



ALICE AND THE DENTAL DIVIDE

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Hoopes family history

2026

Hoopes Medical/Dental Lecture

Optimizing Head and Neck Radiation
Outcomes While Reducing Side Effects

Date/Time

February 25, 2026

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Guest Speaker

Thomas P. Sollecito, DMD, FDS, RCSED.

Chair & Professor of Oral Medicine

University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine

Location

John H. Ammon Education Building

Main & Back Auditorium

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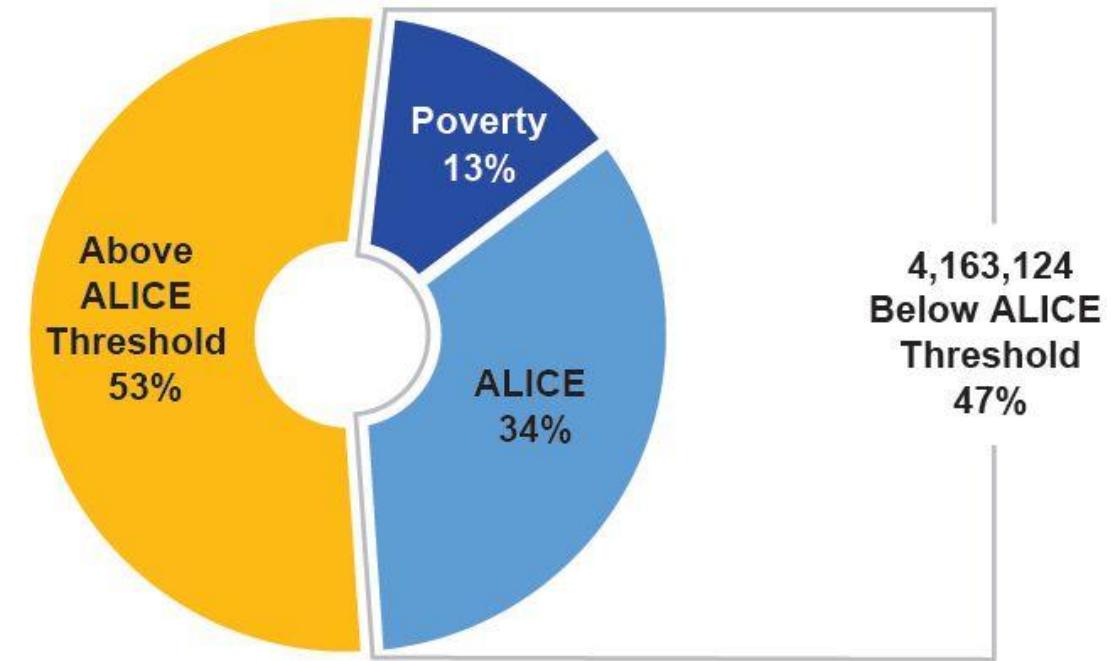
WHO IS ALICE® ?

Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed



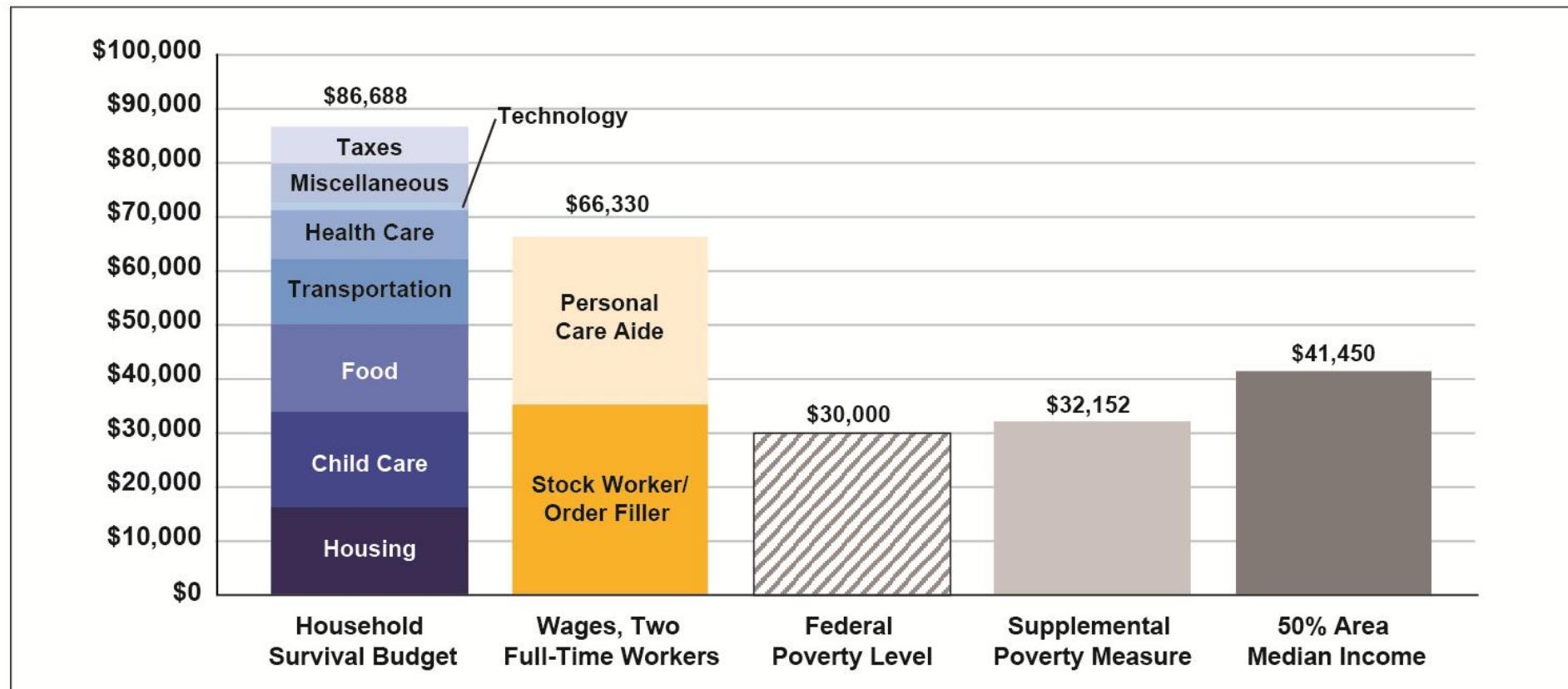
Measuring Financial Hardship

47% of FL
households are
below the ALICE Threshold
(Poverty + ALICE)



