

ALICE IN LANCASTER COUNTY



2022 Point-in-Time Data

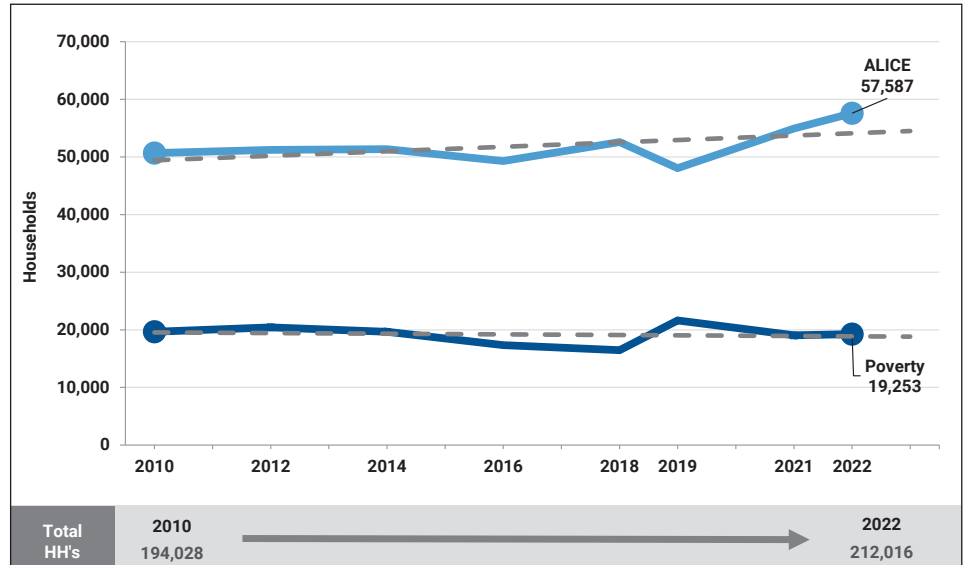
Population: 556,629 • **Number of Households:** 212,016
Median Household Income: \$82,691 (state average: \$71,798)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 65.8% (state average: 62.8%)
ALICE Households: 27% (state average: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 9% (state average: 12%)

Financial Hardship Over Time

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mloyed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). Households below the ALICE Threshold – ALICE households plus those in poverty – can't afford the essentials.

Households move below or above the ALICE Threshold as economic factors and circumstances change. This was especially true amid the economic crosscurrents of the COVID-19 pandemic, with higher wages, inflation, and additional pandemic assistance. By 2022, 76,840 households (36%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Lancaster County.

Households by Income, Lancaster County, 2010–2022



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania
 Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2022; American Community Survey, 2010–2022

The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the current economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, technology, and taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. The Household Survival Budget is calculated at the county level and by household composition, as costs can vary greatly depending on location and household needs.

In 2022, household costs in Lancaster County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$13,590 for a single adult and \$27,750 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in Lancaster County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania

Household Survival Budget, Lancaster County, 2022		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$620	\$838
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	–	\$1,581
Food	\$501	\$1,366
Transportation	\$396	\$1,047
Health Care	\$191	\$761
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$196	\$602
Tax Payments	\$347	\$1,220
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$433
Monthly Total	\$2,500	\$7,408
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$30,000	\$88,896
Hourly Wage*	\$15.00	\$44.45

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget
 For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology

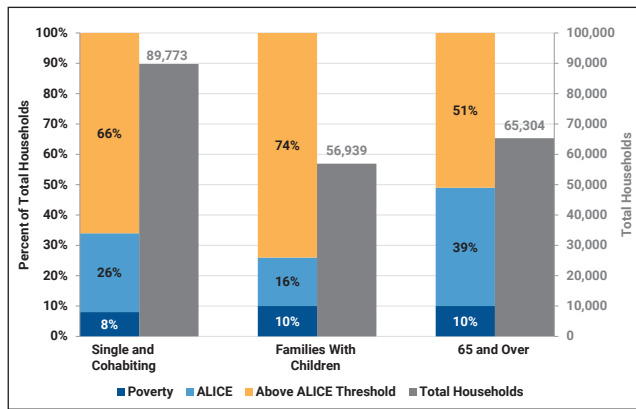
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

Groups with the largest number of households below the ALICE Threshold tend to also be the largest demographic groups. However, when looking at the percentage of each group that is below the ALICE Threshold, some groups are more likely to be ALICE than others.

