

# PENNSYLVANIA • 2018 COUNTY PROFILES

Counties are the core geography for ALICE data: They reveal variations often masked by statewide averages, and the data is reported regularly and reliably.

## ALICE IN LANCASTER COUNTY

### 2018 Point-in-Time-Data

**Population:** 543,557      **Number of Households:** 202,490

**Median Household Income:** \$66,277 (state average: \$60,905)

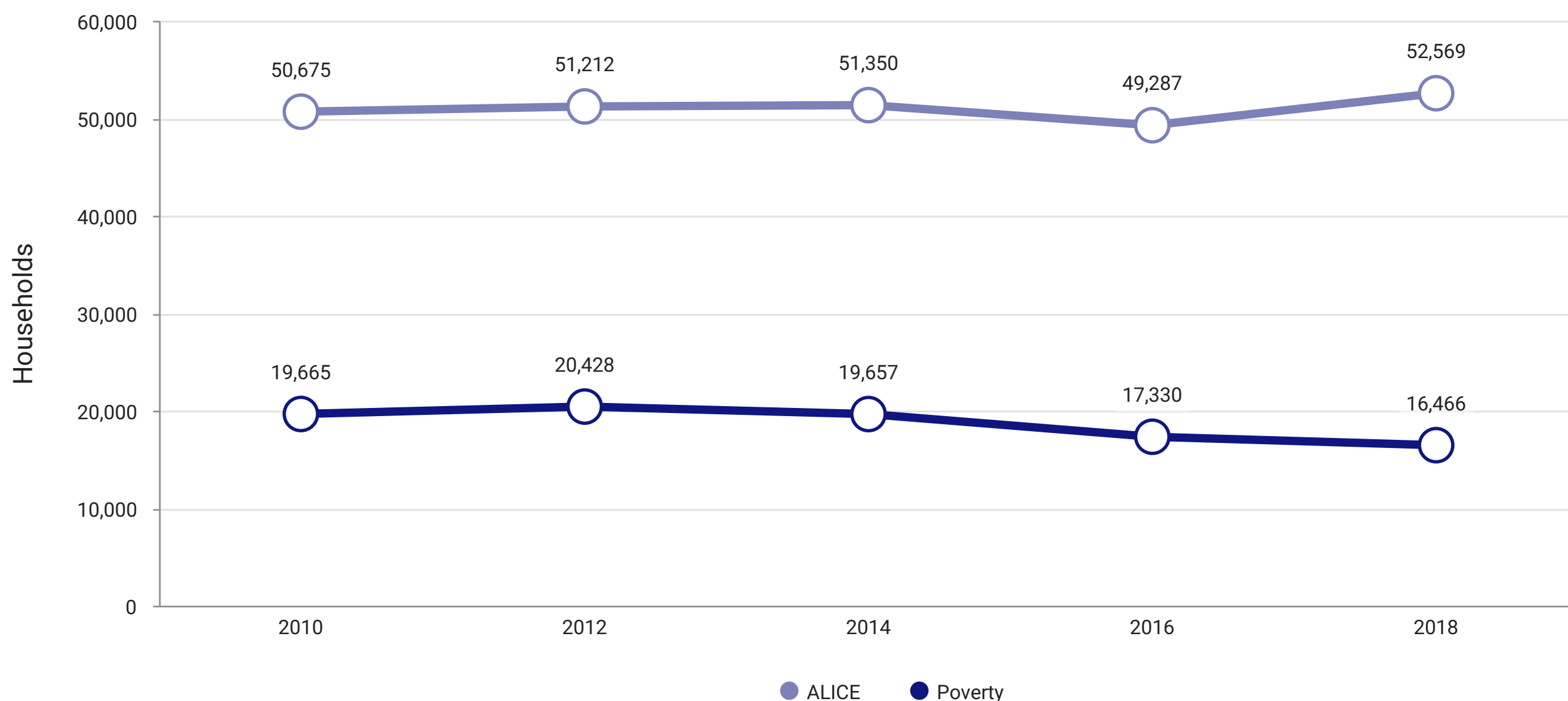
**Unemployment Rate:** 3.7% (state average: 4.9%)

