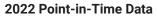
# **ALICE IN IONIA COUNTY**



Population: 66,809 • Number of Households: 22,878 Median Household Income: \$75,865 (state average: \$66,986) Labor Force Participation Rate: 57.5% (state average: 61.6%) ALICE Households: 25% (state average: 28%) • Households in Poverty: 12% (state average: 13%)

## **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, 8,516 households (37%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Ionia County.

## The Cost of Basics **Outpaces Wages**

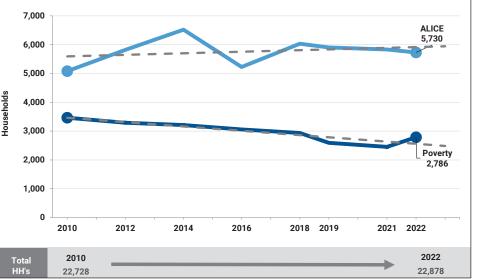
The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the current economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, technology, and taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. The Household Survival Budget 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 Ionia 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 Ionia County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/ **Michigan** 



## Households by Income, Ionia County, 2010-2022



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

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010-2022; American Community Survey, 2010-2022

#### Household Survival Budget, Ionia County, 2022

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	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$504	\$574
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	-	\$1,008
Food	\$419	\$1,142
Transportation	\$462	\$1,113
Health Care	\$174	\$601
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$181	\$486
Tax Payments	\$334	\$995
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$433
Monthly Total	\$2,323	\$5,912
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$27,876	\$70,944
Hourly Wage*	\$13.94	\$35.47

\*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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



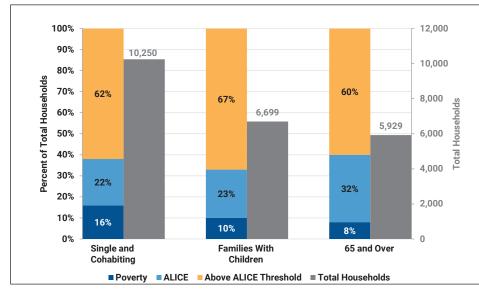
## Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

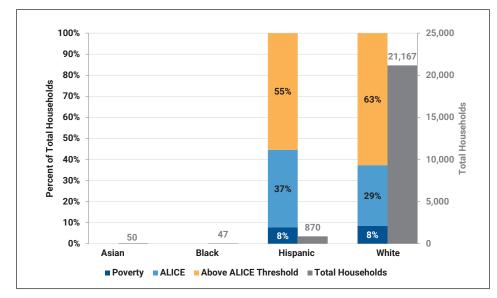
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### Household Financial Status by Household Type, Ionia County, 2022



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

### Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Ionia 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

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.

#### Ionia County, 2022

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Belding city	2,148	57%
Berlin township	717	32%
Boston township	2,240	31%
Campbell township	811	31%
Danby township	1,045	27%
Easton township	1,143	43%
Ionia city	3,669	49%
Ionia township	1,478	41%
Keene township	553	24%
Lyons township	1,114	34%
North Plains township	405	47%
Odessa township	1,393	34%
Orange township	368	28%
Orleans township	922	55%
Otisco township	846	39%
Portland city	1,489	47%
Portland township	1,328	18%
Ronald township	660	53%
Sebewa township	436	32%