

# ALICE IN CHESTER COUNTY



## 2022 Point-in-Time Data

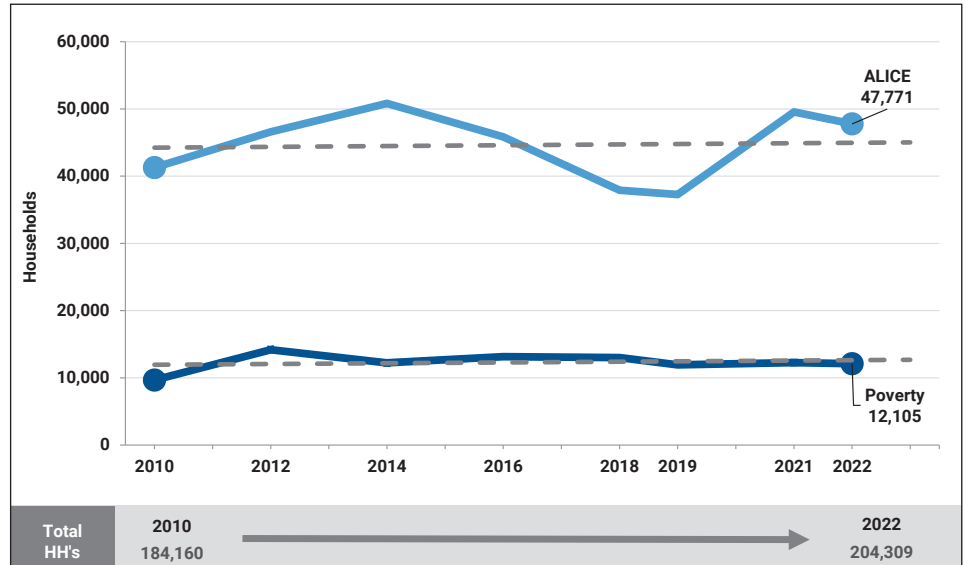
**Population:** 545,823 • **Number of Households:** 204,309  
**Median Household Income:** \$117,232 (state average: \$71,798)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 67.9% (state average: 62.8%)  
**ALICE Households:** 23% (state average: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 6% (state average: 12%)

## Financial Hardship 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.

Households move below or above the ALICE Threshold as economic factors and circumstances change. This was especially true amid the economic crosscurrents of the COVID-19 pandemic, with higher wages, inflation, and additional pandemic assistance. By 2022, 59,876 households (29%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Chester County.

## Households by Income, Chester County, 2010–2022



Note: See an interactive version of this data at [UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania)  
 Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2022; American Community Survey, 2010–2022

## The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

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

In 2022, household costs in Chester County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$13,590 for a single adult and \$27,750 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in Chester County, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania)

## Household Survival Budget, Chester County, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
<b>Housing – Rent</b>	\$1,004	\$1,302
<b>Housing – Utilities</b>	\$163	\$310
<b>Child Care</b>	–	\$2,581
<b>Food</b>	\$572	\$1,558
<b>Transportation</b>	\$396	\$1,047
<b>Health Care</b>	\$191	\$761
<b>Technology</b>	\$86	\$116
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$241	\$768
<b>Tax Payments</b>	\$461	\$1,634
<b>Tax Credits</b>	\$0	-\$433
<b>Monthly Total</b>	\$3,114	\$9,644
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	\$37,368	\$115,728
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$18.68</b>	<b>\$57.86</b>

\*Wage working full-time required to support this budget  
 For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology)

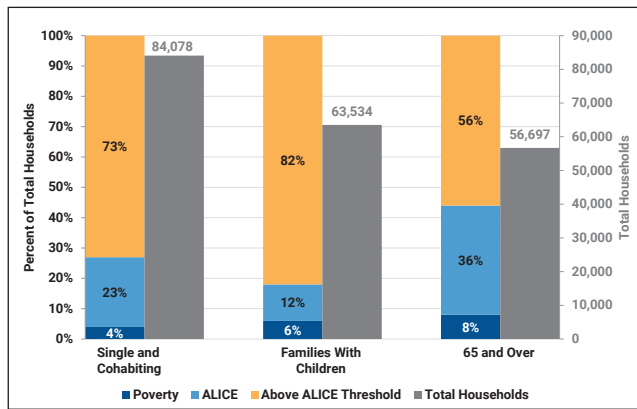
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