**ALICE Households:** 26.0% (state average: 27.0%)

**Households in Poverty:** 8.0% (state average: 12.0%)

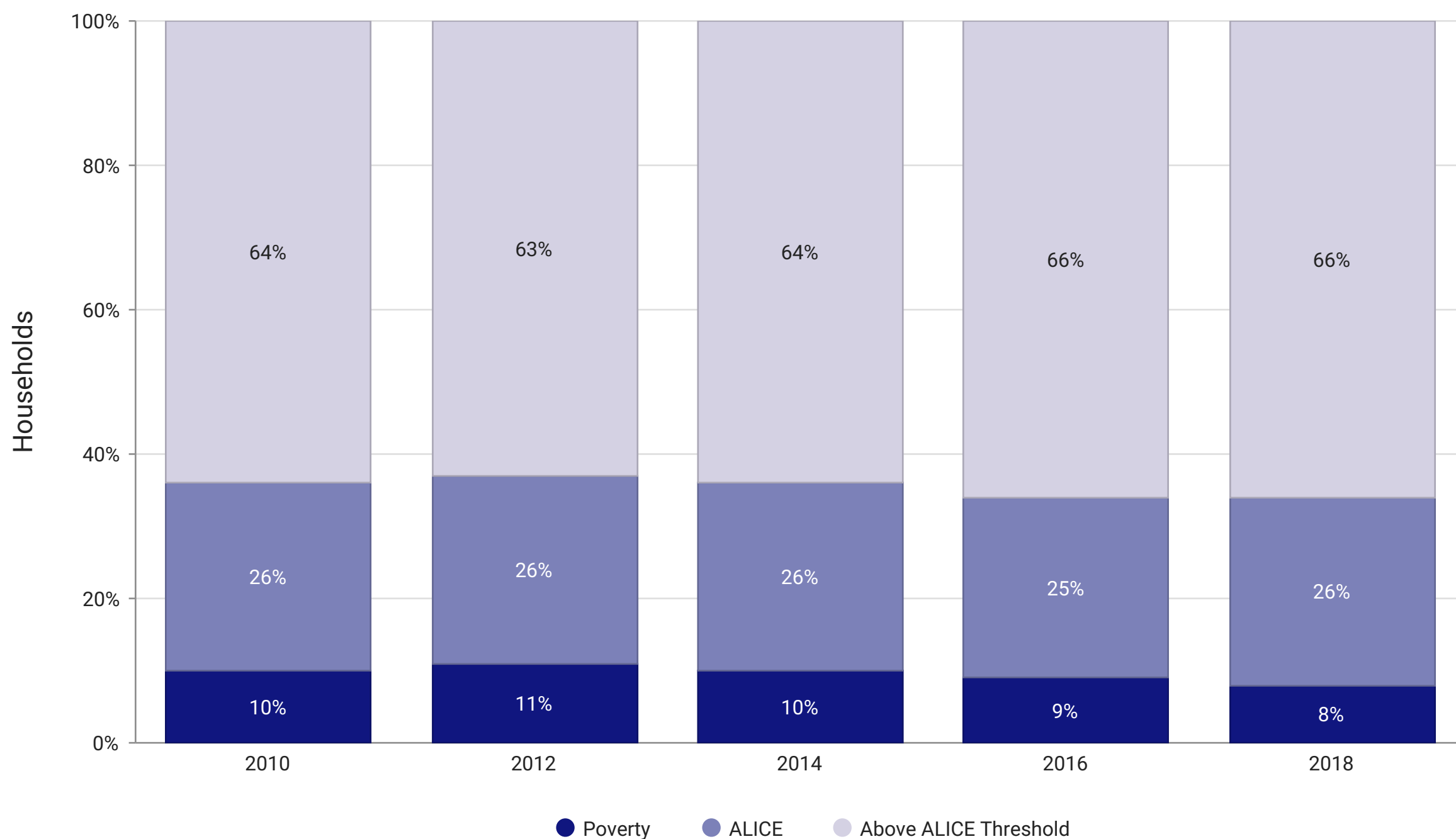
## How Has the Number of ALICE Households Changed Over Time?

