

# PENNSYLVANIA • 2018 COUNTY PROFILES

Counties are the core geography for ALICE data: They reveal variations often masked by statewide averages, and the data is reported regularly and reliably.

## ALICE IN CHESTER COUNTY

### 2018 Point-in-Time-Data

**Population:** 522,046      **Number of Households:** 192,746

**Median Household Income:** \$99,119 (state average: \$60,905)

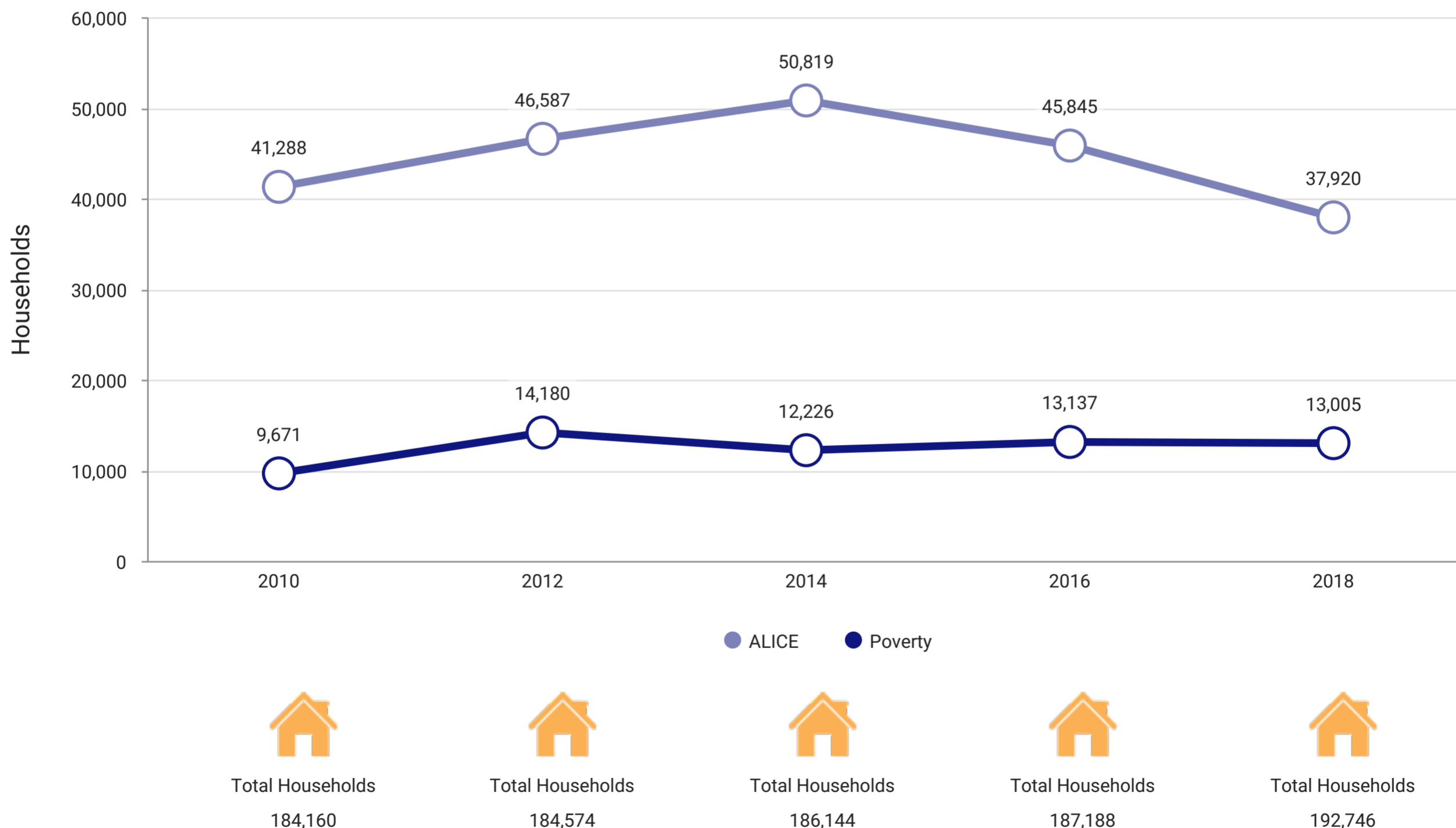
**Unemployment Rate:** 3.9% (state average: 4.9%)

**ALICE Households:** 20.0% (state average: 27.0%)

**Households in Poverty:** 7.0% (state average: 12.0%)

## How Has the Number of ALICE Households Changed Over Time?

ALICE is an acronym for **ALICE** – **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). While conditions have improved for some households, many continue to struggle, especially as wages fail to keep pace with the cost of household essentials (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and a basic smartphone plan).