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2023; American Community Survey, 2023

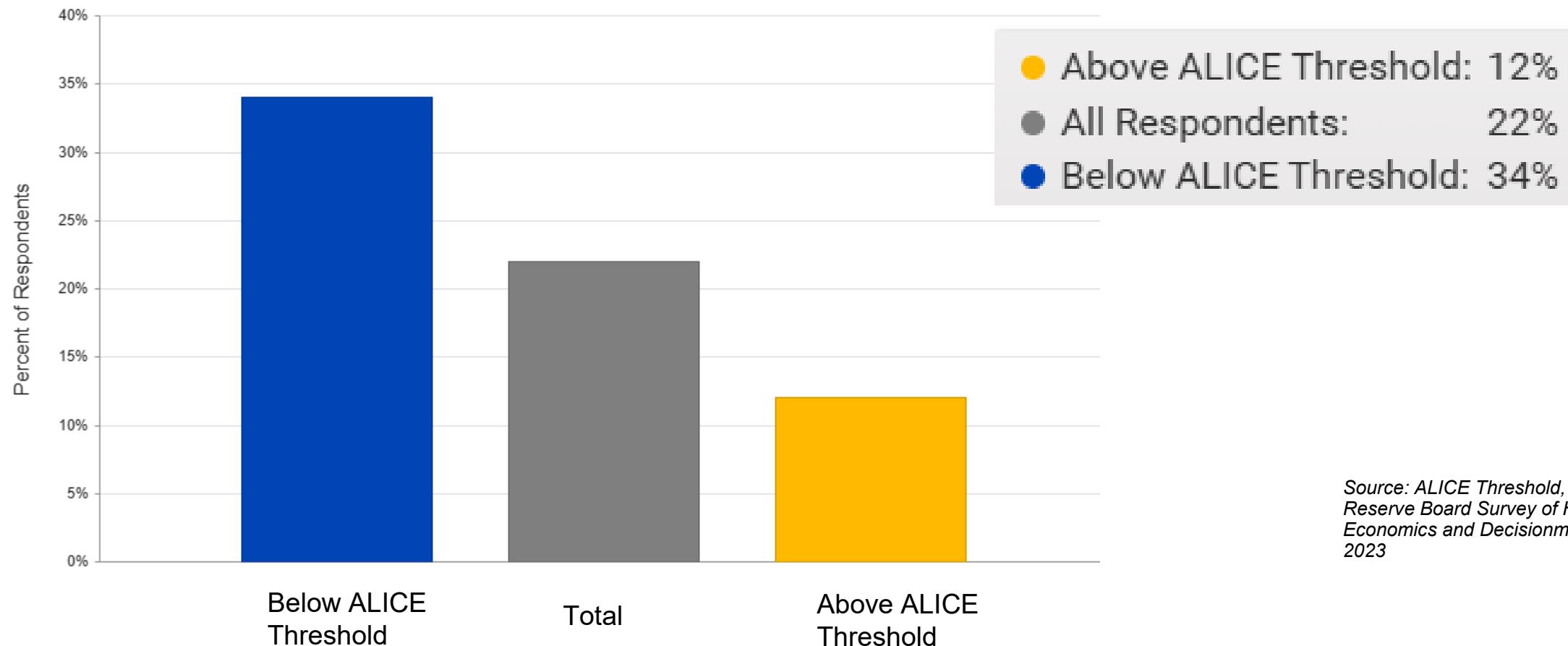
Basic Costs Exceeded Wages



Sources: ALICE Household Survival Budget, 2023; Bureau of Labor Statistics—Occupational Employment Statistics, 2023; U.S. Census Bureau, Supplemental Poverty Measure, 2023; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Area Median Income (State Income Limits), 2023

