

# ALICE IN SOMERSET COUNTY



## 2023 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 72,197 • **Number of Households:** 29,435

**Median Household Income:** \$60,515 (state: \$73,824)

**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 56.9% (state: 62.8%)

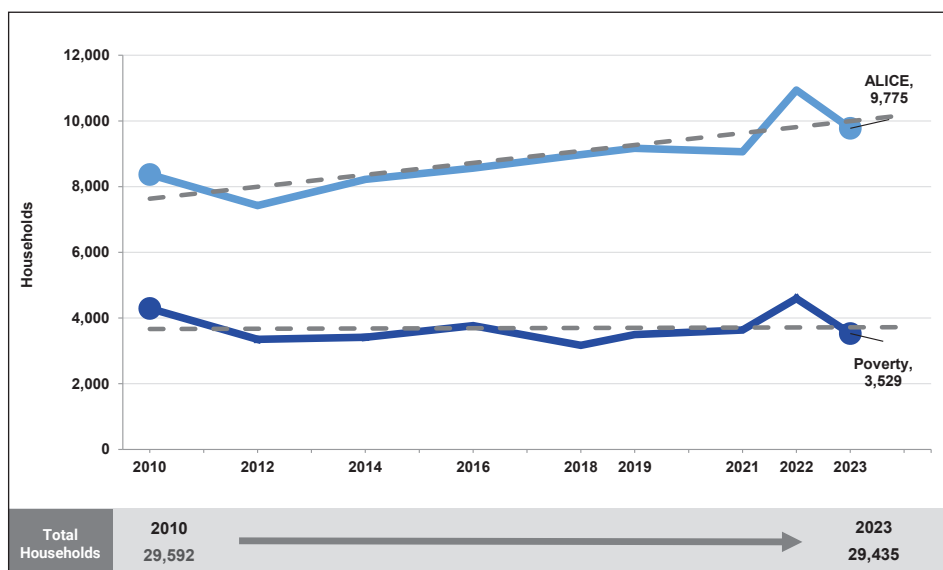
**ALICE Households:** 33% (state: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state: 12%)

## 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, 13,304 households (45%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Somerset County.**

## ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Somerset 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 Somerset 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 Somerset County, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Pennsylvania)

### Household Survival Budget, Somerset County, 2023

	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$769	\$903
Child Care	–	\$1,243
Food	\$465	\$1,261
Transportation	\$397	\$944
Health Care	\$172	\$660
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$189	\$513
Taxes	\$315	\$535
Monthly Total	\$2,393	\$6,175
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$28,716	\$74,100
Hourly Wage*	\$14.36	\$37.05

\*Full-time wage required to support this budget

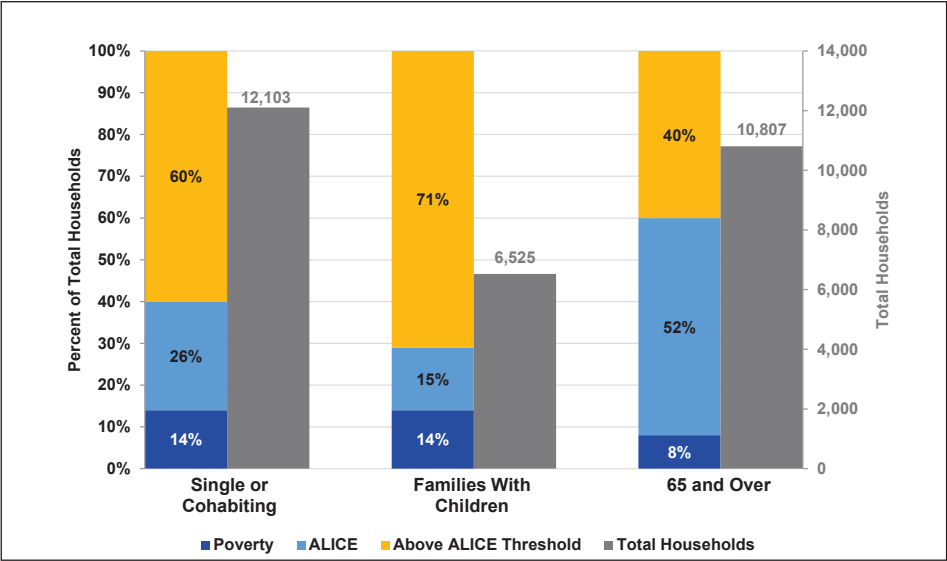
For ALICE Household Survival Budget sources, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology)