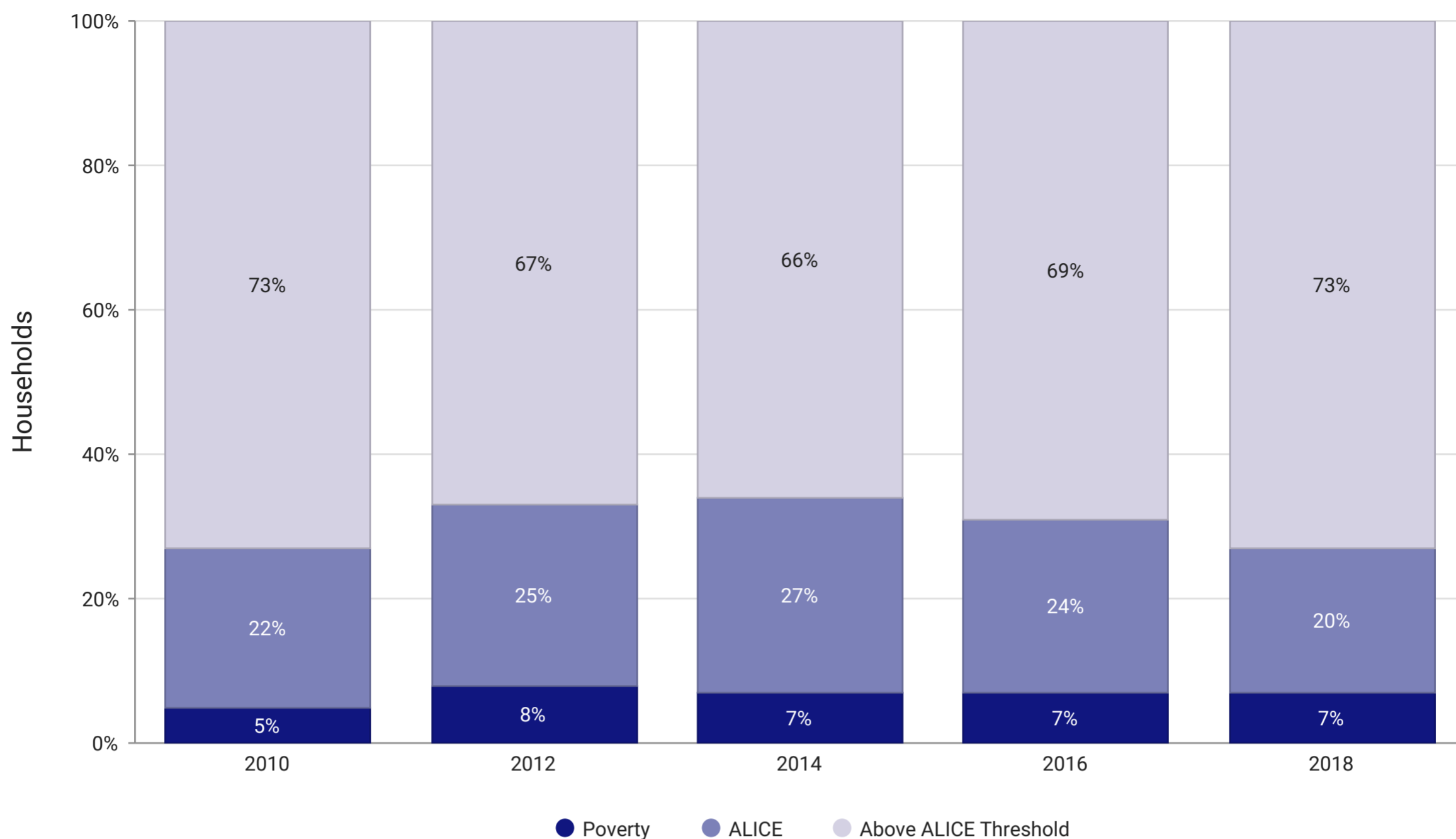
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