



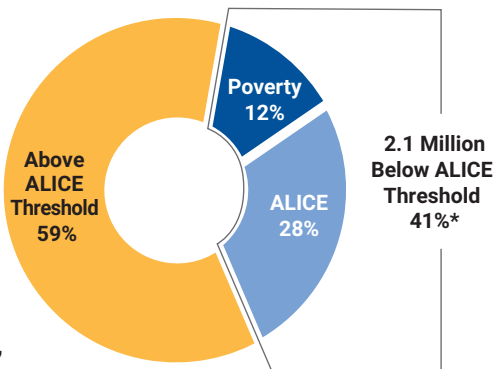
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ALICE[®] REPORT

ALICE represents the 28% of Pennsylvanians who work but struggle to survive.

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) 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 remote employment options.



In May 2024, United Way of Pennsylvania released an updated ALICE Report based on data from 2022 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.

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.



*In Pennsylvania in 2022, out of 5,279,632 households, there were 658,448 (12.47%) in poverty plus 1,493,199 (28.28%) that were ALICE, totaling 2,151,647 (40.75%) below the ALICE Threshold, which is rounded to 41% in this Update.



2022 POINT-IN-TIME DATA

Population: 268,579 • **Number of Households:** 106,531
Median Household Income: \$80,926 (state average: \$71,798)
ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 28%)
Households In Poverty: 8% (state average: 12%)

| CUMBERLAND COUNTY | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| TOWN | TOTAL HH | % ALICE & POVERTY |
| Camp Hill Borough | 3,245 | 27% |
| Carlisle Borough | 8,334 | 57% |
| Dickinson Township | 1,994 | 22% |
| East Pennsboro Township | 9,042 | 37% |
| Hampden Township | 12,641 | 28% |
| Hopewell Township | 890 | 50% |
| Lemoyne Borough | 2,350 | 48% |
| Lower Allen Township | 7,668 | 35% |
| Lower Frankford Township | 742 | 45% |
| Lower Mifflin Township | 620 | 52% |
| Mechanicsburg Borough | 4,182 | 45% |
| Middlesex Township | 2,489 | 45% |
| Monroe Township | 2,430 | 28% |
| Mount Holly Springs Borough | 898 | 50% |
| New Cumberland Borough | 3,523 | 43% |
| Newburg Borough | 171 | 28% |
| Newville Borough | 533 | 56% |
| North Middleton Township | 4,817 | 33% |
| North Newton Township | 939 | 40% |
| Penn Township | 1,036 | 34% |
| Shippensburg Borough | 2,195 | 71% |
| Shippensburg Township | 974 | 70% |
| Shiremanstown Borough | 748 | 46% |
| Silver Spring Township | 7,862 | 25% |
| South Middleton Township | 6,467 | 34% |
| South Newton Township | 418 | 43% |
| Southampton Township | 2,849 | 36% |
| Upper Allen Township | 9,067 | 35% |
| Upper Frankford Township | 750 | 46% |
| Upper Mifflin Township | 467 | 40% |
| West Pennsboro Township | 2,192 | 44% |
| Wormleysburg Borough | 1,444 | 39% |

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The ALICE stability budget estimates the cost of maintaining a viable household in the modern economy with a degree of financial security. This budget allows a small portion of a household's monthly income to be set aside for savings.

| HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET CUMBERLAND COUNTY | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| MONTHLY COSTS | SINGLE ADULT | 2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE |
| Housing - Rent | \$752 | \$1,033 |
| Housing - Utilities | \$163 | \$310 |
| Child Care | \$0 | \$1,762 |
| Food | \$493 | \$1,342 |
| Transportation | \$396 | \$1,047 |
| Health Care | \$191 | \$761 |
| Technology | \$86 | \$116 |
| Miscellaneous | \$208 | \$637 |
| Tax Payments | \$378 | \$1,308 |
| Tax Credits | \$0 | (\$433) |
| Monthly Total | \$2,667 | \$7,883 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | \$32,004 | \$94,596 |
| Hourly Wage (Full-time) | \$16 | \$47.30 |

| HOUSEHOLD STABILITY BUDGET CUMBERLAND COUNTY | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|
| MONTHLY COSTS | SINGLE ADULT | 2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE |
| Housing - Rent | \$1,154 | \$1,648 |
| Housing - Utilities | \$163 | \$310 |
| Child Care | \$0 | \$2,396 |
| Food | \$748 | \$2,152 |
| Transportation | \$822 | \$1,579 |
| Health Care | \$208 | \$832 |
| Technology | \$86 | \$116 |
| Miscellaneous | \$318 | \$903 |
| Savings | \$318 | \$903 |
| Tax Payments | \$653 | \$2,083 |
| Tax Credits | \$0 | (\$433) |
| Monthly Total | \$4,470 | \$12,489 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | \$53,640 | \$149,868 |
| Hourly Wage (Full-time) | \$26.82 | \$74.93 |