# 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.

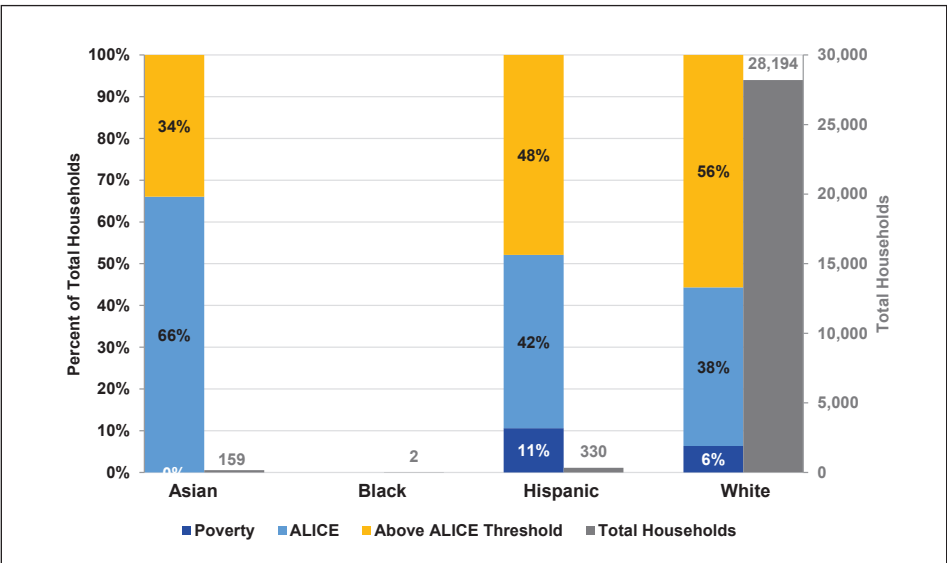
Explore more demographic data at [UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Pennsylvania) and visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Mapping-Tool](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Mapping-Tool) to see ALICE data for all available geographies.

## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Somerset 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, Somerset 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

Somerset County, 2023		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Addison township	450	45%
Allegheny township	302	40%
Berlin borough	951	45%
Black township	337	39%
Boswell borough	612	52%
Brothersvalley township	796	40%
Central City borough	427	57%
Conemaugh township	2,839	40%
Confluence borough	281	52%
Elk Lick township	749	40%
Garrett borough	165	48%
Greenville township	252	33%
Hooversville borough	263	60%
Indian Lake borough	177	16%
Jefferson township	502	31%
Jenner township	1,517	46%
Jennerstown borough	340	36%
Larimer township	202	47%
Lincoln township	503	36%
Lower Turkeyfoot township	198	49%
Meyersdale borough	892	36%
Middlecreek township	313	45%
Millford township	583	39%
Northampton township	106	34%
Ogle township	176	30%
Paint borough	377	54%
Paint township	1,388	45%
Quemahoning township	722	42%
Rockwood borough	354	56%
Salisbury borough	234	33%
Shade township	950	41%
Somerset borough	2,748	58%
Somerset township	3,647	45%
Southampton township	260	50%
Stonycreek township	822	34%
Stoystown borough	160	44%
Summit township	695	48%
Upper Turkeyfoot township	418	33%
Windber borough	1,787	51%

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.