ALICE IN YORK COUNTY

2022 Point-in-Time Data



Population: 216,732 • Number of Households: 92,767 Median Household Income: \$81,928 (state average: \$69,543) Labor Force Participation Rate: 64.1% (state average: 61.7%)

ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 30%) • Households in Poverty: 9% (state average: 12%)

Financial Hardship Over Time

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed — 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. This was especially true amid the economic crosscurrents of the COVID-19 pandemic, with higher wages, inflation, and additional pandemic assistance. By 2022, 36,887 households (40%) were below the ALICE Threshold in York County.

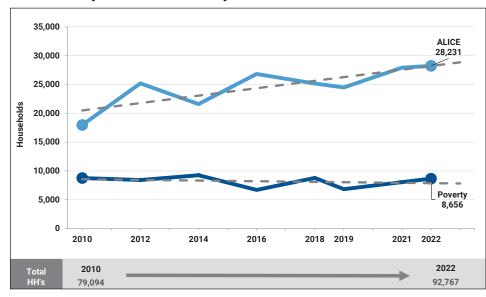
The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

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 2022, household costs in York County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$13,590 for a single adult and \$27,750 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in York County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Maine

Households by Income, York County, 2010-2022



Note: See an interactive version of this data at <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Maine</u> Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2022; American Community Survey, 2010–2022

Household Survival Budget, York County, 2022		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing - Rent	\$980	\$1,411
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	_	\$1,354
Food	\$564	\$1,535
Transportation	\$396	\$1,046
Health Care	\$184	\$714
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$237	\$649
Tax Payments	\$462	\$1,425
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$458
Monthly Total	\$3,072	\$8,102
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$36,864	\$97,224
Hourly Wage*	\$18.43	\$48.61

^{*}Wage working full-time required to support this budget
For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology</u>

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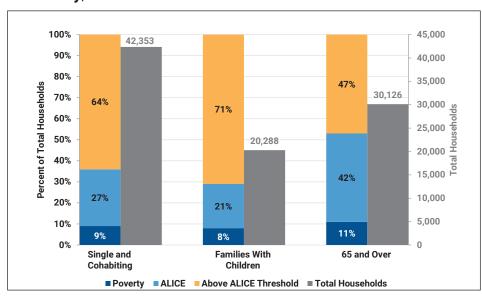
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

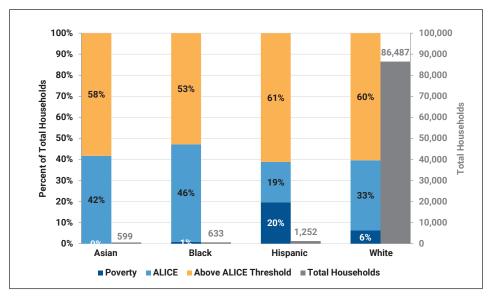
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, York County, 2022



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, York County, 2022



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, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022

York County, 2022 % ALICE & Town Households Poverty 48% Acton town 1,111 Alfred town 1,284 58% Arundel town 1,539 36% Berwick town 3,444 Biddeford city 9,575 **Buxton town** 3,402 42% 753 Cornish town 48% Dayton town 822 23% Eliot town 2,747 27% Hollis town 1.869 Kennebunk town 5,136 33% Kennebunkport town 1,661 Kittery town 4,849 42% 29% Lebanon town 2,302 Limerick town 1,190 40% Limington town 1,509 40% Lyman town 1,837 43% Newfield town 718 59% North Berwick town 2,042 42% Ogunguit town 582 36% Old Orchard Beach town 5.224 52% Parsonsfield town 694 48% Saco city 8,872 Sanford city 9,019 Shapleigh town 1,085 33% 2,797 29% South Berwick town Waterboro town 2.717 32% Wells town 4,949 43% 5,675 York town

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census County Subdivisions. 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.

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