

# ALICE IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY



## 2022 Point-in-Time Data

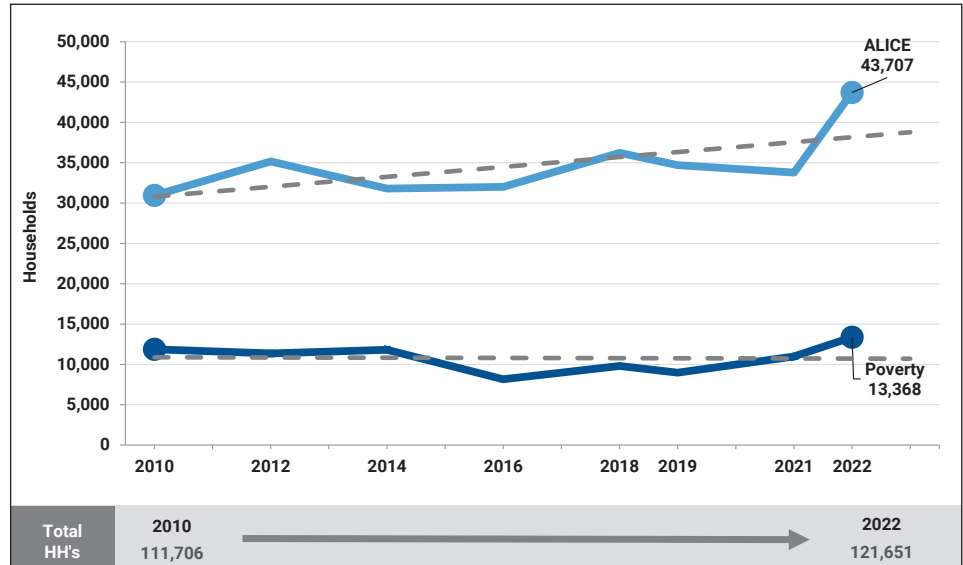
**Population:** 318,526 • **Number of Households:** 121,651  
**Median Household Income:** \$74,696 (state average: \$71,798)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 62.6% (state average: 62.8%)  
**ALICE Households:** 36% (state average: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 11% (state average: 12%)

## 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, 57,075 households (47%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Northampton County.

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

## Household Survival Budget, Northampton County, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
Housing – Rent	\$892	\$1,203
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	–	\$1,859
Food	\$524	\$1,427
Transportation	\$396	\$1,047
Health Care	\$191	\$761
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$225	\$672
Tax Payments	\$421	\$1,396
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$433
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,898</b>	<b>\$8,358</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,776</b>	<b>\$100,296</b>
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$17.39</b>	<b>\$50.15</b>

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

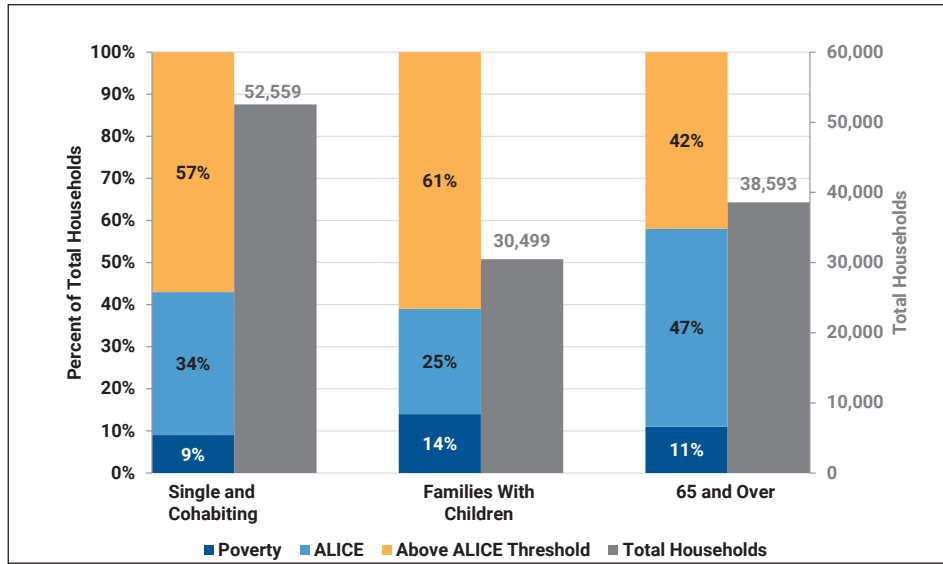
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

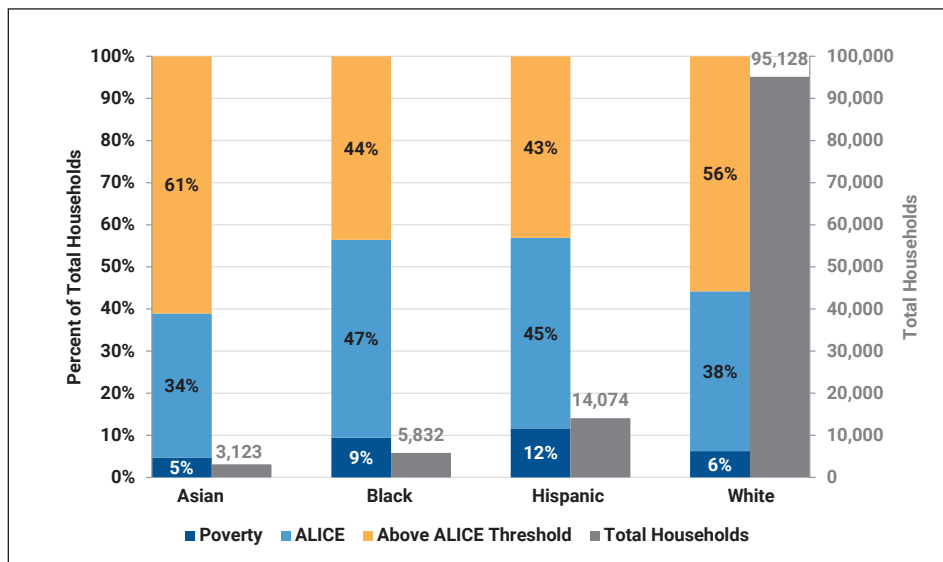
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Northampton County, 2022



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

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Northampton 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

### Northampton County, 2022

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Allen township	2,103	32%
Bangor borough	1,981	64%
Bath borough	1,063	57%
Bethlehem city	21,602	57%
Bethlehem township	9,776	27%
Bushkill township	3,085	31%
East Allen township	1,964	41%
East Bangor borough	385	54%
Easton city	10,442	58%
Forks township	6,119	30%
Freemansburg borough	1,224	37%
Glendon borough	149	32%
Hanover township	4,686	35%
Hellertown borough	2,544	46%
Lehigh township	4,446	42%
Lower Mount Bethel township	1,198	38%
Lower Nazareth township	2,524	24%
Lower Saucon township	4,078	31%
Moore township	3,411	40%
Nazareth borough	2,972	61%
North Catasauqua borough	1,184	41%
Northampton borough	4,195	46%
Palmer township	8,758	32%
Pen Argyl borough	1,321	45%
Plainfield township	2,473	41%
Portland borough	202	54%
Roseto borough	660	45%
Stockertown borough	336	28%
Tatamy borough	382	35%
Upper Mount Bethel township	2,652	41%
Upper Nazareth township	2,570	20%
Walnutport borough	737	53%
Washington township	1,920	41%
West Easton borough	437	48%
Williams township	2,506	29%
Wilson borough	2,943	40%
Wind Gap borough	1,290	57%

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.