

ALICE IN PORTAGE COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

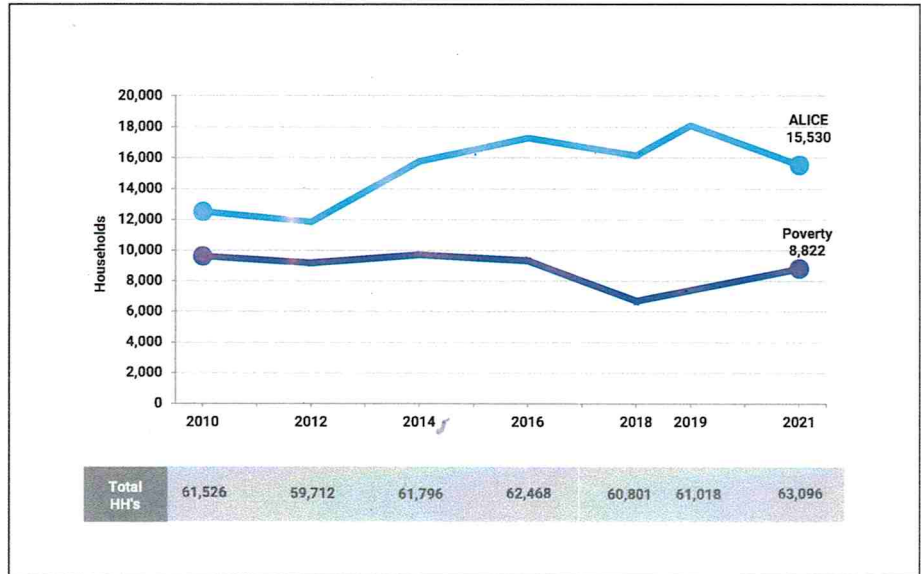
Population: 162,382 • **Number of Households:** 63,096 (3% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$64,471 (state average: \$62,262)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 62.8% (state average: 62.6%)
ALICE Households: 25% (state average: 25%) • **Households in Poverty:** 14% (state average: 13%)

Financial Hardship Changes 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.

As circumstances change, households may find themselves below or above the ALICE Threshold at different times. While the COVID-19 pandemic brought employment shifts, health struggles, and school/business closures in 2021, it also spurred unprecedented public assistance through pandemic relief measures. In 2019, 25,471 households in Portage County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 24,352, (a -4% change).

Households by Income, Portage County, 2010–2021



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Ohio.
 Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2021; American Community Survey, 2010–2021

The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the modern economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, a smartphone plan, 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 varies by household composition, as costs can vary greatly depending on location and household needs.

In 2021, household costs in Portage County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,880 for a single adult and \$26,500 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in Portage County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Ohio

Household Survival Budget, Portage County, 2021		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$431	\$585
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,562
Food	\$430	\$1,174
Transportation	\$327	\$804
Health Care	\$231	\$796
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$165	\$532
Tax Payments	\$268	\$1,047
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,267
Monthly Total	\$2,081	\$5,635
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$24,972	\$67,620
Hourly Wage*	\$12.49	\$33.81

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget
 For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology

