# ALICE IN BERKELEY COUNTY



2022 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 245,117 • Number of Households: 94,287 Median Household Income: \$80,185 (state average: \$64,115) Labor Force Participation Rate: 65.9% (state average: 60.7%) ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 30%) • Households in Poverty: 9% (state average: 14%)

### **Financial Hardship Over Time**

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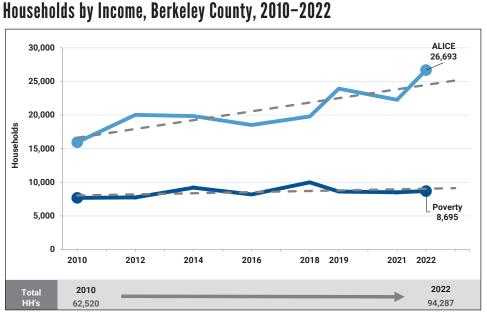
Households move below or above the ALICE Threshold as economic factors and circumstances change. This was especially true amid the economic crosscurrents of the COVID-19 pandemic, with higher wages, inflation, and additional pandemic assistance. By 2022, 35,388 households (38%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Berkeley 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.

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To see costs for different household compositions in Berkeley County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/ South-Carolina



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#### Household Survival Budget, Berkeley County, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$1,071	\$1,121
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	-	\$1,188
Food	\$467	\$1,273
Transportation	\$412	\$1,063
Health Care	\$185	\$749
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$238	\$582
Tax Payments	\$441	\$1,234
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$516
Monthly Total	\$3,063	\$7,120
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$36,756	\$85,440
Hourly Wage*	\$18.38	\$42.72

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

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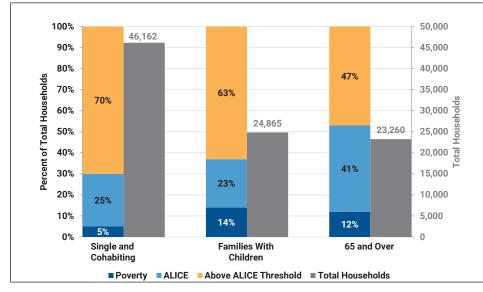
## Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

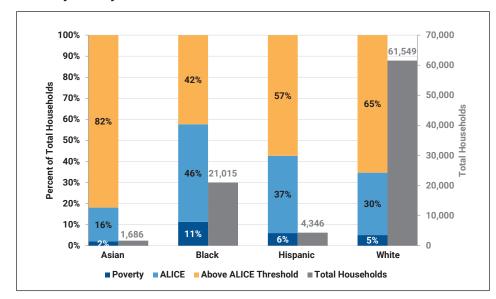
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#### Household Financial Status by Household Type, Berkeley County, 2022



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

#### Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Berkeley County, 2022



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#### Berkeley County, 2022

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Bonneau CCD	3,970	56%
Cordesville CCD	1,638	68%
Cross CCD	2,445	58%
Goose Creek-Hanahan CCD	54,242	39%
Moncks Corner CCD	12,208	38%
St. Stephen CCD	2,676	74%
Wando CCD	9,779	28%

# **ALICE IN CHARLESTON COUNTY**



2022 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 419,279 • Number of Households: 179,597 Median Household Income: \$80,401 (state average: \$64,115) Labor Force Participation Rate: 66.2% (state average: 60.7%) ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 30%) • Households in Poverty: 11% (state average: 14%)

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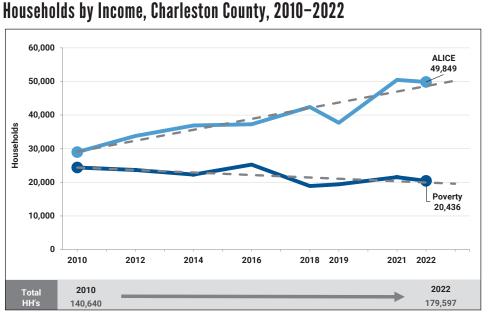
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In 2022, household costs in Charleston County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$13,590 for a single adult and \$27,750 for a family of four.