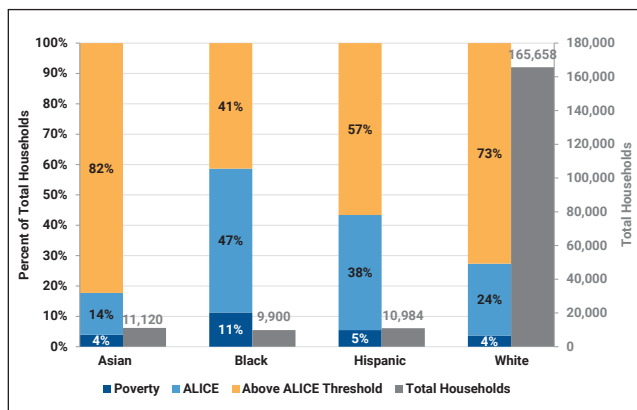
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Chester County, 2022



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Chester County, 2022



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

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022

Chester County, 2022		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Atglen borough	389	40%
Avondale borough	392	49%
Birmingham township	1,437	8%
Caln township	5,660	37%
Charlestown township	2,123	15%
Coatesville city	4,649	65%
Downingtown borough	3,393	51%
East Bradford township	3,585	21%
East Brandywine township	3,380	20%
East Caln township	2,582	37%
East Coventry township	2,738	29%
East Fallowfield township	2,753	29%
East Goshen township	8,920	36%
East Marlborough township	2,802	17%
East Nantmeal township	608	23%
East Nottingham township	2,813	25%
East Pikeland township	3,414	21%
East Vincent township	2,400	29%
East Whiteland township	5,129	19%
Easttown township	3,908	25%
Elk township	580	23%
Elverson borough	626	48%
Franklin township	1,607	14%
Highland township	417	37%
Honey Brook borough	702	41%
Honey Brook township	2,773	49%
Kennett Square borough	2,233	51%
Kennett township	3,449	24%
London Britain township	1,057	16%
London Grove township	2,748	20%
Londonderry township	972	22%
Lower Oxford township	1,056	36%
Malvern borough	1,588	27%
Modena borough	191	62%
New Garden township	3,992	29%
New London township	2,000	17%
Newlin township	424	20%
North Coventry township	3,375	43%

Chester County, 2022		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Oxford borough	2,119	57%
Parkeburg borough	1,472	39%
Penn township	2,073	34%
Pennsbury township	1,377	20%
Phoenixville borough	8,374	39%
Pocopson township	1,002	12%
Sadsbury township	1,453	29%
Schuylkill township	3,078	23%
South Coatesville borough	687	58%
South Coventry township	1,016	27%
Spring City borough	1,903	59%
Thornbury township	1,220	18%
Tredyffrin township	12,182	23%
Upper Oxford township	885	26%
Upper Uwchlan township	4,019	11%
Uwchlan township	7,655	25%
Valley township	2,737	37%
Wallace township	1,177	26%
Warwick township	1,053	32%
West Bradford township	4,974	21%
West Brandywine township	2,924	31%
West Caln township	3,410	35%
West Chester borough	6,996	52%
West Fallowfield township	852	40%
West Goshen township	9,037	33%
West Grove borough	964	43%
West Marlborough township	455	39%
West Nantmeal township	762	23%
West Nottingham township	1,088	49%
West Pikeland township	1,394	10%
West Sadsbury township	816	42%
West Vincent township	2,383	15%
West Whiteland township	7,651	20%
Westtown township	4,221	23%
Willistown township	4,348	20%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census County Subdivisions. Data for counties with populations over 65,000 is 1-year estimates. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included. Therefore, totals will not match the county-level numbers.