

ALICE IN INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, 2024

Population: 290,427 **Number of Households:** 118,763

Median Household Income: \$65,235 (state average: \$72,389)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 66% (state average: 62%)

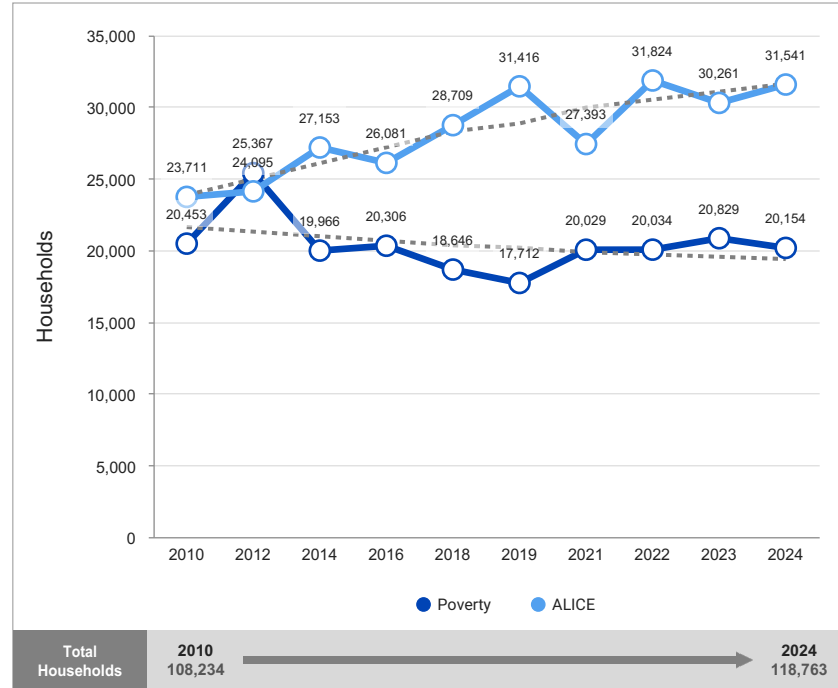
ALICE Households: 27% (state average 26%) **Households in Poverty:** 17% (state average 13%)

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 51,695 households (44%) below the ALICE Threshold in Ingham County.

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

Household Survival Budget, Ingham County, 2024		
Monthly Costs	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$935	\$1,221
Child Care	\$0	\$1,691
Food	\$472	\$1,280
Transportation	\$380	\$825
Health Care	\$193	\$712
Technology	\$87	\$121
Miscellaneous	\$207	\$585
Taxes	\$358	\$695
Monthly Total	\$2,632	\$7,130
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$31,584	\$85,560
Hourly Wage	\$15.79	\$42.78

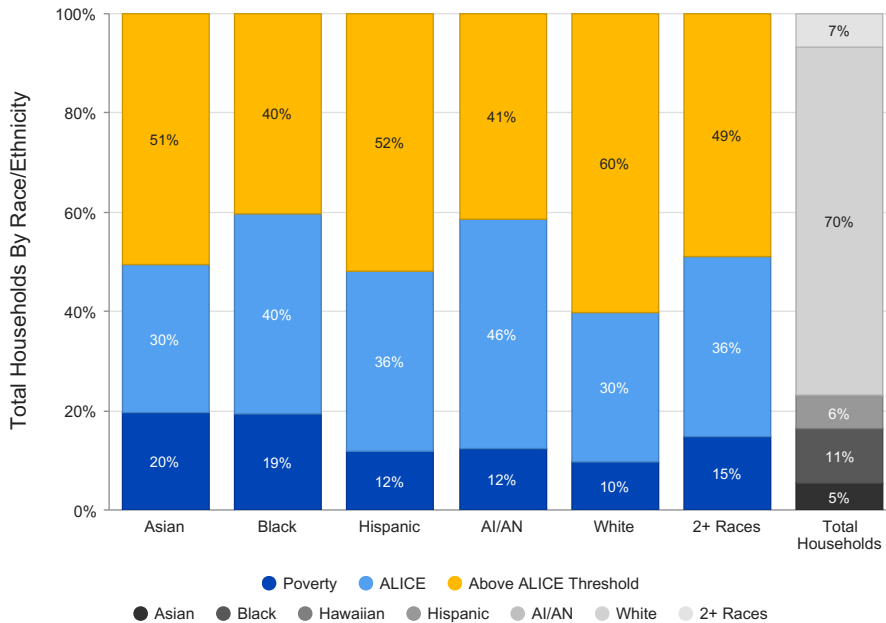
Note: Full-time hourly wage represents the wage needed at 40 hours per week to support the annual totals. For a family of four, this represents the combined wage needed for two workers.

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.

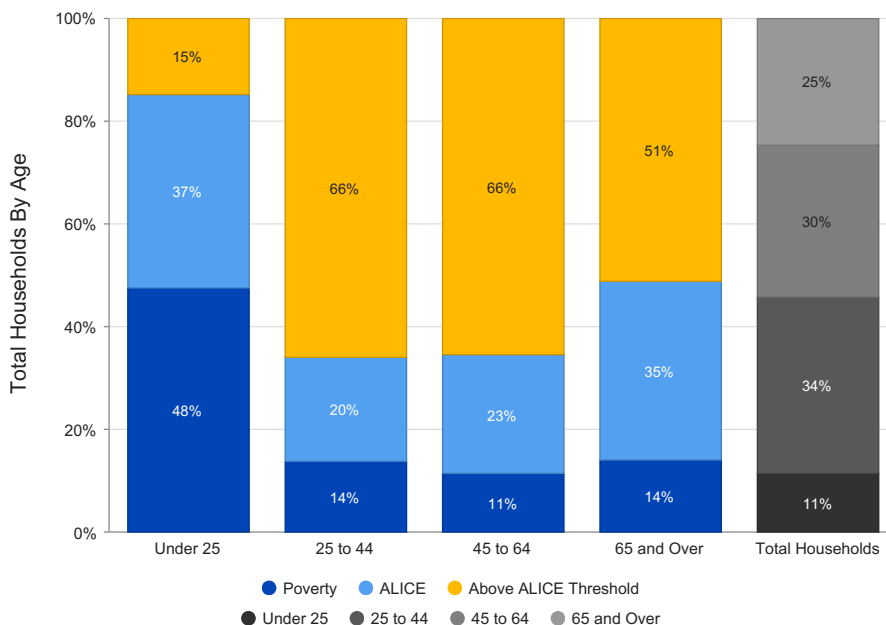
Households by Race/Ethnicity, Ingham County, 2024



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, Ingham County, 2024



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

Ingham County, 2024		
County Subdivision	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Alaiedon township	1,054	24%
Aurelius township	1,696	22%
Bunker Hill township	717	26%
Delhi charter township	11,588	31%
East Lansing city	12,860	58%
Ingham township	902	20%
Lansing charter township	3,980	57%
Lansing city	49,257	51%
Leroy township	1,486	32%
Leslie city	774	35%
Leslie township	841	18%
Locke township	636	22%
Mason city	3,407	33%
Meridian charter township	18,912	33%
Onondaga township	1,034	22%
Stockbridge township	1,654	34%
Vevay township	1,232	18%
Wheatfield township	586	22%
White Oak township	481	21%
Williamston city	1,794	41%
Williamstown township	2,205	21%

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