

ALICE IN YORK COUNTY



2023 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 218,586 • **Number of Households:** 93,995

Median Household Income: \$86,430 (state: \$73,733)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 65.0% (state: 62.1%)

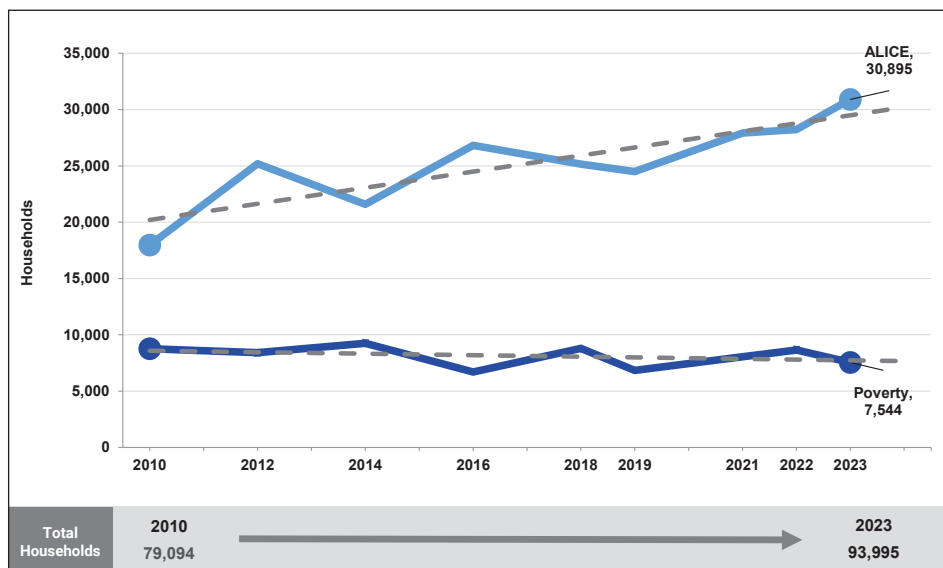
ALICE Households: 33% (state: 29%) • **Households in Poverty:** 8% (state: 11%)

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, 38,439 households (41%) were below the ALICE Threshold in York County.**

ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, York County, 2010–2023



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Maine

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 York 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 York County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Maine

Household Survival Budget, York County, 2023

	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$1,367	\$2,045
Child Care	–	\$2,003
Food	\$585	\$1,588
Transportation	\$386	\$933
Health Care	\$172	\$698
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$260	\$738
Taxes	\$480	\$1,075
Monthly Total	\$3,336	\$9,196
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$40,032	\$110,352
Hourly Wage*	\$20.02	\$55.18

**Full-time wage required to support this budget*

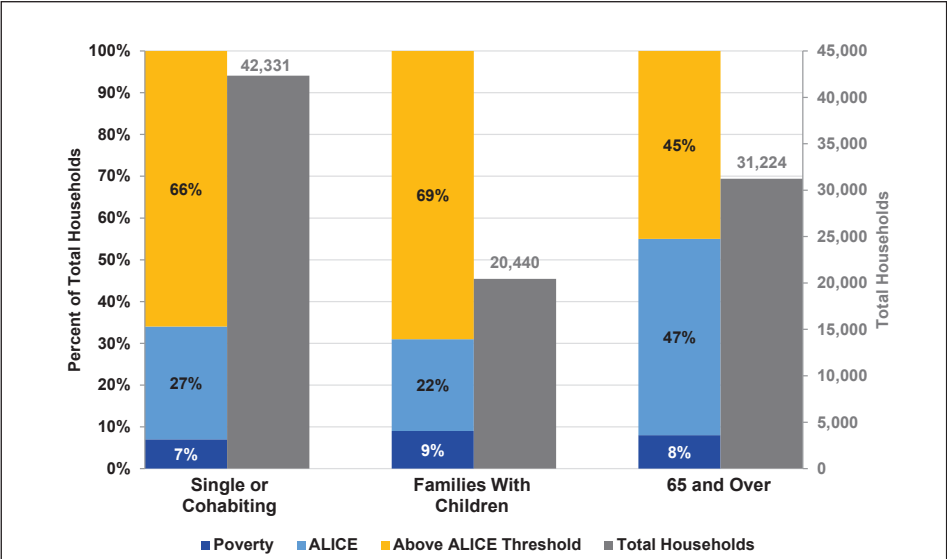
For ALICE Household Survival Budget sources, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology

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.

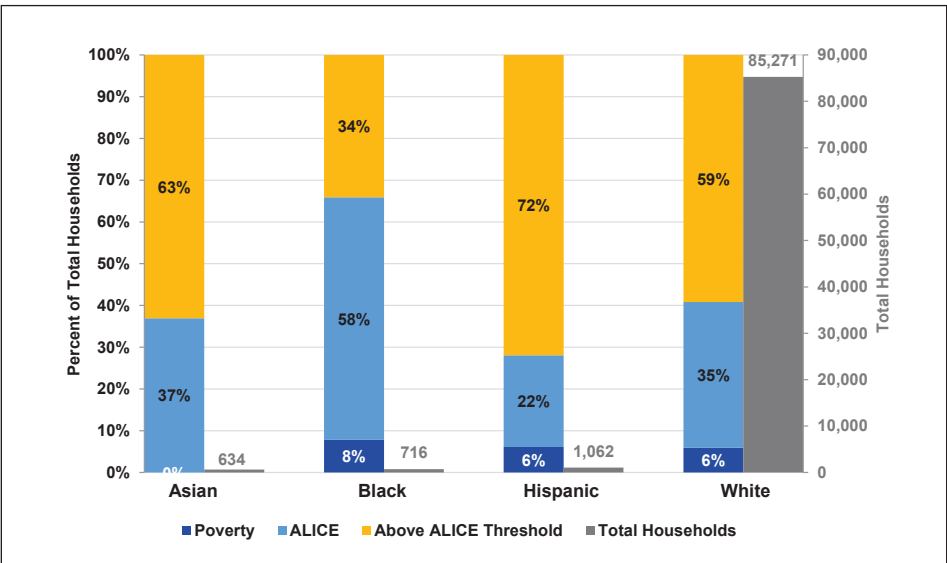
Explore more demographic data at UnitedForALICE.org/Maine and visit UnitedForALICE.org/Mapping-Tool to see ALICE data for all available geographies.

Household Financial Status by Household Type, York 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, York 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

York County, 2023		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Acton town	1,076	46%
Alfred town	1,334	47%
Arundel town	1,567	35%
Berwick town	3,497	45%
Biddeford city	9,190	53%
Buxton town	3,501	38%
Cornish town	755	54%
Dayton town	829	24%
Eliot town	2,832	26%
Hollis town	1,849	43%
Kennebunk town	5,254	34%
Kennebunkport town	1,838	40%
Kittery town	4,940	43%
Lebanon town	2,444	31%
Limerick town	1,170	38%
Limington town	1,616	45%
Lyman town	1,789	44%
Newfield town	668	59%
North Berwick town	2,014	40%
Ogunquit town	612	37%
Old Orchard Beach town	5,220	53%
Parsonsfield town	705	59%
Saco city	8,851	41%
Sanford city	9,331	50%
Shapleigh town	1,107	35%
South Berwick town	2,853	28%
Waterboro town	2,739	38%
Wells town	5,006	44%
York town	5,663	33%

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.