

ALICE IN WALWORTH COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 106,799 • **Number of Households:** 43,086 (1% change from 2019)

Median Household Income: \$69,996 (state average: \$67,125)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 63.8% (state average: 65.1%)

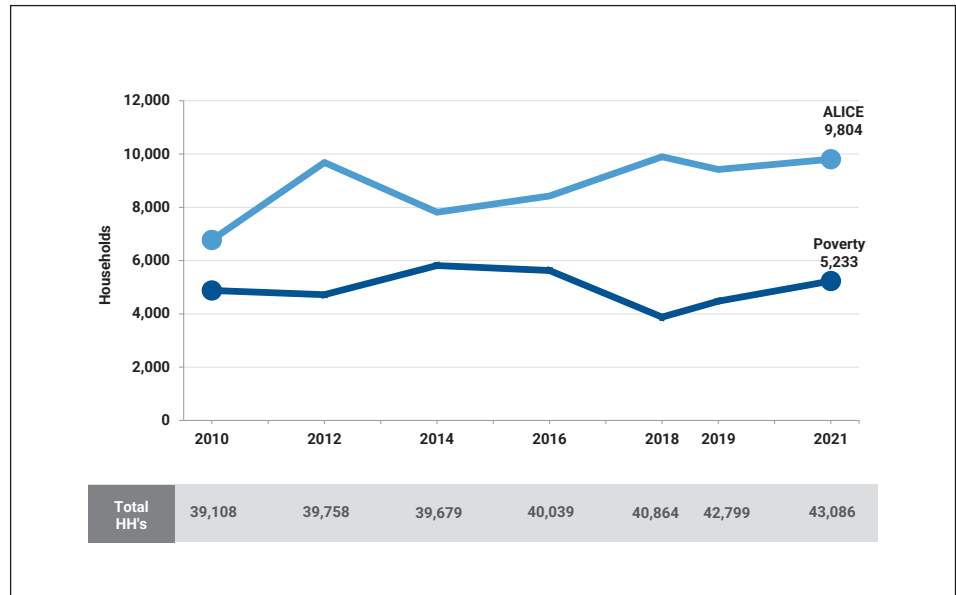
ALICE Households: 23% (state average: 23%) • **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state average: 11%)

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, 13,899 households in Walworth County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 15,037, (a 8% change).

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

Household Survival Budget, Walworth County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$435	\$600
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,328
Food	\$416	\$1,136
Transportation	\$328	\$805
Health Care	\$240	\$759
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$165	\$503
Tax Payments	\$253	\$1,002
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,264
Monthly Total	\$2,066	\$5,271
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$24,792	\$63,252
Hourly Wage*	\$12.40	\$31.63

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

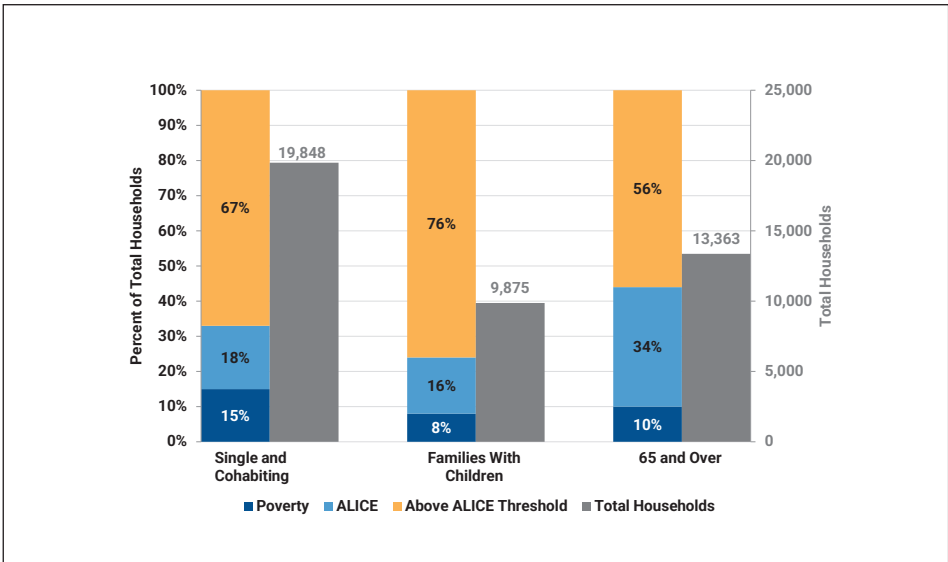
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

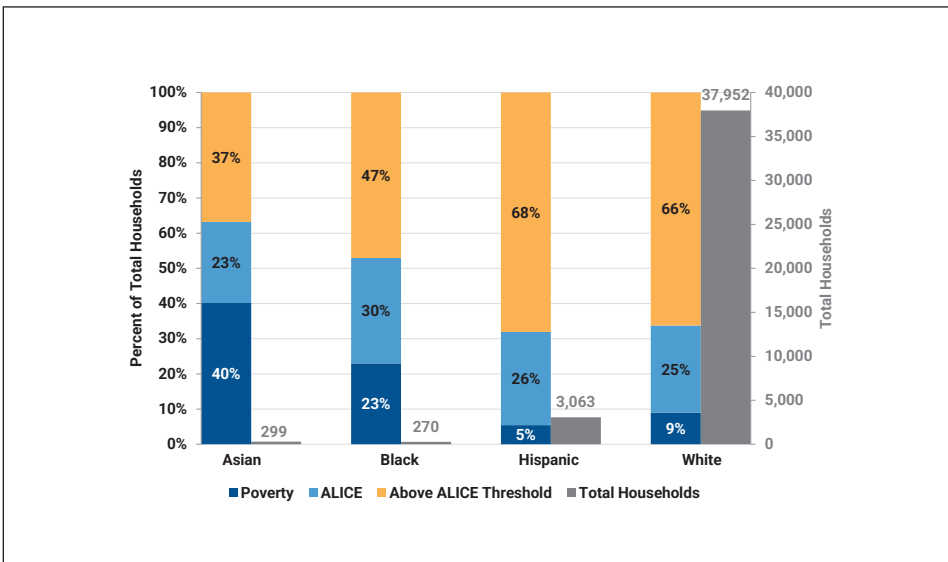
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Walworth County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Walworth 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

Walworth County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Bloomfield village	1,567	28%
Bloomfield town	614	38%
Darien village	595	39%
Darien town	648	22%
Delavan city	3,468	39%
Delavan town	2,222	37%
East Troy village	2,152	23%
East Troy town	1,444	14%
Elkhorn city	4,138	35%
Fontana-on-Geneva Lake village	1,174	27%
Geneva town	2,235	20%
Genoa City village	1,184	28%
Lafayette town	739	20%
La Grange town	1,008	22%
Lake Geneva city	3,929	40%
Linn town	1,114	24%
Lyons town	1,524	23%
Richmond town	775	26%
Sharon village	587	42%
Sharon town	349	22%
Spring Prairie town	722	26%
Sugar Creek town	1,576	15%
Troy town	959	18%
Walworth village	1,003	38%
Walworth town	718	33%
Whitewater city	3,641	58%
Whitewater town	603	19%
Williams Bay village	1,251	42%

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.