



ALICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

THE DENTAL DIVIDE

Oral health is a window to your overall health. Yet adults in poverty or who are **ALICE®** (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), earning above the poverty level but less than the cost of basics, fall below the ALICE Threshold and are often forced to forgo dental care. This new ALICE data* can spark solutions – and brighter smiles.

*Percentages of adults unless otherwise noted

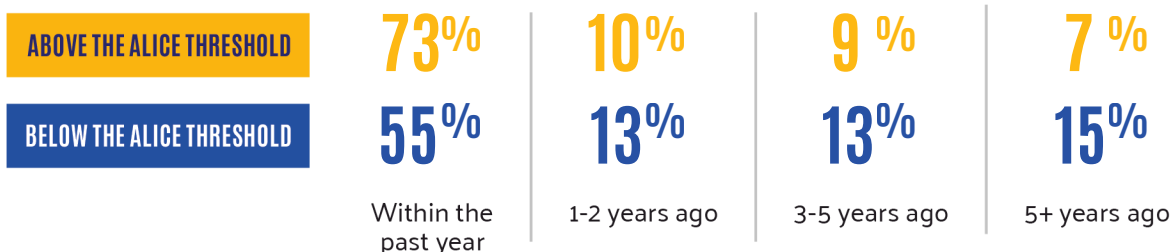
915K

Households

42%

Below the ALICE Threshold

LAST DENTAL VISIT BY INCOME STATUS



ORAL HEALTH CHALLENGES BELOW THE ALICE THRESHOLD

34% COULDN'T AFFORD NEEDED DENTAL CARE OVER THE PAST YEAR**

61% HOUSEHOLDS LACK DENTAL CARE NEARBY

23% LOST 6+ TEETH FROM DECAY/GUM DISEASE



**Across South Carolina

Source: ALICE and the Dental Divide in South Carolina, October 2025

