

ALICE IN JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, 2024

Population: 160,233 **Number of Households:** 63,446

Median Household Income: \$66,155 (state average: \$72,389)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 58% (state average: 62%)

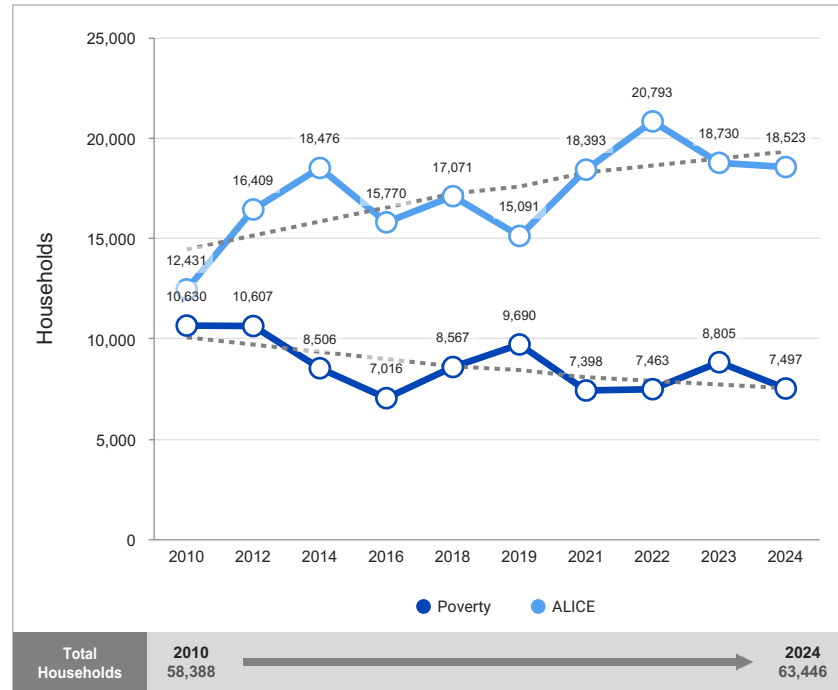
ALICE Households: 29% (state average 26%) **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state average 13%)

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 26,020 households (41%) below the ALICE Threshold in Jackson County.

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

Household Survival Budget, Jackson County, 2024		
Monthly Costs	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$836	\$1,188
Child Care	\$0	\$1,385
Food	\$443	\$1,200
Transportation	\$380	\$825
Health Care	\$193	\$712
Technology	\$87	\$121
Miscellaneous	\$194	\$543
Taxes	\$326	\$585
Monthly Total	\$2,459	\$6,559
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$29,508	\$78,708
Hourly Wage	\$14.75	\$39.35

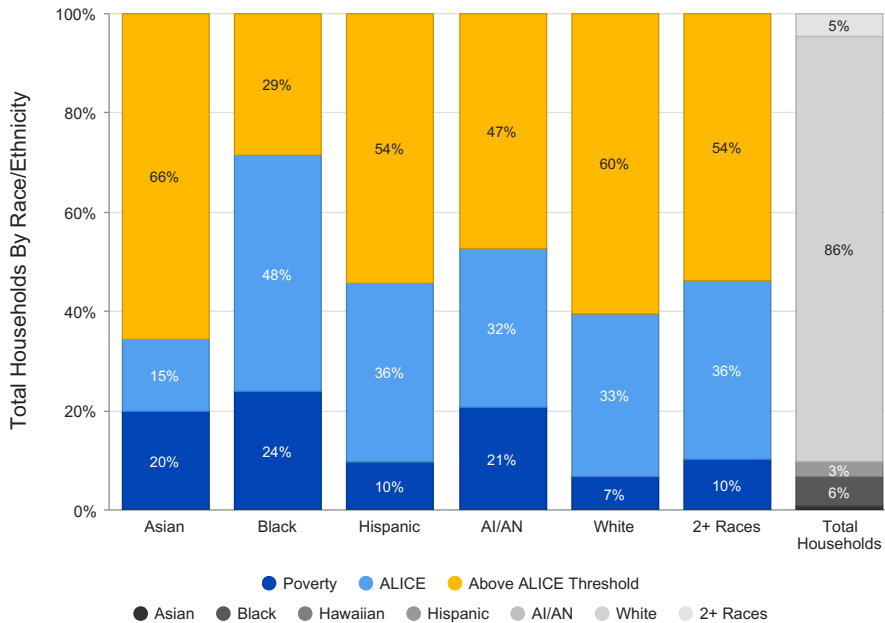
Note: Full-time hourly wage represents the wage needed at 40 hours per week to support the annual totals. For a family of four, this represents the combined wage needed for two workers.

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.

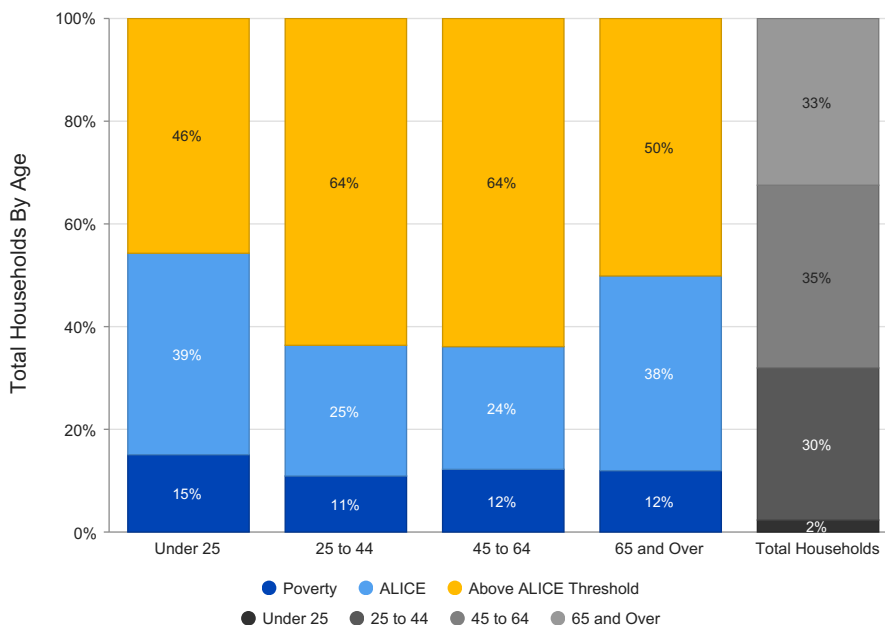
Households by Race/Ethnicity, Jackson County, 2024



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, Jackson County, 2024



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

Jackson County, 2024		
County Subdivision	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Blackman charter township	8,690	47%
Columbia township	3,105	31%
Concord township	1,039	43%
Grass Lake charter township	2,472	26%
Hanover township	1,371	25%
Henrietta township	1,798	32%
Jackson city	13,281	62%
Leoni township	5,542	38%
Liberty township	1,163	23%
Napoleon township	2,703	32%
Norvell township	1,276	29%
Parma township	920	36%
Pulaski township	859	37%
Rives township	1,739	36%
Sandstone township	1,285	28%
Spring Arbor township	2,508	26%
Springport township	771	48%
Summit township	9,710	41%
Tompkins township	1,002	29%
Waterloo township	1,306	27%

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