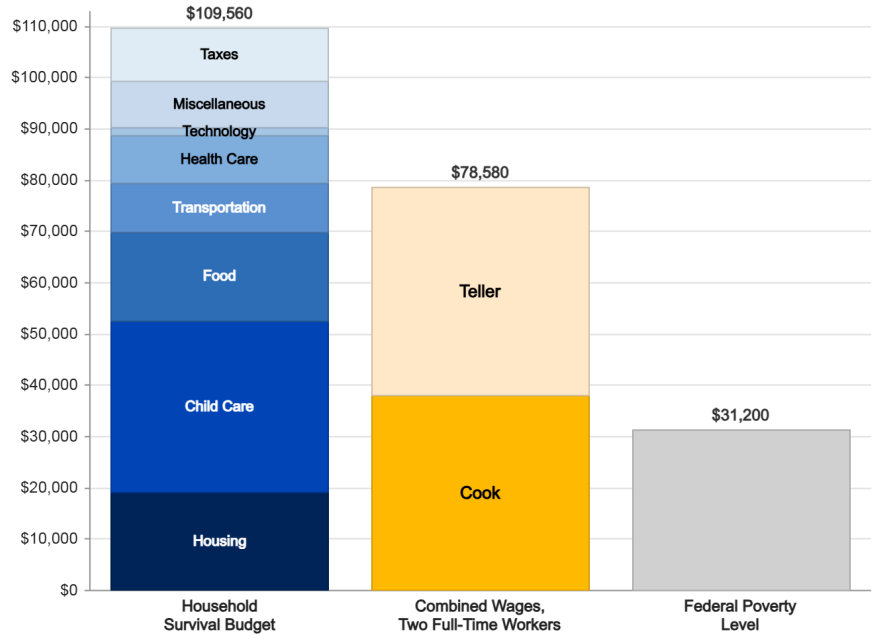
# Go Ask ALICE for a More Complete Understanding of Economic Hardship

Those meeting the federal definition of poverty account for a fraction of households experiencing financial hardship. Despite working hard at meaningful or available jobs, people just don't make enough to cover basic survival costs, much less get ahead. Outdated federal poverty metrics grossly understate the economic hardship that so many households contend with. Artificially low numbers don't make the problem go away.

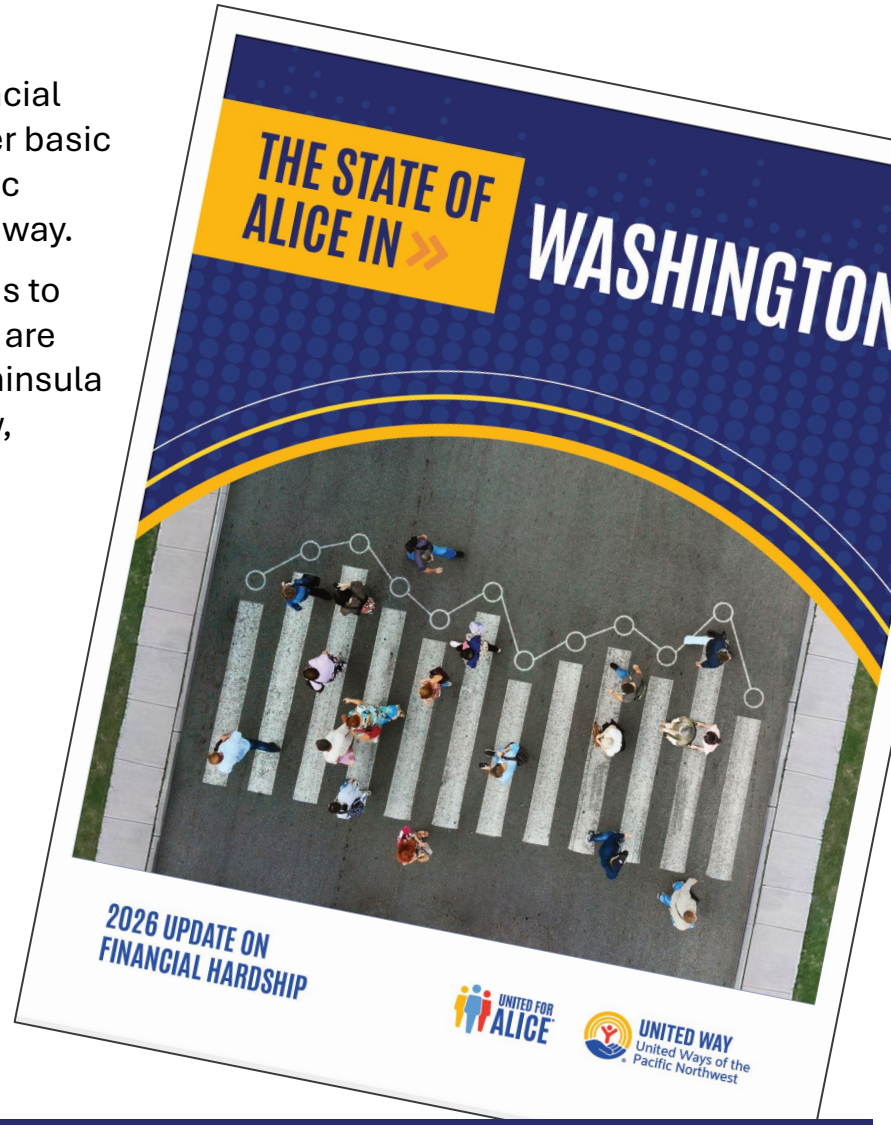
The United Way's ALICE datasets looks at **Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed** households to create a more realistic picture of economic need and vulnerability. Monthly living expenses and wages are analyzed at the county and zip code level. This packet includes a few snapshots of the four-county Peninsula region. But just like economic conditions in this region differ from the Washington state average, below, economic conditions vary from county to county.

