

ALICE IN EATON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, 2024

Population: 109,494 **Number of Households:** 46,127

Median Household Income: \$79,759 (state average: \$72,389)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 64% (state average: 62%)

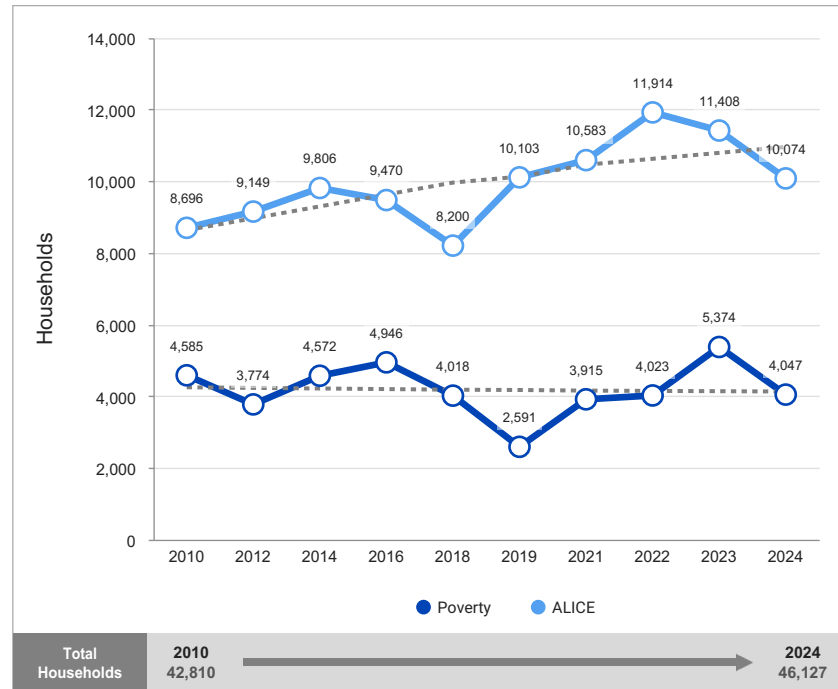
ALICE Households: 22% (state average 26%) **Households in Poverty:** 9% (state average 13%)

TRENDS IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **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 14,121 households (31%) below the ALICE Threshold in Eaton County.

ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Eaton 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 Eaton County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/household-budgets/michigan

Household Survival Budget, Eaton County, 2024

Monthly Costs	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$932	\$1,201
Child Care	\$0	\$1,392
Food	\$454	\$1,232
Transportation	\$380	\$825
Health Care	\$193	\$712
Technology	\$87	\$121
Miscellaneous	\$205	\$548
Taxes	\$353	\$599
Monthly Total	\$2,604	\$6,630
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$31,248	\$79,560
Hourly Wage	\$15.62	\$39.78

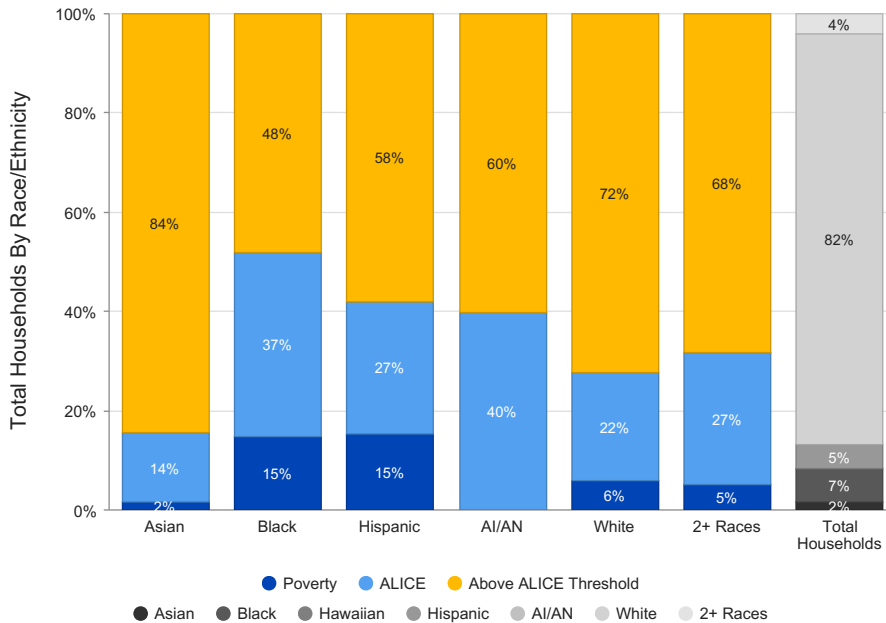
Note: Full-time hourly wage represents the wage needed at 40 hours per week to support the annual totals. For a family of four, this represents the combined wage needed for two workers.

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.

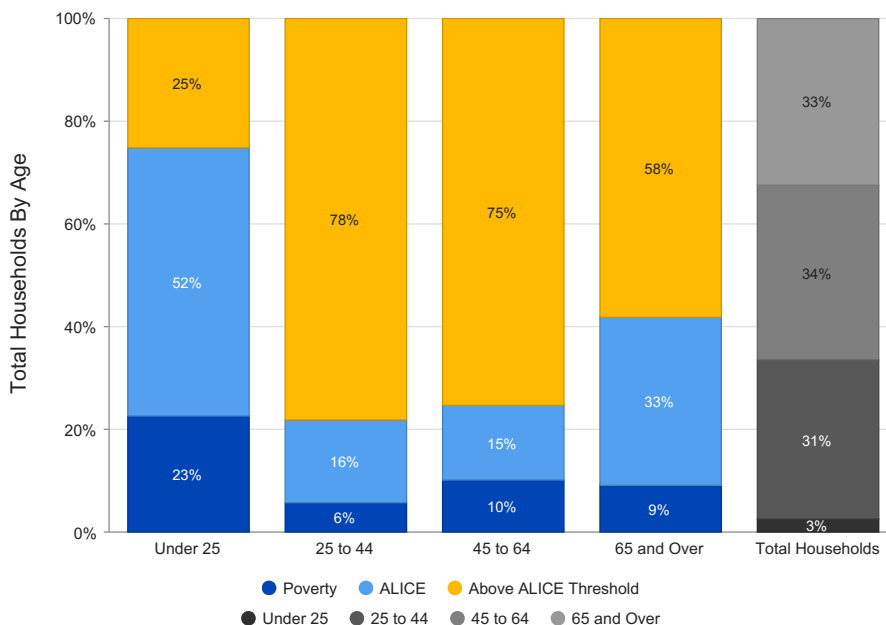
Households by Race/Ethnicity, Eaton County, 2024



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, Eaton County, 2024



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

Eaton County, 2024		
County Subdivision	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Bellevue township	1,278	29%
Benton township	1,008	19%
Brookfield township	559	23%
Carmel township	994	24%
Charlotte city	3,625	43%
Chester township	612	32%
Delta charter township	15,407	30%
Eaton Rapids city	2,149	40%
Eaton Rapids township	1,503	23%
Eaton township	1,492	24%
Grand Ledge city	3,578	33%
Hamlin township	1,230	25%
Kalamo township	700	28%
Lansing city	2,331	55%
Olivet city	468	48%
Oneida charter township	1,580	25%
Pottsville city	1,183	41%
Roxand township	724	24%
Sunfield township	706	33%
Vermontville township	760	37%
Walton township	728	22%
Windsor charter township	2,813	18%

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