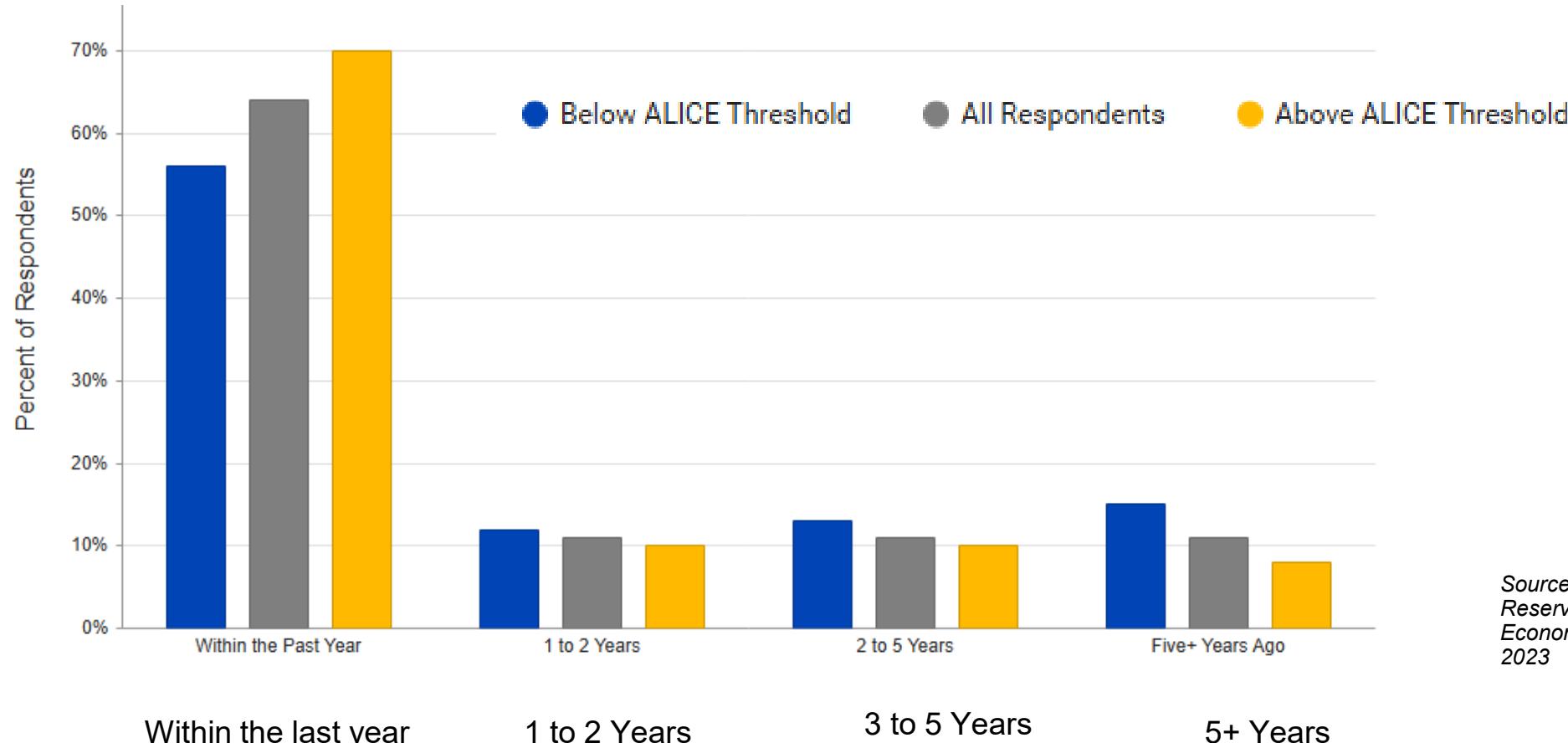
Forgoing Dental Care Due To Cost

Rates of Forgoing Dental Care Due to Cost by Income Status, South Census Region,
2023



Frequency of Care

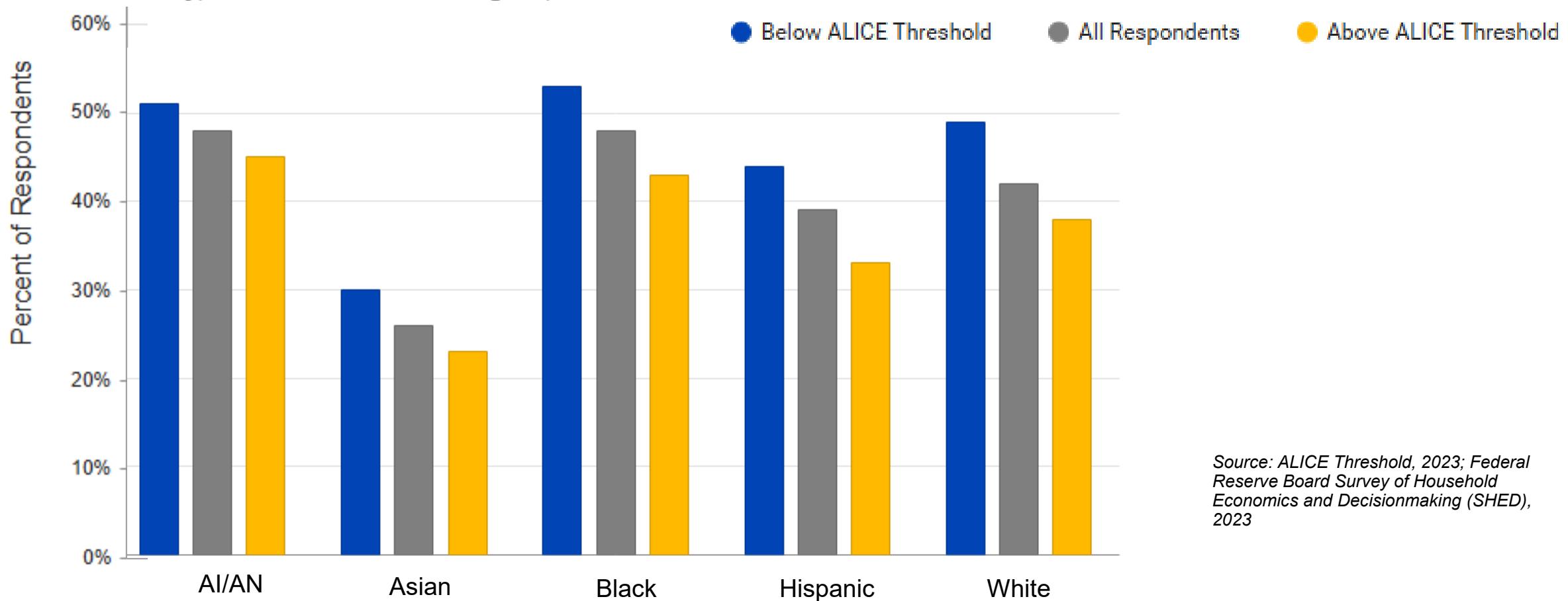
Frequency of Dental Visits by Income Status, Florida, 2024



Source: ALICE Threshold, 2023; Federal Reserve Board Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking (SHED), 2023

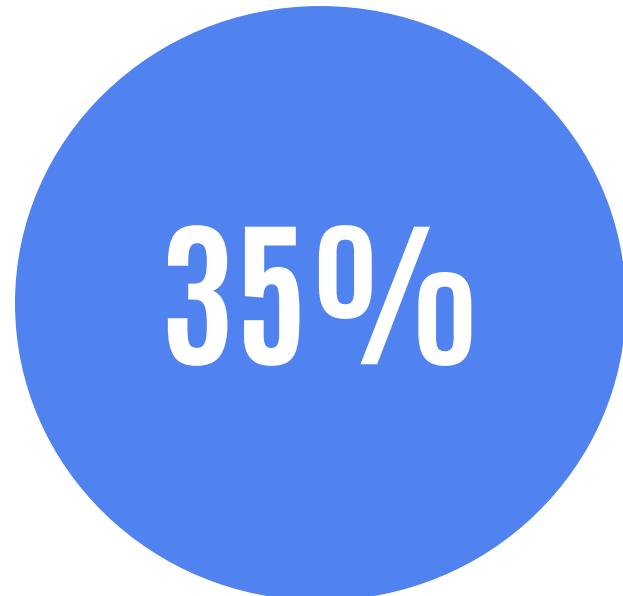
Teeth Lost Due To Decay/Gum Disease

One or More Teeth Lost Due to Tooth Decay or Gum Disease by Income Status and Race/Ethnicity, Northeast Census Region, 2024