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#### Household Survival Budget, Charleston County, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$1,103	\$1,158
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	-	\$1,188
Food	\$532	\$1,450
Transportation	\$412	\$1,063
Health Care	\$185	\$749
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$248	\$603
Tax Payments	\$470	\$1,296
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$516
Monthly Total	\$3,199	\$7,417
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$38,388	\$89,004
Hourly Wage*	\$19.19	\$44.50

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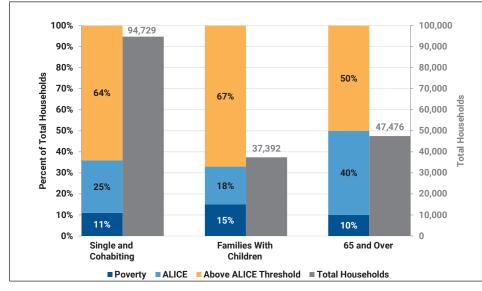
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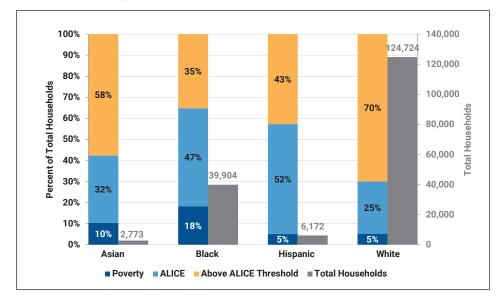
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#### Household Financial Status by Household Type, Charleston County, 2022



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#### Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Charleston County, 2022



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#### **Charleston County, 2022**

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Charleston Central CCD	14,428	47%
Edisto Island CCD	749	58%
James Island CCD	17,336	31%
Johns Island CCD	8,323	31%
Kiawah Island- Seabrook Island CCD	2,376	16%
McClellanville CCD	1,863	53%
Mount Pleasant CCD	43,148	29%
North Charleston CCD	40,793	59%
Ravenel-Hollywood CCD	5,401	49%
Wadmalaw Island CCD	1,021	45%
West Ashley CCD	36,357	38%

# **ALICE IN DORCHESTER COUNTY**



#### 2022 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 166,133 • Number of Households: 64,183 Median Household Income: \$73,791 (state average: \$64,115) Labor Force Participation Rate: 67.4% (state average: 60.7%) ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 30%) • Households in Poverty: 11% (state average: 14%)

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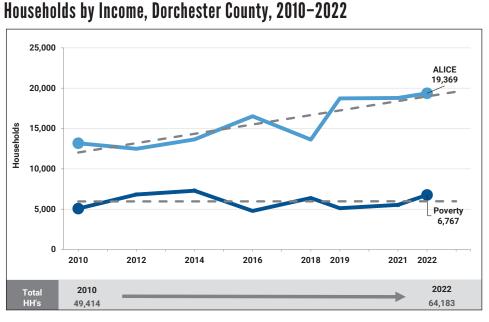
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In 2022, household costs in Dorchester County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$13,590 for a single adult and \$27,750 for a family of four.

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#### Household Survival Budget, Dorchester County, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 preschooler
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$1,020	\$1,062
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	-	\$1,188
Food	\$484	\$1,319
Transportation	\$412	\$1,063
Health Care	\$185	\$749
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$235	\$581
Tax Payments	\$431	\$1,230
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$516
Monthly Total	\$3,016	\$7,102
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$36,192	\$85,224
Hourly Wage*	\$18.10	\$42.61

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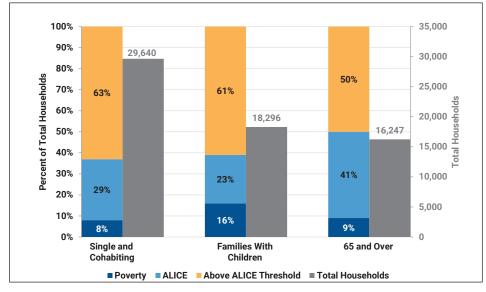
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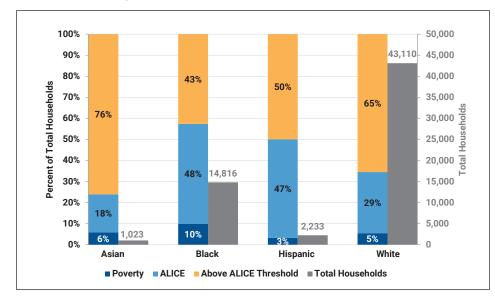
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#### Household Financial Status by Household Type, Dorchester County, 2022



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#### Dorchester County, 2022

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Harleyville CCD	2,605	56%
Reevesville CCD	955	66%
Ridgeville CCD	1,980	50%
St. George CCD	1,975	70%
Summerville CCD	52,216	40%