ALICE is an acronym for **ALICE** – **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). While conditions have improved for some households, many continue to struggle, especially as wages fail to keep pace with the cost of household essentials (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and a basic smartphone plan).



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2007-2018; American Community Survey, 2007-2018

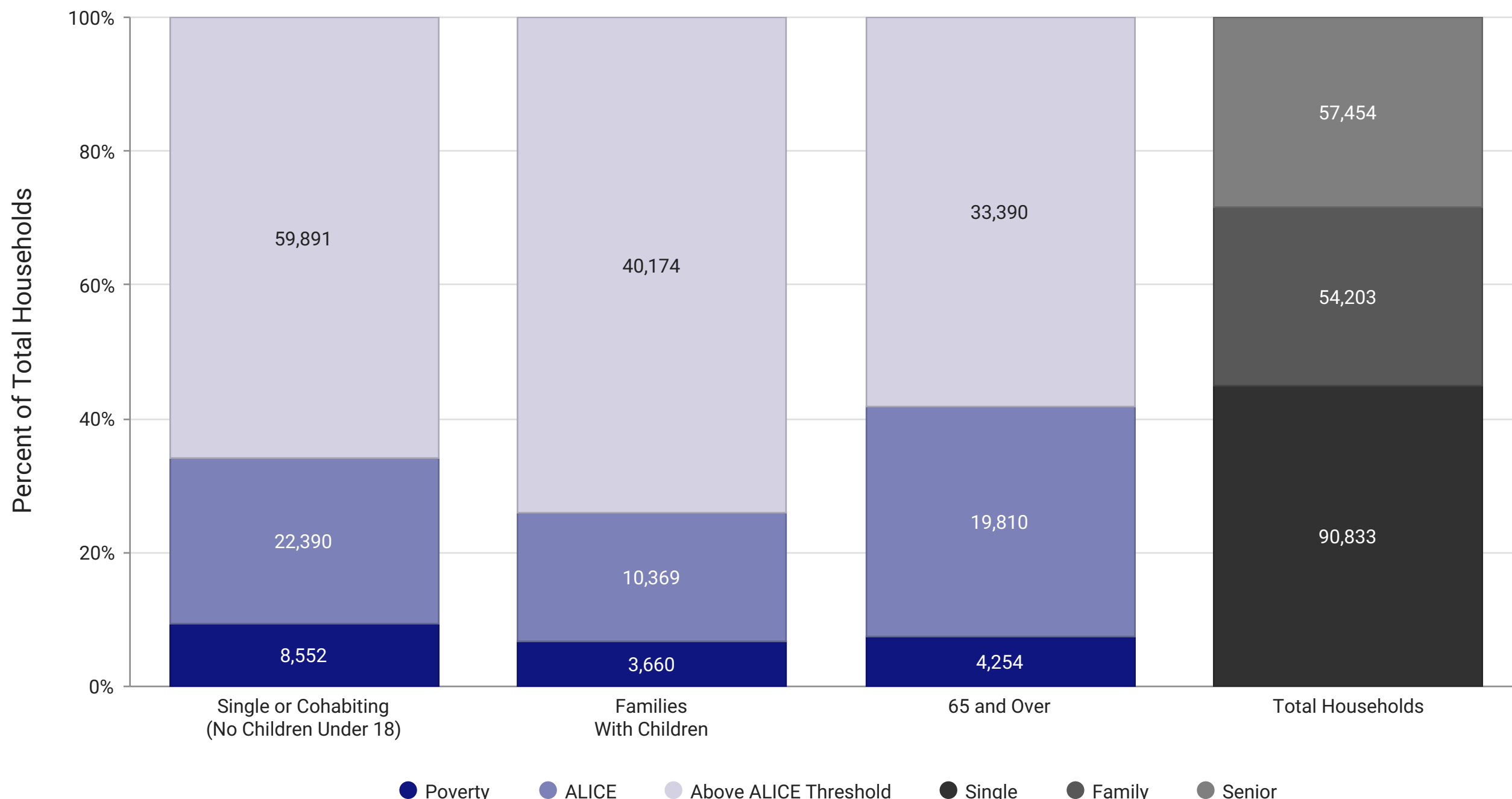
## ALICE and Poverty in Lancaster County Over Time...continued



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## What Types of Households Are Struggling?