Low Access To Dental Care Providers

U.S Adults (18+) Below ALICE Threshold



Urban Areas



Rural Areas

ALICE the Patient and ALICE the Provider

Dental Assistants, U.S. (2023)

Median Hourly Wage:

\$22.40

Percent Below ALICE Threshold:

40%



Source: ALICE Threshold, 2023; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023



ALICE ISSUE BRIEFS: ORAL HEALTH

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ALICE and the Dental Divide in Florida

Nationwide, there is a health-wealth divide in [access to care](#) and [dental health outcomes](#). Higher income is associated with better access to routine preventive dental care (like regular checkups and cleanings) and specialized dental care (dealing with damaged or missing teeth, dental disease, orthodontics, and more), as well as access to cosmetic procedures that straighten and whiten teeth, improving social and job opportunities. Yet when people are financially insecure, they often have to [forgo or postpone even routine preventive care](#). This can lead to tooth decay, tooth loss, gum disease, cardiovascular disease, social anxiety, embarrassment, and overall poorer quality of life. Not only do households earning lower

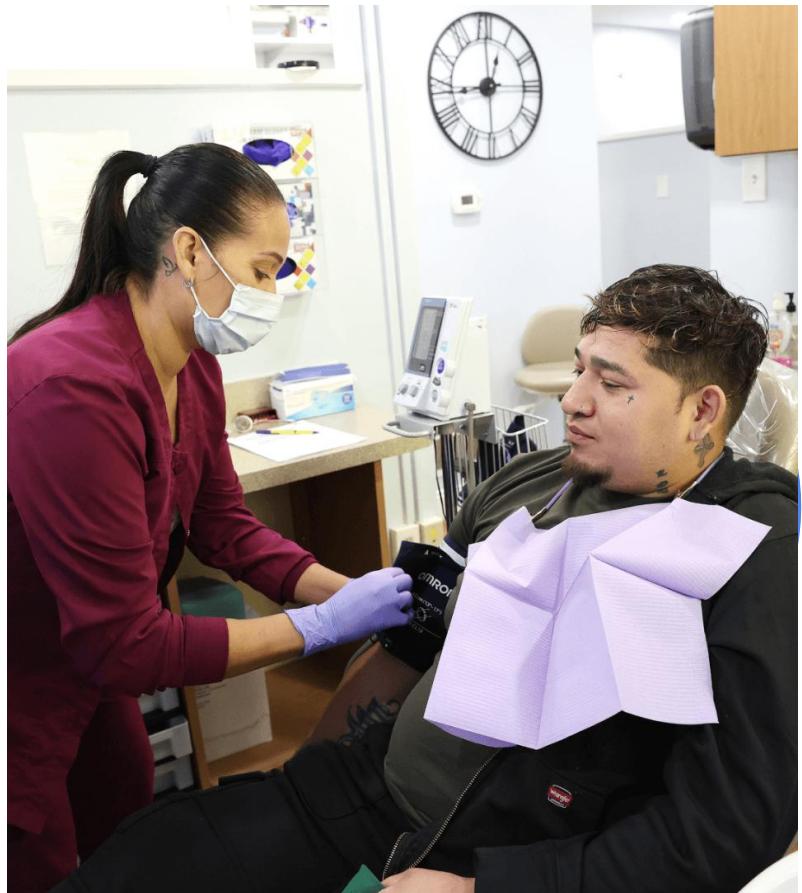
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WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY

- Community Members
- Policymakers
- Schools and Colleges
- Employers
- Nonprofits and Foundations



DATA STORYTELLING: BRINGING THE RESEARCH TO LIFE



“I had to put money together and find an affordable place to get the dental care I needed, which was impossible.”



