

2021 Point-in-Time Data

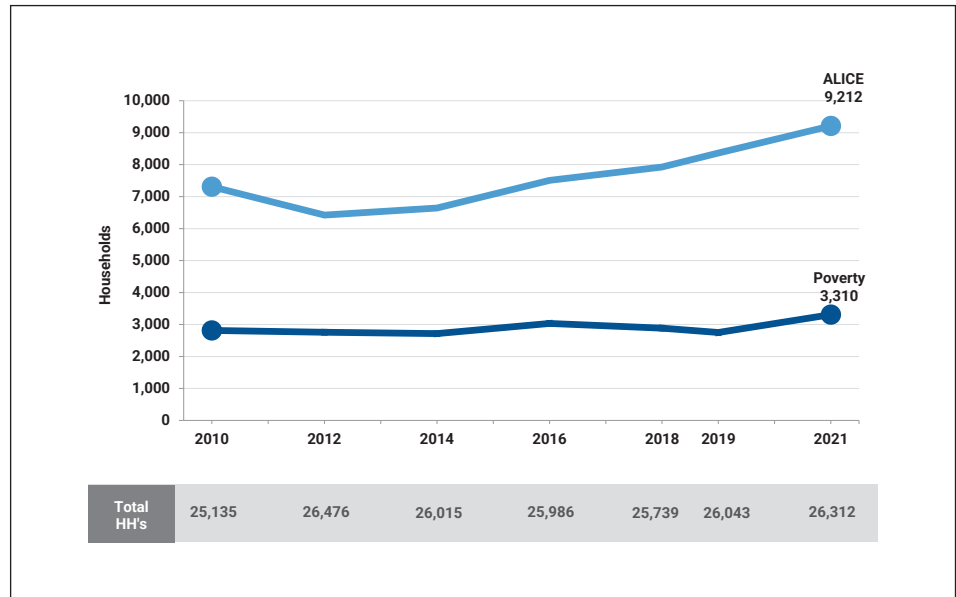
Population: 65,412 • **Number of Households:** 26,312 (1% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$57,262 (state average: \$68,957)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 62.6% (state average: 62.4%)
ALICE Households: 35% (state average: 27%) • **Households in Poverty:** 13% (state average: 12%)

Financial Hardship Changes 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.

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, 11,114 households in Carbon County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 12,522, (a 13% change).

Households by Income, Carbon 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 Carbon 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 Carbon County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania

Household Survival Budget, Carbon County, 2021		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$634	\$847
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,245
Food	\$414	\$1,128
Transportation	\$330	\$806
Health Care	\$223	\$885
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$183	\$531
Tax Payments	\$317	\$1,047
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,222
Monthly Total	\$2,330	\$5,669
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$27,960	\$68,028
Hourly Wage*	\$13.98	\$34.01

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

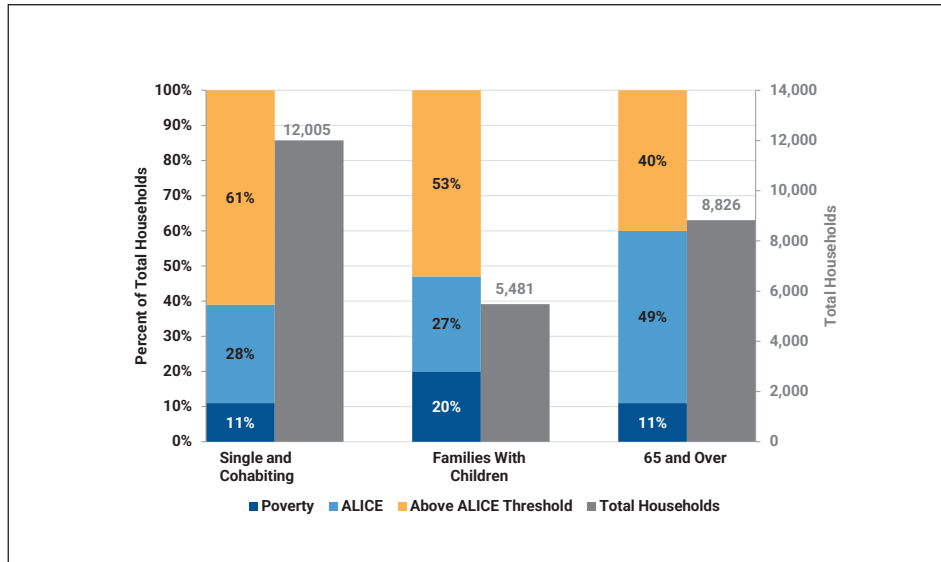
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

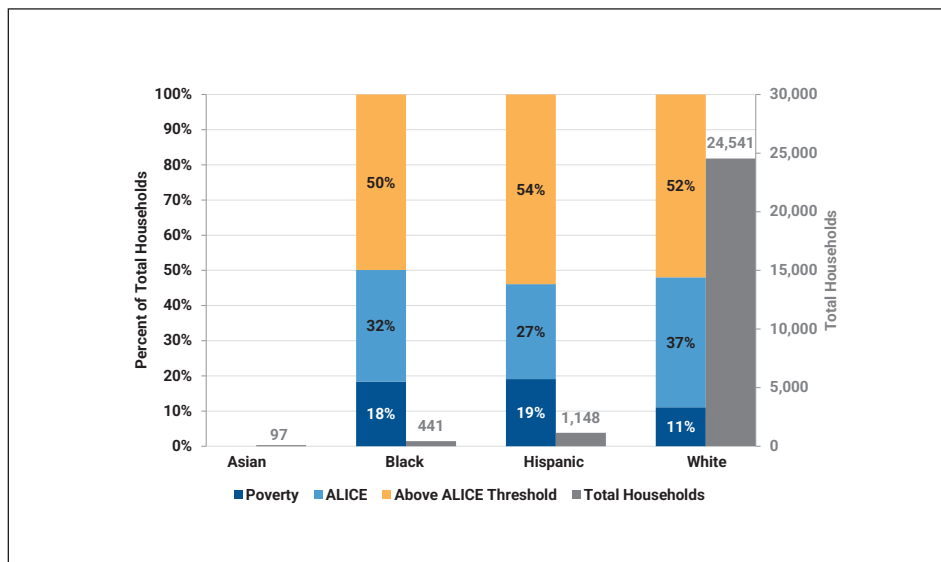
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Carbon County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Carbon 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

Carbon County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Banks township	524	62%
Beaver Meadows borough	307	56%
Bowmantown borough	482	59%
East Penn township	968	39%
Franklin township	1,818	36%
Jim Thorpe borough	1,956	51%
Kidder township	677	54%
Lansford borough	1,686	63%
Lausanne township	113	41%
Lehigh township	150	37%
Lehighton borough	2,160	57%
Lower Towamensing township	1,302	44%
Mahoning township	1,819	47%
Nesquehoning borough	1,215	56%
Packer township	333	35%
Palmerton borough	2,308	48%
Parryville borough	176	49%
Penn Forest township	3,996	37%
Summit Hill borough	1,258	50%
Towamensing township	1,803	39%
Weatherly borough	961	57%
Weissport borough	201	58%

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.