

# ALICE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY



## 2021 Point-in-Time Data

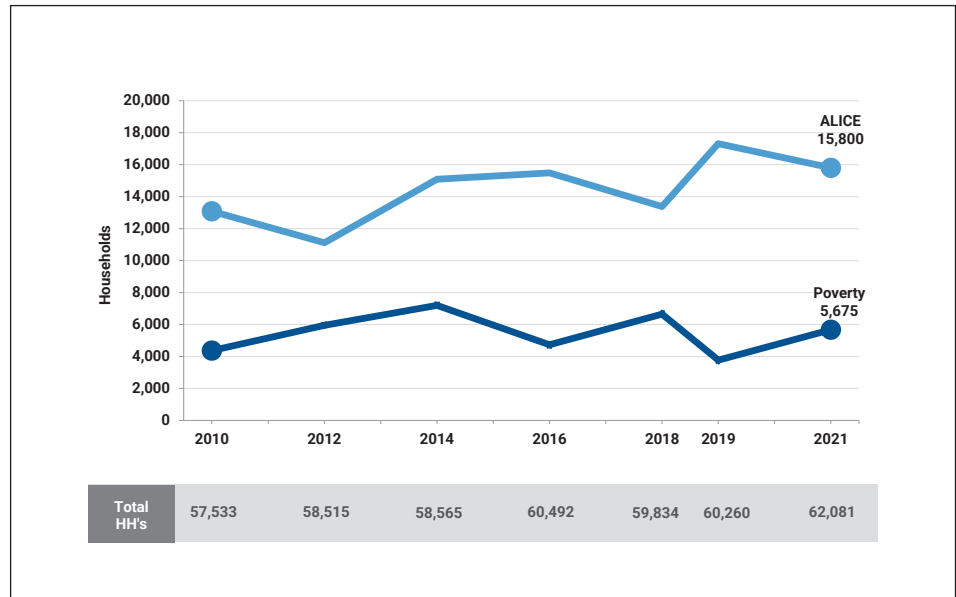
**Population:** 156,289 • **Number of Households:** 62,081 (3% change from 2019)  
**Median Household Income:** \$66,715 (state average: \$68,957)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 61.9% (state average: 62.4%)  
**ALICE Households:** 25% (state average: 27%) • **Households in Poverty:** 9% (state average: 12%)

## Financial Hardship Changes Over Time

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**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, 21,086 households in Franklin County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 21,475, (a 2% change).

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

## Household Survival Budget, Franklin County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
Housing – Rent	\$493	\$605
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,167
Food	\$433	\$1,181
Transportation	\$330	\$806
Health Care	\$223	\$885
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$171	\$505
Tax Payments	\$286	\$980
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,183
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,165</b>	<b>\$5,348</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,980</b>	<b>\$64,176</b>
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$32.09</b>

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

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

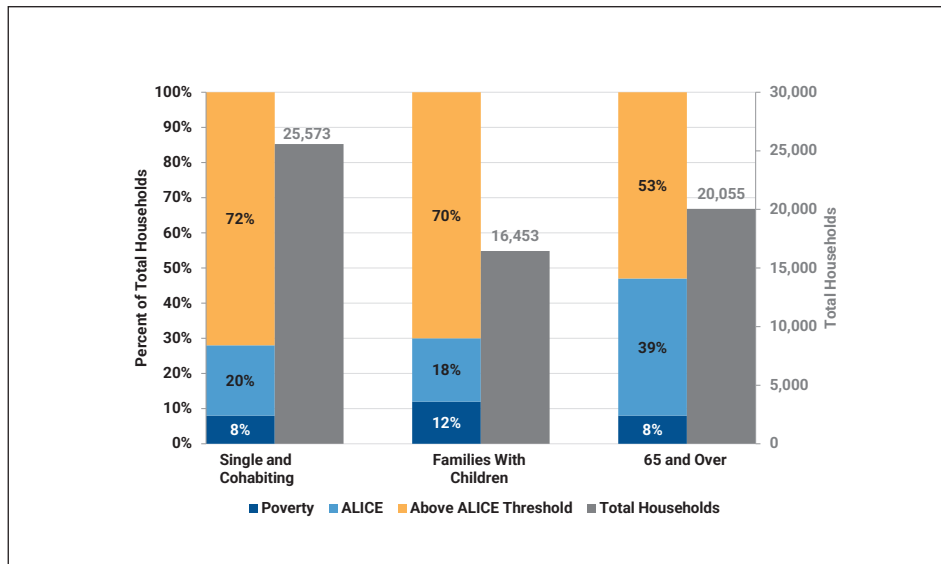
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

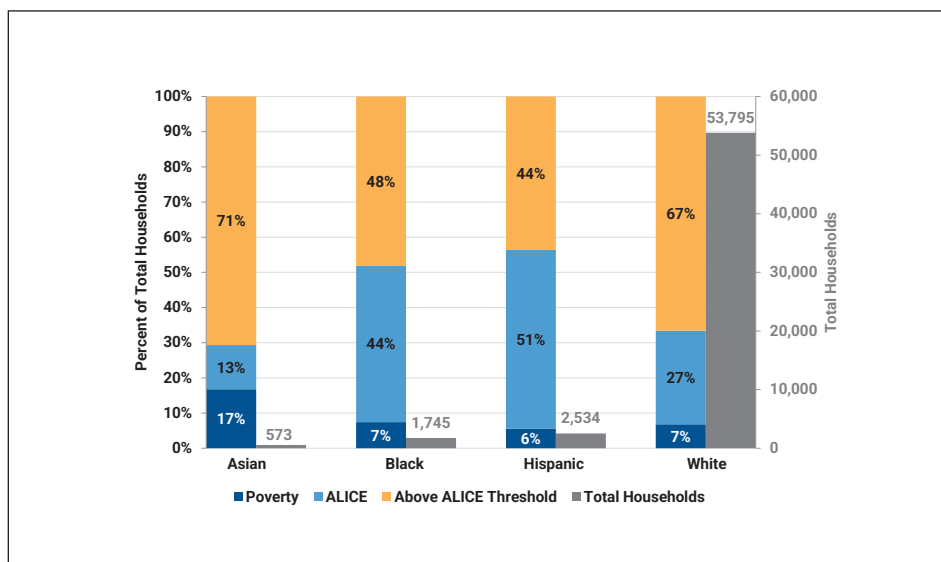
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Franklin County, 2021



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

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Franklin 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

Franklin County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Antrim township	5,972	28%
Chambersburg borough	9,682	50%
Fannett township	900	44%
Greencastle borough	1,623	37%
Greene township	7,380	24%
Guilford township	6,152	34%
Hamilton township	4,177	27%
Letterkenny township	882	31%
Lurgan township	684	31%
Mercersburg borough	742	45%
Metal township	697	35%
Mont Alto borough	621	21%
Montgomery township	1,938	24%
Orrstown borough	144	36%
Peters township	1,689	34%
Quincy township	1,912	41%
St. Thomas township	2,087	38%
Shippensburg borough	649	20%
Southampton township	3,260	29%
Warren township	144	24%
Washington township	6,007	30%
Waynesboro borough	4,512	46%

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.