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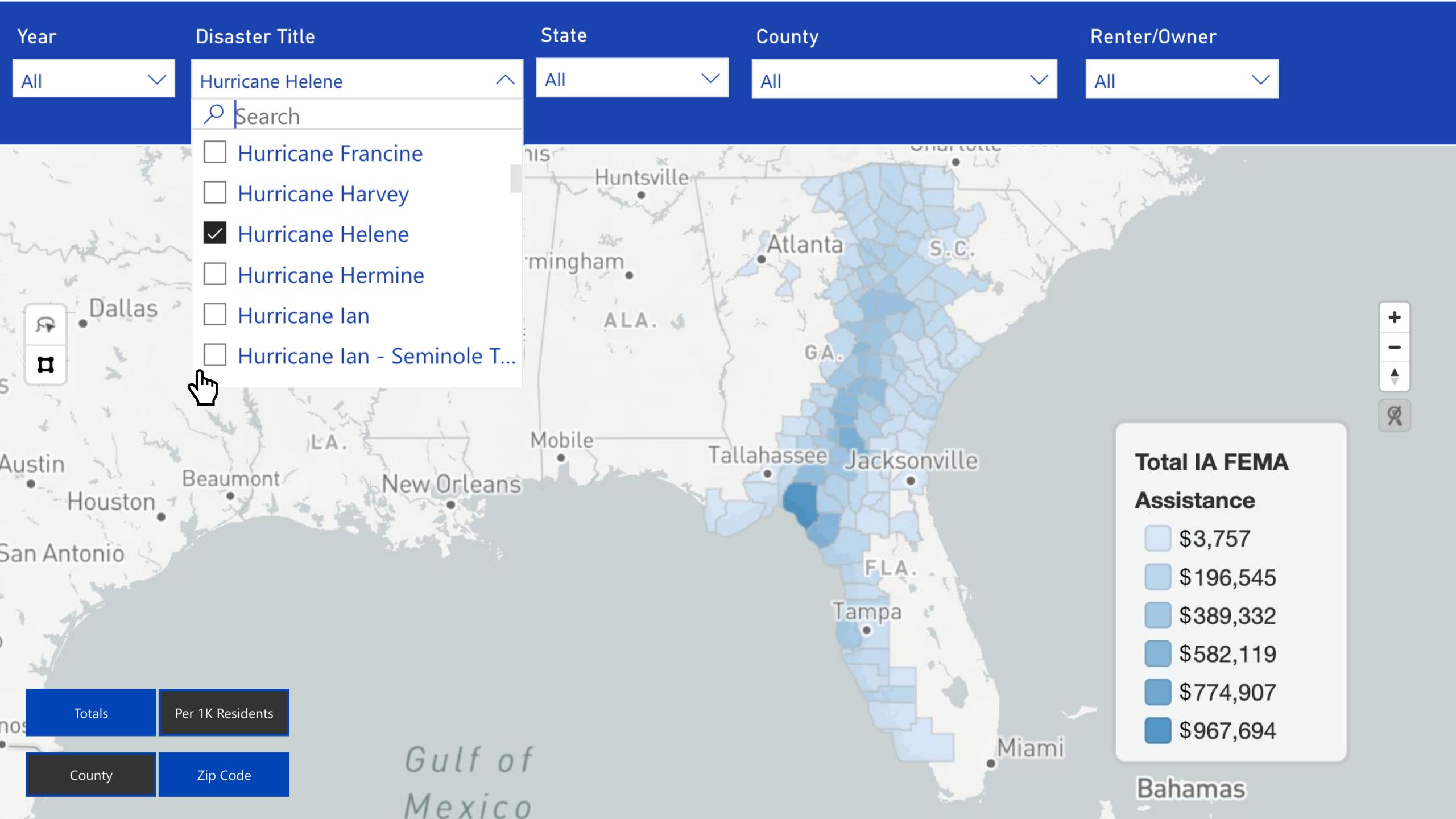
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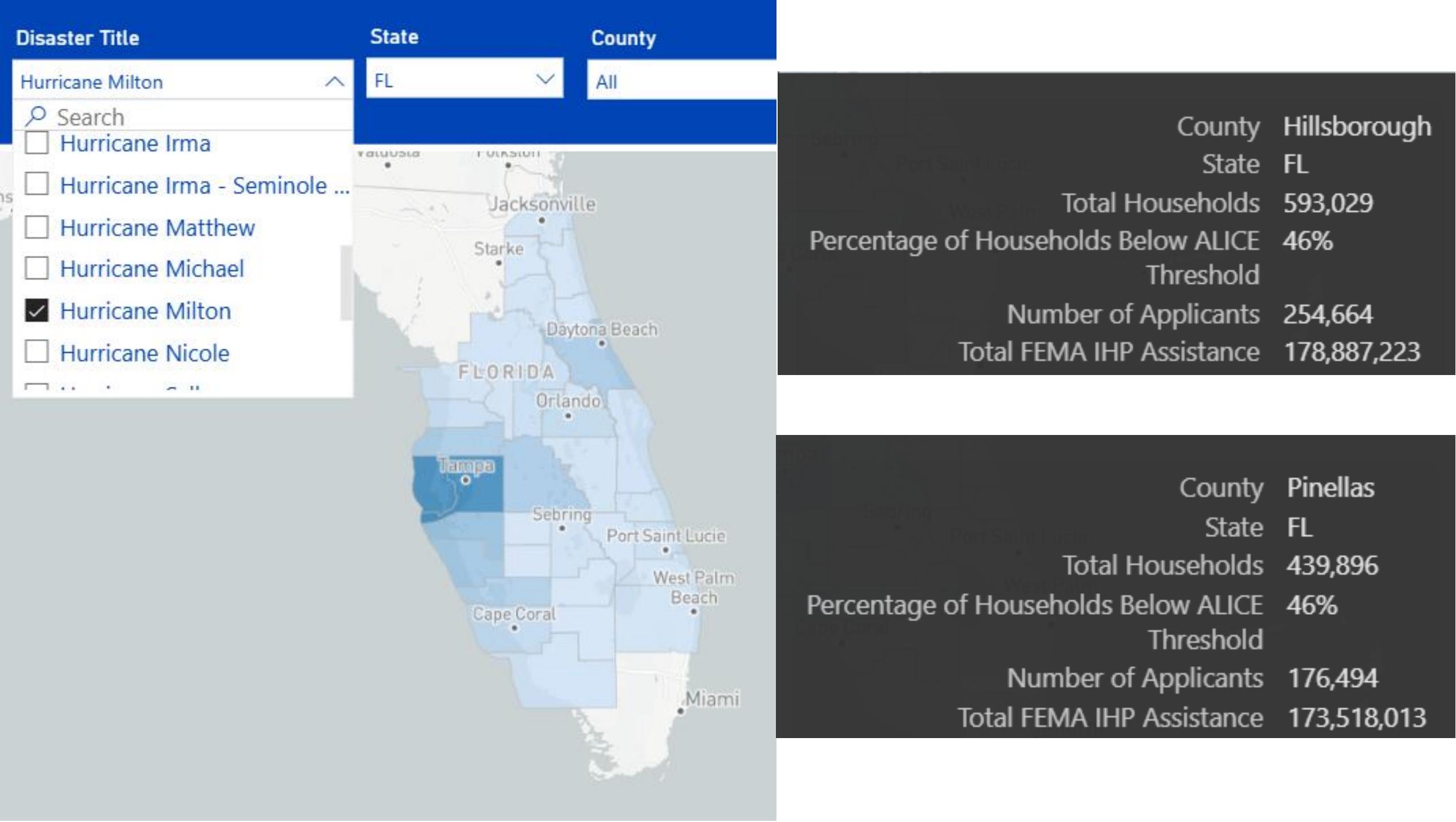




