

UPWARD MOBILITY Data Walk

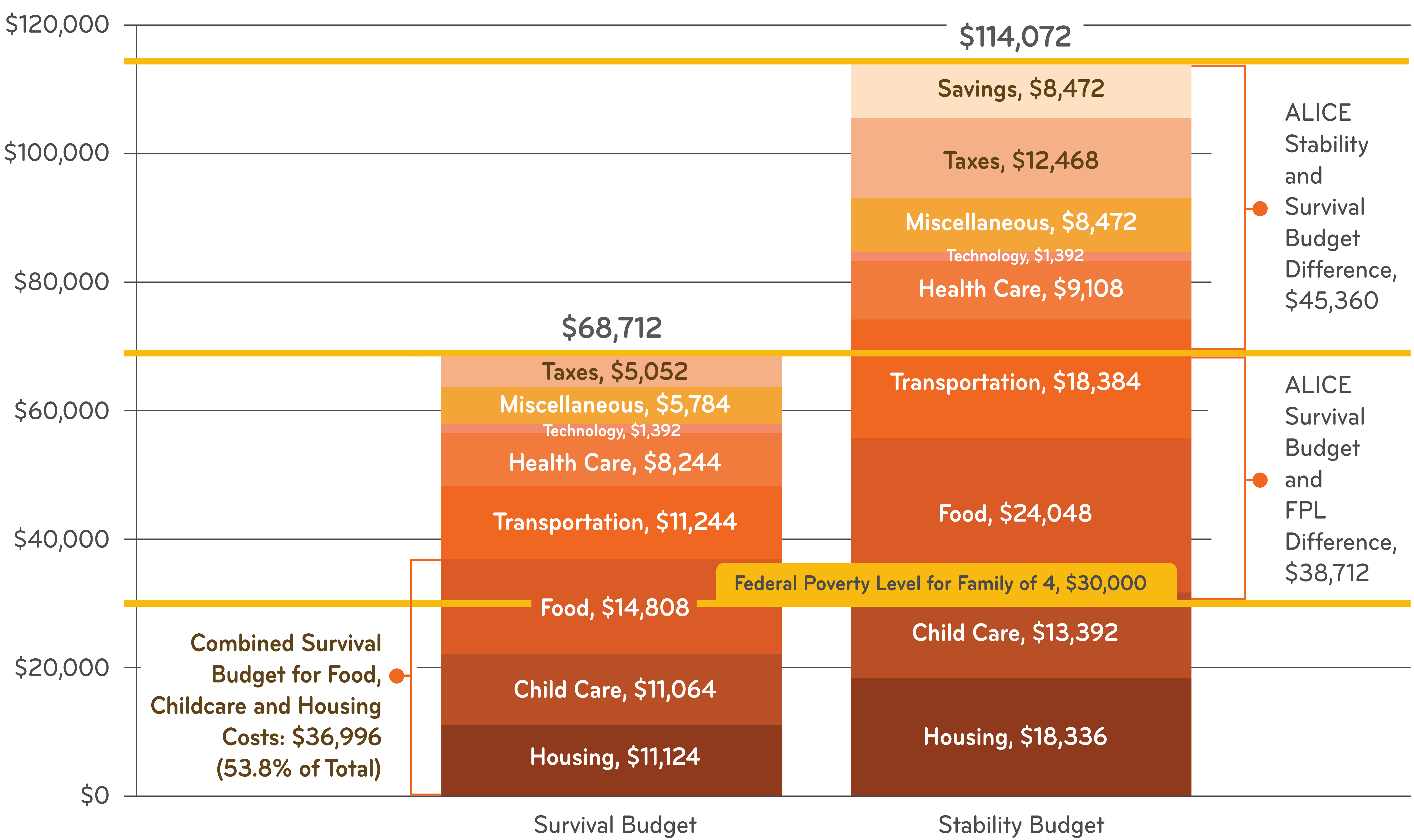


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What this measures:

Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Household Survival Budget and Stability Budget for a Kansas household of two adults and two children in child care (one infant and one preschool-age child). The ALICE Survival Budget estimates the bare minimum cost of household essentials to live and work. The Stability Budget includes additional costs needed for a financially stable household.

Survival and Stability Budgets for a Kansas Family of Two Adults and Two Children in Child Care, 2023



Source: (Figure) Kansas Health Institute analysis of the ALICE Threshold, 2023; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines, 2023; (Narrative) United for Alice Kansas Report, 2025.

About half

(53.8 percent or \$36,996) of the Survival Budget is needed to cover food, child care and housing costs for a family of four with two children in child care.



Four in 10 Kansas households earn less than the ALICE Survival Budget threshold and cannot afford basic needs, such as food, housing and health care. ALICE families may work full-time, earning above the federal poverty level, yet struggle to earn enough income to pay for key expenses such as child care.



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