**Household Survival Budget Costs Exceeded Wages of Common Jobs and the FPL, Family of Four, Washington, 2024**




*Note: Cooks season and prepare foods in restaurants and other establishments. Tellers process routine transactions, such as cashing checks and depositing money, at a bank or credit union.*

*Sources: ALICE Household Survival Budget, 2024; Bureau of Labor Statistics—Occupational Employment Statistics, 2024; U.S. Census Bureau, Federal Poverty Measure, 2024*

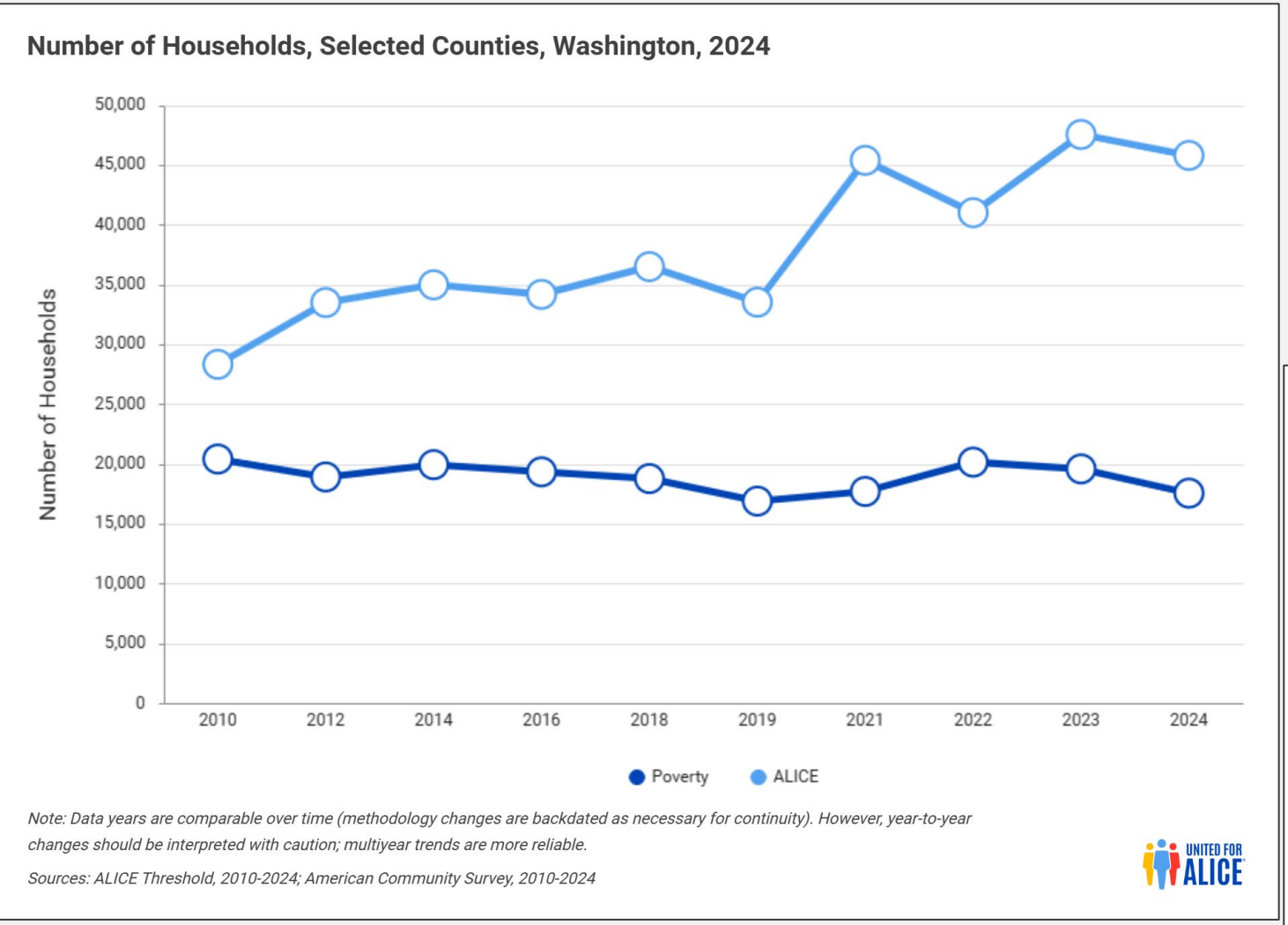


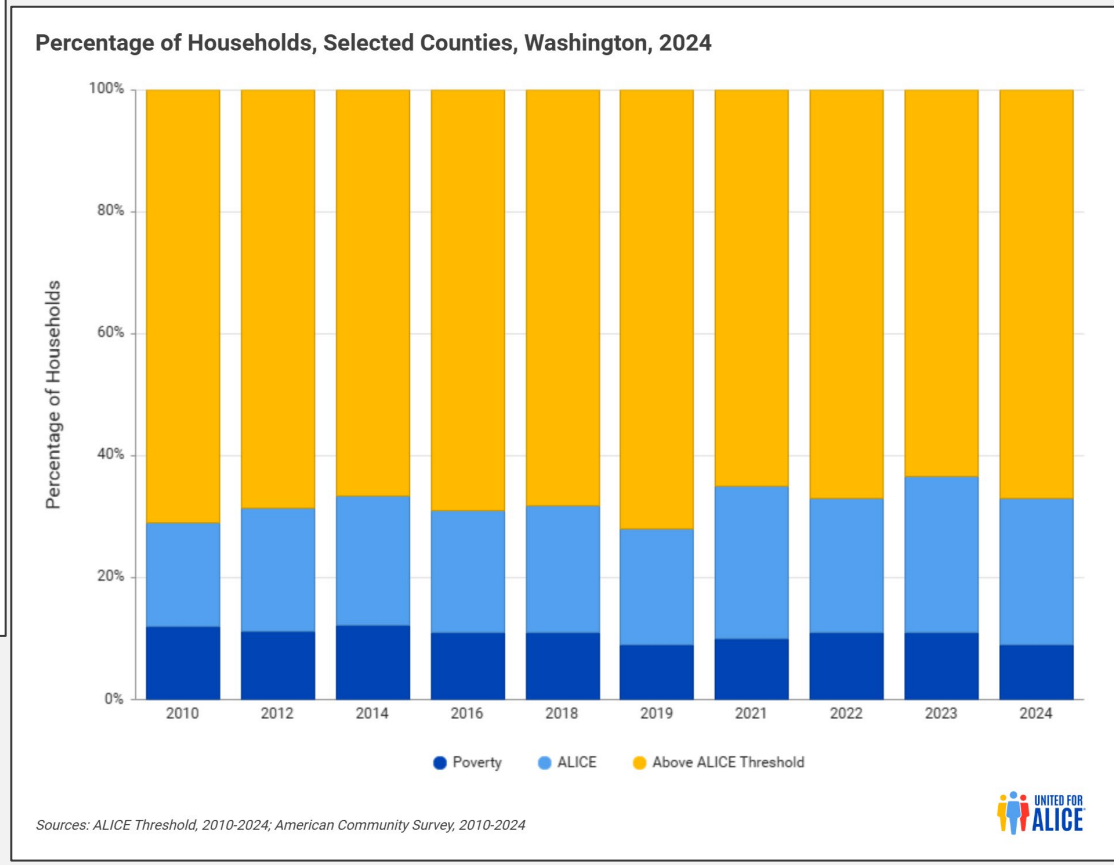

For more information on ALICE and access to a comprehensive set of interactive tools and data sets at the county and zip code level, visit:

