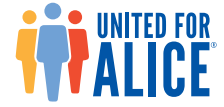


# ALICE IN SOMERSET COUNTY



## 2021 Point-in-Time Data

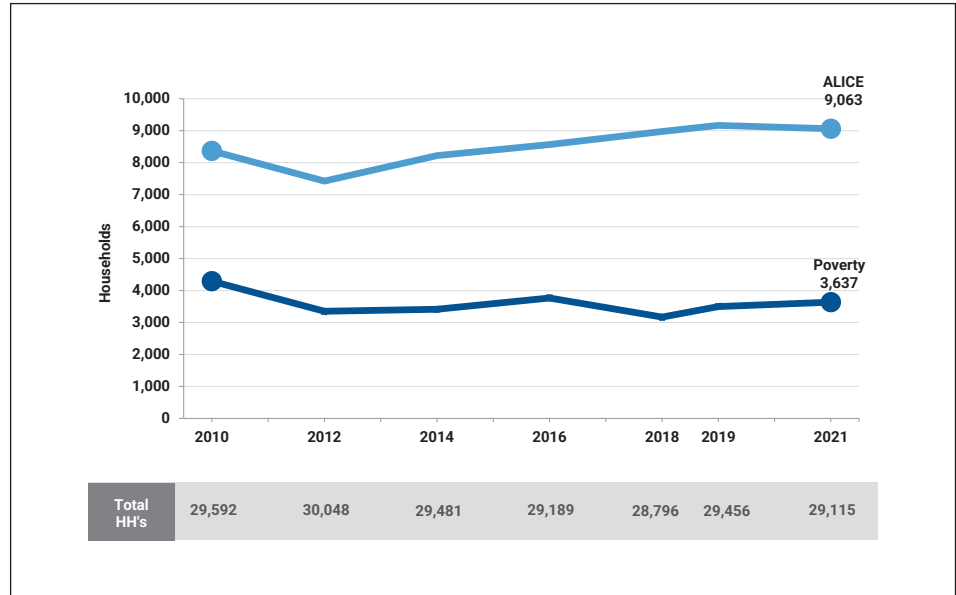
**Population:** 73,627 • **Number of Households:** 29,115 (-1% change from 2019)  
**Median Household Income:** \$54,352 (state average: \$68,957)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 54.7% (state average: 62.4%)  
**ALICE Households:** 31% (state average: 27%) • **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state 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, 12,665 households in Somerset County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 12,700, (a 0% change).

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

## Household Survival Budget, Somerset County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
Housing – Rent	\$443	\$432
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,146
Food	\$411	\$1,120
Transportation	\$330	\$806
Health Care	\$223	\$885
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$164	\$479
Tax Payments	\$269	\$916
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,173
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,069</b>	<b>\$5,013</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,828</b>	<b>\$60,156</b>
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$12.41</b>	<b>\$30.08</b>

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

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

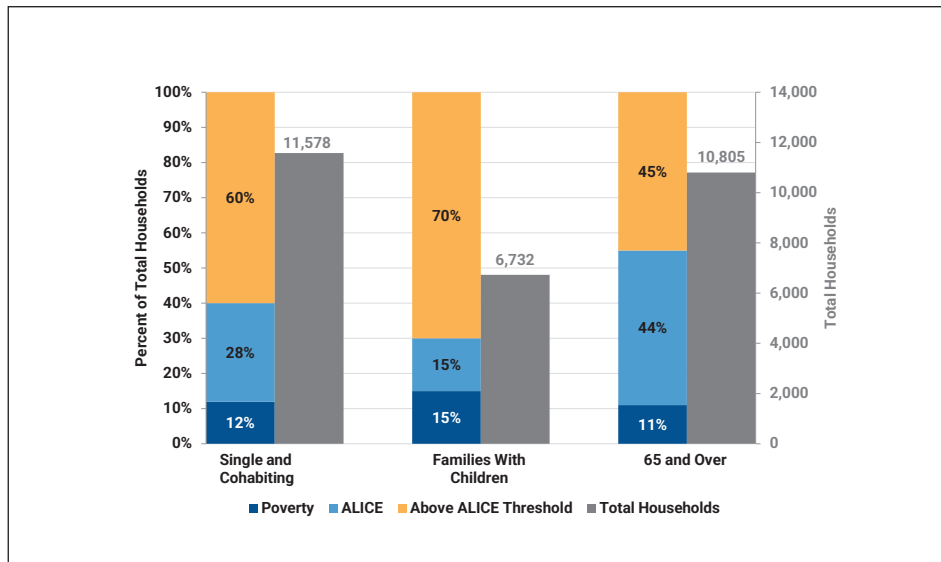
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