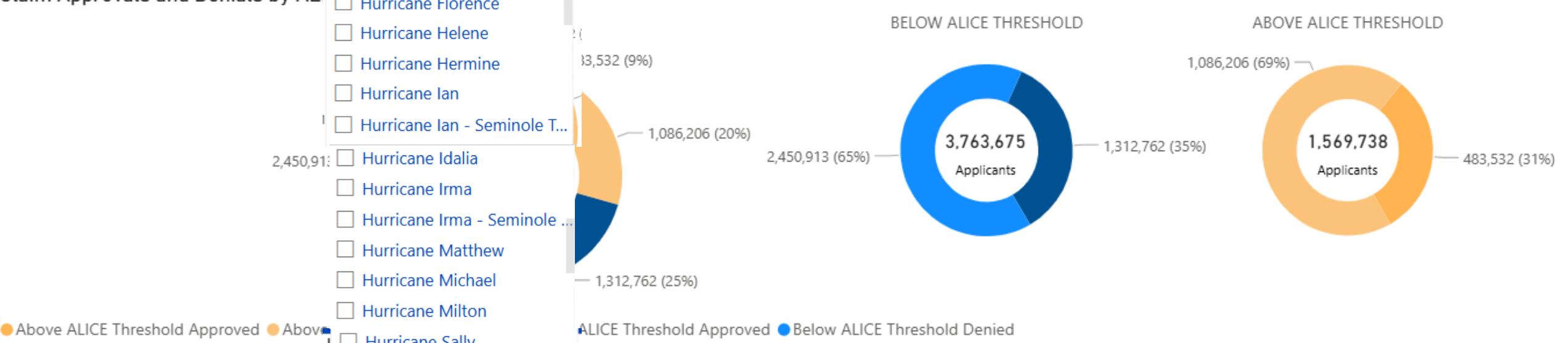
ALICE DISASTER DASHBOARD: OVERVIEW

- Interactive disaster dashboard – coming to UnitedForALICE.org March 2026
- Key data:
 - Map path of disasters from 2010 to present – U.S., state, and county maps
 - Different types of FEMA assistance
 - Filter by disaster, year, geography and renter/owner
- Updating – ALICE data annually, FEMA data real time





Claim Approvals and Denials by ALICE Threshold



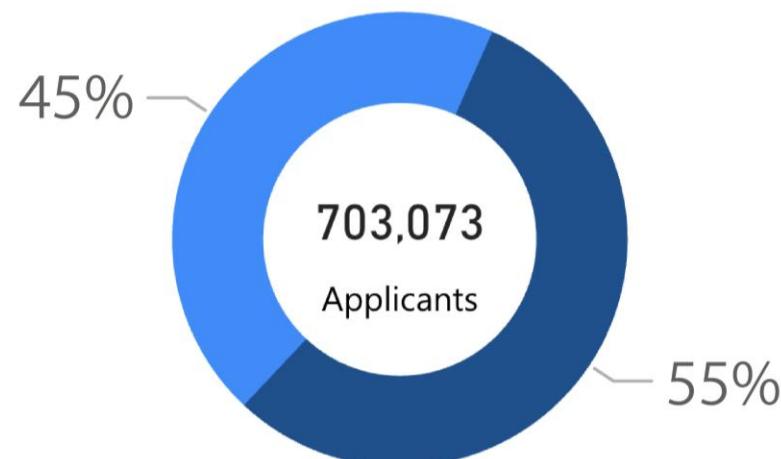
Receiving Assistance	Total Applicants	Approved IHP Payment Amount	Average IHP Payment Amount
Above ALICE Threshold	1,569,738	\$1,291,858,691	\$823
Below ALICE Threshold	3,763,675	\$3,236,314,519	\$860
ALICE	1,707,514	\$1,597,332,661	\$935
Poverty	2,056,161	\$1,638,981,858	\$797

Reason for Denial	Number of Applicants
Applicant Does Not Have Disaster Eligible Damages or Needs	846,773
Applicant Has Insurance	677,501
Applicant Did Not Respond to FEMA Outreach or Voluntarily Withdraw Application	461,648
Applicant Needs to Submit Documentation	167,478
Other Non-Identified Eligibility Code	20,925

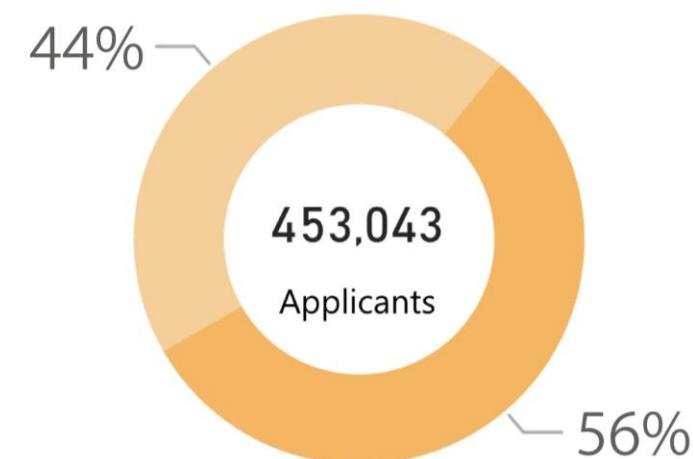
CLAIM APPROVALS AND DENIALS BY ALICE STATUS

