

ALICE IN MONROE COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

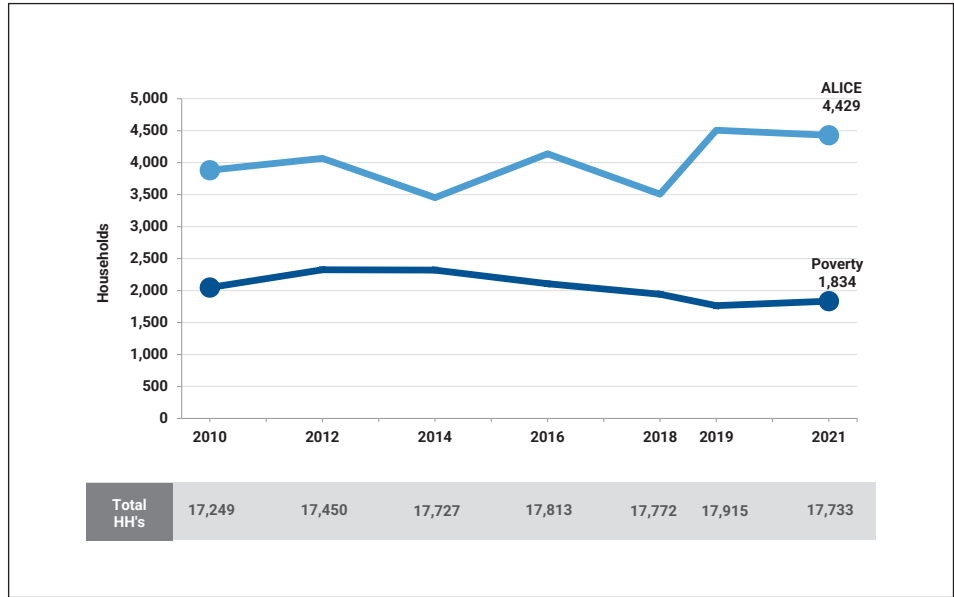
Population: 46,091 • **Number of Households:** 17,733 (-1% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$63,061 (state average: \$67,125)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 63.4% (state average: 65.1%)
ALICE Households: 25% (state average: 23%) • **Households in Poverty:** 10% (state average: 11%)

Financial Hardship Changes Over Time

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**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, 6,271 households in Monroe County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 6,263, (a 0% change).

Households by Income, Monroe 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 Monroe 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 Monroe County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Wisconsin

Household Survival Budget, Monroe County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$391	\$534
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,247
Food	\$386	\$1,052
Transportation	\$328	\$805
Health Care	\$240	\$759
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$157	\$480
Tax Payments	\$235	\$936
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,223
Monthly Total	\$1,966	\$4,992
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,592	\$59,904
Hourly Wage*	\$11.80	\$29.95

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology

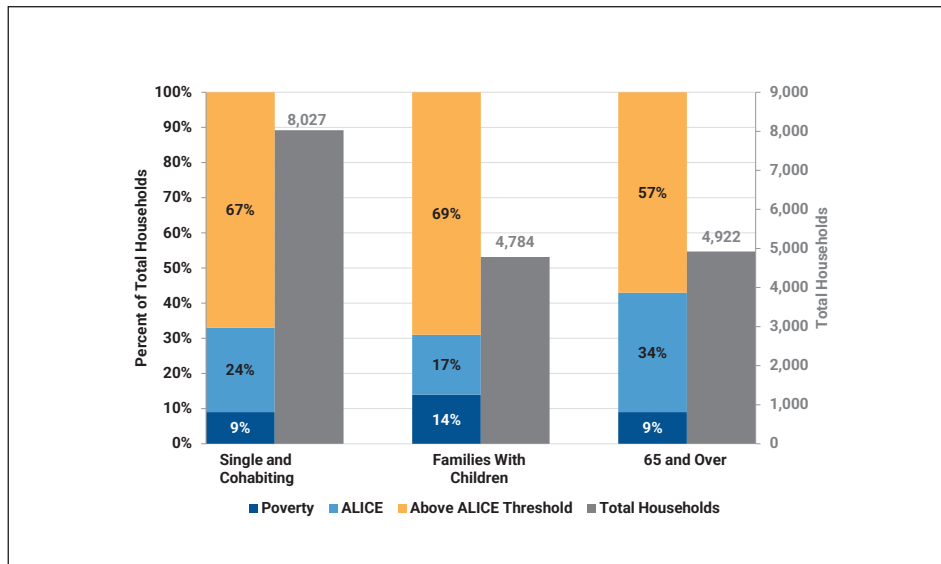
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

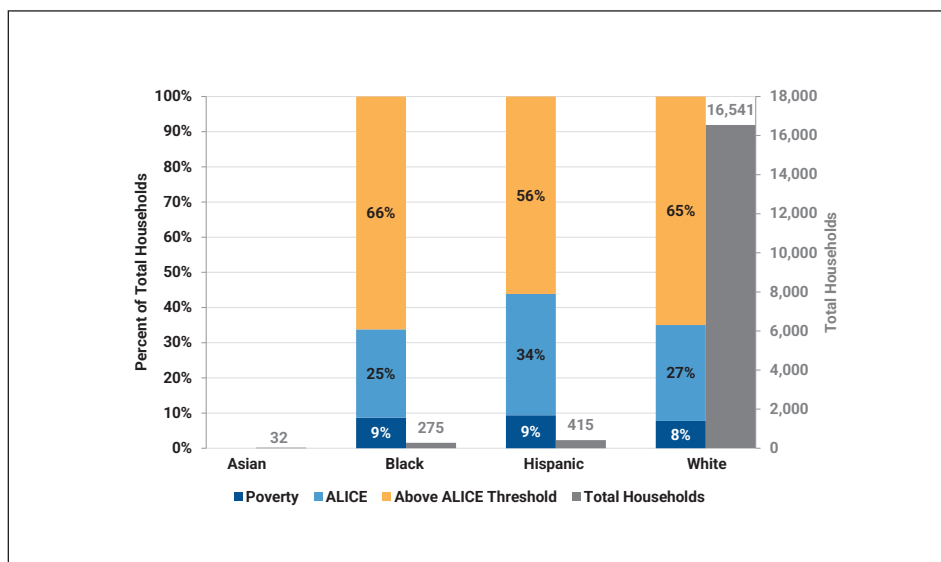
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Monroe County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Monroe 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

Monroe County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Adrian town	304	27%
Angelo town	537	47%
Byron town	429	37%
Cashton village	531	31%
Clifton town	172	31%
Glendale town	304	42%
Grant town	220	31%
Greenfield town	298	17%
Jefferson town	234	24%
Kendall village	178	40%
Lafayette town	113	20%
La Grange town	775	24%
Leon town	348	16%
Lincoln town	336	18%
Little Falls town	525	30%
Norwalk village	219	56%
Oakdale village	117	23%
Oakdale town	236	20%
Portland town	330	41%
Ridgeville town	149	21%
Sheldon town	192	27%
Sparta city	4,084	42%
Sparta town	1,114	21%
Tomah city	4,293	42%
Tomah town	486	29%
Warrens village	202	36%
Wellington town	204	31%
Wells town	182	31%
Wilton village	171	37%
Wilton town	257	25%

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.