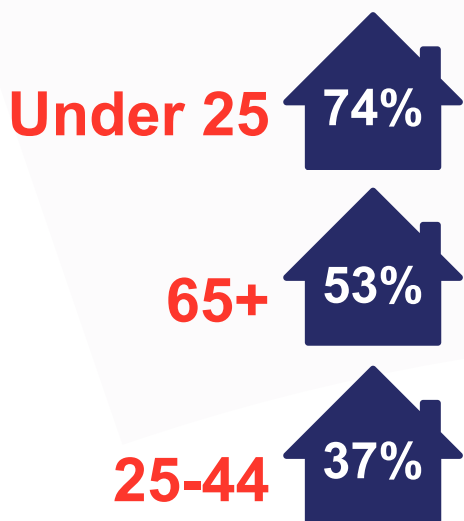


FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY

In the county, there are 234,687 households (43%) that can't afford the basics. These households fall below the ALICE Threshold, which includes households in poverty and ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households. Struggling yet hidden in plain sight, ALICE earns above the poverty level, but less than the cost of basics.



HARDSHIP BY AGE



WHEN WORKING ISN'T ENOUGH

Combined Earnings
Needed to
Afford Basics*



Combined Wage,
Two Full-time
Workers**



*For a family of four with two children in childcare

**Working at the most common jobs in the county

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