Hurricane Helene, U.S., 2024

BELOW ALICE THRESHOLD



ABOVE ALICE THRESHOLD

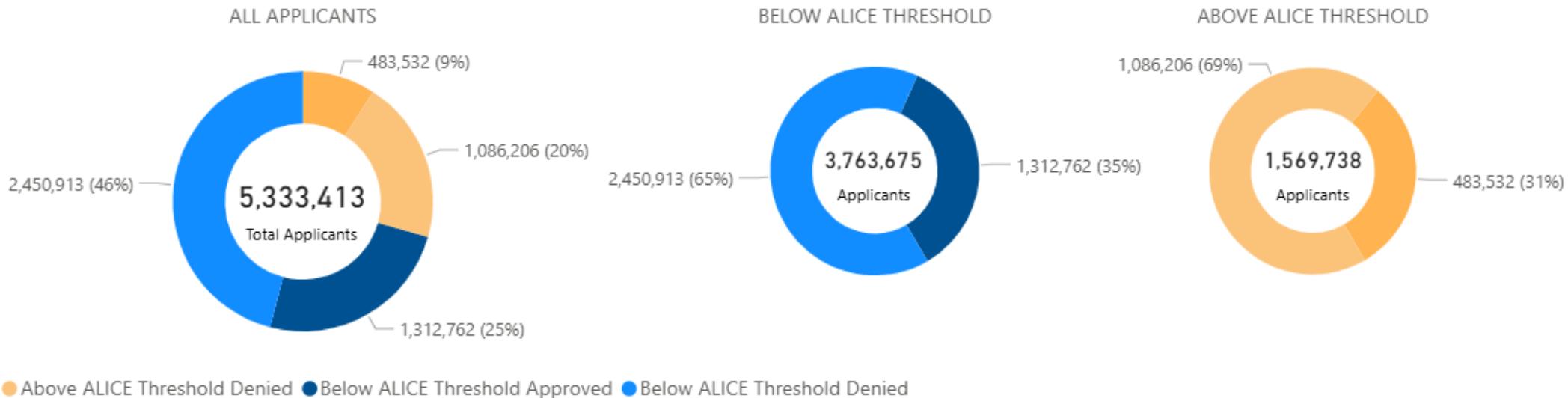


- Below ALICE Threshold Denied
- Below ALICE Threshold Approved

- Above ALICE Threshold Denied
- Above ALICE Threshold Approved

Year	Disaster Title	State	County	Renter/Owner
All	All	FL	All	All

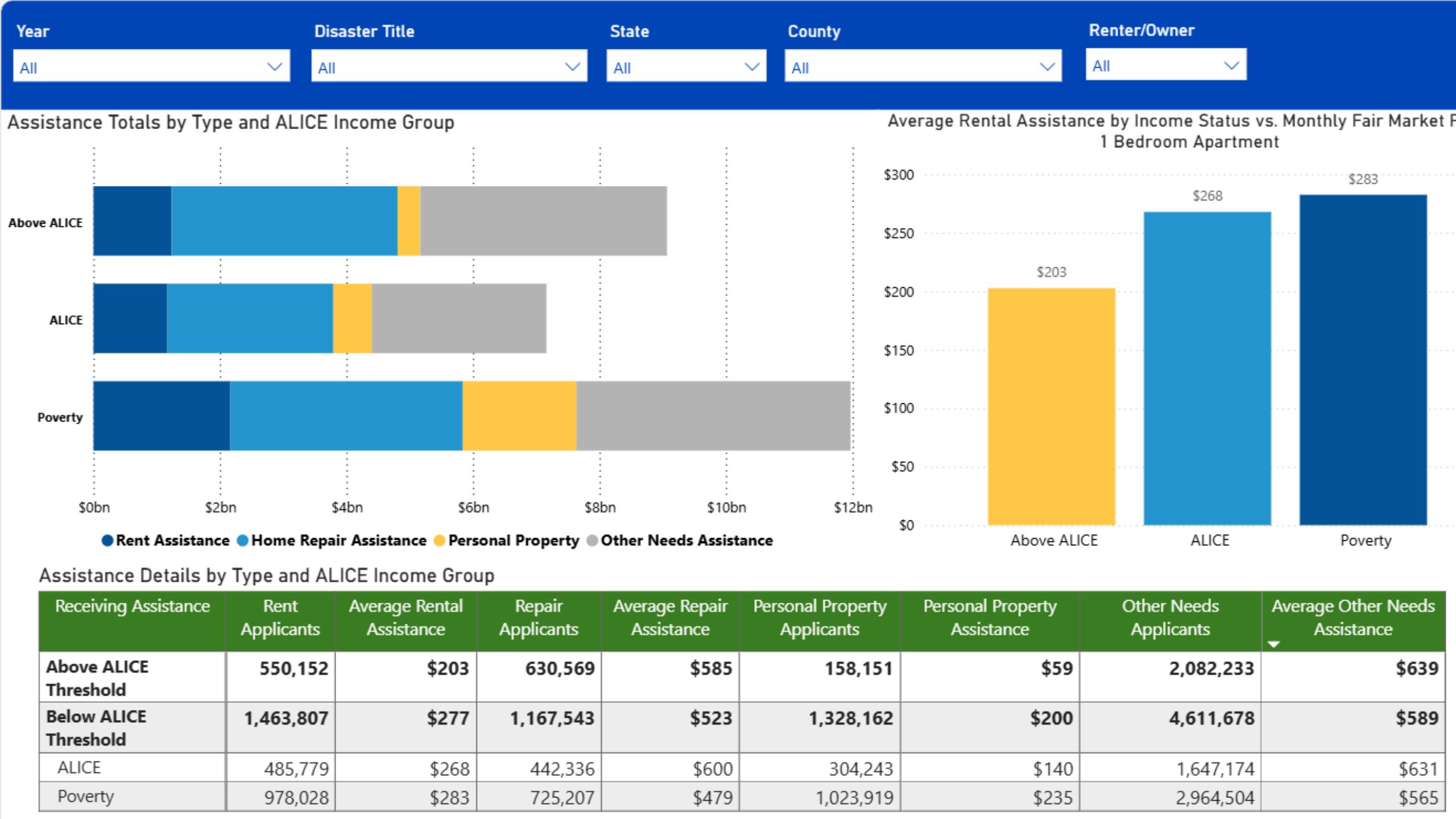
Claim Approvals and Denials by ALICE Threshold Status



