

2,710,614
Children

CHILDREN

BELOW THE ALICE THRESHOLD

This data highlights children who are below the ALICE Threshold and living in families that are either in poverty or are **ALICE®** (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). Typically undercounted and overlooked, ALICE lives paycheck to paycheck – earning above the poverty level, but less than the cost of household basics.



43%
Below the ALICE Threshold

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BY RACE/ETHNICITY

- White 30%
- Asian 31%
- Hispanic 56%
- Black 67%
- American Indian and Alaska Native 47%

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE



STRUGGLES OF CHILDREN BELOW THE ALICE THRESHOLD

53% NOT IN PRESCHOOL*

24% NO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

4% NO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

53% NO SNAP

*Preschool-age children only

Source: ALICE in Focus: Children, September 2024

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