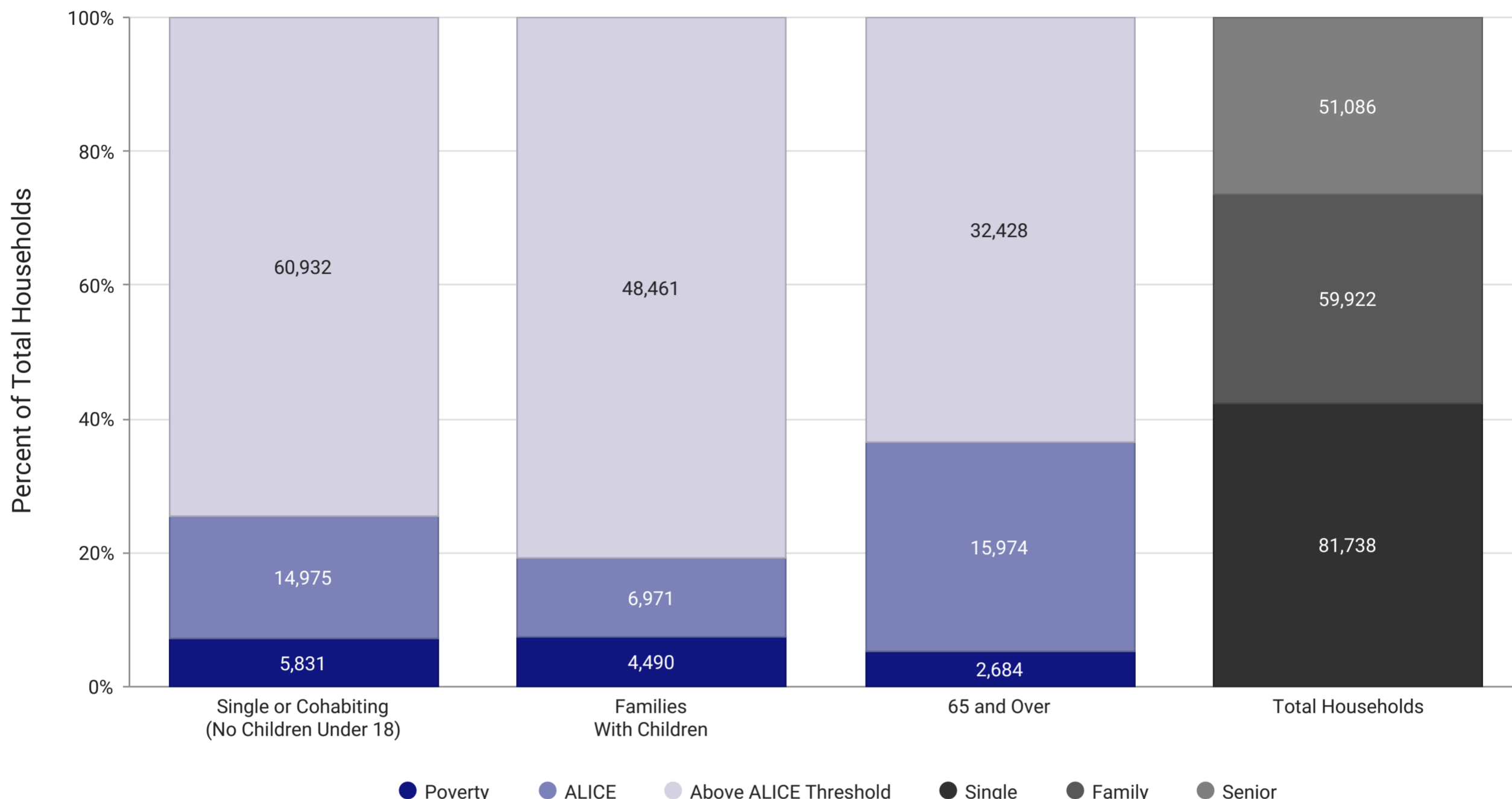
## ALICE and Poverty in Chester County Over Time...continued