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# ALICE Data for Peninsula Region – Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason Combined Household Income

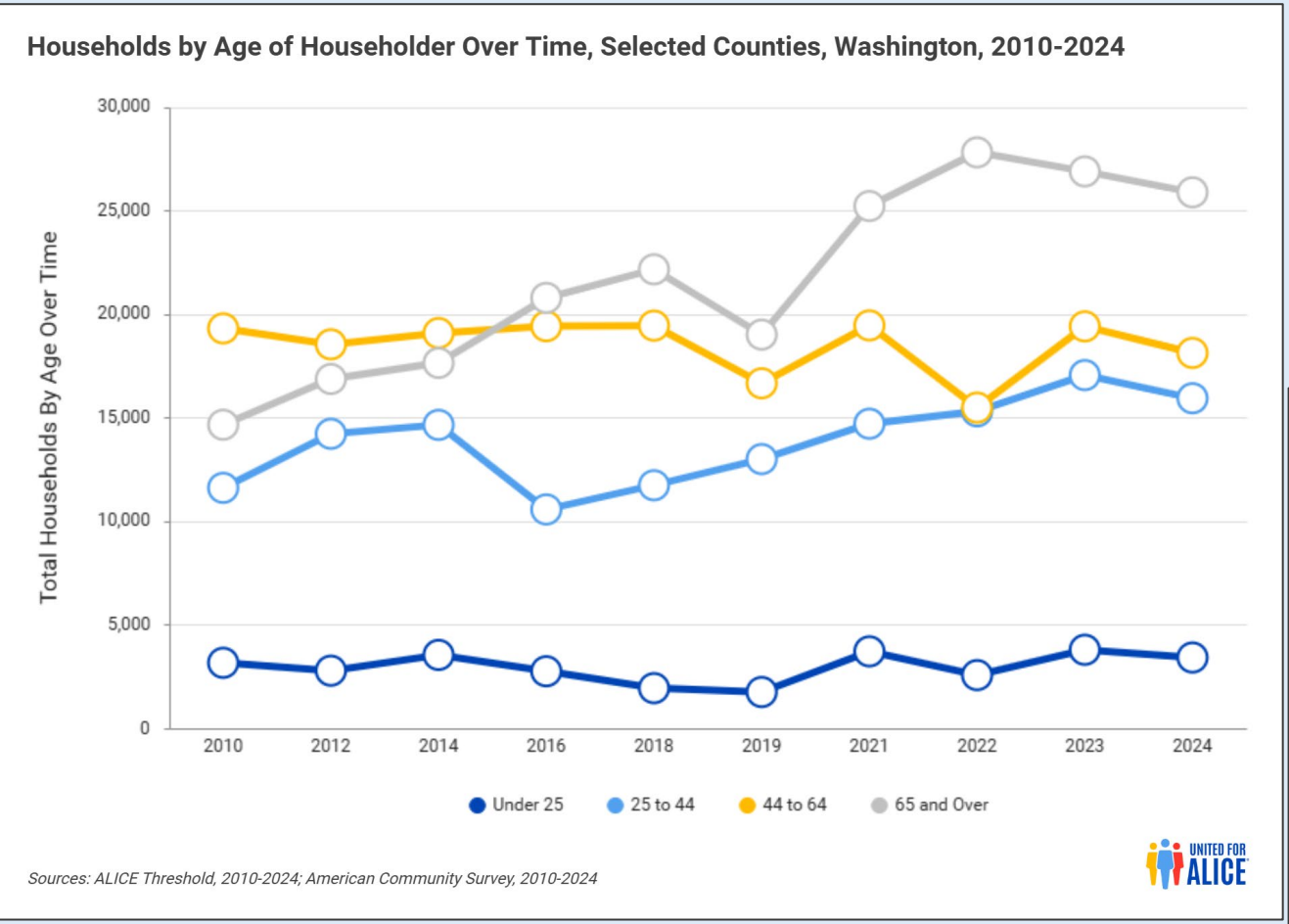
Poverty levels are so low that the number of households considered to be living in poverty don't change much over time. They account for less than half the households without enough income to make ends meet.

