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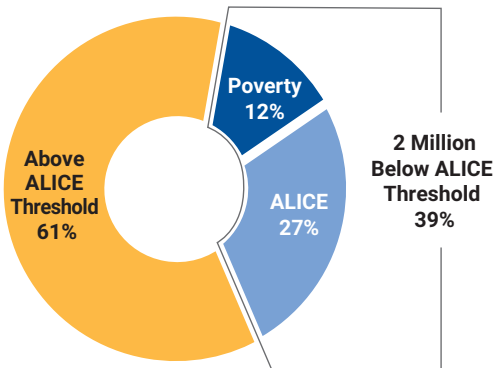
ALICE[®] REPORT

ALICE represents the 27% of Pennsylvanians who work but struggle to survive.

ALICE (**A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed) households earn above the federal poverty level but cannot afford the basic cost of living in their county. ALICE often earns too much to qualify for government assistance, and there is no room for emergency expenses or to save for the future.

ALICE individuals often work as cashiers, nursing assistants, office clerks, child care workers, servers, laborers, and security guards. As the pandemic has shown, ALICE workers

are critical to keeping Pennsylvania's economy running smoothly. Most ALICE individuals must physically go to work each day and do not have the luxury of remote employment options.



In May 2023, United Way of Pennsylvania released an updated ALICE Report based on data from 2021 which measures financial hardship across our state supported by data that assesses the cost of living in every county. The data sheds light on the struggles ALICE faces by looking at two budgets – a survival budget and a stability budget.

This ALICE Report provides the first look at the extent of financial hardship on ALICE households since the pandemic began.

The following report provides a snapshot of ALICE in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. United Way of the Capital Region is proud to partner with United Way of Pennsylvania on this project.

*There are 5.2 million households in Pennsylvania.





ALICE IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

2021 POINT-IN-TIME DATA

Population: 262,919 • **Number of Households:** 104,768 (+3% from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$82,691 (state average: \$68,957)
ALICE Households: 26% (state average: 27%)
Households In Poverty: 7% (state average: 12%)

HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET CUMBERLAND COUNTY		
MONTHLY COSTS	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE
Housing - Rent	\$678	\$957
Housing - Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	\$0	\$1,667
Food	\$456	\$1,242
Transportation	\$330	\$806
Health Care	\$223	\$885
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$192	\$596
Tax Payments	\$338	\$1,208
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$1,267)
Monthly Total	\$2,446	\$6,496
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$29,352	\$77,952
Hourly Wage (Full-time)	\$14.68	\$38.98

CUMBERLAND COUNTY		
TOWN	TOTAL HH	% ALICE & POVERTY
Camp Hill Borough	3,201	26%
Carlisle Borough	8,099	52%
Dickinson Township	1,982	21%
East Pennsboro Township	8,909	36%
Hampden Township	12,314	27%
Hopewell Township	1,102	42%
Lemoyne Borough	2,261	45%
Lower Allen Township	7,059	36%
Lower Frankford Township	735	42%
Lower Mifflin Township	589	53%
Mechanicsburg Borough	4,037	45%
Middlesex Township	2,369	45%
Monroe Township	2,440	30%
Mount Holly Springs Borough	840	48%
Newburg Borough	167	33%
New Cumberland Borough	3,664	41%
Newville Borough	514	61%
North Middleton Township	4,830	27%
North Newton Township	949	44%
Penn Township	1,043	31%
Shippensburg Borough	2,332	73%
Shippensburg Township	1,070	75%
Shiremanstown Borough	723	43%
Silver Spring Township	7,680	23%
Southampton Township	2,960	36%
South Middleton Township	6,352	31%
South Newton Township	415	38%
Upper Allen Township	8,890	33%
Upper Frankford Township	753	38%
Upper Mifflin Township	455	35%
West Pennsboro Township	2,229	42%
Wormleysburg Borough	1,488	44%

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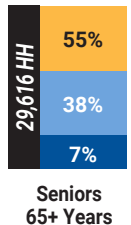
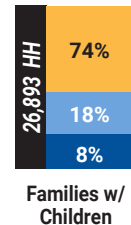
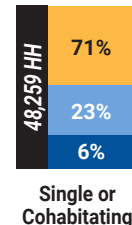
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HOUSEHOLD STABILITY BUDGET CUMBERLAND COUNTY		
MONTHLY COSTS	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE
Housing - Rent	\$1,081	\$1,544
Housing - Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	\$0	\$2,083
Food	\$682	\$1,944
Transportation	\$746	\$1,209
Health Care	\$194	\$772
Technology	\$125	\$160
Miscellaneous	\$298	\$800
Savings	\$298	\$800
Tax Payments	\$605	\$1,725
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$1,267)
Monthly Total	\$4,183	\$10,062
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$50,196	\$120,744
Hourly Wage (Full-time)	\$25.10	\$60.37

Note: Municipal-level data 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 date is often 1-year estimates.

