

ALICE IN BUFFALO COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

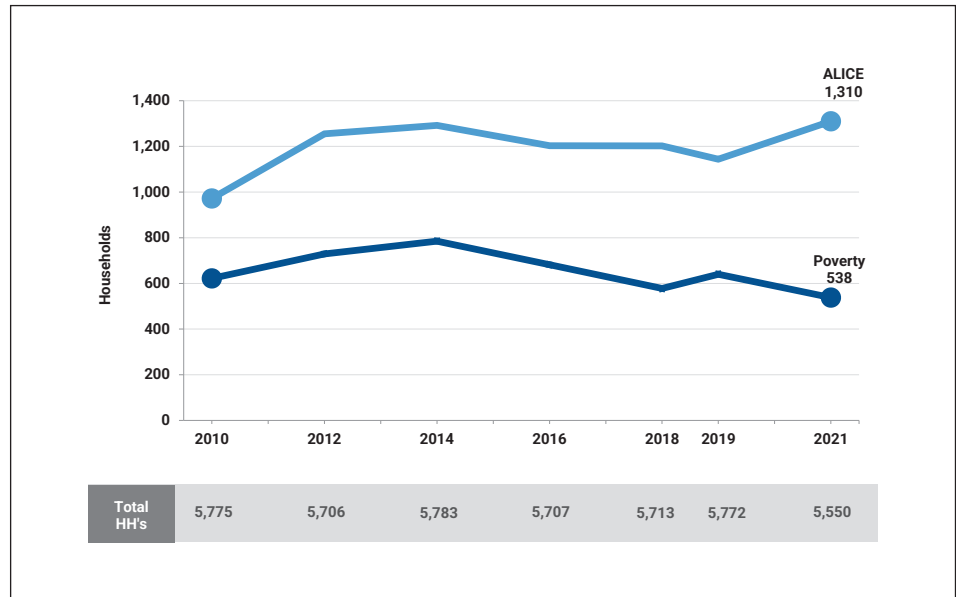
Population: 13,314 • **Number of Households:** 5,550 (-4% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$61,167 (state average: \$67,125)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 65.3% (state average: 65.1%)
ALICE Households: 24% (state average: 23%) • **Households in Poverty:** 10% (state average: 11%)

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, 1,784 households in Buffalo County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 1,848, (a 4% change).

Households by Income, Buffalo County, 2010–2021



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Wisconsin
 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 Buffalo 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 Buffalo County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Wisconsin

Household Survival Budget, Buffalo County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$347	\$468
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,457
Food	\$408	\$1,113
Transportation	\$328	\$805
Health Care	\$240	\$759
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$155	\$500
Tax Payments	\$230	\$994
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,267
Monthly Total	\$1,937	\$5,231
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,244	\$62,772
Hourly Wage*	\$11.62	\$31.39

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

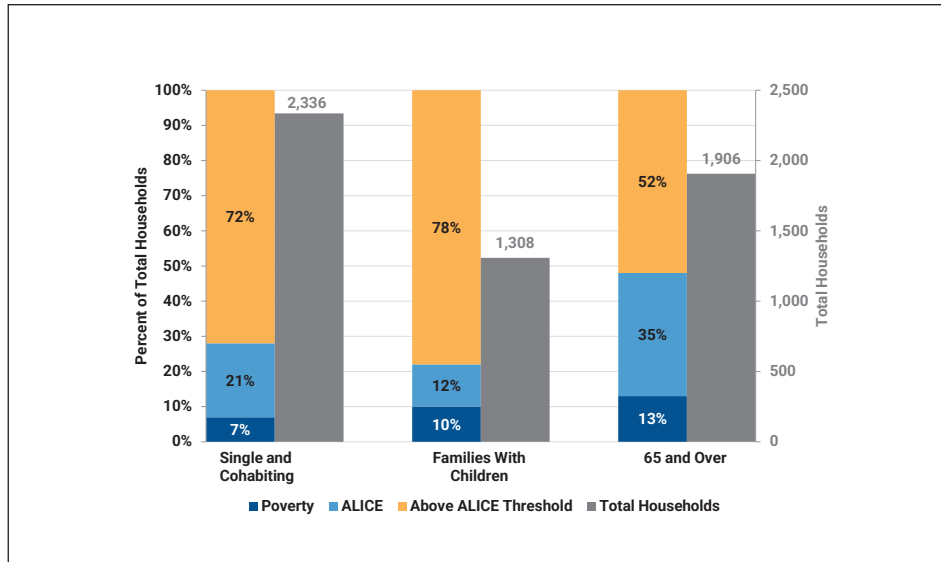
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

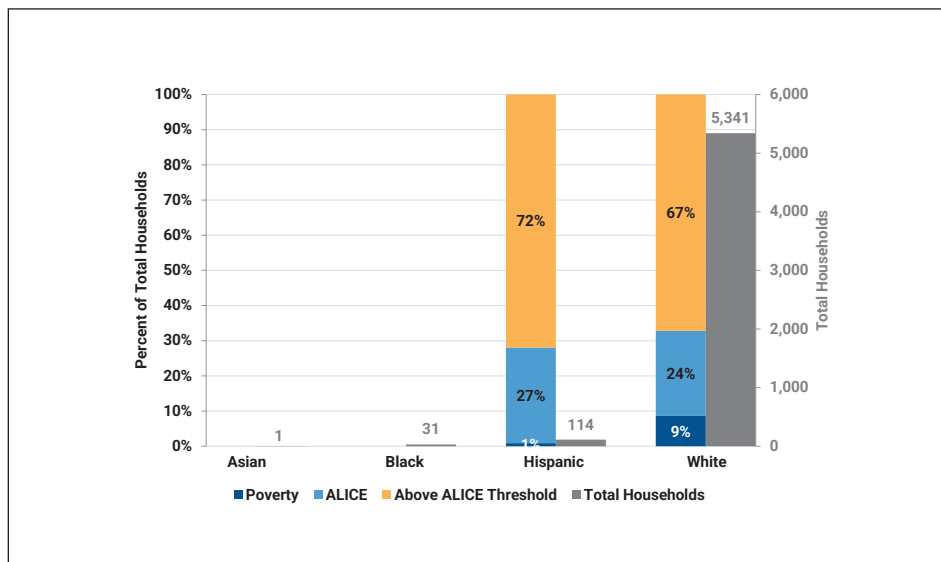
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Buffalo County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Buffalo 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

Buffalo County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Alma city	380	34%
Alma town	120	22%
Belvidere town	189	16%
Buffalo town	343	35%
Buffalo City	390	37%
Cochrane village	177	33%
Cross town	140	19%
Dover town	180	41%
Fountain City	345	35%
Gilmanton town	142	37%
Glencoe town	171	19%
Maxville town	144	25%
Milton town	210	27%
Modena town	114	40%
Mondovi city	1,250	50%
Mondovi town	149	23%
Montana town	102	24%
Naples town	266	21%
Nelson village	153	37%
Nelson town	245	23%
Waumandee town	175	16%

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.