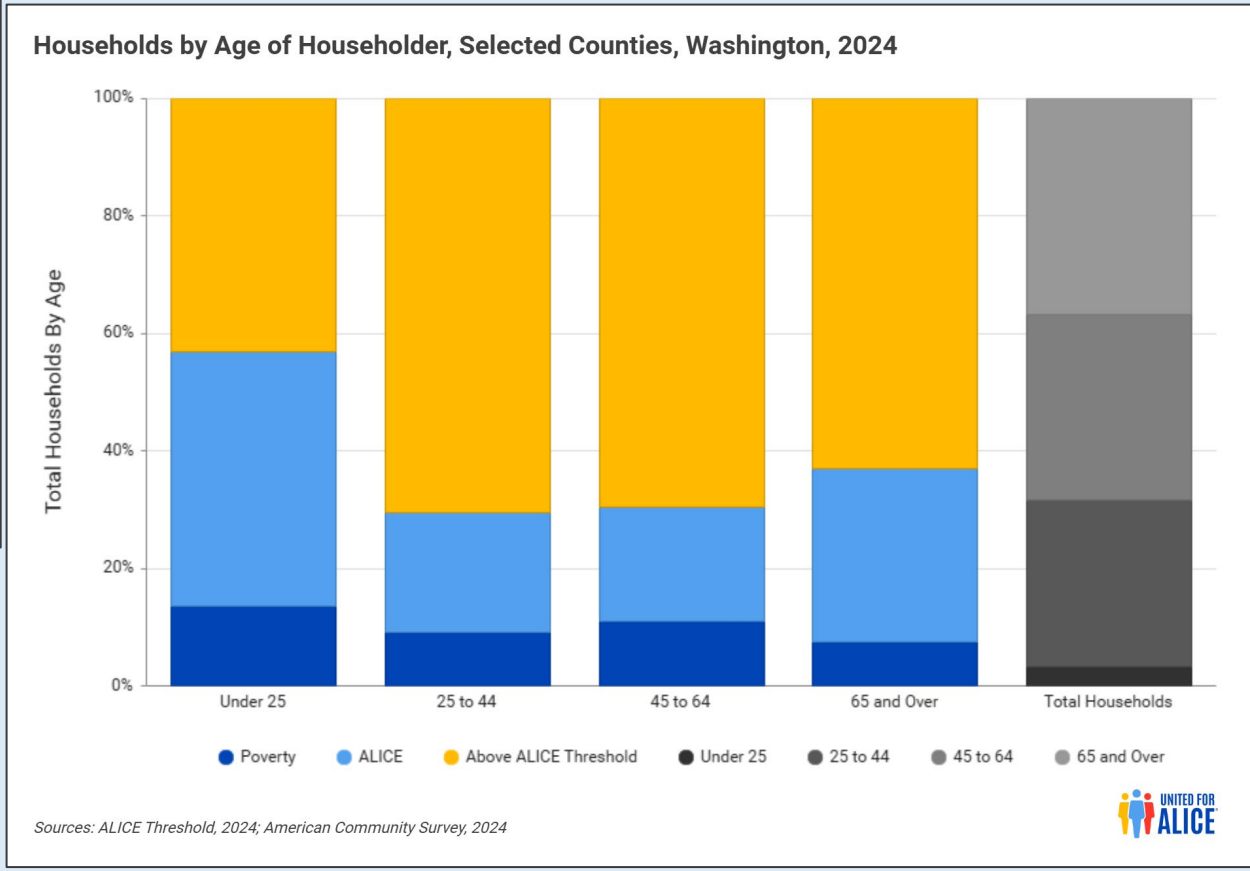


# ALICE Data for Peninsula Region – Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason Combined
# Household Income by Age of Householder

Households headed by someone under the age of 25 account for the majority those considered to be in poverty. Yet that is only a quarter of young person households struggling to get by. Less than half of young person households earn more than the "survival budget" ALICE estimates is needed to get by.

