ALICE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY

2022 Point-in-Time Data

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Population: 990,427 • Number of Households: 373,505 Median Household Income: \$108,144 (state average: \$79,557) Labor Force Participation Rate: 64.5% (state average: 62.8%)

ALICE Households: 25% (state average: 31%) • Households in Poverty: 11% (state average: 15%)

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, 133,031 households (36%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Westchester County.

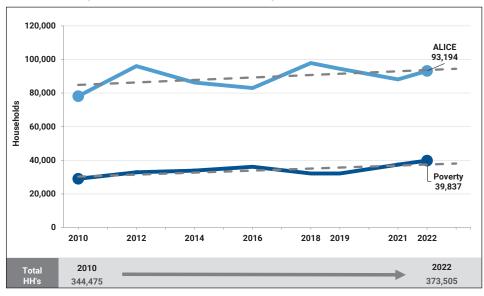
The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

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 Westchester 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 Westchester County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/New-York

Households by Income, Westchester County, 2010-2022



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

Household Survival Budget, Westchester County, 2022							
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler					
Monthly Costs and Credits							
Housing – Rent	\$1,190	\$1,573					
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310					
Child Care	-	\$2,725					
Food	\$566	\$1,543					
Transportation	\$156	\$312					
Health Care	\$200	\$643					
Technology	\$86	\$116					
Miscellaneous	\$236	\$722					
Tax Payments	\$464	\$1,636					
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$603					
Monthly Total	\$3,061	\$8,977					
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$36,732	\$107,724					
Hourly Wage*	\$18.37	\$53.86					

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

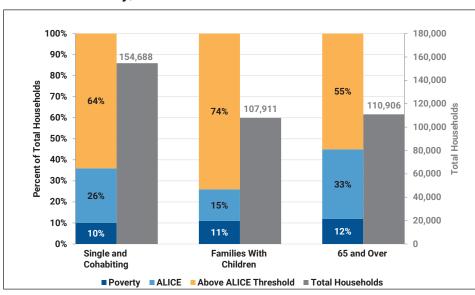
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

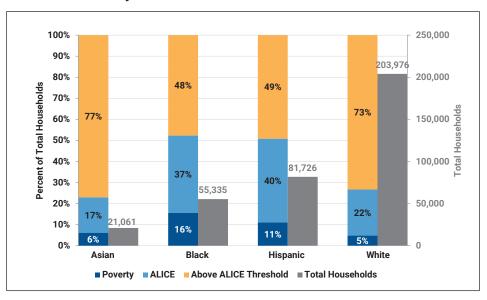
Visit UnitedForALICE.org/New-York to view more national, state, and county data.

Household Financial Status by Household Type, Westchester County, 2022



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Westchester 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

Westchester County, 2022 % ALICE & Town Households Poverty 21% Bedford town 5.618 14 589 23% Cortlandt town Eastchester town 13,151 28% Greenburgh town 34,971 8,242 Harrison town Lewisboro town 4,377 18% Mamaroneck town 11,073 23% Mount Kisco town 4 202 38% Mount Pleasant town 15.045 27% 28,778 Mount Vernon city New Castle town 5,932 10% New Rochelle city 29,905 North Castle town 4,239 17% 18% North Salem town 1,819 Ossining town 14.382 29% Peekskill city 10,884 42% Pelham town 4,221 14% Pound Ridge town 1,799 Rye city 5,880 16% Rye town 16,304 33% 8% Scarsdale town 5,523 8,159 23% Somers town White Plains city 24,062 Yonkers city 81,470 48% Yorktown town 13,115