In the past few decades, there have been major shifts in household composition. The share of American adults who have never been married is at a historic high, as is the number of senior households. There is also a growing number of people who live alone or with roommates, and an increasing share of grown children who live with their parents. Yet all types of households continue to struggle: ALICE and poverty-level households exist across all of these living arrangements.



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## Why Do So Many Households Struggle?

### The cost of household basics outpaces wages...

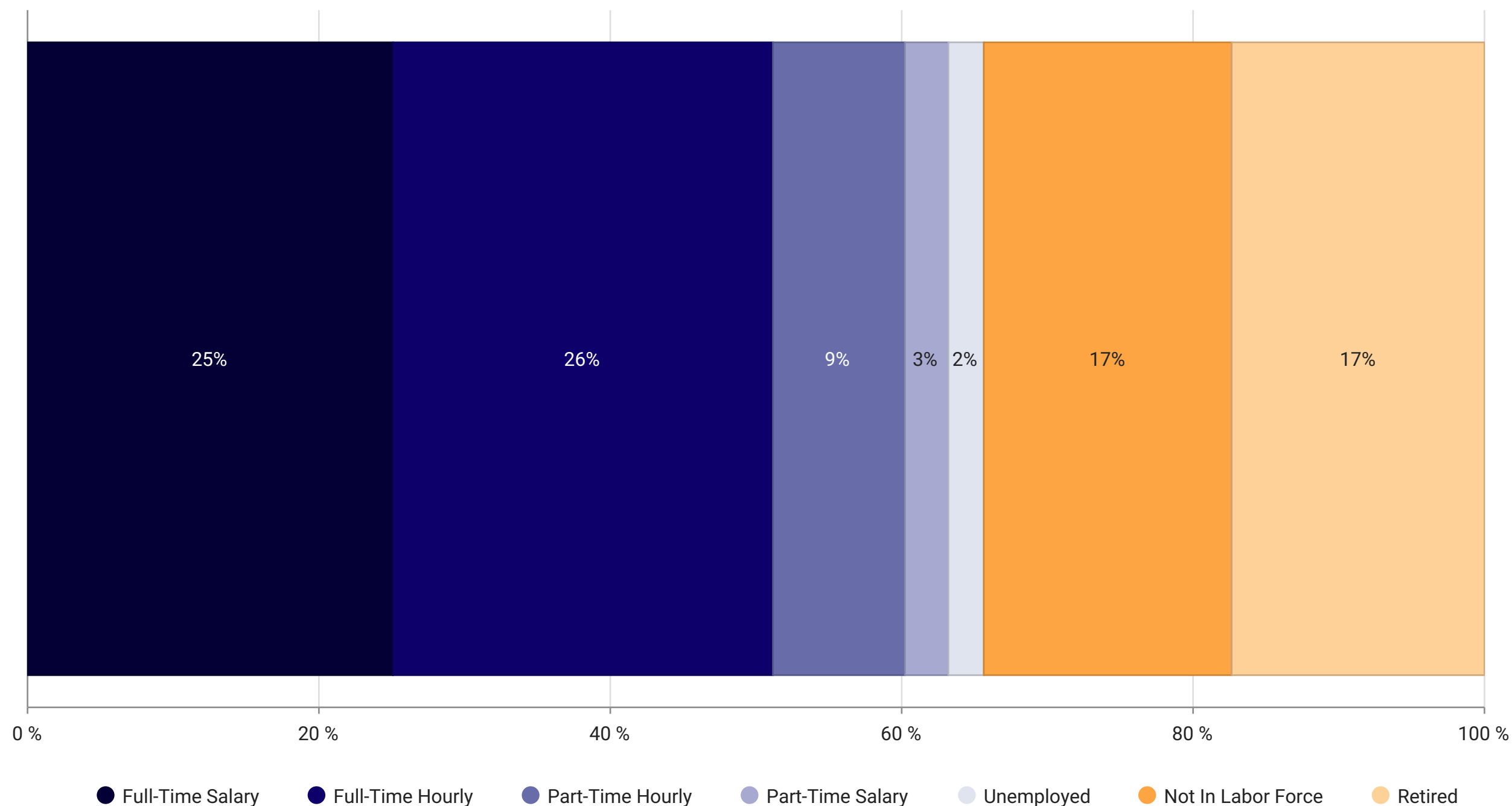
The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum cost to live and work in the modern economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, technology (a smartphone plan), and taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. In 2018, household costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,140 for a single adult and \$25,100 for a family of four.