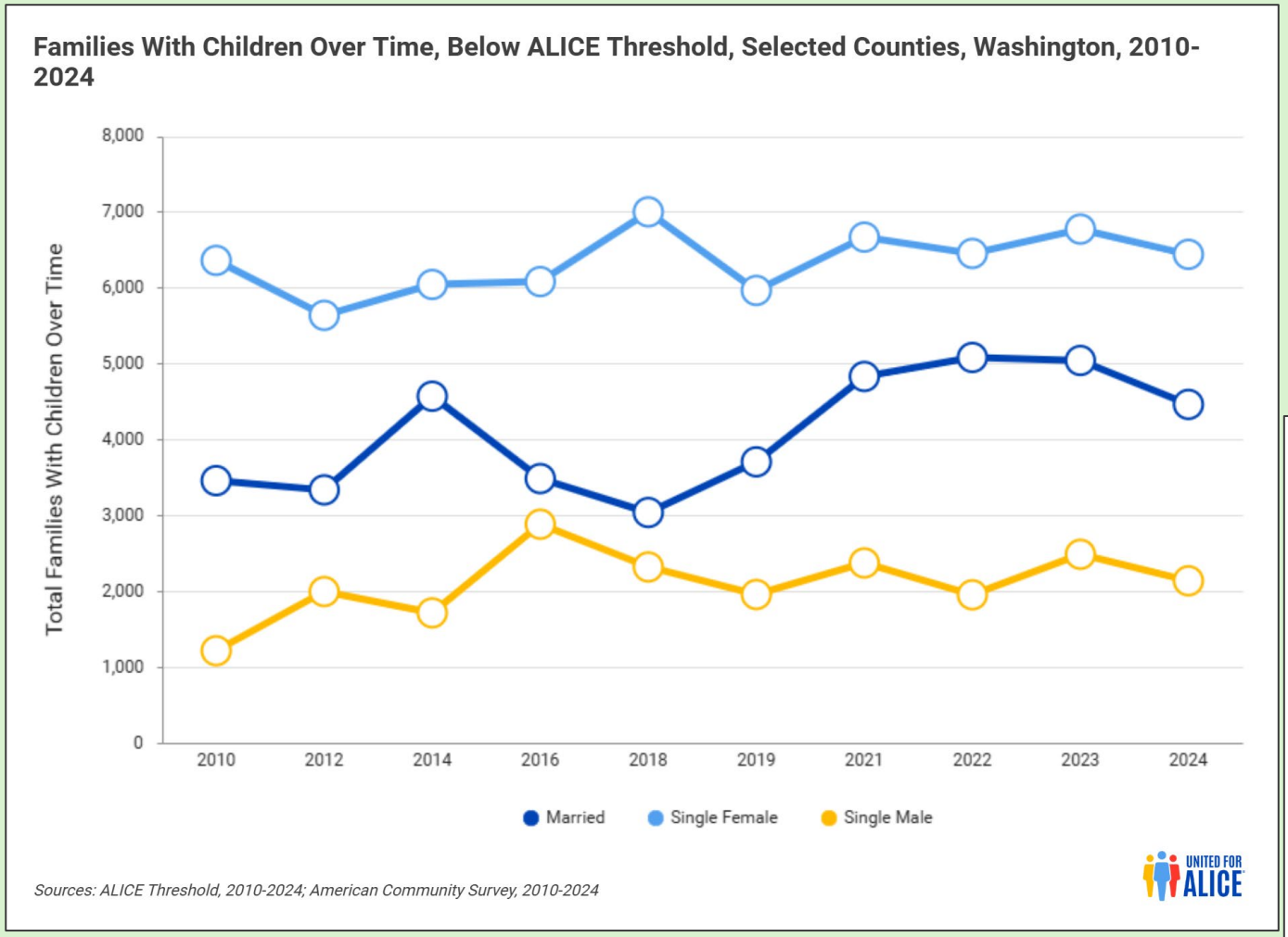


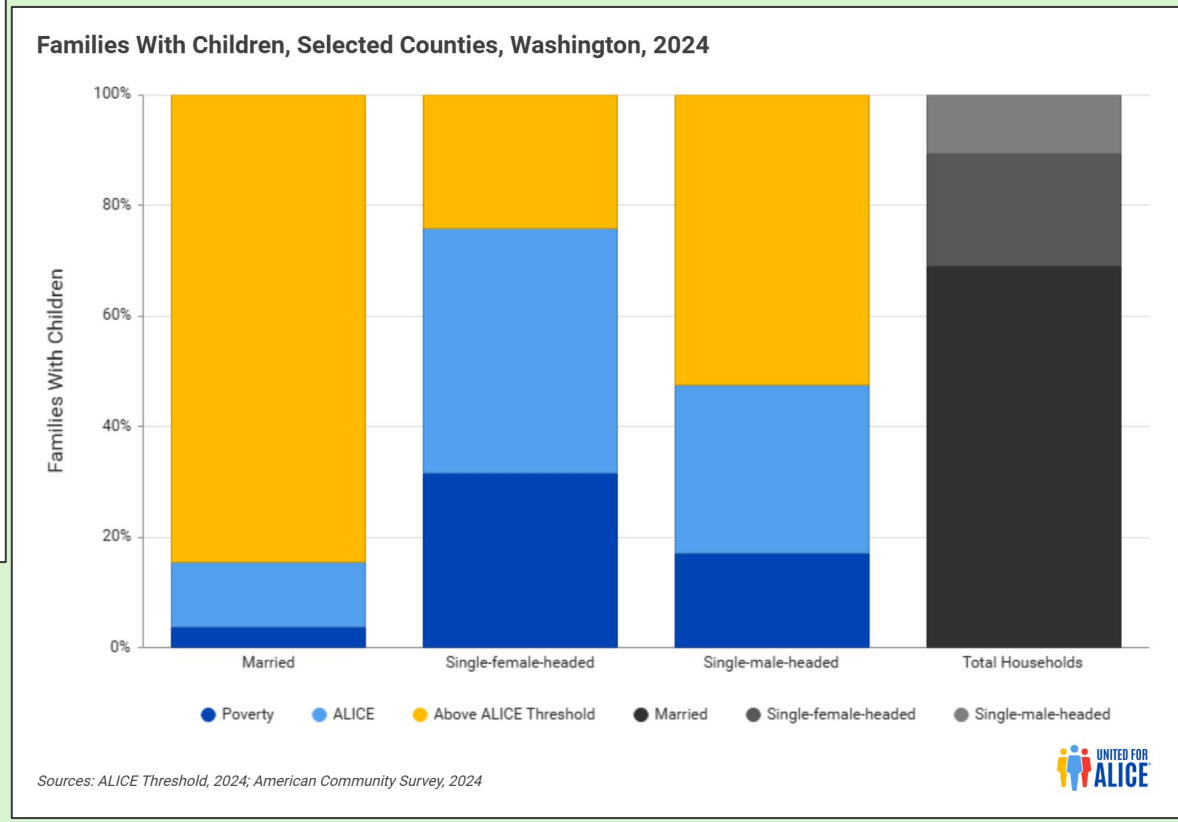



# ALICE Data for Peninsula Region – Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason Combined

## Income by Families with Children

Single parent households have the hardest time making ends meet, with over 70 percent of those headed by a female earning less than what is needed to make ends meet. For households with young children, childcare is the second biggest cost after housing.



# ALICE Data for Peninsula Region – Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason Combined Estimated Survival Budget

Household expenses will vary by household size and the presence and age of children, as illustrated by these two ALICE survival budgets – one for two adults and the other for two adults and two children. Note the average hourly wage needed to earn enough to make ends meet.

Washington

Washington

COUNTY

Clallam × Jefferson × Kitsap × Mason ×

ADULTS (AGE 18–64) (Max 6 over age 18)

2

ADULTS (AGE 65+)

0

INFANTS (AGE 0–2) (Max 6 under age 18)

0

PRESCHOOLERS (AGE 3–4)

0

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN (AGE 5–17)

0

**ALICE Household Survival Budget Calculator, Selected Counties, Washington, 2024**

| Categories | Monthly Costs |
|---|---|
| Housing | $1,273 |
| Child Care | $0 |
| Food | $993 |
| Transportation | $472 |
| Health Care | $424 |
| Technology | $129 |
| Miscellaneous | $329 |
| Taxes | $395 |
| Monthly Total | $4,015 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | $48,180 |
| Hourly Wage | $24.09 |

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ADULTS (AGE 18–64) (Max 6 over age 18)

2

ADULTS (AGE 65+)

0

INFANTS (AGE 0–2) (Max 6 under age 18)

0

PRESCHOOLERS (AGE 3–4)

1

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN (AGE 5–17)

1

**ALICE Household Survival Budget Calculator, Selected Counties, Washington, 2024**

| Categories | Monthly Costs |
|---|---|
| Housing | $1,592 |
| Child Care | $1,772 |
| Food | $1,579 |
| Transportation | $704 |
| Health Care | $778 |
| Technology | $129 |
| Miscellaneous | $655 |
| Taxes | $653 |
| Monthly Total | $7,862 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | $94,344 |
| Hourly Wage | $47.17 |