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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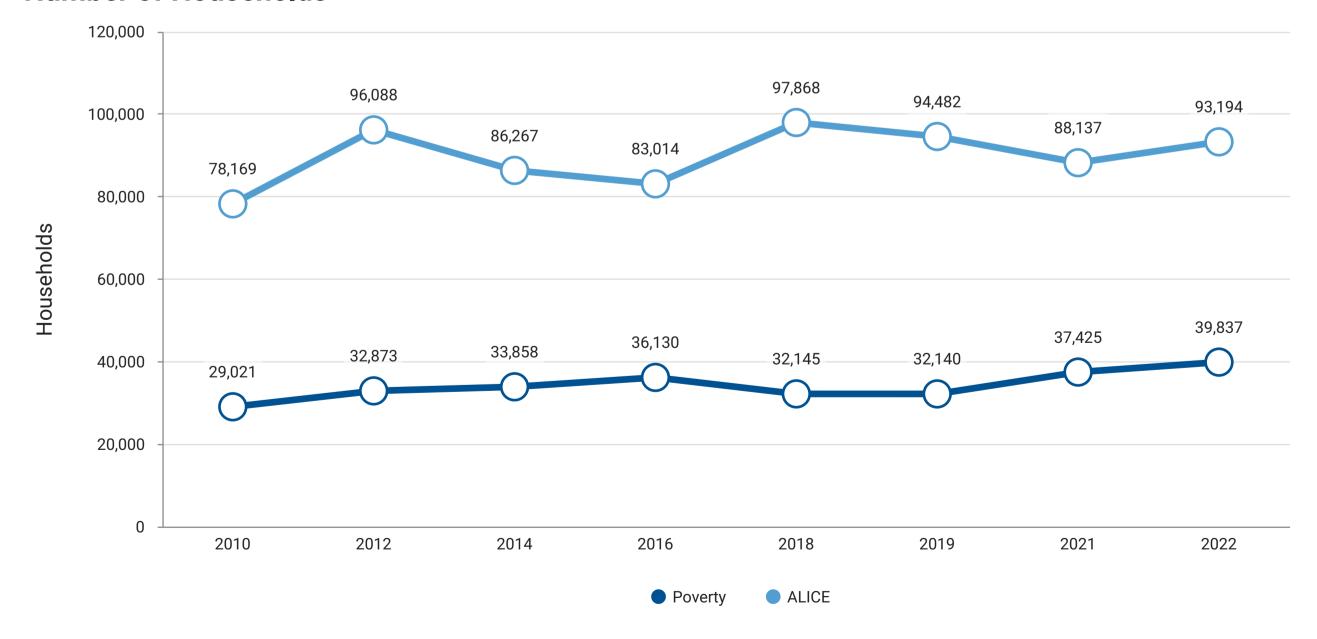
Labor Force Participation Rate: 65% (state average: 63%)

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Financial Hardship Has Changed Over Time in Westchester County

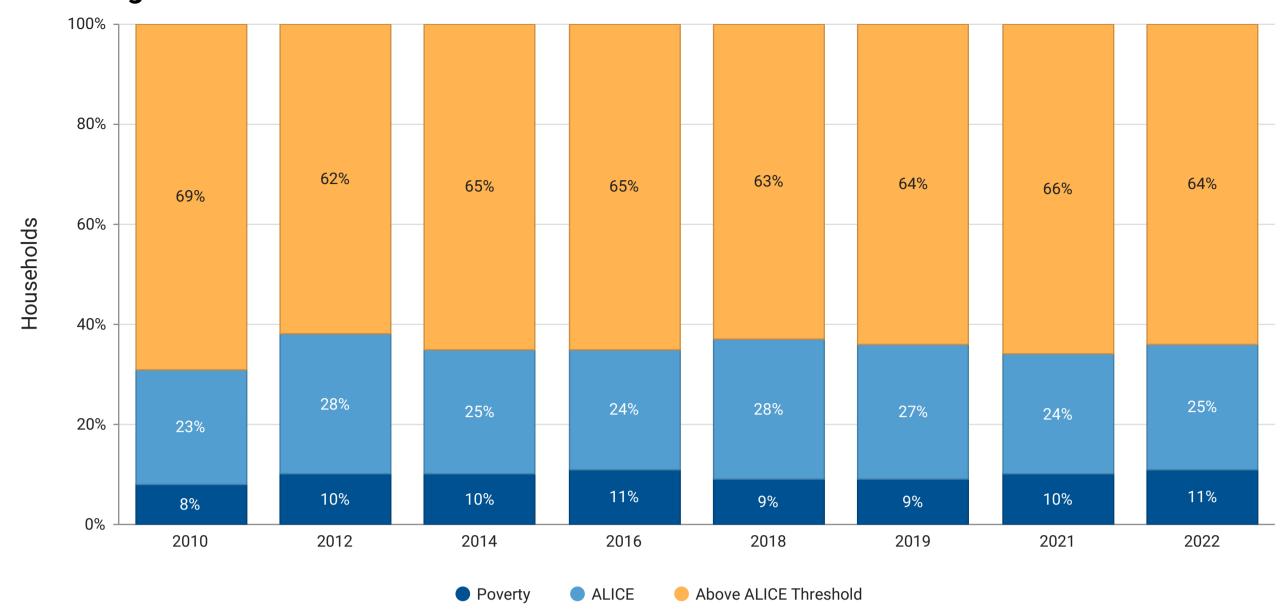
As circumstances change, households may find themselves below or above the ALICE Threshold at different times.

