

2021 Point-in-Time Data

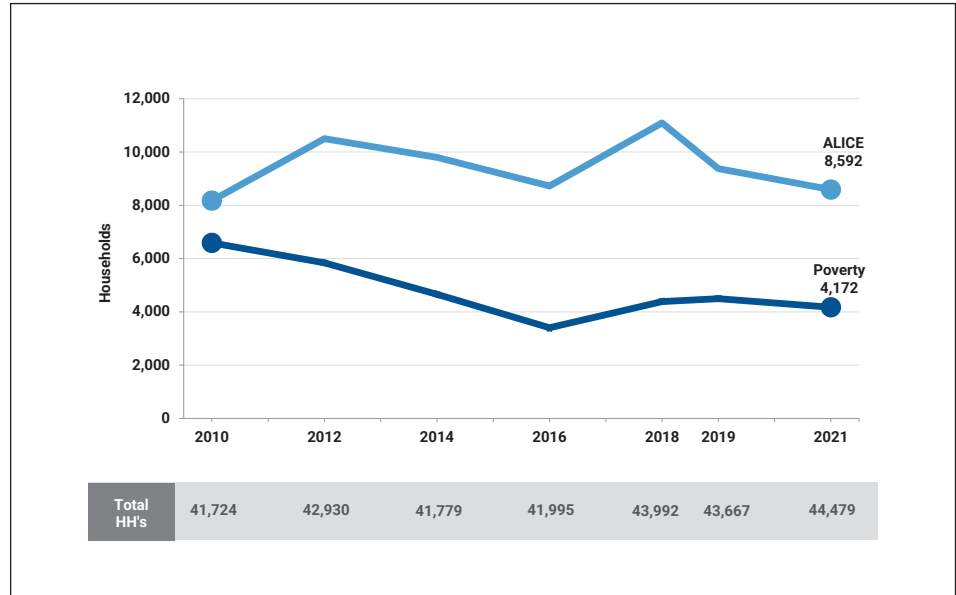
Population: 120,950 • **Number of Households:** 44,479 (2% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$74,371 (state average: \$63,498)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 62.5% (state average: 60.9%)
ALICE Households: 19% (state average: 26%) • **Households in Poverty:** 9% (state average: 13%)

Financial Hardship Changes 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.

As circumstances change, households may find themselves below or above the ALICE Threshold at different times. While the COVID-19 pandemic brought employment shifts, health struggles, and school/business closures in 2021, it also spurred unprecedented public assistance through pandemic relief measures. In 2019, 13,871 households in Allegan County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 12,764, (a -8% change).

Households by Income, Allegan County, 2010–2021



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Michigan

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2021; American Community Survey, 2010–2021

The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the modern economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, a smartphone plan, 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 varies by household composition, as costs can vary greatly depending on location and household needs.

In 2021, household costs in Allegan County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,880 for a single adult and \$26,500 for a family of four.

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

Household Survival Budget, Allegan County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$512	\$564
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,273
Food	\$408	\$1,113
Transportation	\$396	\$872
Health Care	\$216	\$605
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$176	\$483
Tax Payments	\$322	\$989
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,237
Monthly Total	\$2,259	\$5,064
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$27,108	\$60,768
Hourly Wage*	\$13.55	\$30.38

