

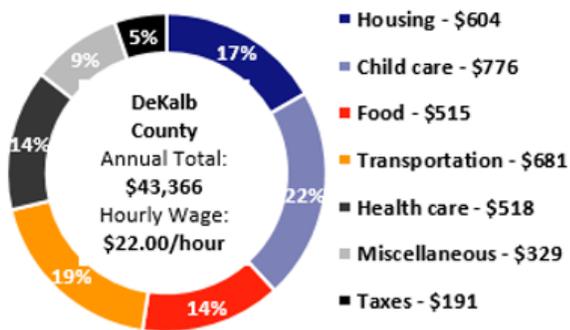
Basic Survival Is Out of Many DeKalb County Residents' Grasp

April 2014—March 2015 Community Report

According to the Fall 2014 *Indiana ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report*, “**37 percent of [Indiana] households struggle to afford the basic necessities of housing, child care, food, health care, and transportation.**” This includes Hoosiers with income below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) as well as those with income above the FPL, but below the *ALICE Threshold*. “The ALICE Threshold determines how many households are struggling in a county based upon the *Household Survival Budget*.” This budget does not include any kind of savings, which means that one unexpected expense (such as an illness or car repair) can send a household into a financial tailspin.

Based on data from the report, **5,599 DeKalb County households are in this situation on a daily basis.**

Monthly Household Survival Budget - Family of 4 (2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler)



34%

of DeKalb County households are

below the Household Survival Budget

Above ALICE -
10,744 HH,
66%

ALICE - 3,411
HH, 21%

Poverty - 2,188 HH, 13%

Data from 2-1-1 reveal the struggles faced by DeKalb County residents. 2-1-1 is available 24/7/365 by phone or online. From April 2014—March 2015, **1,042 residents called 2-1-1 for help**. Callers reported **1,609 needs** and received **2,060 referrals** to community resources. Another **459 searched for resources online** database at www.MyUnitedWay2-1-1.org.

Most of those calling and searching online were struggling to meet basic needs.

Top 5 Needs

1. Housing - 19%
2. Utilities - 16%
3. Health - 11%
4. Income Support Asst. - 10%
5. Legal - 8%

Top 5 Unmet Needs

1. Housing - 31%
2. Utilities - 14%
3. Food - 11%
4. Income Support Asst. - 10%
5. Health - 8%

These needs were often symptoms of underlying situations faced by DeKalb County residents.

Illness/Disability - 28%

Unemployed/Laid-Off - 27%

Uninsured/Underinsured - 13%

For more information on needs or resources for DeKalb County residents, call 2-1-1 or visit www.MyUnitedWay2-1-1.org.