Number of Households





Percentage of Households

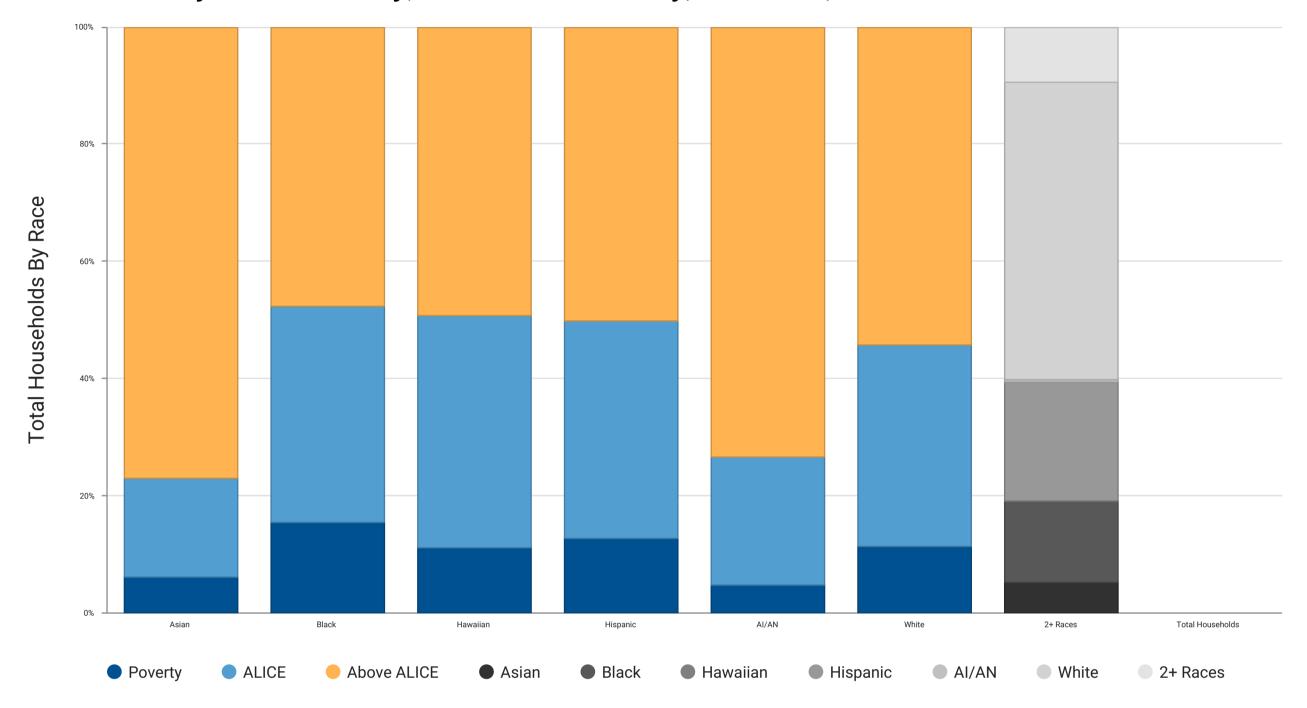




Financial Hardship is Not Equally Distributed

By total number, groups with the largest population of households below the ALICE Threshold tend to also be in the largest demographic groups. However, when looking at the proportion of each group that is below the ALICE Threshold, it is clear that some groups are more likely to be ALICE than others.

Households by Race/Ethnicity, Westchester County, New York, 2022



There were also differences in financial hardship by household type and age of householder.

Group	% Below ALICE Threshold		
Single or Cohabiting (no children)	36%		
Married (with children)	13%		
Single-Female-Headed (with children)	66%		
Single-Male-Headed (with children)	52%		

Group	% Below ALICE Threshold		
Under 25	58%		
25 to 44 Years	34%		
45 to 64 Years	29%		
65 Years and Over	45%		





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Monthly Costs and Credits	Single Adult	One Adult, One Child	One Adult, One In Child Care	Two Adults	Two Adults Two Children	Two Adults, Two In Child Care	Single Adult 65+	Two Adults 65+
Housing - Rent	\$1,190	\$1,308	\$1,308	\$1,308	\$1,573	\$1,573	\$1,190	\$1,308
Housing - Utilities	\$163	\$258	\$258	\$258	\$310	\$310	\$163	\$258
Child Care	\$0	\$475	\$1,267	\$0	\$950	\$2,725	\$0	\$0
Food	\$566	\$961	\$862	\$1,039	\$1,747	\$1,543	\$523	\$958
Transportation	\$156	\$312	\$156	\$312	\$625	\$312	\$156	\$312
Health Care	\$200	\$378	\$378	\$378	\$643	\$643	\$564	\$1,129
Technology	\$86	\$86	\$86	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$236	\$378	\$432	\$341	\$596	\$722	\$268	\$408
Tax Payments	\$464	\$967	\$1,127	\$558	\$1,279	\$1,636	\$556	\$960
Tax Credits	\$0	(\$302)	(\$302)	\$0	(\$713)	(\$603)	\$0	\$0
Monthly Total	\$3,061	\$4,821	\$5,572	\$4,310	\$7,126	\$8,977	\$3,506	\$5,449
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$36,732	\$57,852	\$66,864	\$51,720	\$85,512	\$107,724	\$42,072	\$65,388
Hourly Wage	\$18.37	\$28.93	\$33.43	\$25.86	\$42.76	\$53.86	\$21.04	\$32.69



The Labor Landscape is Challenging for ALICE Workers

A small portion of adults (16 years and older) in Westchester County were unemployed and a large number were working in 2022. However, a substantial portion of both full and part-time workers are paid by the hour; these workers are more likely to have fluctuations in income and less likely to receive benefits.

Labor Status, Population 16 and Over, Westchester County, New York, 2022





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