By addressing the disparities in financial hardship by county demographics, community members can move toward more equitable solutions.

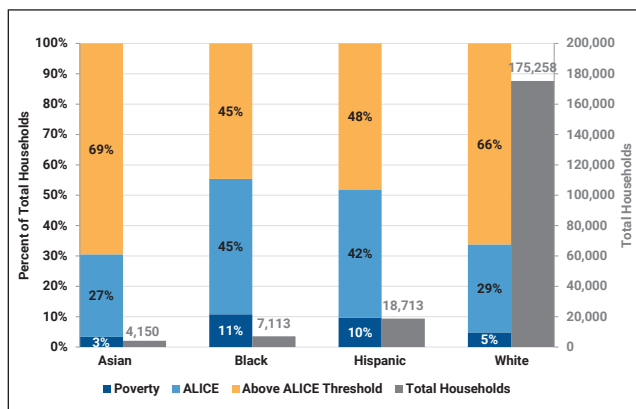
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Lancaster County, 2022



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Lancaster County, 2022



Note: Asian, Black, and White racial categories are for one race alone. Race and Hispanic ethnicity are overlapping categories. The Asian and Black groups may include Hispanic households; the White group includes only White, non-Hispanic households. The Hispanic ethnic group may include households of any race.

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022

Lancaster County, 2022		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Adamstown borough	797	33%
Akron borough	1,694	47%
Bart township	848	33%
Brecknock township	2,523	27%
Caernarvon township	1,405	31%
Christiana borough	322	36%
Clay township	2,517	42%
Colerain township	1,140	37%
Columbia borough	4,515	60%
Conestoga township	1,626	36%
Conoy township	1,317	37%
Denver borough	1,476	40%
Drumore township	834	38%
Earl township	2,449	38%
East Cocalico township	3,948	28%
East Donegal township	3,132	25%
East Drumore township	1,394	37%
East Earl township	2,414	23%
East Hempfield township	11,226	27%
East Lampeter township	6,348	37%
East Petersburg borough	1,923	25%
Eden township	648	38%
Elizabeth township	1,465	30%
Elizabethtown borough	4,706	46%
Ephrata borough	5,757	50%
Ephrata township	4,001	36%
Fulton township	887	38%
Lancaster city	21,234	52%
Lancaster township	7,392	36%
Leacock township	1,495	34%
Lititz borough	3,833	38%
Little Britain township	1,493	51%
Manheim borough	1,922	42%
Manheim township	17,728	29%
Manor township	9,000	32%
Marietta borough	1,316	53%
Martic township	1,842	29%
Millersville borough	2,503	46%
Mount Joy borough	3,442	40%
Mount Joy township	4,120	29%
Mountville borough	1,334	42%
New Holland borough	2,149	52%

Lancaster County, 2022		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Paradise township	1,826	36%
Penn township	4,381	33%
Pequea township	2,245	22%
Providence township	2,502	39%
Quarryville borough	1,032	39%
Rapho township	4,995	34%
Sadsbury township	1,017	37%
Salisbury township	3,315	32%
Strasburg borough	1,252	31%
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Terre Hill borough	408	54%
Upper Leacock township	2,959	40%
Warwick township	7,323	29%
West Cocalico township	2,507	28%
West Donegal township	3,490	30%
West Earl township	2,905	34%
West Hempfield township	6,442	31%
West Lampeter township	6,894	28%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census County Subdivisions. Data for counties with populations over 65,000 is 1-year estimates. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included. Therefore, totals will not match the county-level numbers.