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## What Types of Households Are Struggling?

In the past few decades, there have been major shifts in household composition. The share of American adults who have never been married is at a historic high, as is the number of senior households. There is also a growing number of people who live alone or with roommates, and an increasing share of grown children who live with their parents. Yet all types of households continue to struggle: ALICE and poverty-level households exist across all of these living arrangements.



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2007-2018; American Community Survey, 2007-2018

## Why Do So Many Households Struggle?

### The cost of household basics outpaces wages...

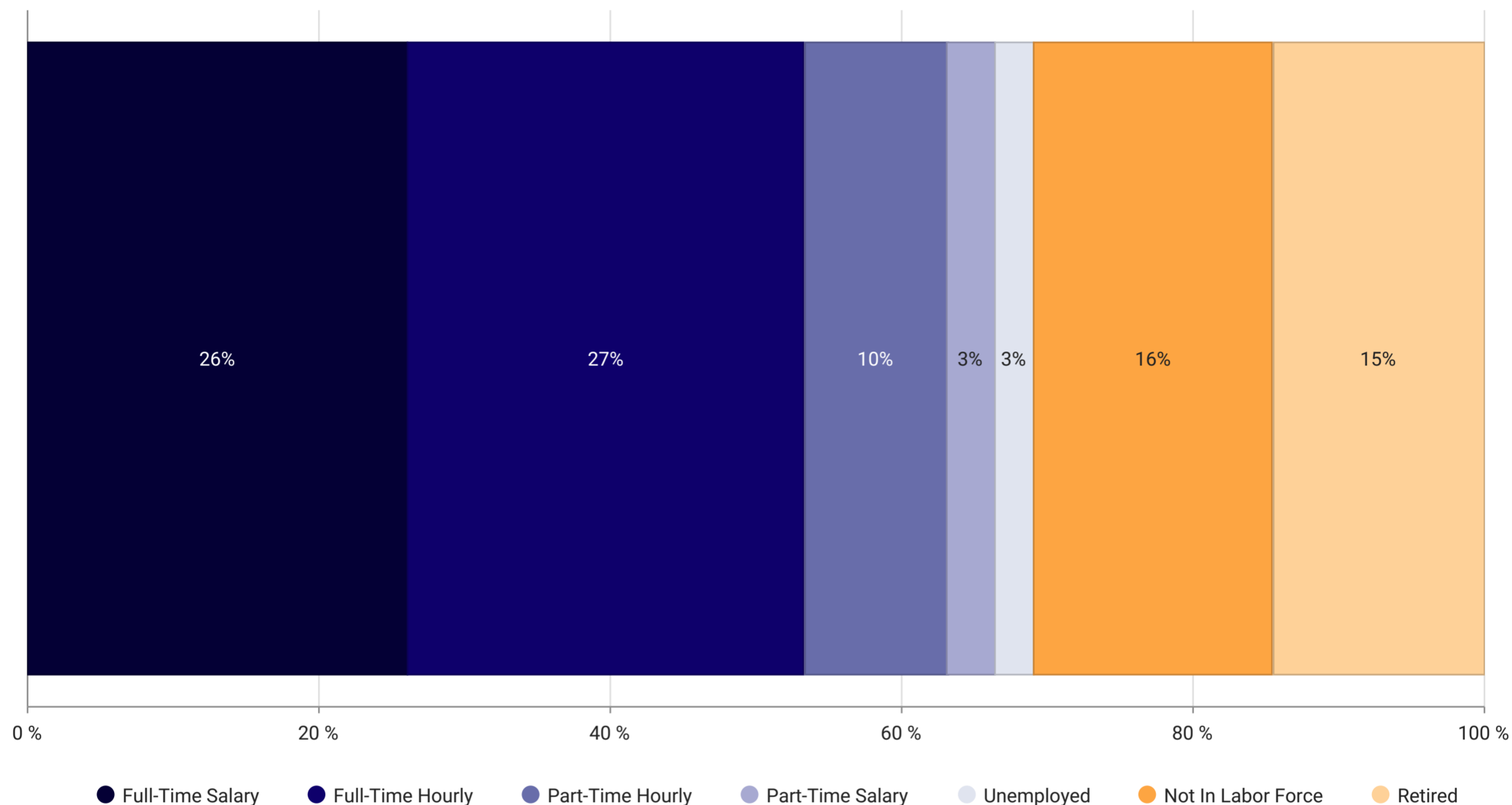
The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum cost to live and work in the modern economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, technology (a smartphone plan), and taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. In 2018, household costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,140 for a single adult and \$25,100 for a family of four.

