

# ALICE IN CARBON COUNTY



## 2022 Point-in-Time Data

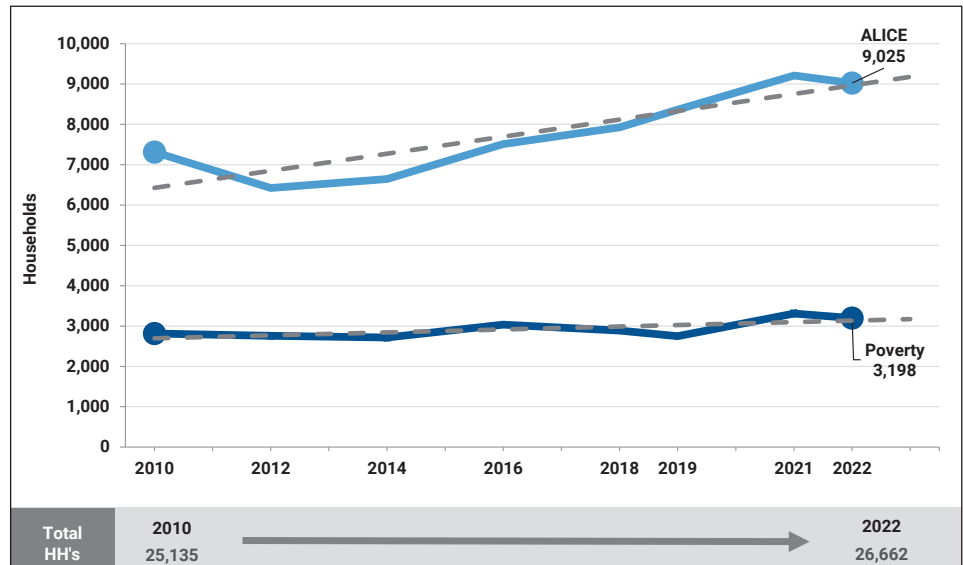
**Population:** 65,460 • **Number of Households:** 26,662  
**Median Household Income:** \$64,456 (state average: \$71,798)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 60.3% (state average: 62.8%)  
**ALICE Households:** 34% (state average: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state average: 12%)

## 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, 12,223 households (46%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Carbon County.

## Households by Income, Carbon 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 Carbon 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 Carbon County, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania)

## Household Survival Budget, Carbon County, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
<b>Housing – Rent</b>	\$671	\$886
<b>Housing – Utilities</b>	\$163	\$310
<b>Child Care</b>	–	\$1,521
<b>Food</b>	\$450	\$1,227
<b>Transportation</b>	\$396	\$1,047
<b>Health Care</b>	\$191	\$761
<b>Technology</b>	\$86	\$116
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$196	\$587
<b>Tax Payments</b>	\$347	\$1,182
<b>Tax Credits</b>	\$0	-\$433
<b>Monthly Total</b>	\$2,500	\$7,204
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	\$30,000	\$86,448
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$43.22</b>

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

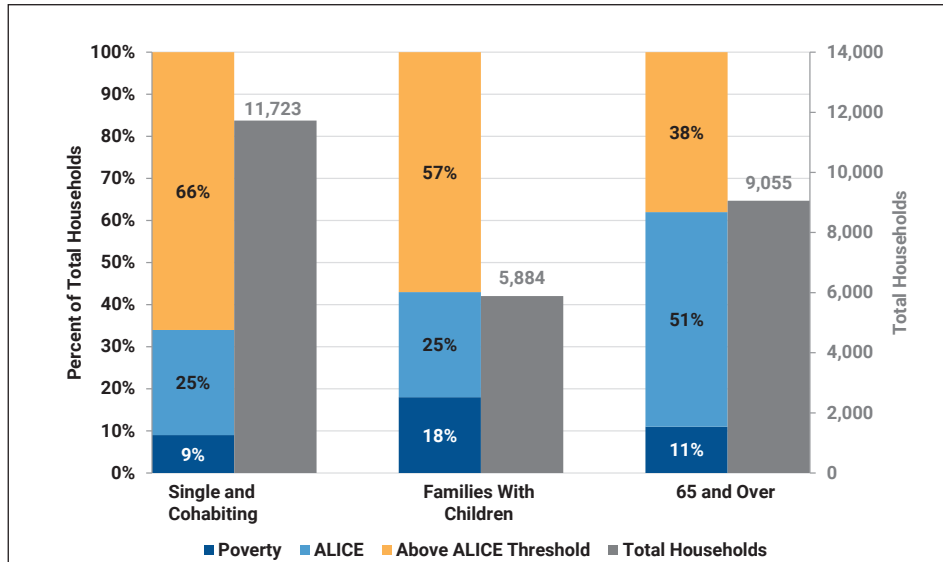
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

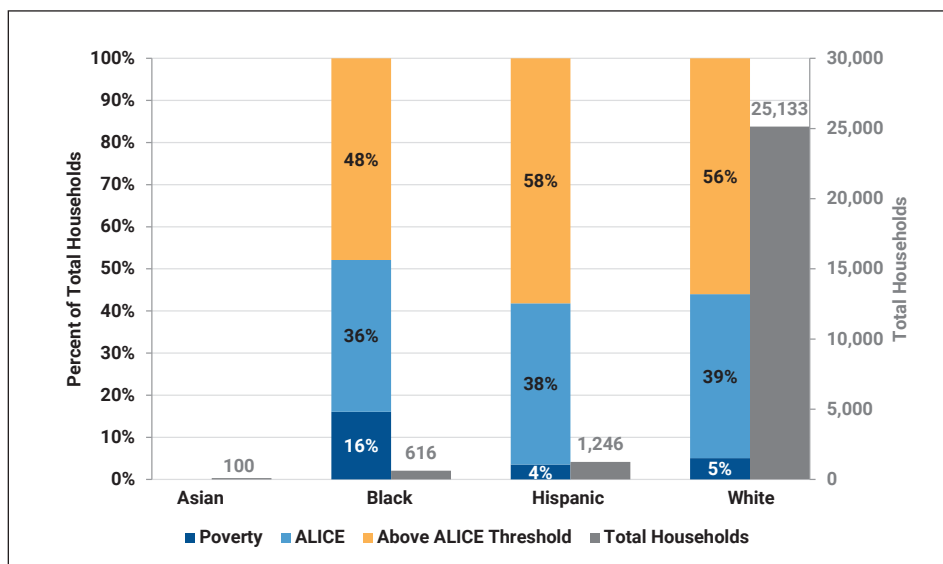
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Carbon County, 2022



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

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Carbon 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

Carbon County, 2022		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Banks township	461	56%
Beaver Meadows borough	338	54%
Bowmantown borough	477	56%
East Penn township	1,002	38%
East Side borough	109	46%
Franklin township	1,942	36%
Jim Thorpe borough	1,951	46%
Kidder township	713	44%
Lansford borough	1,691	66%
Lausanne township	109	28%
Lehigh township	147	36%
Lehighon borough	2,056	49%
Lower Towamensing township	1,286	50%
Mahoning township	1,915	46%
Nesquehoning borough	1,183	55%
Packer township	362	32%
Palmerton borough	2,363	46%
Parryville borough	150	52%
Penn Forest township	4,141	40%
Summit Hill borough	1,297	42%
Towamensing township	1,819	41%
Weatherly borough	963	52%
Weissport borough	187	49%

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.