

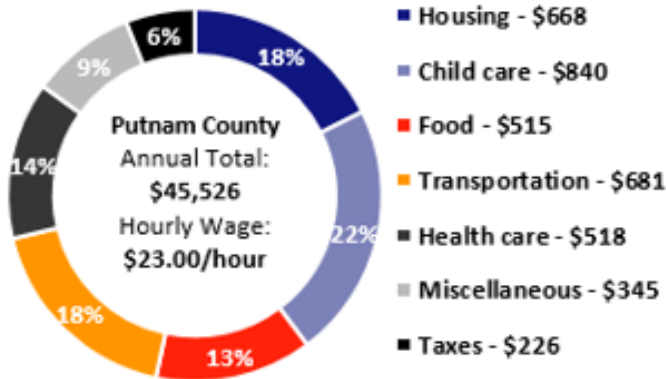
# Basic Survival Is Out of Many Putnam County Residents' Grasp

April 2014—March 2015 Community Report

According to the Fall 2014 *Indiana ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report*, “37 percent of [Indiana] households struggle to afford the basic necessities of housing, child care, food, health care, and transportation.” This includes Hoosiers with income below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) as well as those with income above the FPL, but below the *ALICE Threshold*. “The ALICE Threshold determines how many households are struggling in a county based upon the *Household Survival Budget*.” This budget does not include any kind of savings, which means that one unexpected expense (such as an illness or car repair) can send a household into a financial tailspin.

Based on data from the report, **4,059 Putnam County households are in this situation on a daily basis.**

## Monthly Household Survival Budget - Family of 4 (2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler)



# 33%

of Putnam County households are

**below the Household Survival Budget**

Above ALICE - 8,425 HH, 67%

ALICE - 2,944 HH, 24%

Poverty - 1,115 HH, 9%

Data from 2-1-1 reveal the struggles faced by Putnam County residents. 2-1-1 is available 24/7/365 by phone or online. From April 2014—March 2015, 563 residents called 2-1-1 for help. Callers reported 855 needs and received 988 referrals to community resources. Another 439 searched for resources online database at [www.Connect2Help211.org](http://www.Connect2Help211.org). Most of those calling and searching online were struggling to meet basic needs.

### Top 5 Needs

1. Utilities - 21%
2. Housing - 11%
3. Income Support Asst. - 11%
4. Food - 10%
5. Legal - 9%

### Top 5 Unmet Needs

1. Utilities - 29%
2. Housing - 16%
3. Holiday Assistance - 12%
4. Food - 12%
5. Case Management - 6%

These needs were often symptoms of underlying situations faced by Putnam County residents.

Illness/Disability - 26%

Unemployed/Laid-Off - 16%

Uninsured/Underinsured - 9%