

# ALICE IN LEBANON COUNTY



## 2023 Point-in-Time Data

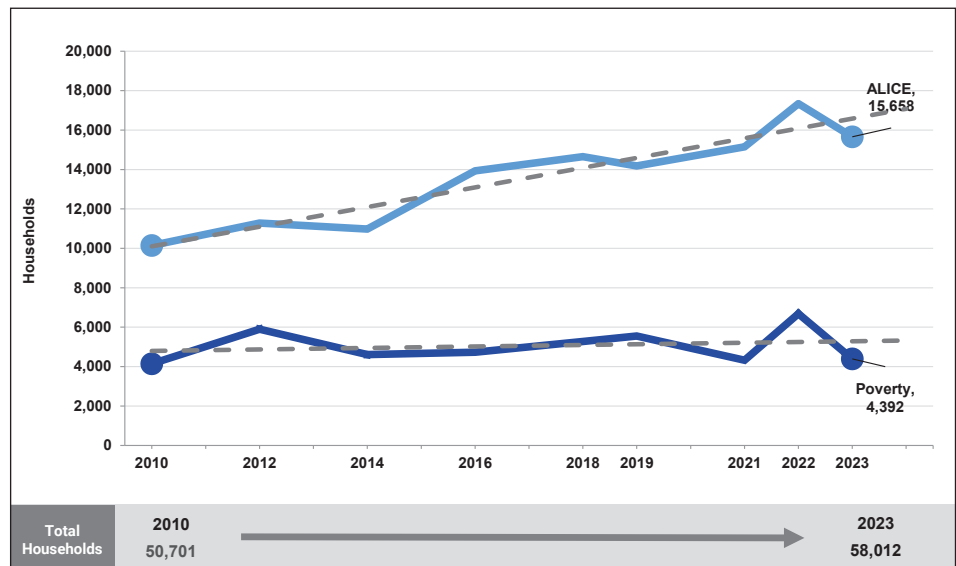
**Population:** 144,252 • **Number of Households:** 58,012  
**Median Household Income:** \$78,824 (state: \$73,824)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 65.0% (state: 62.8%)  
**ALICE Households:** 27% (state: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 8% (state: 12%)

## Trends in Financial Hardship

**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.

Households move below or above the ALICE Threshold as economic factors and circumstances change. The line graph to the right shows the number of ALICE and poverty-level households (solid blue lines), as well as the trend over time (dotted gray lines). **By 2023, 20,050 households (35%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Lebanon County.**

## ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Lebanon County, 2010–2023



Note: See an interactive version of this data at [UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania)

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2023; American Community Survey, 2010–2023

## The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the current economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, technology, 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 by household composition, as costs can vary greatly depending on location and household needs.

In 2023, household costs in Lebanon County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$14,580 for a single adult and \$30,000 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in Lebanon County, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania)

## Household Survival Budget, Lebanon County, 2023

	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$872	\$1,199
Child Care	–	\$1,762
Food	\$488	\$1,325
Transportation	\$397	\$944
Health Care	\$172	\$660
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$202	\$601
Taxes	\$347	\$754
Monthly Total	\$2,564	\$7,361
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$30,768	\$88,332
Hourly Wage*	\$15.38	\$44.17

\*Full-time wage required to support this budget

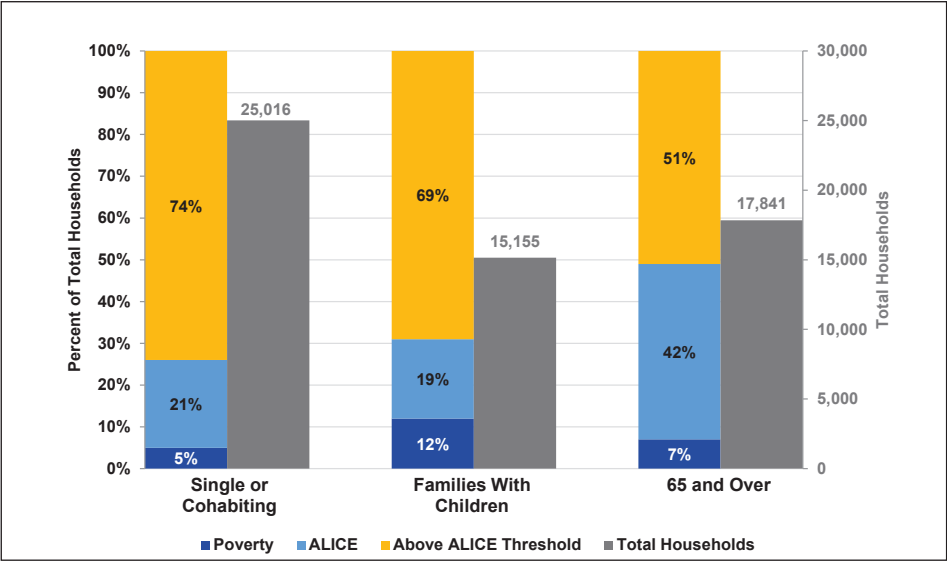
For ALICE Household Survival Budget sources, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology)

# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

The largest demographic groups in the county also tend to have the largest number of households below the ALICE Threshold. However, when looking at the percentage of each group that is below the Threshold, some groups face higher rates of hardship.

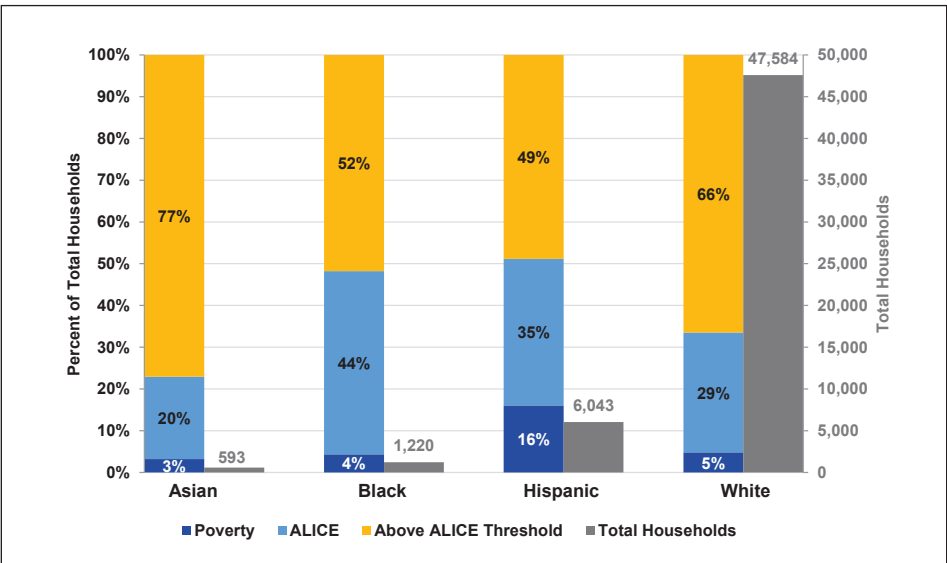
Explore more demographic data at [UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania) and visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Mapping-Tool](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Mapping-Tool) to see ALICE data for all available geographies.

## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Lebanon County, 2023



Note: Families with children include married-parent, single-female-headed, and single-male-headed households.  
Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2023; American Community Survey, 2023

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Lebanon County, 2023



Note: Asian, Black, and White racial categories are for one race alone. Race and Hispanic ethnicity are overlapping categories. The Asian and Black groups may include Hispanic households; the White group includes only White, non-Hispanic households. The Hispanic ethnic group may include households of any race.  
Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2023; American Community Survey, 2023

Lebanon County, 2023		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Annville township	1,597	38%
Bethel township	2,065	30%
Cleona borough	828	37%
Cornwall borough	1,969	22%
East Hanover township	1,143	45%
Heidelberg township	1,353	25%
Jackson township	3,569	33%
Jonestown borough	723	33%
Lebanon city	10,635	58%
Millcreek township	1,573	25%
Myerstown borough	1,305	54%
North Annville township	723	36%
North Cornwall township	3,477	33%
North Lebanon township	4,833	33%
North Londonderry township	3,758	26%
Palmyra borough	2,897	38%
Richland borough	574	24%
South Annville township	1,115	29%
South Lebanon township	4,008	26%
South Londonderry township	3,162	23%
Swatara township	2,032	42%
Union township	1,276	46%
West Cornwall township	781	32%
West Lebanon township	352	42%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for U.S. Census County Subdivisions, which include Census County Divisions (CCDs). Data for counties with populations over 65,000 is 1-year estimates. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included. Therefore, totals will not match the county-level numbers.