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE CUMBERLAND COUNTY

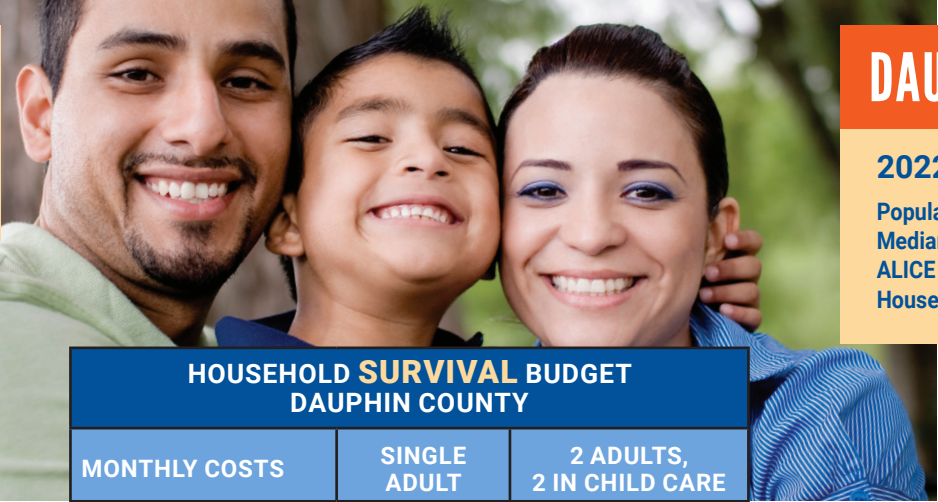
Above ALICE Threshold
ALICE
Poverty
TOTAL Households (HH)

48,008 HH
64%
28%
8%
Single or Cohabiting

26,935 HH
73%
18%
9%
Families w/ Children

31,588 HH
52%
41%
7%
Seniors 65+ Years

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 data is often 1-year estimates.



DAUPHIN COUNTY

2022 POINT-IN-TIME DATA

Population: 288,800 • **Number of Households:** 122,403
Median Household Income: \$67,424 (state average: \$71,798)
ALICE Households: 28% (state average: 28%)
Households In Poverty: 13% (state average: 12%)

| HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET DAUPHIN COUNTY | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| MONTHLY COSTS | SINGLE ADULT | 2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE |
| Housing - Rent | \$723 | \$990 |
| Housing - Utilities | \$163 | \$310 |
| Child Care | \$0 | \$1,762 |
| Food | \$479 | \$1,304 |
| Transportation | \$396 | \$1,047 |
| Health Care | \$191 | \$761 |
| Technology | \$86 | \$116 |
| Miscellaneous | \$204 | \$629 |
| Tax Payments | \$367 | \$1,288 |
| Tax Credits | \$0 | (\$433) |
| Monthly Total | \$2,609 | \$7,774 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | \$31,308 | \$93,288 |
| Hourly Wage (Full-time) | \$15.65 | \$46.64 |

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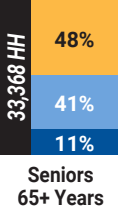
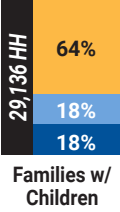
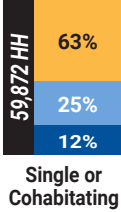
| HOUSEHOLD STABILITY BUDGET DAUPHIN COUNTY | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|
| MONTHLY COSTS | SINGLE ADULT | 2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE |
| Housing - Rent | \$1,112 | \$1,535 |
| Housing - Utilities | \$163 | \$310 |
| Child Care | \$0 | \$2,396 |
| Food | \$730 | \$2,104 |
| Transportation | \$822 | \$1,579 |
| Health Care | \$208 | \$832 |
| Technology | \$86 | \$116 |
| Miscellaneous | \$312 | \$887 |
| Savings | \$312 | \$887 |
| Tax Payments | \$638 | \$2,025 |
| Tax Credits | \$0 | (\$433) |
| Monthly Total | \$4,383 | \$12,238 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | \$52,596 | \$146,856 |
| Hourly Wage (Full-time) | \$26.30 | \$73.43 |

The **ALICE stability budget** estimates the cost of maintaining a viable household in the modern economy with a degree of financial security. This budget allows a small portion of a household's monthly income to be set aside for savings.