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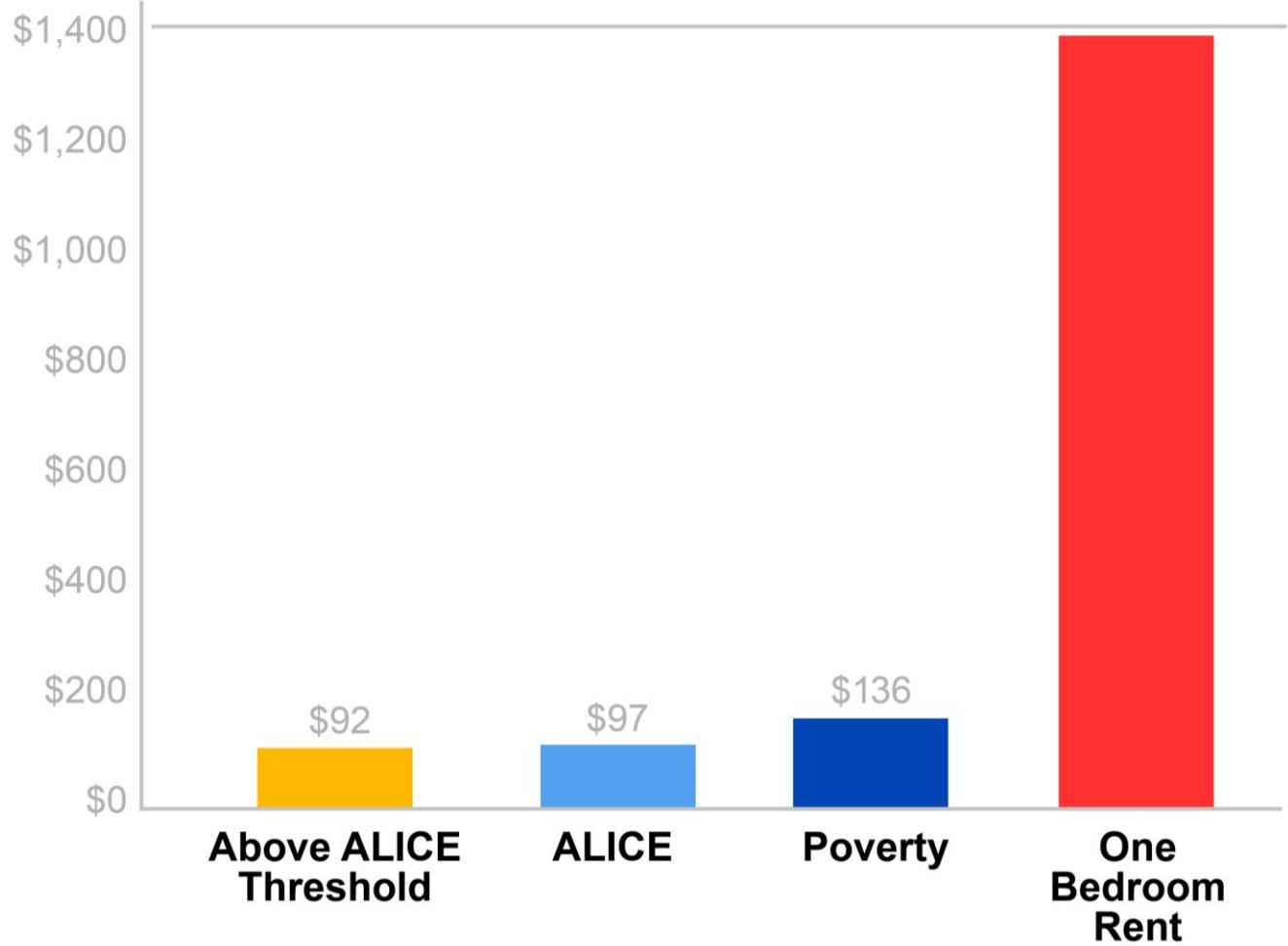
ASSISTANCE TOTALS BY TYPE AND ALICE INCOME GROUP

Assistance Details by Type and ALICE Income Group

Receiving Assistance	Rent Applicants	Average Rental Assistance	Repair Applicants	Average Repair Assistance	Personal Property Applicants	Personal Property Assistance	
Above ALICE Threshold	550,152	\$203	630,569	\$585	158,151	\$59	
Below ALICE Threshold	1,463,807	\$277	1,167,543	\$523	1,328,162	\$200	
ALICE	485,779	\$268	442,336	\$600	304,243	\$140	
Poverty	978,028	\$283	725,207	\$479	1,023,919	\$235	

FEMA RENTAL ASSISTANCE VS. MONTHLY RENT

Average Rental Assistance by Income Status vs.
Monthly Fair Market Rent, 1 Bedroom Apartment



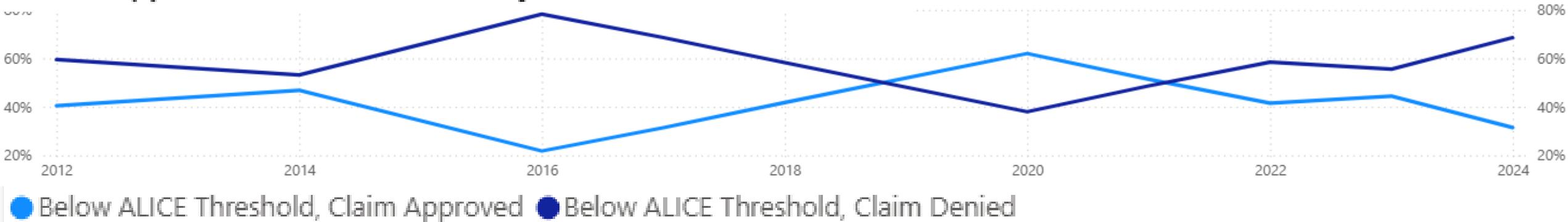
State

Renter/Owner

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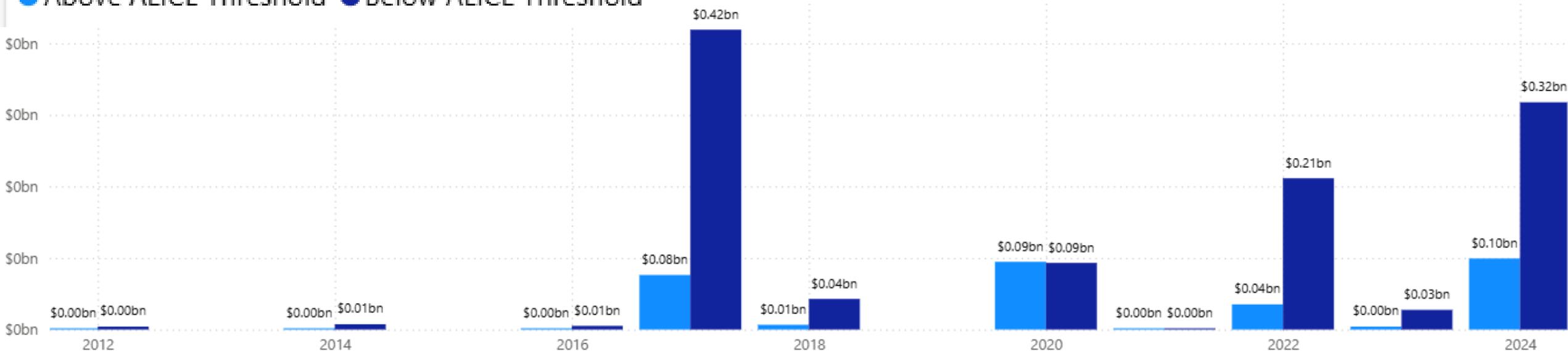
Renter

Claim Approval Rate Over Time by ALICE Threshold Status



Total Assistance Paid Over Time by ALICE Threshold Status

● Above ALICE Threshold ● Below ALICE Threshold





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