



ALICE STILL IN THE CROSSCURRENTS

One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

In Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties, 48% of households live paycheck to paycheck. This includes nearly 53,000 in poverty and another 140,000 who are **ALICE** – Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – earning above poverty but less than the cost of basics.

While wages are growing, three other factors – inflation, loss of pandemic supports and a decade of falling behind – combined to keep ALICE trapped.

	STABLE	ALICE	POVERTY
POLK	52%	33%	15%
HIGHLANDS	50%	33%	17%
HARDEE	42%	30%	28%

This data is based on the 2022 ALICE in the Crosscurrents report.

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I need to get our car fixed but

I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY.

I have to choose between paying a bill or having reliable transportation.

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Our Mission

TO INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITY TO GIVE, ADVOCATE AND VOLUNTEER
BY IDENTIFYING NEEDS AND MOBILIZING VETTED RESOURCES TO
CREATE POSITIVE, LOCAL CHANGE.