| DAUPHIN COUNTY | | |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| TOWN | TOTAL HH | % ALICE & POVERTY |
| Berrysburg Borough | 120 | 46% |
| Conewago Township | 1,123 | 24% |
| Dauphin Borough | 522 | 54% |
| Derry Township | 9,893 | 31% |
| East Hanover Township | 2,251 | 28% |
| Elizabethville Borough | 550 | 43% |
| Gratz Borough | 370 | 63% |
| Halifax Borough | 311 | 49% |
| Halifax Township | 1,443 | 41% |
| Harrisburg City | 21,474 | 59% |
| Highspire Borough | 1,281 | 58% |
| Hummelstown Borough | 2,251 | 53% |
| Jackson Township | 675 | 36% |
| Jefferson Township | 166 | 23% |
| Londonderry Township | 1,878 | 43% |
| Lower Paxton Township | 21,656 | 34% |
| Lower Swatara Township | 4,035 | 34% |
| Lykens Borough | 755 | 45% |
| Lykens Township | 510 | 36% |
| Middle Paxton Township | 2,261 | 36% |
| Middletown Borough | 4,292 | 55% |
| Mifflin Township | 232 | 44% |
| Millersburg Borough | 1,124 | 47% |
| Paxtang Borough | 670 | 34% |
| Penbrook Borough | 1,401 | 47% |
| Pillow Borough | 108 | 44% |
| Reed Township | 103 | 36% |
| Royalton Borough | 411 | 48% |
| Rush Township | 105 | 32% |
| South Hanover Township | 2,568 | 20% |
| Steelton Borough | 2,281 | 53% |
| Susquehanna Township | 11,498 | 34% |
| Swatara Township | 10,714 | 35% |
| Upper Paxton Township | 1,682 | 51% |
| Washington Township | 865 | 37% |
| Wayne Township | 484 | 16% |
| West Hanover Township | 4,383 | 21% |
| Wiconisco Township | 443 | 51% |
| Williams Township | 495 | 38% |
| Williamstown Borough | 523 | 51% |

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE DAUPHIN COUNTY

Above ALICE Threshold
ALICE
Poverty
TOTAL Households (HH)



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PERRY COUNTY

2022 POINT-IN-TIME DATA

Population: 45,941 • **Number of Households:** 18,066
Median Household Income: \$76,103 (state average: \$71,798)
ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 28%)
Households In Poverty: 9% (state average: 12%)

| PERRY COUNTY | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| TOWN | TOTAL HH | % ALICE & POVERTY |
| Bloomfield Borough | 369 | 43% |
| Buffalo Township | 440 | 38% |
| Carroll Township | 2,373 | 43% |
| Centre Township | 1,033 | 36% |
| Duncannon Borough | 632 | 53% |
| Greenwood Township | 381 | 33% |
| Howe Township | 160 | 29% |
| Jackson Township | 143 | 50% |
| Juniata Township | 653 | 27% |
| Liverpool Borough | 406 | 50% |
| Liverpool Township | 413 | 29% |
| Marysville Borough | 1,239 | 47% |
| Miller Township | 338 | 42% |
| Millerstown Borough | 279 | 30% |
| Newport Borough | 606 | 50% |
| Northeast Madison Township | 239 | 35% |
| Oliver Township | 779 | 47% |
| Penn Township | 1,270 | 43% |
| Rye Township | 922 | 28% |
| Saville Township | 772 | 37% |
| Southwest Madison Township | 376 | 29% |
| Spring Township | 828 | 25% |
| Toboyne Township | 185 | 53% |
| Tuscarora Township | 434 | 38% |
| Tyrone Township | 712 | 43% |
| Watts Township | 702 | 36% |
| Wheatfield Township | 1,185 | 30% |

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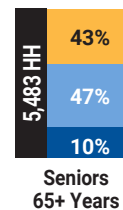
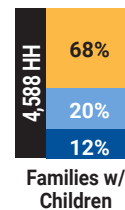
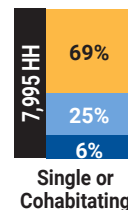
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| HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET PERRY COUNTY | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------|
| MONTHLY COSTS | SINGLE ADULT | 2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE |
| Housing - Rent | \$569 | \$764 |
| Housing - Utilities | \$163 | \$310 |
| Child Care | \$0 | \$1,762 |
| Food | \$493 | \$1,342 |
| Transportation | \$396 | \$1,047 |
| Health Care | \$191 | \$761 |
| Technology | \$86 | \$116 |
| Miscellaneous | \$190 | \$610 |
| Tax Payments | \$332 | \$1,241 |
| Tax Credits | \$0 | (\$433) |
| Monthly Total | \$2,420 | \$7,520 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | \$29,040 | \$90,240 |
| Hourly Wage (Full-time) | \$14.52 | \$45.12 |

| HOUSEHOLD STABILITY BUDGET PERRY COUNTY | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|
| MONTHLY COSTS | SINGLE ADULT | 2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE |
| Housing - Rent | \$890 | \$1,458 |
| Housing - Utilities | \$163 | \$310 |
| Child Care | \$0 | \$2,396 |
| Food | \$748 | \$2,152 |
| Transportation | \$822 | \$1,579 |
| Health Care | \$208 | \$832 |
| Technology | \$86 | \$116 |
| Miscellaneous | \$292 | \$884 |
| Savings | \$292 | \$884 |
| Tax Payments | \$587 | \$2,014 |
| Tax Credits | \$0 | (\$433) |
| Monthly Total | \$4,088 | \$12,192 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | \$49,056 | \$146,304 |
| Hourly Wage (Full-time) | \$24.53 | \$73.15 |

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE PERRY COUNTY

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



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INFORMATION**

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