	Single Adult	Two Adults	Two Adults Two School-Age Children	Two Adults Two in Child Care	Single Senior	Two Seniors
Housing	\$1,129	\$1,338	\$1,618	\$1,618	\$1,129	\$1,338
Child Care	\$0	\$0	\$639	\$1,820	\$0	\$0
Food	\$347	\$721	\$1,204	\$1,051	\$296	\$614
Transportation	\$339	\$511	\$808	\$808	\$293	\$419
Health Care	\$187	\$458	\$716	\$716	\$491	\$983
Technology	\$55	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$252	\$381	\$595	\$730	\$274	\$413
Taxes	\$465	\$703	\$893	\$1,209	\$472	\$705
Monthly Total	\$2,774	\$4,187	\$6,548	\$8,027	\$3,010	\$4,547
Annual Total	\$33,288	\$50,244	\$78,576	\$96,324	\$36,120	\$54,564
Hourly Wage	\$16.64	\$25.12	\$39.29	\$48.16	\$18.06	\$27.28

Sources: ALICE Household Survival Budget, 2018; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2018

## ...and the labor landscape is challenging for ALICE workers.

A breakdown of the labor force shows a small portion of adults (16 years and older) who are unemployed and a large number who are working. However, a significant portion of full- and part-time workers are paid by the hour; these workers are more likely to have fluctuations in income and less likely to receive benefits. There is also a high number of workers outside of the labor force (people who are not employed and not looking for work), which has helped keep wages low: When more workers are available, employers have less incentive to raise wages to attract employees.