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE CUMBERLAND COUNTY

- Above ALICE Threshold
- ALICE
- Poverty
- TOTAL Households (HH)





ALICE IN DAUPHIN COUNTY

2021 POINT-IN-TIME DATA

Population: 287,400 • Number of Households: 120,423 (+6% from 2019)

Median Household Income: \$66,454 (state average: \$68,957)

ALICE Households: 25% (state average: 27%)

Households In Poverty: 11% (state average: 12%)

HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET DAUPHIN COUNTY

MONTHLY COSTS	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE
Housing - Rent	\$649	\$913
Housing - Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	\$0	\$1,521
Food	\$442	\$1,204
Transportation	\$330	\$806
Health Care	\$223	\$885
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$187	\$573
Tax Payments	\$327	\$1,151
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$1,267)
Monthly Total	\$2,387	\$6,188
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$28,644	\$74,256
Hourly Wage (Full-time)	\$14.32	\$37.13

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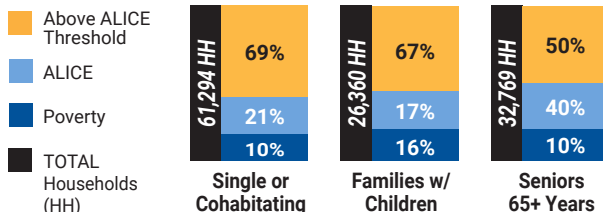
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Housing - Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	\$0	\$2,017
Food	\$664	\$1,896
Transportation	\$746	\$1,209
Health Care	\$194	\$772
Technology	\$125	\$160
Miscellaneous	\$292	\$779
Savings	\$292	\$779
Tax Payments	\$590	\$1,665
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$1,267)
Monthly Total	\$4,096	\$9,741
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$49,152	\$116,892
Hourly Wage (Full-time)	\$24.58	\$58.45

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DAUPHIN COUNTY

TOWN	TOTAL HH	% ALICE & POVERTY
Berrysburg Borough	133	38%
Conewago Township	1,116	18%
Dauphin Borough	503	50%
Derry Township	9,686	26%
East Hanover Township	2,079	22%
Elizabethville Borough	588	36%
Gratz Borough	391	60%
Halifax Borough	359	46%
Halifax Township	1,361	35%
Harrisburg City	20,953	55%
Highspire Borough	1,239	53%
Hummelstown Borough	2,182	49%
Jackson Township	678	29%
Jefferson Township	145	20%
Londonderry Township	1,839	40%
Lower Paxton Township	22,036	30%
Lower Swatara Township	3,857	27%
Lykens Borough	717	43%
Lykens Township	466	29%
Middle Paxton Township	2,192	27%
Middletown Borough	4,267	48%
Mifflin Township	216	32%
Millersburg Borough	1,064	43%
Paxtang Borough	657	31%
Penbrook Borough	1,345	44%
Pillow Borough	109	37%
Royalton Borough	409	34%
Rush Township	116	18%
South Hanover Township	2,472	18%
Steelton Borough	2,253	57%
Susquehanna Township	11,158	32%
Swatara Township	10,381	30%
Upper Paxton Township	1,681	45%
Washington Township	870	35%
Wayne Township	463	18%
West Hanover Township	4,225	18%
Wiconisco Township	457	44%
Williams Township	460	37%
Williamstown Borough	490	47%

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE DAUPHIN COUNTY (2021)



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ALICE IN PERRY COUNTY

2021 POINT-IN-TIME DATA

Population: 45,879 • Number of Households: 17,823 (-2% from 2019)
 Median Household Income: \$72,922 (state average: \$68,957)
 ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 27%)
 Households In Poverty: 9% (state average: 12%)

PERRY COUNTY		
TOWN	TOTAL HH	% ALICE & POVERTY
Bloomfield Borough	362	47%
Buffalo Township	442	29%
Carroll Township	2,336	44%
Centre Township	1,008	34%
Duncannon Borough	623	53%
Greenwood Township	410	32%
Howe Township	149	40%
Jackson Township	139	51%
Juniata Township	614	26%
Liverpool Borough	394	46%
Liverpool Township	386	32%
Marysville Borough	1,158	42%
Miller Township	326	49%
Millerstown Borough	271	28%
Newport Borough	635	46%
Northeast Madison Township	248	37%
Oliver Township	757	45%
Penn Township	1,236	35%
Rye Township	934	24%
Saville Township	797	46%
Southwest Madison Township	385	29%
Spring Township	852	26%
Toboyne Township	167	55%
Tuscarora Township	436	39%
Tyrone Township	690	48%
Watts Township	689	36%
Wheatfield Township	1,176	30%

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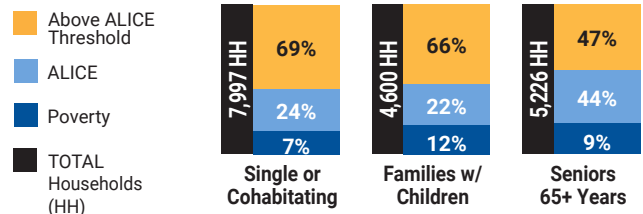
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HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET PERRY COUNTY		
MONTHLY COSTS	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE
Housing - Rent	\$497	\$685
Housing - Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	\$0	\$1,083
Food	\$456	\$1,242
Transportation	\$330	\$806
Health Care	\$223	\$885
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$174	\$510
Tax Payments	\$293	\$994
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$1,142)
Monthly Total	\$2,202	\$5,465
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$26,424	\$65,580
Hourly Wage (Full-time)	\$13.21	\$32.79

HOUSEHOLD STABILITY BUDGET PERRY COUNTY		
MONTHLY COSTS	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE
Housing - Rent	\$812	\$1,351
Housing - Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	\$0	\$1,688
Food	\$682	\$1,944
Transportation	\$746	\$1,209
Health Care	\$194	\$772
Technology	\$125	\$160
Miscellaneous	\$271	\$742
Savings	\$271	\$742
Tax Payments	\$538	\$1,572
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$1,267)
Monthly Total	\$3,793	\$9,205
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$45,516	\$110,460
Hourly Wage (Full-time)	\$22.76	\$55.23

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE PERRY COUNTY



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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