

ALICE IN CHESTER COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

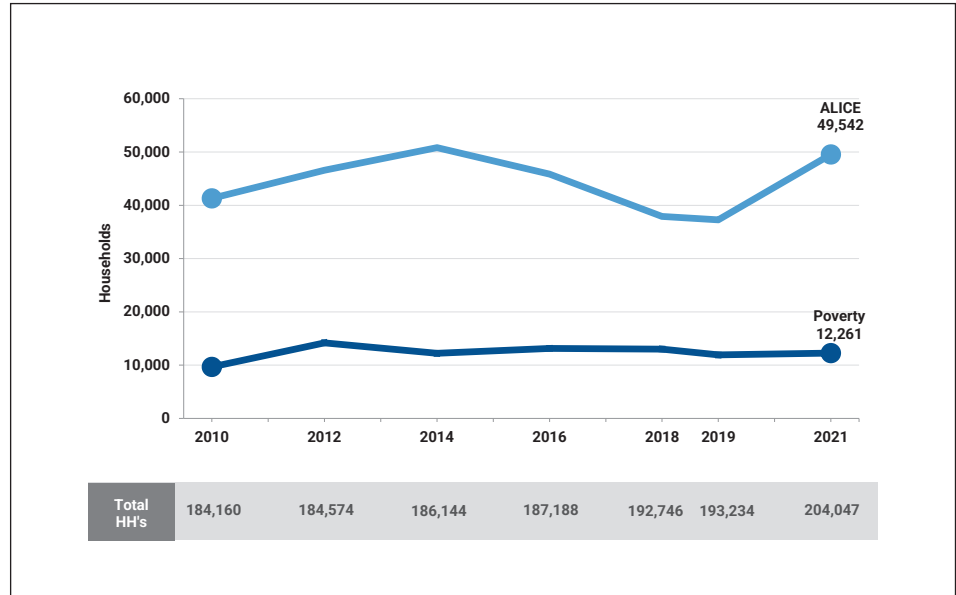
Population: 538,649 • **Number of Households:** 204,047 (6% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$109,601 (state average: \$68,957)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 68.8% (state average: 62.4%)
ALICE Households: 24% (state average: 27%) • **Households in Poverty:** 6% (state average: 12%)

Financial Hardship Changes Over Time

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **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, 49,198 households in Chester County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 61,803, (a 26% change).

Households by Income, Chester County, 2010–2021



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania
 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 Chester 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 Chester County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania

Household Survival Budget, Chester County, 2021		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$988	\$1,306
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,979
Food	\$534	\$1,456
Transportation	\$330	\$806
Health Care	\$223	\$885
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$230	\$683
Tax Payments	\$435	\$1,427
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,267
Monthly Total	\$2,969	\$7,677
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$35,628	\$92,124
Hourly Wage*	\$17.81	\$46.06

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

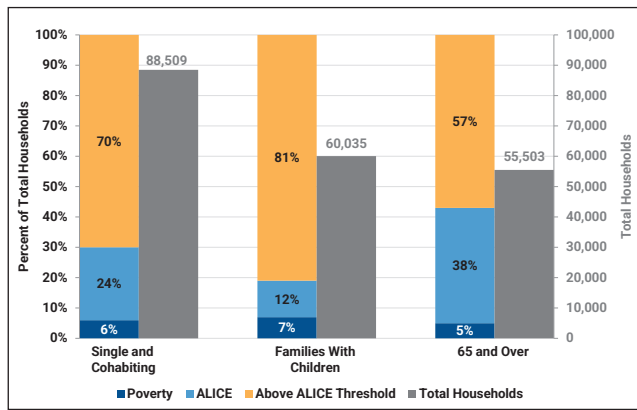
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

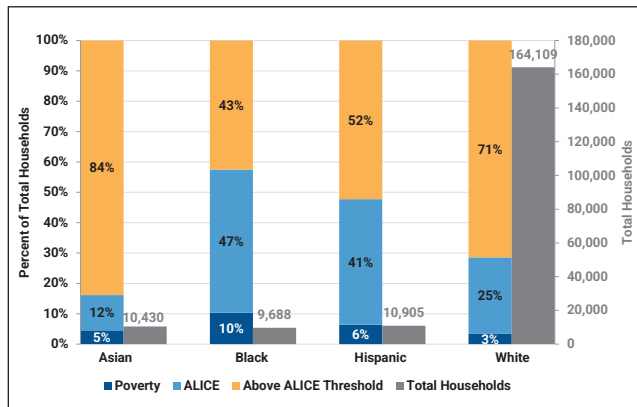
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Chester County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Chester 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

Chester County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Atglen borough	420	50%
Avondale borough	429	45%
Birmingham township	1,444	10%
Caln township	5,438	38%
Charlestown township	2,010	16%
Coatesville city	4,778	66%
Downingtown borough	3,487	48%
East Bradford township	3,536	22%
East Brandywine township	3,334	19%
East Caln township	2,512	37%
East Coventry township	2,714	26%
East Fallowfield township	2,795	30%
East Goshen township	8,818	35%
East Marlborough township	2,787	17%
East Nantmeal township	604	28%
East Nottingham township	2,707	28%
East Pikeland township	3,434	25%
Easttown township	3,917	24%
East Vincent township	2,391	28%
East Whiteland township	4,908	22%
Elk township	612	22%
Elverson borough	608	53%
Franklin township	1,578	11%
Highland township	408	35%
Honey Brook borough	717	39%
Honey Brook township	3,077	46%
Kennett township	3,438	25%
Kennett Square borough	2,331	52%
London Britain township	999	17%
Londonderry township	967	24%
London Grove township	2,709	25%
Lower Oxford township	1,036	39%
Malvern borough	1,509	29%
Modena borough	189	70%
New Garden township	4,027	31%
Newlin township	428	22%
New London township	1,968	17%
North Coventry township	3,386	44%
Oxford borough	2,052	62%
Parkeburg borough	1,477	40%

Chester County, 2021		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Penn township	2,109	35%
Pennsbury township	1,388	17%
Phoenixville borough	7,897	40%
Pocopson township	854	11%
Sadsbury township	1,458	30%
Schuylkill township	3,036	25%
South Coatesville borough	650	65%
South Coventry township	1,015	28%
Spring City borough	1,991	54%
Thornbury township	1,191	17%
Tredyffrin township	11,972	22%
Upper Oxford township	884	28%
Upper Uwchlan township	3,913	11%
Uwchlan township	7,486	26%
Valley township	2,709	42%
Wallace township	1,166	29%
Warwick township	1,048	36%
West Bradford township	4,982	24%
West Brandywine township	2,887	32%
West Caln township	3,454	34%
West Chester borough	6,832	54%
West Fallowfield township	852	49%
West Goshen township	8,833	30%
West Grove borough	937	47%
West Marlborough township	439	37%
West Nantmeal township	777	26%
West Nottingham township	1,026	50%
West Pikeland township	1,432	13%
West Sadsbury township	786	38%
Westtown township	4,159	24%
West Vincent township	2,292	14%
West Whiteland township	7,412	17%
Willistown township	4,313	21%

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.