

ALICE IN CARBON COUNTY



2023 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 65,458 • **Number of Households:** 28,934

Median Household Income: \$64,229 (state: \$73,824)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 59.3% (state: 62.8%)

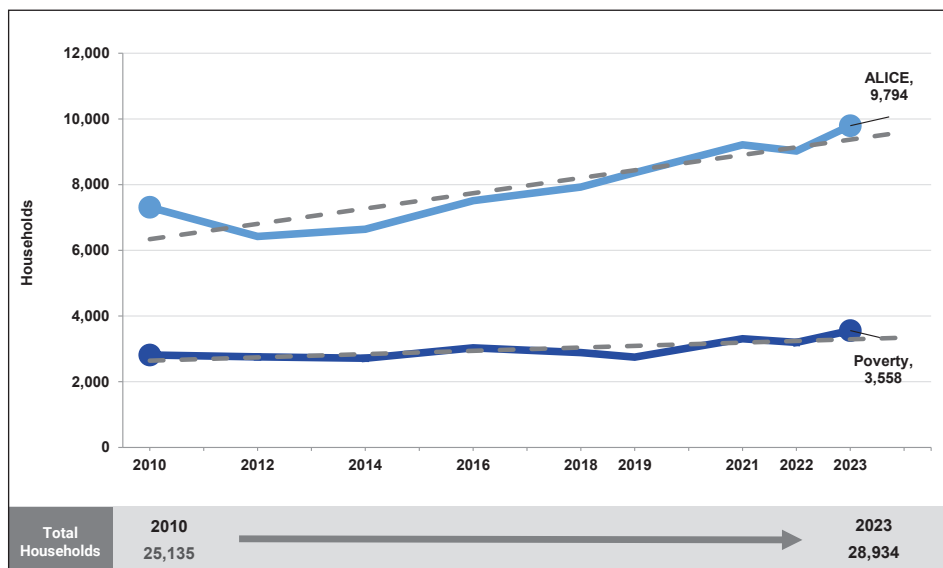
ALICE Households: 34% (state: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state: 12%)

Trends in Financial Hardship

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed – 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. The line graph to the right shows the number of ALICE and poverty-level households (solid blue lines), as well as the trend over time (dotted gray lines). **By 2023, 13,352 households (46%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Carbon County.**

ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Carbon County, 2010–2023



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2023; American Community Survey, 2010–2023

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 2023, household costs in Carbon County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$14,580 for a single adult and \$30,000 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in Carbon County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania

Household Survival Budget, Carbon County, 2023

	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$1,064	\$1,536
Child Care	–	\$1,521
Food	\$468	\$1,269
Transportation	\$397	\$944
Health Care	\$172	\$660
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$219	\$605
Taxes	\$390	\$764
Monthly Total	\$2,796	\$7,415
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$33,552	\$88,980
Hourly Wage*	\$16.78	\$44.49

*Full-time wage required to support this budget

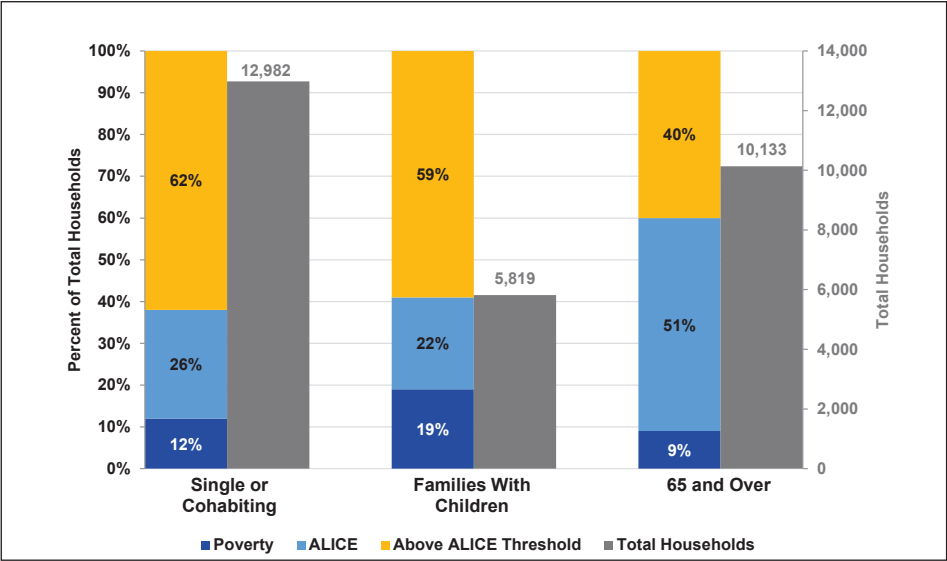
For ALICE Household Survival Budget sources, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology

Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

The largest demographic groups in the county also tend to have the largest number of households below the ALICE Threshold. However, when looking at the percentage of each group that is below the Threshold, some groups face higher rates of hardship.

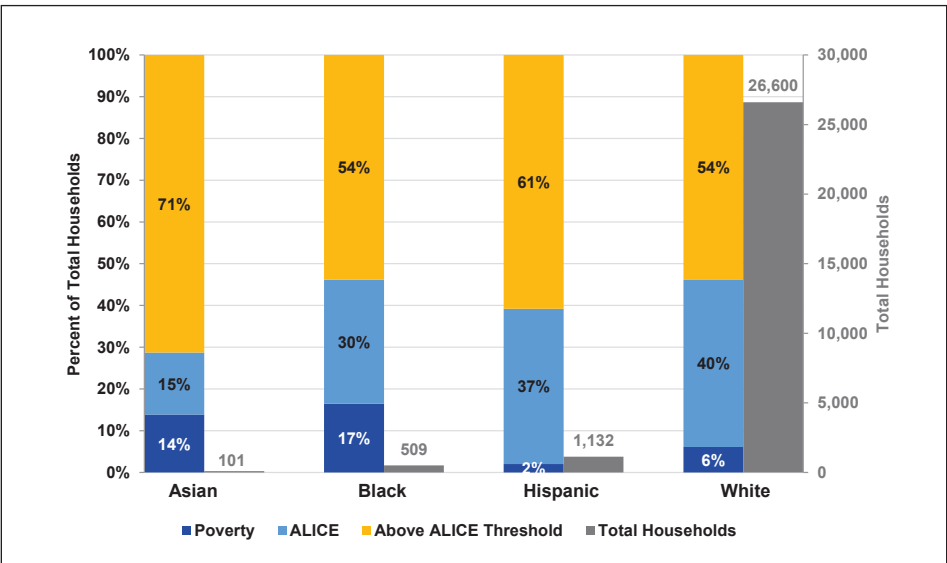
Explore more demographic data at UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania and visit UnitedForALICE.org/Mapping-Tool to see ALICE data for all available geographies.

Household Financial Status by Household Type, Carbon County, 2023



Note: Families with children include married-parent, single-female-headed, and single-male-headed households.
Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2023; American Community Survey, 2023

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Carbon County, 2023



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, 2023; American Community Survey, 2023

Carbon County, 2023		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Banks township	416	42%
Beaver Meadows borough	328	54%
Bowmanstown borough	415	45%
East Penn township	1,026	35%
East Side borough	127	63%
Franklin township	1,970	29%
Jim Thorpe borough	1,961	42%
Kidder township	779	41%
Lansford borough	1,613	69%
Lausanne township	116	30%
Lehigh township	153	42%
Lehighton borough	2,023	47%
Lower Towamensing township	1,266	46%
Mahoning township	1,934	43%
Nesquehoning borough	1,222	54%
Packer township	367	38%
Palmerton borough	2,574	41%
Parryville borough	154	47%
Penn Forest township	4,273	39%
Summit Hill borough	1,217	47%
Towamensing township	1,921	43%
Weatherly borough	1,019	53%
Weissport borough	219	51%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for U.S. Census County Subdivisions, which include Census County Divisions (CCDs). 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.