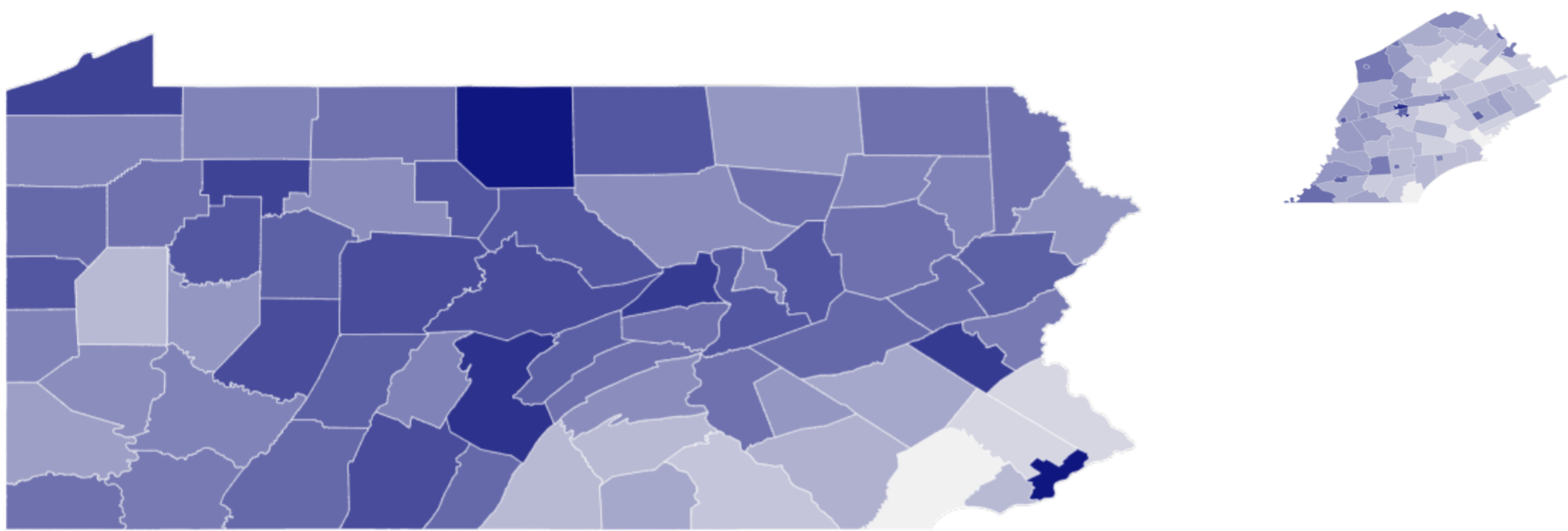


*Note: Data for hourly full- and part-time jobs is only available at the national level; these national rates (51% of full-time workers paid hourly and 75% of part-time workers paid hourly) have been applied to the workforce at the county-level to calculate the breakdown shown in this figure. Because this figure sums county-level data (some using 1-year estimates and some using 5-year estimates), the state percentages may differ slightly from those shown in the 2020 Report. Full-time represents 35 hours per week or more at one or more jobs for 48 weeks per year.*

Sources: American Community Survey, 2018; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 2018

# How Does the Number of ALICE Households Vary Within the County?

There is significant variation in the number of households who live below the ALICE Threshold within the county.



Source: ALICE Threshold, 2018; American Community Survey, 2018

County Subdivision	Total Households	% Below ALICE Threshold
Atglen borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	525	52%
Avondale borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	366	31%
Birmingham township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,436	9%
Caln township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	5,664	33%
Charlestown township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,911	11%
Coatesville city, Chester County, Pennsylvania	4,537	66%
Downingtown borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,312	48%
East Bradford township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,603	22%
East Brandywine township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,949	21%
East Caln township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,008	29%
East Coventry township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,408	28%
East Fallowfield township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,799	22%
East Goshen township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	8,202	32%
East Marlborough township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,789	19%
East Nantmeal township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	615	22%
East Nottingham township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,737	28%
East Pikeland township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,092	26%
East Vincent township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,274	27%
East Whiteland township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	4,202	23%
Easttown township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,808	18%
Elk township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	641	32%
Elverson borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	683	45%
Franklin township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,574	21%
Highland township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	470	33%
Honey Brook borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	711	44%
Honey Brook township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,739	44%
Kennett Square borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,095	39%
Kennett township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,129	24%
London Britain township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,121	9%

County Subdivision	Total Households	% Below ALICE Threshold
London Grove township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,544	25%
Londonderry township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	863	26%
Lower Oxford township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,003	36%
Malvern borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,516	29%
Modena borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	270	72%
New Garden township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,905	26%
New London township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,879	20%
Newlin township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	473	28%
North Coventry township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,179	38%
Oxford borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,870	50%
Parkesburg borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,325	42%
Penn township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,258	43%
Pennsbury township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,353	23%
Phoenixville borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	7,111	42%
Pocopson township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,033	14%
Sadsbury township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,472	34%
Schuylkill township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,028	20%
South Coatesville borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	546	51%
South Coventry township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,009	26%
Spring City borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,540	52%
Thornbury township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,173	16%
Tredyffrin township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	11,809	20%
Upper Oxford township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	816	31%
Upper Uwchlan township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,619	10%
Uwchlan township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	6,995	24%
Valley township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,935	34%
Wallace township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,134	21%
Warwick township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,034	29%
West Bradford township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	4,383	17%



County Subdivision	Total Households	% Below ALICE Threshold
West Brandywine township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	2,867	33%
West Caln township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,446	27%
West Chester borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	7,174	50%
West Fallowfield township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	888	34%
West Goshen township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	8,798	29%
West Grove borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania	907	45%
West Marlborough township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	332	26%
West Nantmeal township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	806	35%
West Nottingham township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	932	47%
West Pikeland township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,483	19%
West Sadsbury township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	791	33%
West Vincent township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	1,761	15%
West Whiteland township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	6,824	21%
Westtown township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	3,812	19%
Willistown township, Chester County, Pennsylvania	4,296	25%

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2007-2018; American Community Survey, 2007-2018