

ALICE IN CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, 2024

Population: 133,785 **Number of Households:** 53,260

Median Household Income: \$65,024 (state average: \$72,389)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 61% (state average: 62%)

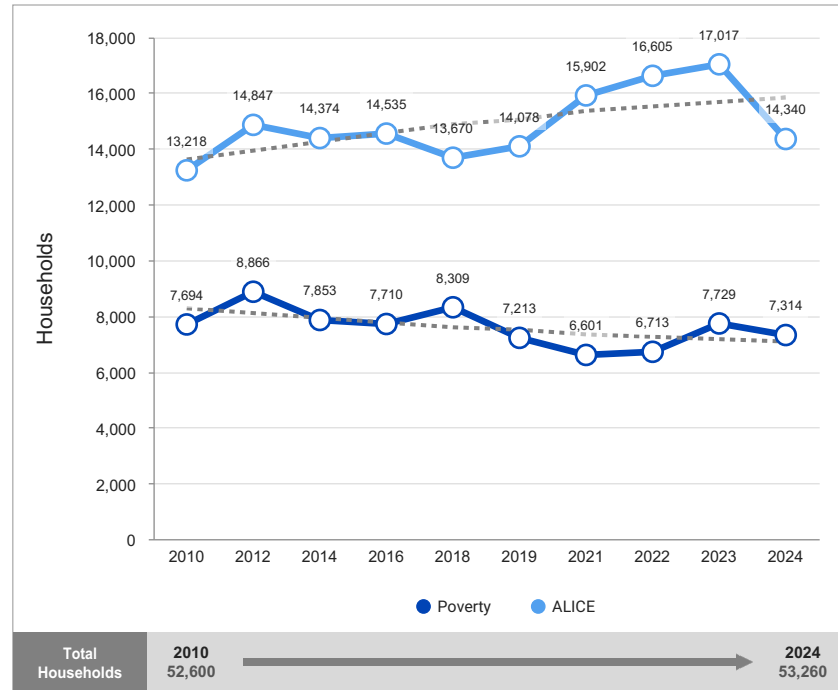
ALICE Households: 27% (state average 26%) **Households in Poverty:** 14% (state average 13%)

TRENDS IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed — households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. Households below the ALICE Threshold — ALICE households plus those in poverty — can't afford the essentials.

The line graph to the right shows the number of ALICE and poverty-level households (blue lines), as well as the trend over time (dotted gray lines). By 2024, there were 21,654 households (41%) below the ALICE Threshold in Calhoun County.

ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Calhoun County, 2010–2024



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2024; American Community Survey, 2010–2024

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.

To see costs for different household compositions in Calhoun County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/household-budgets/michigan

Household Survival Budget, Calhoun County, 2024		
Monthly Costs	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$825	\$1,144
Child Care	\$0	\$1,379
Food	\$451	\$1,224
Transportation	\$380	\$825
Health Care	\$193	\$712
Technology	\$87	\$121
Miscellaneous	\$194	\$541
Taxes	\$325	\$578
Monthly Total	\$2,455	\$6,524
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$29,460	\$78,288
Hourly Wage	\$14.73	\$39.14

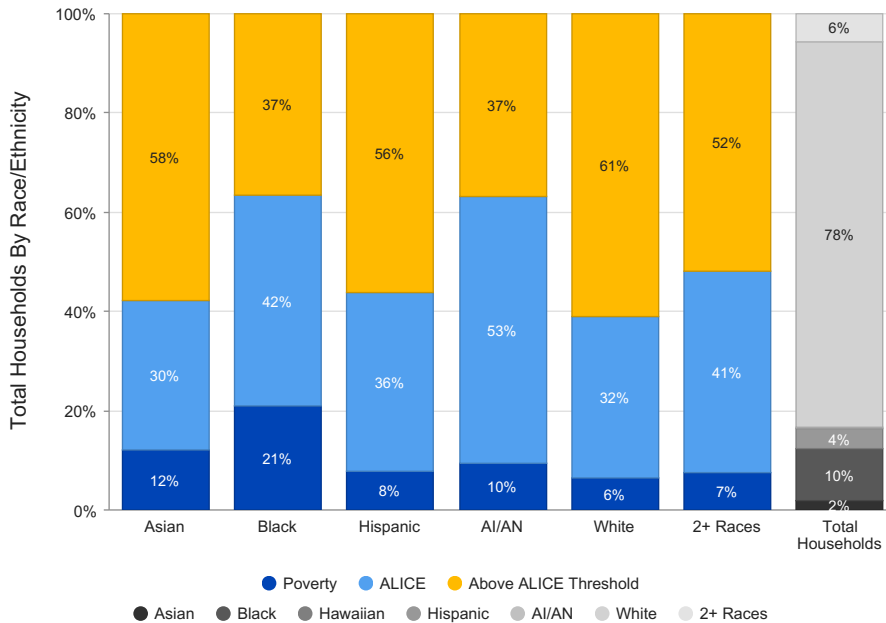
Note: Full-time hourly wage represents the wage needed at 40 hours per week to support the annual totals. For a family of four, this represents the combined wage needed for two workers.