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology

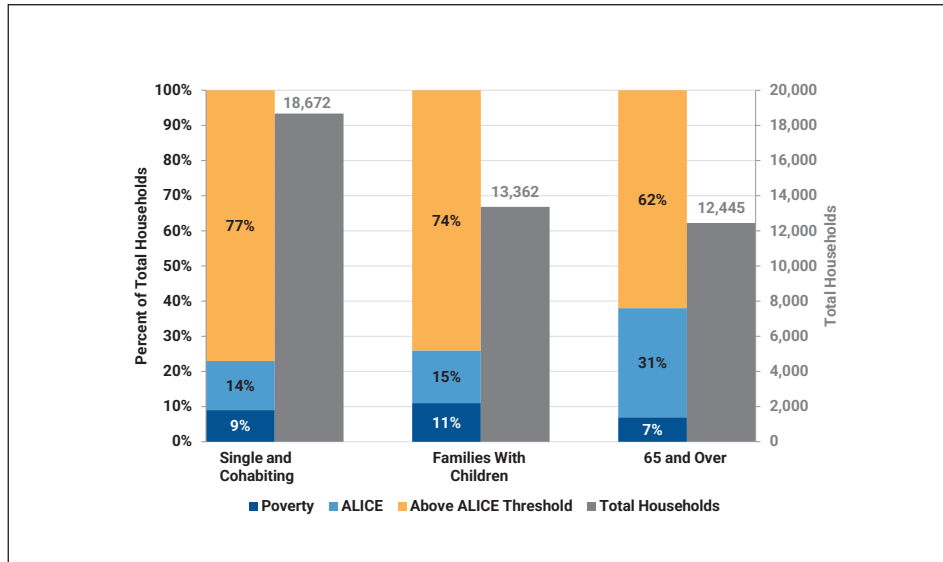
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

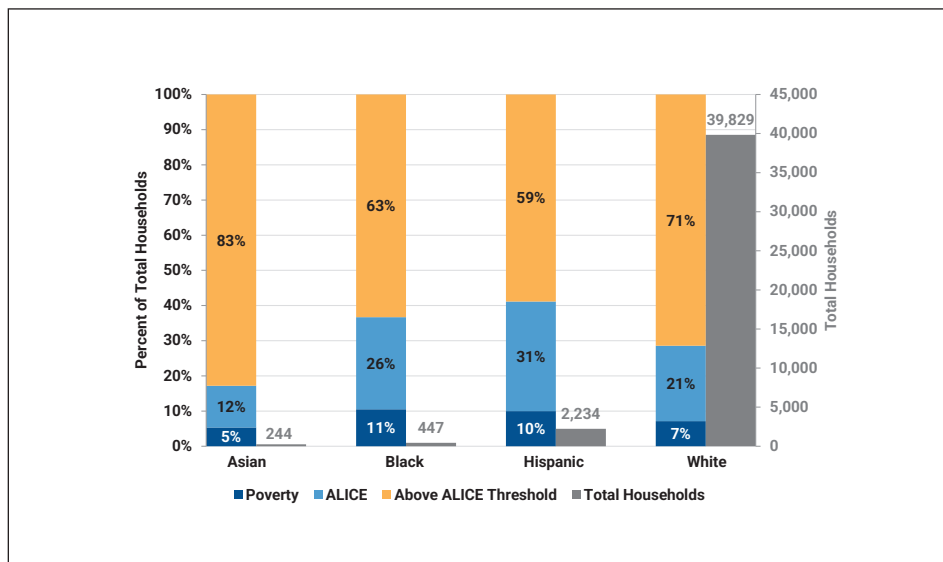
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Allegan County, 2021



Source: ALICE Threshold, 2021; American Community Survey, 2021

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Allegan County, 2021



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

Source: ALICE Threshold, 2021; American Community Survey, 2021

Allegan County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Allegan city	1,939	58%
Allegan township	1,788	35%
Casco township	1,097	32%
Cheshire township	866	43%
Clyde township	758	47%
Dorr township	2,691	23%
Douglas city	574	36%
Fennville city	635	44%
Fillmore township	1,034	29%
Ganges township	1,029	30%
Gun Plain township	2,362	25%
Heath township	1,277	22%
Holland city	2,929	43%
Hopkins township	982	32%
Laketown township	2,265	23%
Lee township	1,150	64%
Leighton township	2,404	18%
Manlius township	1,118	22%
Martin township	1,059	45%
Monterey township	974	32%
Otsego city	1,711	36%
Otsego township	2,115	34%
Overisel township	967	28%
Plainwell city	1,455	38%
Salem township	1,912	32%
Saugatuck city	393	29%
Saugatuck township	1,386	23%
Trowbridge township	880	34%
Valley township	699	37%
Watson township	748	32%
Wayland city	1,764	41%
Wayland township	1,279	23%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census County Subdivisions. Totals will not match county-level numbers because data is not available for the smallest County Subdivisions, and county-level data is often 1-year estimates.