# **ALICE IN FULTON COUNTY**

2021 Point-in-Time Data



Population: 14,529 • Number of Households: 5,990 (0% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$58,343 (state average: \$68,957)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 59.3% (state average: 62.4%)
ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 27%) • Households in Poverty: 12% (state average: 12%)

## Financial Hardship Changes Over Time

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – 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.

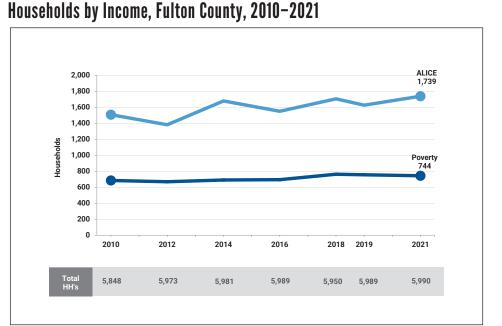
As circumstances change, households may find themselves below or above the ALICE Threshold at different times. While the COVID-19 pandemic brought employment shifts, health struggles, and school/business closures in 2021, it also spurred unprecedented public assistance through pandemic relief measures. In 2019, 2,383 households in Fulton County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 2,483, (a 4% change).

### 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 Fulton 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 Fulton County, visit <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/</u> <u>Pennsylvania</u>



Note: See an interactive version of this data at <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania</u> Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2021; American Community Survey, 2010–2021

#### Household Survival Budget, Fulton County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$383	\$432
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	-	\$1,096
Food	\$433	\$1,181
Transportation	\$330	\$806
Health Care	\$223	\$885
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$160	\$480
Tax Payments	\$261	\$919
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,148
Monthly Total	\$2,019	\$5,053
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$24,228	\$60,636
Hourly Wage*	\$12.11	\$30.32

\*Wage working full-time required to support this budget For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology</u>

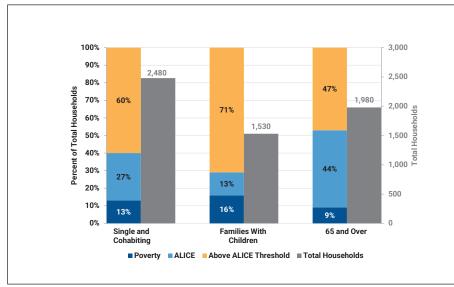
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

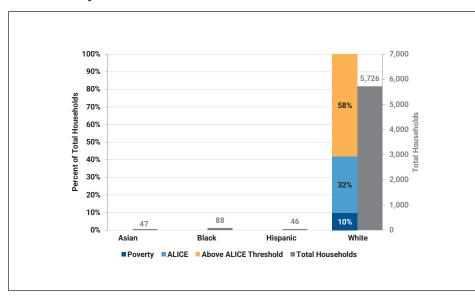
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#### Household Financial Status by Household Type, Fulton County, 2021



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

#### Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Fulton 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

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Ayr township	863	42%
Belfast township	549	44%
Bethel township	620	38%
Brush Creek township	264	49%
Dublin township	511	53%
Licking Creek township	590	32%
McConnellsburg borough	505	60%
Taylor township	459	42%
Thompson township	380	37%
Todd township	761	32%
Union township	290	32%
Wells township	196	43%