Sources: For ALICE Household Survival Budget sources, see the [Methodology](#) page

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IS NOT EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED

Groups with the largest total number of households below the ALICE Threshold tend to be the largest demographic groups in the state. 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.

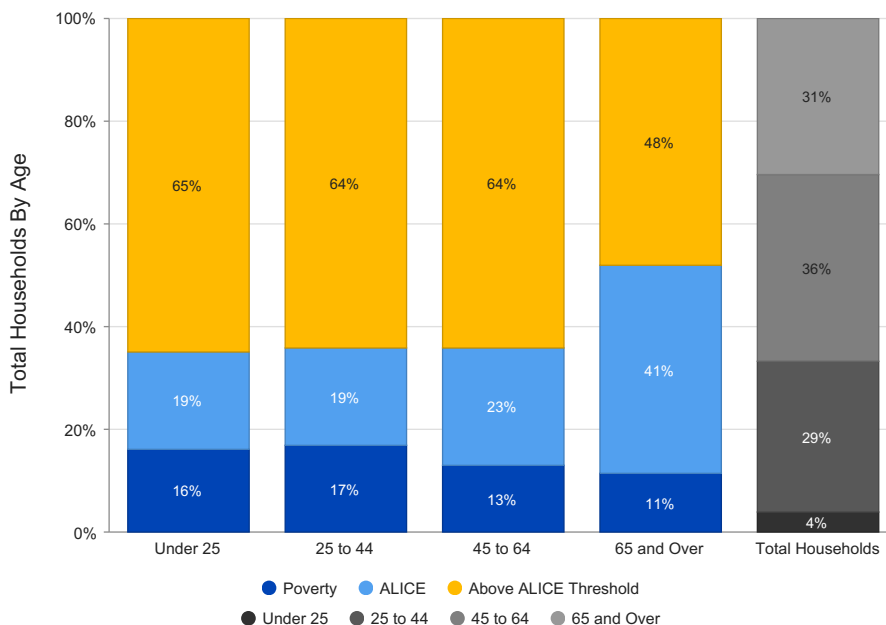
Households by Race/Ethnicity, Calhoun County, 2024



Notes: All racial categories except Two or More Races are for one race alone. Race and ethnicity are overlapping categories; the AI/AN (American Indian/Alaska Native), Asian, Black, Hawaiian (includes other Pacific Islanders), and Two or More Races groups may include Hispanic households. The White group includes only White, non-Hispanic households. The Hispanic group may include households of any race.

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2024; American Community Survey, 2024

Households by Age of Householder, Calhoun County, 2024



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2024; American Community Survey, 2024

Calhoun County, 2024		
County Subdivision	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Albion city	2,365	64%
Albion township	397	31%
Athens township	1,028	41%
Battle Creek city	21,128	50%
Bedford charter township	3,547	39%
Burlington township	666	33%
Clarence township	872	41%
Clarendon township	415	40%
Convis township	583	38%
Eckford township	512	31%
Emmett charter township	4,717	29%
Fredonia township	696	36%
Homer township	980	49%
Lee township	434	30%
Leroy township	1,378	22%
Marengo township	955	28%
Marshall city	3,206	36%
Marshall township	1,134	20%
Newton township	1,123	39%
Pennfield charter township	3,603	41%
Sheridan township	732	41%
Springfield city	2,246	59%
Tekonsha township	616	40%

Note: The data in this table are 1-year American Community Survey estimates for counties with more than 65,000 total households and 5-year estimates for counties with fewer than 65,000 total households. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included. Therefore, totals will not always match the county-level numbers.

Sources: American Community Survey, 2024; ALICE Threshold, 2024