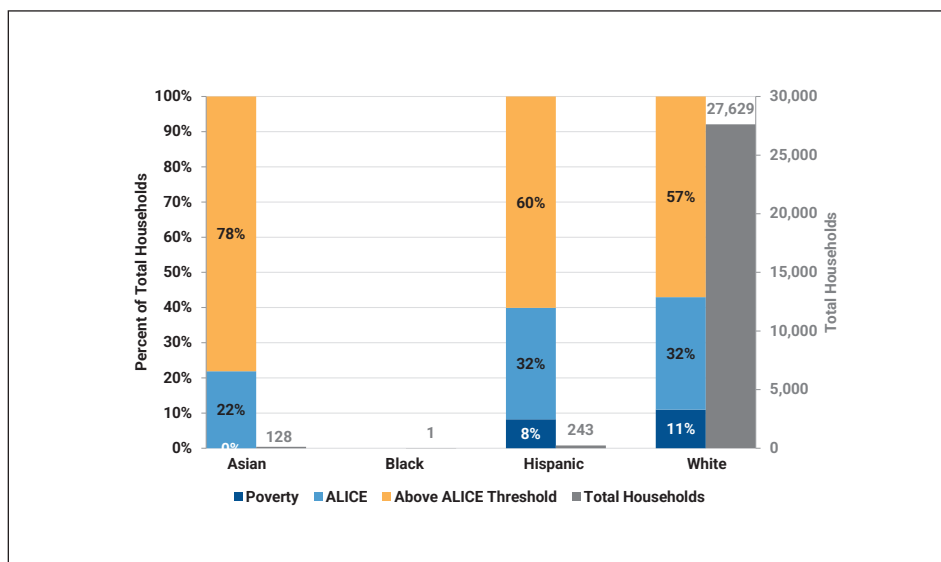
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Somerset County, 2021



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

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Somerset 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

Somerset County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Addison township	423	50%
Allegheny township	256	37%
Berlin borough	900	42%
Black township	317	43%
Boswell borough	584	55%
Brothersvalley township	843	37%
Central City borough	428	49%
Conemaugh township	2,770	38%
Confluence borough	277	48%
Elk Lick township	735	37%
Garrett borough	170	47%
Greenville township	230	38%
Hooversville borough	300	52%
Indian Lake borough	201	19%
Jefferson township	517	36%
Jenner township	1,457	45%
Jennerstown borough	380	41%
Larimer township	255	38%
Lincoln township	510	37%
Lower Turkeyfoot township	181	55%
Meyersdale borough	936	42%
Middlecreek township	305	43%
Milford township	577	43%
Northampton township	102	39%
Ogle township	167	32%
Paint borough	385	58%
Paint township	1,429	39%
Quemahoning township	696	36%
Rockwood borough	351	65%
Salisbury borough	269	42%
Shade township	993	40%
Somerset borough	2,672	51%
Somerset township	3,441	41%
Southampton township	255	46%
Stonycreek township	863	33%
Stoystown borough	179	46%
Summit township	720	52%
Upper Turkeyfoot township	397	34%
Windber borough	1,765	54%

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.