

# FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN YOUR DISTRICT

## SOUTH CAROLINA Congressional District 1

In Congressional District 1, there were 102,953 households that already couldn't afford the basics before COVID hit. These families fall **below the ALICE Threshold**, which includes those in poverty and **ALICE® (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)**. Struggling yet hidden in plain sight, ALICE earns above the poverty level, but less than the cost of household basics.

The figures below break down the data on financial hardship in your backyard.



**37%** of all households  
earn below  
the **ALICE Threshold**

**1 in 3**

There are **3 times** more **ALICE**  
households than those in poverty

ALICE  
76,852

**3x**

Poverty  
26,101

\* ALICE is the segment of population that lives above FPL and below the HH Survival Budget

### Few have access to help

Of 278,764 Total Households:



Participating  
in SNAP **6%**

Below ALICE  
Threshold **37%**

### Disparities persist

Households Below The ALICE Threshold

Black **59%**

Hispanic **49%**

White **32%**

*This document relies on 2021 data accessible via the United For ALICE Legislative District Tool. United For ALICE is a grassroots movement representing United Ways, corporations, nonprofits, and foundations across half of the United States, including Trident United Way.*

*Redistricting and the 2020 Census: The district shown in this tool predates any redistricting being conducted following the 2020 Decennial Census.*

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INTO THE DATA**



# UNITED, WE CAN SHOW UP FOR ALICE



Rent or car payment? Medicine or groceries? ALICE is forced to make these impossible choices daily. When ALICE can't pay the bills, we all pay the price. By securing racial and economic equity for ALICE, we can improve life for all in our community. Join us in **turning the data into action**, strengthening the foundation of our community and economy.

## A Blueprint For Change



### Education

- Make the temporary expansions of the Child Tax Credit permanent and we can insulate millions of families with children from financial hardship.
- Increase funding for the Child Development Block Grant Act to improve access to high quality child care for working families.



### Financial Stability

- Increase funding for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to ensure hardworking families can access all pro-work, anti-poverty tax credits through free, high-quality tax preparation and filing services.



### Health

- Pass the HELP Act and scale up the response to our growing mental health crisis by supporting an expansion of the 211 helplines across the country.



### Community Supports

- Expand the Universal Charitable Deduction to allow for a fairer system so that all American taxpayers, regardless of income, can give back to their communities.

*“Jobs require reliable transportation or high Internet speeds. I don’t have either. I literally don’t have enough money to work.”*

— ALICE Survey Respondent