

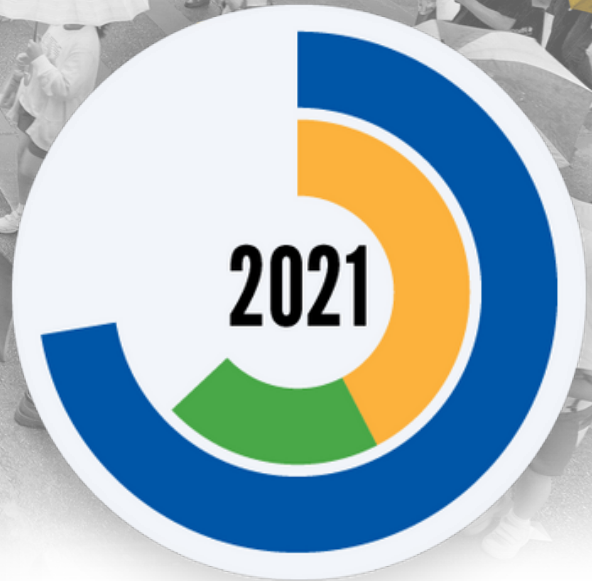
ALICE STILL IN THE CROSSCURRENTS

One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

In Texas, 43% of households lived paycheck to paycheck in 2022. This included nearly 1,492,785 in poverty and another 3,216,075 who were **ALICE** – **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome Constrained, **E**mployed – earning above poverty but less than the cost of basics.

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

-  **Employment Income**
-  **Basic Expenses**
-  **Pandemic Support**



In 2022, a family of four* saw the loss of up to \$15,000 in tax credits and supports that they could access in 2021

*With two adults, an infant and a preschooler



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