

# ALICE IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY



## 2021 Point-in-Time Data

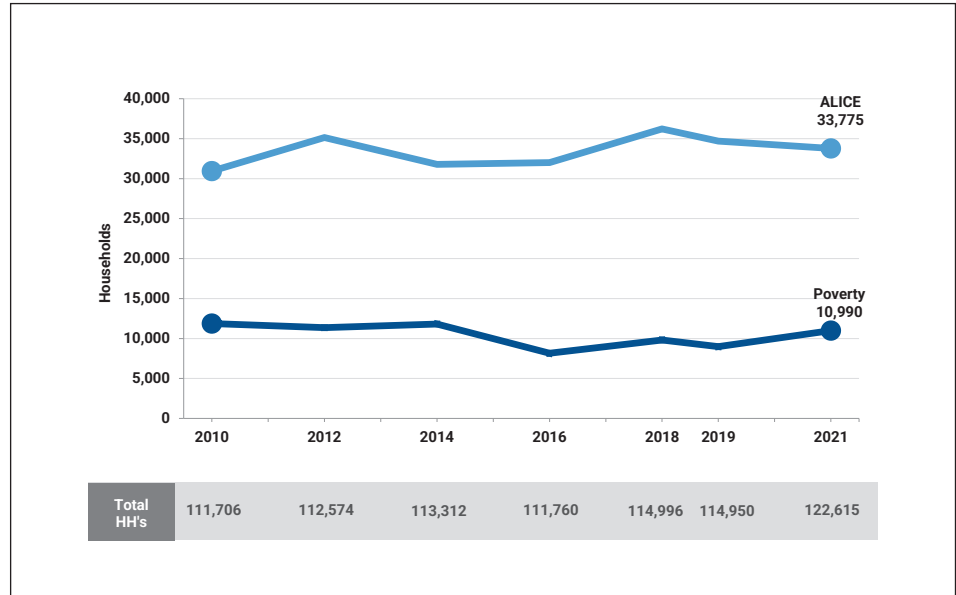
**Population:** 313,628 • **Number of Households:** 122,615 (7% change from 2019)  
**Median Household Income:** \$79,578 (state average: \$68,957)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 63.5% (state average: 62.4%)  
**ALICE Households:** 28% (state average: 27%) • **Households in Poverty:** 9% (state average: 12%)

## Financial Hardship Changes Over Time

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **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.

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, 43,677 households in Northampton County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 44,765, (a 2% change).

## Households by Income, Northampton County, 2010–2021



Note: See an interactive version of this data at [UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania](https://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 Northampton 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 Northampton County, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania)

## Household Survival Budget, Northampton County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
Housing – Rent	\$866	\$1,183
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,458
Food	\$486	\$1,326
Transportation	\$330	\$806
Health Care	\$223	\$885
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$213	\$606
Tax Payments	\$393	\$1,234
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,267
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,740</b>	<b>\$6,633</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,880</b>	<b>\$79,596</b>
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$16.44</b>	<b>\$39.80</b>

\*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology)

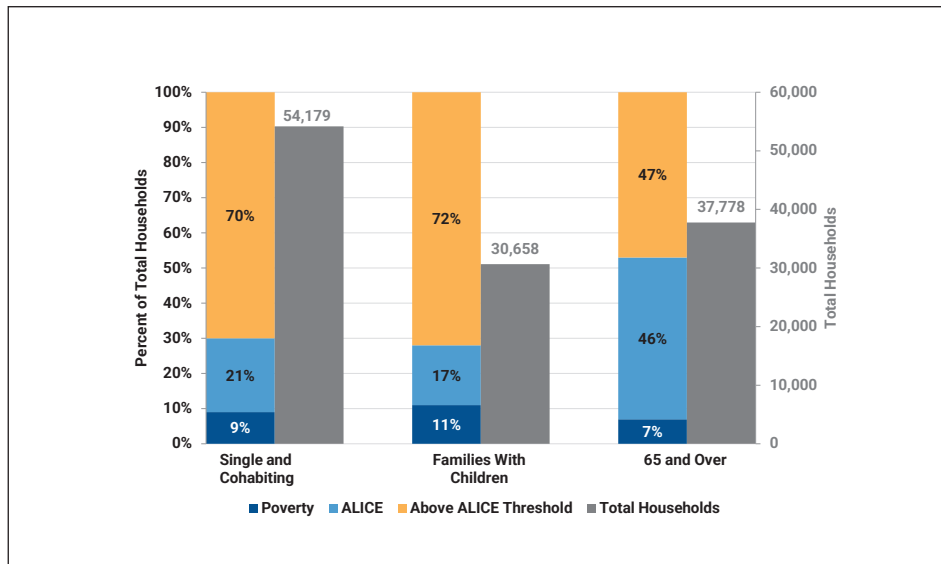
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

