

ALICE IN CALHOUN COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

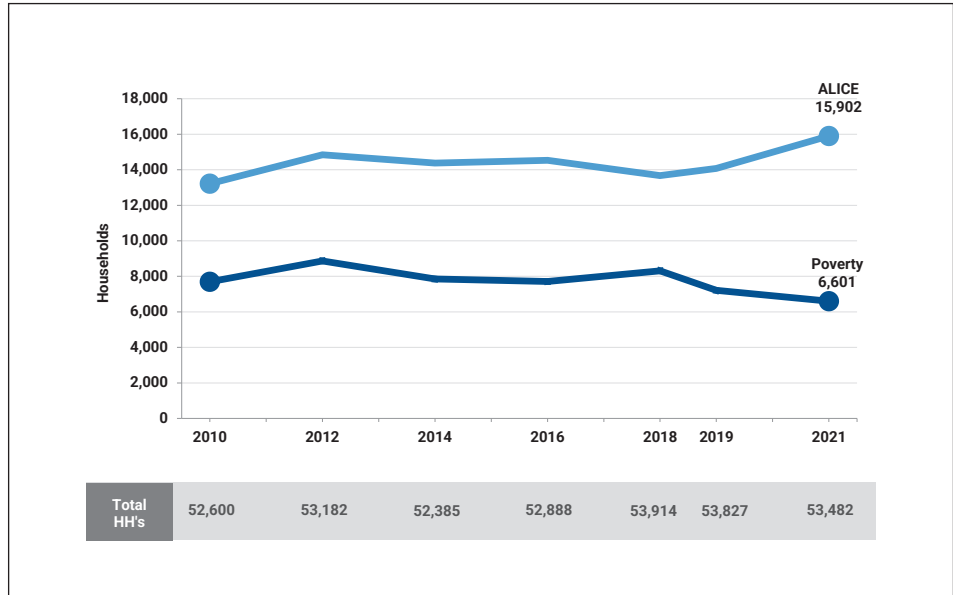
Population: 133,819 • **Number of Households:** 53,482 (-1% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$55,192 (state average: \$63,498)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 59.4% (state average: 60.9%)
ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 26%) • **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state average: 13%)

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, 21,291 households in Calhoun County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 22,503, (a 6% change).

Households by Income, Calhoun 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 Calhoun 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 Calhoun County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Michigan

Household Survival Budget, Calhoun County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$398	\$545
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,125
Food	\$397	\$1,082
Transportation	\$396	\$872
Health Care	\$216	\$605
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$164	\$463
Tax Payments	\$291	\$937
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,163
Monthly Total	\$2,091	\$4,868
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$25,092	\$58,416
Hourly Wage*	\$12.55	\$29.21

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

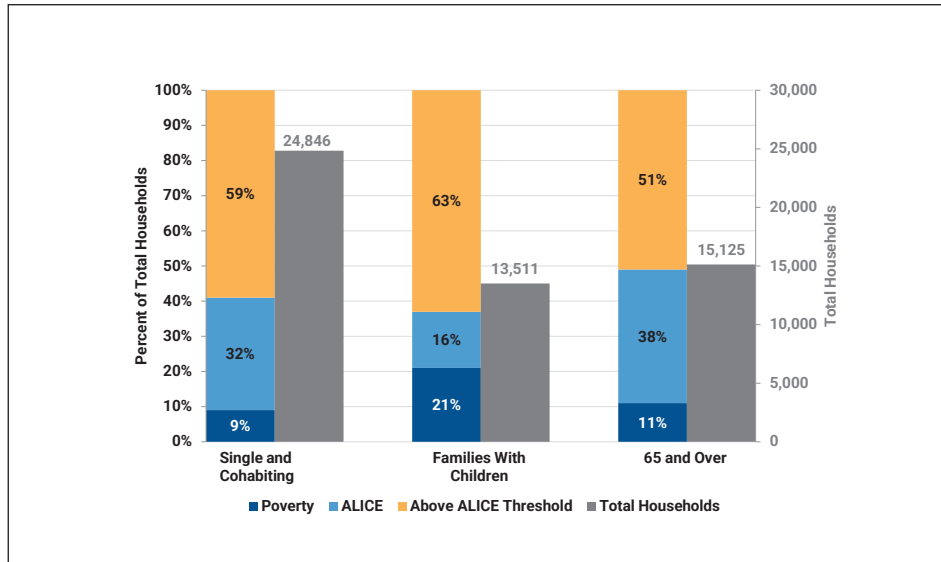
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

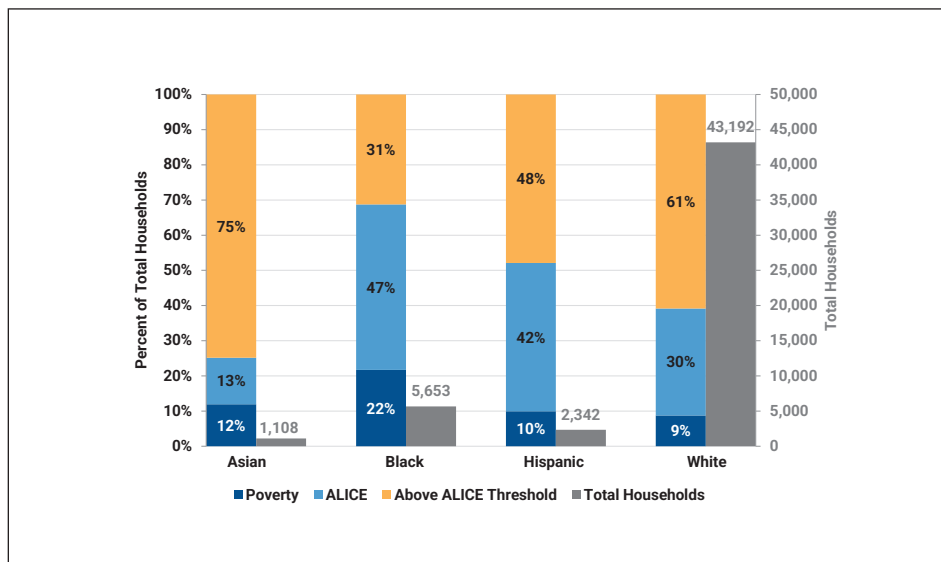
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Calhoun County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Calhoun 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

Calhoun County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Albion city	2,469	59%
Albion township	373	36%
Athens township	1,034	39%
Battle Creek city	21,051	50%
Bedford charter township	3,919	41%
Burlington township	596	39%
Clarence township	776	32%
Clarendon township	389	41%
Convis township	540	34%
Eckford township	487	24%
Emmett charter township	4,715	31%
Fredonia township	659	34%
Homer township	943	47%
Lee township	433	36%
Leroy township	1,268	26%
Marengo township	902	25%
Marshall city	3,236	30%
Marshall township	1,180	22%
Newton township	1,047	28%
Pennfield charter township	3,709	44%
Sheridan township	670	42%
Springfield city	2,225	55%
Tekonsha township	576	47%

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.