	Single Adult	Two Adults	Two Adults Two School-Age Children	Two Adults Two in Child Care	Single Senior	Two Seniors
Housing	\$661	\$788	\$994	\$994	\$661	\$788
Child Care	\$0	\$0	\$409	\$1,218	\$0	\$0
Food	\$286	\$594	\$993	\$867	\$244	\$506
Transportation	\$339	\$511	\$808	\$808	\$293	\$419
Health Care	\$187	\$458	\$716	\$716	\$461	\$921
Technology	\$55	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$183	\$291	\$456	\$545	\$202	\$320
Taxes	\$303	\$484	\$566	\$776	\$310	\$486
Monthly Total	\$2,014	\$3,201	\$5,017	\$5,999	\$2,226	\$3,515
Annual Total	\$24,168	\$38,412	\$60,204	\$71,988	\$26,712	\$42,180
Hourly Wage	\$12.08	\$19.21	\$30.10	\$35.99	\$13.36	\$21.09

Sources: ALICE Household Survival Budget, 2018; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2018

## ...and the labor landscape is challenging for ALICE workers.

A breakdown of the labor force shows a small portion of adults (16 years and older) who are unemployed and a large number who are working. However, a significant portion of full- and part-time workers are paid by the hour; these workers are more likely to have fluctuations in income and less likely to receive benefits. There is also a high number of workers outside of the labor force (people who are not employed and not looking for work), which has helped keep wages low: When more workers are available, employers have less incentive to raise wages to attract employees.



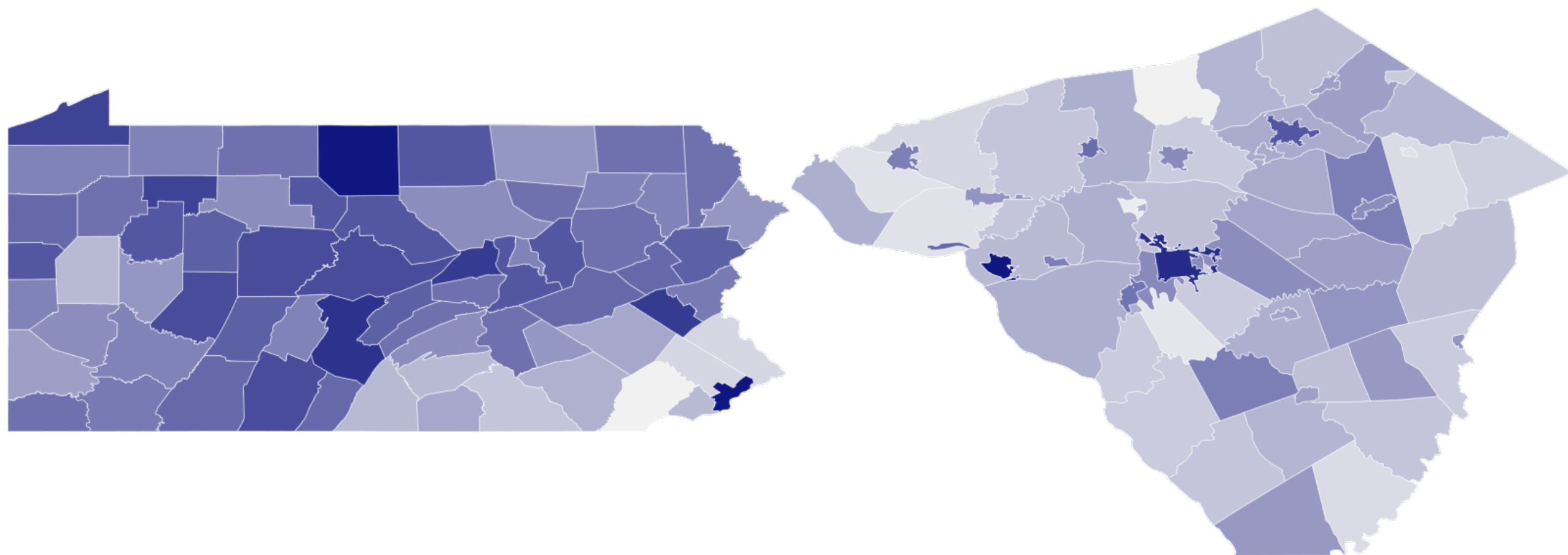
*Note: Data for hourly full- and part-time jobs is only available at the national level; these national rates (51% of full-time workers paid hourly and 75% of part-time workers paid hourly) have been applied to the workforce at the county-level to calculate the breakdown shown in this figure. Because this figure sums county-level data (some using 1-year estimates and some using 5-year estimates), the state percentages may differ slightly from those shown in the 2020 Report. Full-time represents 35 hours per week or more at one or more jobs for 48 weeks per year.*