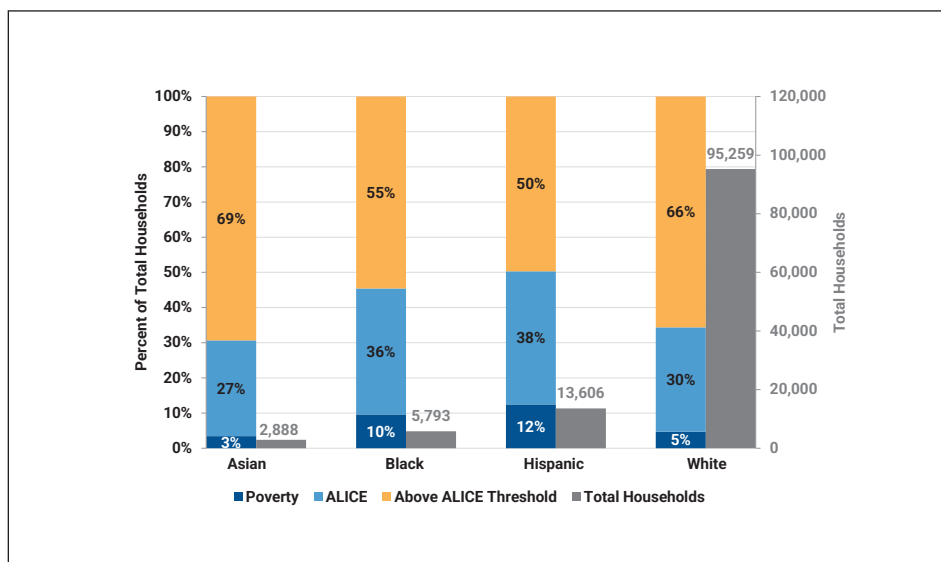
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Northampton County, 2021



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

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Northampton 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

Northampton County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Allen township	2,077	31%
Bangor borough	1,945	60%
Bath borough	1,061	50%
Bethlehem city	21,409	52%
Bethlehem township	9,760	26%
Bushkill township	3,060	28%
East Allen township	1,957	41%
East Bangor borough	394	48%
Easton city	10,049	52%
Forks township	6,103	26%
Freemansburg borough	1,274	39%
Glendon borough	144	33%
Hanover township	4,587	31%
Hellertown borough	2,442	41%
Lehigh township	4,476	43%
Lower Mount Bethel township	1,165	38%
Lower Nazareth township	2,405	17%
Lower Saucon township	4,035	32%
Moore township	3,337	30%
Nazareth borough	2,888	55%
Northampton borough	4,281	43%
North Catasauqua borough	1,228	41%
Palmer township	8,843	28%
Pen Argyl borough	1,327	39%
Plainfield township	2,465	39%
Portland borough	175	55%
Roseto borough	688	44%
Stockertown borough	351	30%
Tatamy borough	370	45%
Upper Mount Bethel township	2,653	38%
Upper Nazareth township	2,423	21%
Walnutport borough	748	46%
Washington township	1,927	36%
West Easton borough	460	48%
Williams township	2,532	24%
Wilson borough	2,904	31%
Wind Gap borough	1,205	61%

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.