

ALICE IN EATON COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

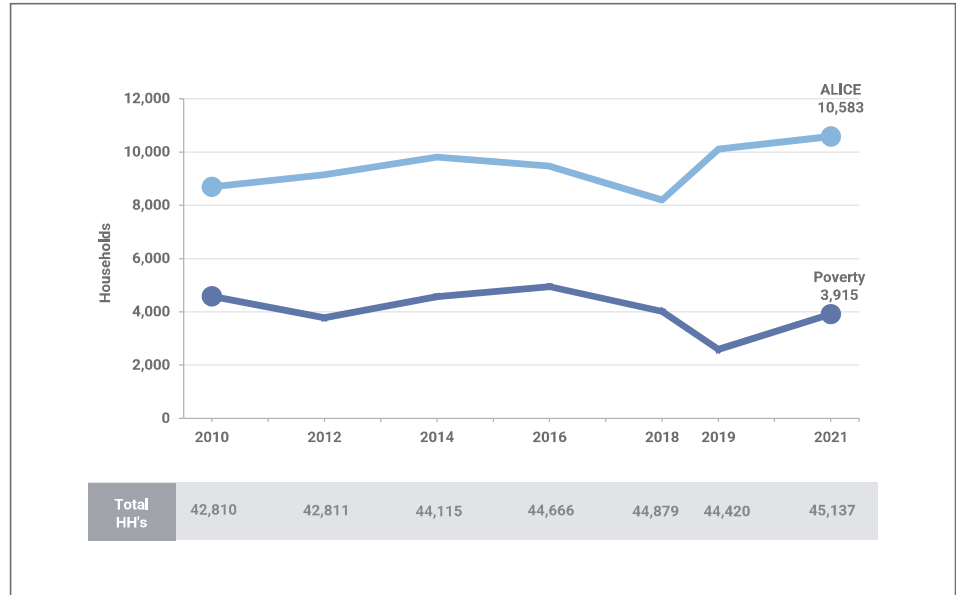
Population: 108,944 • **Number of Households:** 45,137 (2% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$70,133 (state average: \$63,498)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 62.1% (state average: 60.9%)
ALICE Households: 23% (state average: 26%) • **Households in Poverty:** 9% (state average: 13%)

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, 12,694 households in Eaton County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 14,498, (a 14% change).

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

Household Survival Budget, Eaton County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$567	\$631
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,215
Food	\$400	\$1,090
Transportation	\$396	\$872
Health Care	\$216	\$605
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$181	\$482
Tax Payments	\$335	\$985
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,207
Monthly Total	\$2,324	\$5,075
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$27,888	\$60,900
Hourly Wage*	\$13.94	\$30.45

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

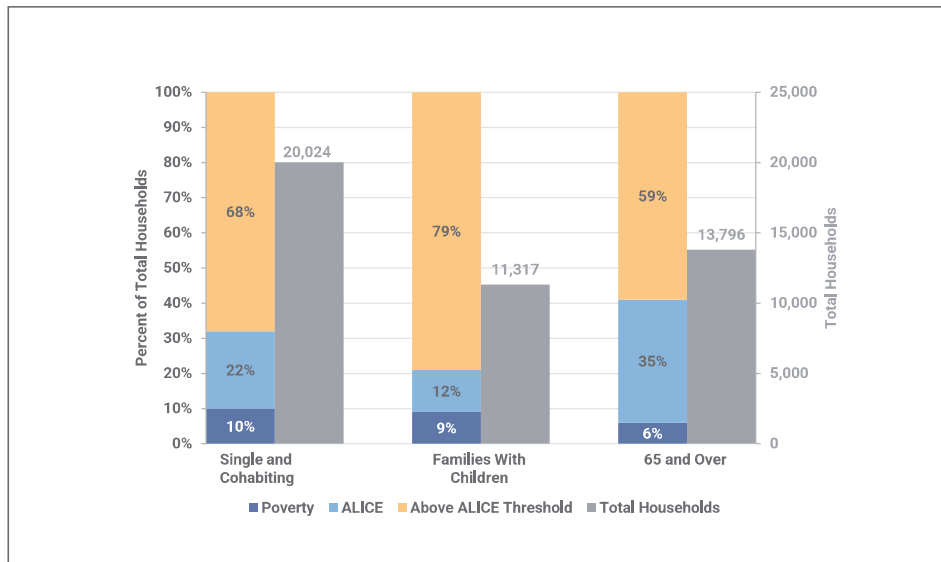
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

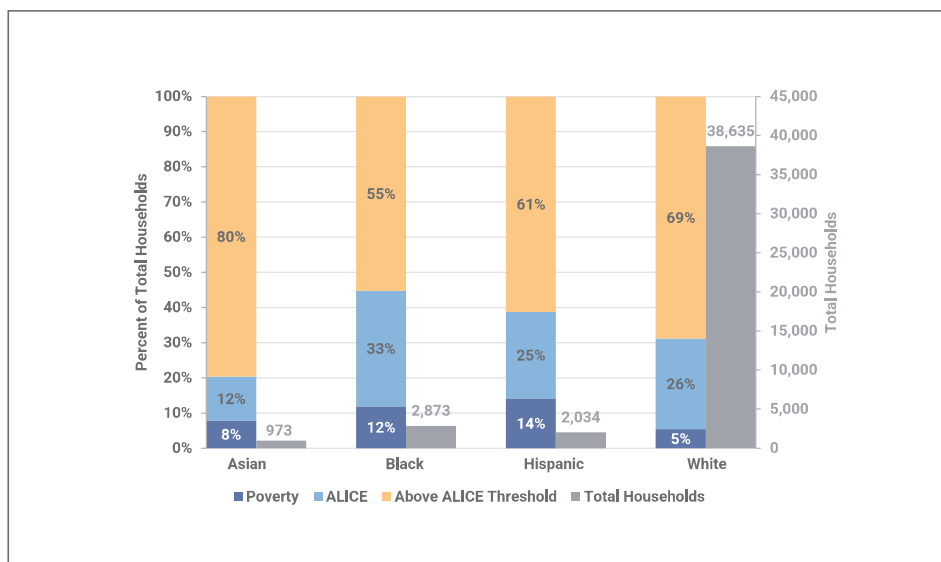
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Eaton County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Eaton 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

Eaton County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Bellevue township	1,106	30%
Benton township	1,070	20%
Brookfield township	626	20%
Carmel township	1,066	21%
Charlotte city	3,399	37%
Chester township	640	31%
Delta charter township	15,390	29%
Eaton township	1,422	23%
Eaton Rapids city	1,983	42%
Eaton Rapids township	1,580	16%
Grand Ledge city	3,536	30%
Hamlin township	1,219	18%
Kalamo township	705	26%
Lansing city	2,056	51%
Olivet city	403	59%
Oneida charter township	1,649	26%
Potterville city	1,184	41%
Roxand township	771	26%
Sunfield township	762	35%
Vermontville township	724	38%
Walton township	726	20%
Windsor charter township	2,878	19%

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.