



# ALICE in Focus: People With Disabilities, Montcalm-Ionia Counties



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# Who is ALICE?

Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed



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# Overlooked and Underserved

19% (265,000)

people with disabilities in poverty

28%

(389,000)

people with disabilities who are **ALICE**



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# At Risk of Financial Instability

Having a disability has a substantial impact on financial status – more than many other variables.



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# Hardship's Disproportionate Impact

AMONG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

29% of residents  
with Two or More  
Races



62% of Hispanic  
residents



52% of White  
residents



...were living in financially insecure households



# Home Sweet Home?

AMONG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

96% who own a home & 95% who rent  
are cost burdened

Cost Burdened, spending at least 35%  
of their income on their housing



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# The Challenges of Employment

Jobs are often out of reach for people with disabilities, but even if working full time...

**37%** of workers with disabilities were still below the ALICE Threshold pre-pandemic.



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# Education and Hardship

52%

people age 25+ with disabilities with only a high school diploma

unable to afford basics pre-pandemic

VS.

31%

their peers without disabilities





# Assistance Out of Reach

AMONG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
IN FINANCIAL NEED

24,243

did not  
receive  
SSI

20,871

did not  
participate in  
SNAP



# Assistance Out of Reach

AMONG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
UNDER AGE 65 AND IN FINANCIAL NEED

**80%**  
did not receive  
Medicare  
or Medicaid



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# COVID-19 and Mental Health

People with disabilities below the ALICE Threshold were **40%** more likely to feel anxious during the pandemic than people without disabilities.



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# Data For Action

- Visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Focus-Disabilities](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Focus-Disabilities) to dig deeper into the data.
- Share and encourage the use of this data to create change.
- Be an ally.
- Advocate for more accurate data collection.





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## Check out our Website!

- Learn more about ALICE in Focus
- Try to Make Ends Meet by taking the ALICE Simulator
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Donate



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