Of respondents with children under the age of 18 in their household, 76% said they had experienced issues or concerns related to child care and education during the pandemic.

Of respondents (51%) said that child care issues impacted household members’ ability to work during the pandemic.

Respondents with children below the ALICE Threshold were significantly more likely than respondents with children above the ALICE Threshold to say that a household member was working reduced hours (25% vs. 17%) or had quit a job (19% vs. 8%) due to child care issues since the beginning of the pandemic.
In Partnership with United—For ALICE United For ALICE is a driver of innovation, shining a light on the challenges ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households face and finding collaborative solutions. Through a standardized methodology that assesses the cost of living in every county, this project provides a comprehensive measure of financial hardship across the U.S. Equipped with this data, ALICE partners convene, advocate, and innovate in their local communities to highlight the issues faced by ALICE households and to generate solutions that promote financial stability. This grassroots movement represents United Ways, corporations, nonprofits, and foundations in Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawai‘i, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. Learn more at UnitedForALICE.org.

Respondent Concerns with Children Living in Rural Areas vs. Urban Areas

- 17% of respondents with children reported that one or more household members had quit a job to care for a child/children since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Technology issues related to child care and education (20% vs. 15%)

- Health risks for children or other household members (32% vs. 36%)

- The cost of care (23% vs. 28%)

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