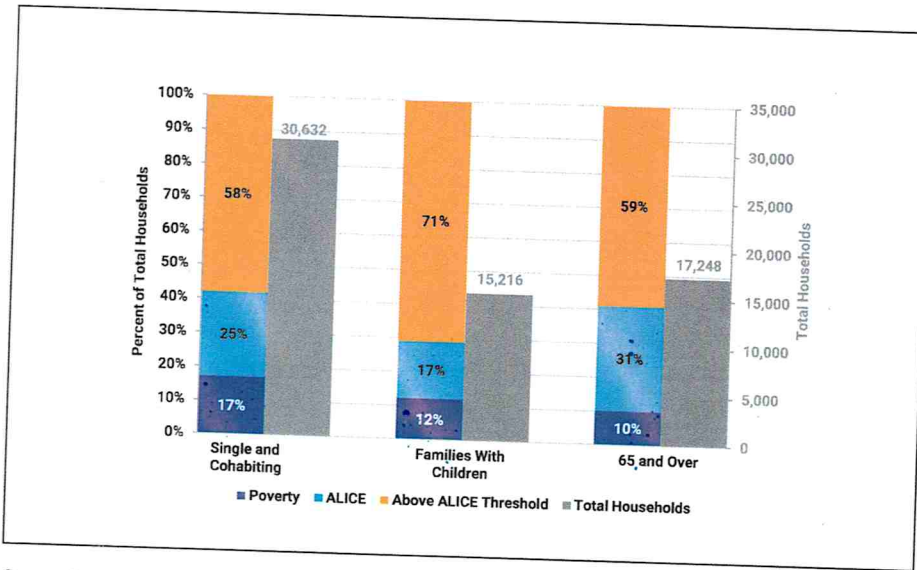
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

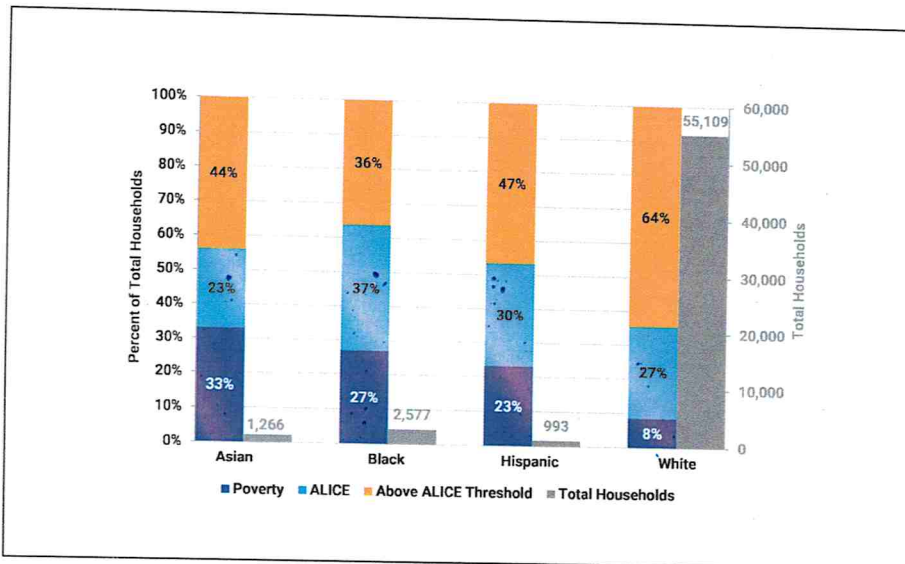
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Portage County, 2021



Source: ALICE Threshold, 2021; American Community Survey, 2021

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Portage County, 2021



Note: All racial categories are for one race alone. Race and ethnicity are overlapping categories; the Asian and Black groups may include Hispanic households. The White group includes only White, non-Hispanic households. The Hispanic group may include households of any race.

Source: ALICE Threshold, 2021; American Community Survey, 2021

Portage County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Atwater township	881	39%
Aurora city	6,561	17%
Brimfield township	4,574	24%
Charlestown township	753	37%
Deerfield township	1,097	42%
Edinburg township	912	27%
Franklin township	2,558	45%
Freedom township	942	37%
Garrettsville village	1,145	42%
Hiram village	217	18%
Hiram township	864	17%
Kent city	10,361	57%
Mantua village	331	50%
Mantua township	1,776	26%
Mogadore village	454	33%
Nelson township	943	22%
Palmyra township	1,085	22%
Paris township	579	31%
Randolph township	2,051	35%
Ravenna city	5,096	56%
Ravenna township	3,918	50%
Rootstown township	3,207	32%
Shalersville township	1,979	36%
Streetsboro city	7,162	34%
Suffield township	2,444	39%
Sugar Bush Knolls village	108	4%
Tallmadge city	119	21%
Windham village	641	63%
Windham township	614	31%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page 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.