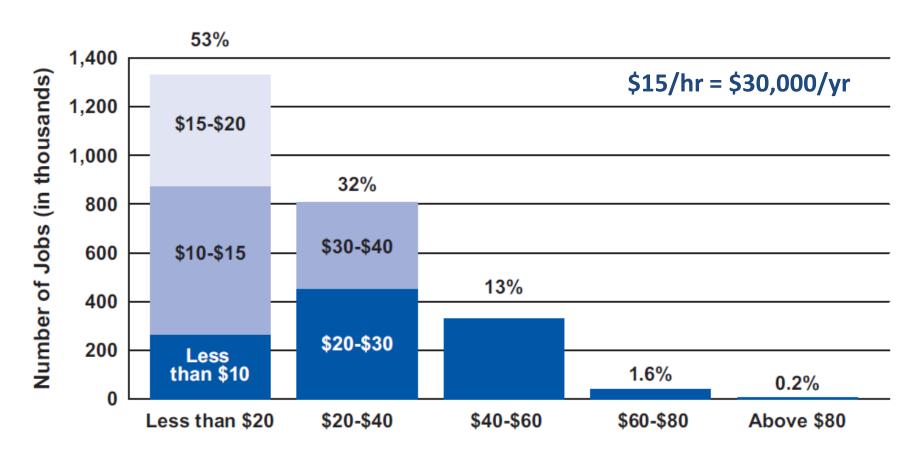
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## **Housing Affordability**

- Lowest score in the state
- Affected by three variables
  - Affordable Housing Gap
    - Difference between total # of available renter/owner unites and # of those units that ALICE families can afford while spending less than 33.3% of income
  - Housing Burden Indicator
    - # of people spending more than 30% of income on housing
  - Real Estate Taxes Indicator
- Charles County was not the worst in any individual category but still had the lowest cumulative score across all three

## What do wages pay?



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014





## Occupations by employment and wage, 2014

<b>Occupation</b>	Number of Jobs	Median Hourly Wage
Cashiers	78,110	\$9.06
Retail Salespersons	71,720	\$10.12
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	61,670	\$18.01
Registered Nurses	47,790	\$34.30
General and Operations Managers	47,410	\$54.54
Food Prep, Including Fast Food	46,060	\$8.72
Customer Service Representatives	44,070	\$16.03
Janitors and Cleaners	43,400	\$11.24
Waiters and Waitresses	42,440	\$8.83
Office Clerks, General	41,440	\$14.41
Laborers and Material Movers, Hand	37,050	\$11.91
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	36,670	\$10.72
First-Line Supervisors of Administrative Support Workers	33,210	\$26.92
Security Guards	29,630	\$13.83
Elementary School Teachers	26,940	\$30.56
Nursing Assistants	26,520	\$13.25
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	26,350	\$19.58
Business Operations Specialists	26,210	\$38.34
Accountants and Auditors	25,900	\$34.59
Bookkeeping and Auditing Clerks	24,400	\$20.29

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Wage Survey - All Industries Combined, 2014.

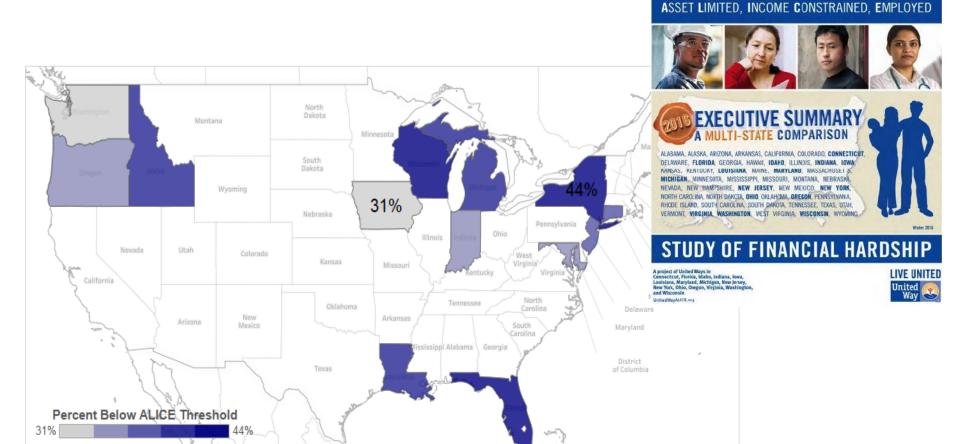






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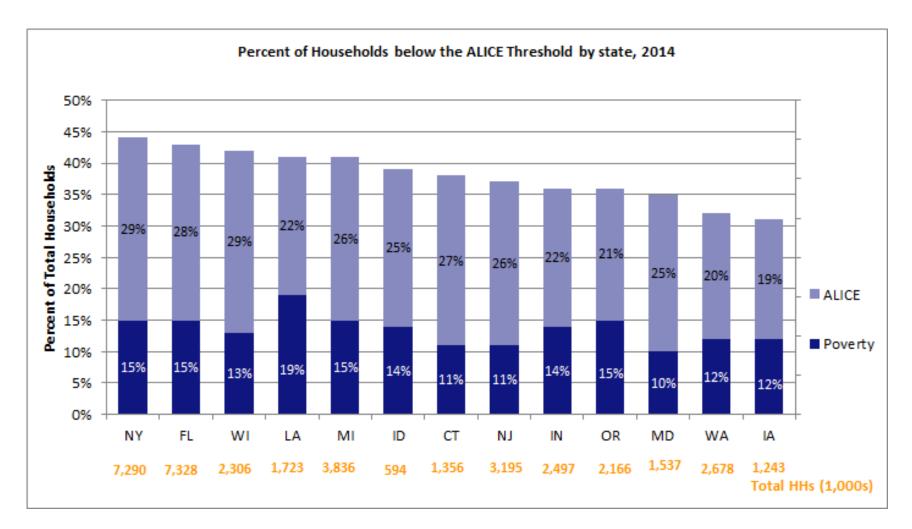
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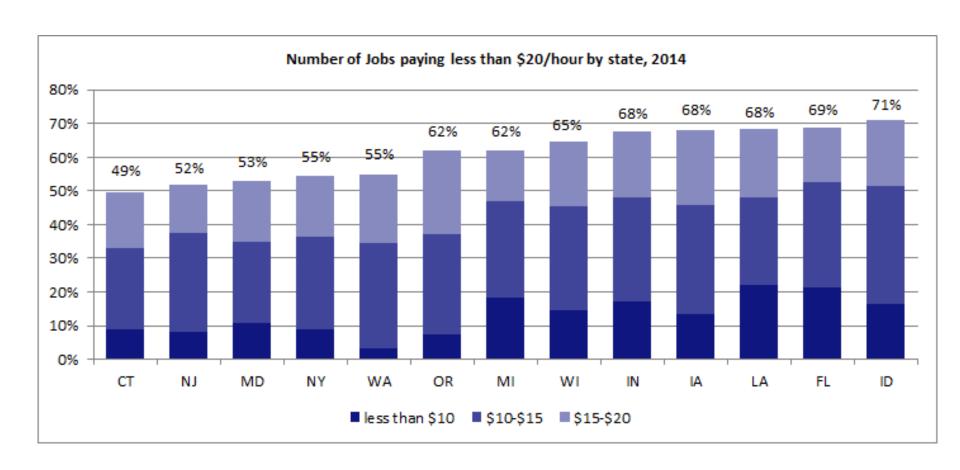
## **How does Maryland compare nationally?**







## Low-paying jobs pervasive across the country.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014









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Questions?