Sources: American Community Survey, 2018; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 2018



## How Does the Number of ALICE Households Vary Within the County?

There is significant variation in the number of households who live below the ALICE Threshold within the county.



Source: ALICE Threshold, 2018; American Community Survey, 2018

County Subdivision	Total Households	% Below ALICE Threshold
Adamstown borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	761	27%
Akron borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,688	33%
Bart township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	978	36%
Brecknock township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,649	31%
Caernarvon township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,472	26%
Christiana borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	339	37%
Clay township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,349	31%
Colerain township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,042	28%
Columbia borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	4,394	60%
Conestoga township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,594	27%
Conoy township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,281	32%
Denver borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,493	35%
Drumore township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	818	28%
Earl township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,456	41%
East Cocalico township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	3,770	35%
East Donegal township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,813	23%
East Drumore township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,327	31%
East Earl township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,032	24%
East Hempfield township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	9,915	32%
East Lampeter township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	6,314	38%
East Petersburg borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,889	21%
Eden township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	602	29%
Elizabeth township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,365	20%
Elizabethtown borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	4,094	41%
Ephrata borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	5,731	48%
Ephrata township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	3,675	33%
Fulton township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	954	36%
Lancaster city, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	22,118	56%
Lancaster township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	6,751	39%

County Subdivision	Total Households	% Below ALICE Threshold
Leacock township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,691	35%
Lititz borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	3,889	39%
Little Britain township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,407	24%
Manheim borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,916	44%
Manheim township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	15,652	29%
Manor township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	8,245	32%
Marietta borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,086	45%
Martic township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,897	27%
Millersville borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,789	43%
Mount Joy borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	3,480	37%
Mount Joy township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	4,088	25%
Mountville borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,153	41%
New Holland borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,244	38%
Paradise township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,752	37%
Penn township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	3,493	32%
Pequea township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,895	22%
Providence township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,764	41%
Quarryville borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	916	35%
Rapho township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	4,681	28%
Sadsbury township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	886	27%
Salisbury township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	3,257	29%
Strasburg borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,144	34%
Strasburg township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,282	32%
Terre Hill borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	409	23%
Upper Leacock township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	3,040	34%
Warwick township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	7,109	27%
West Cocalico township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,486	29%
West Donegal township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	3,302	23%
West Earl township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	2,726	33%



County Subdivision	Total Households	% Below ALICE Threshold
West Hempfield township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	6,214	30%
West Lampeter township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	6,332	27%

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