Nearly half of Arkansas households are unable to afford the basics — 551,925 families. That’s a 6% increase from 2017 and a 1% increase from 2019 to 2021. This includes households in poverty and families defined as ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed).

**ALICE IS ON THE RISE**

Key findings from the report, ALICE in the Crosscurrents: COVID and Financial Hardship in Arkansas

**ARKANSAS HOUSEHOLDS BY RACE/ETHNICITY BELOW THE ALICE THRESHOLD IN 2021**

- 43% of White households
- 57% of American Indian/Alaska Native households
- 67% of Black households
- 53% of Hispanic/Latine households
- 34% of Asian households

Of Arkansas’ 20 most common occupations in 2021, 65% paid less than $20 per hour.

In 2021, only 19% of ALICE households had emergency savings.

AR has the lowest savings rate in the U.S.—50th in the nation.

In 2022, one in four Arkansans reported an unexpected major medical expense not covered by insurance.

**BE AN ALICE CHAMPION.**

Ease the burden of 3 major budget busters for ALICE:

**HOUSING**

Call for a state housing commission charged with creating a comprehensive housing vision for Arkansas.

**CHILD CARE**

Be a voice for business tax credits to help employees access affordable, quality child care.

**DEBT**

Elevate research highlighting medical debt prevention in Arkansas.

For more information on ALICE and the ALICE Champion effort, visit www.ALICEINAR.org