

ALICE IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN, 2024

Population: 264,780 **Number of Households:** 108,759

Median Household Income: \$71,069 (state average: \$72,389)

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

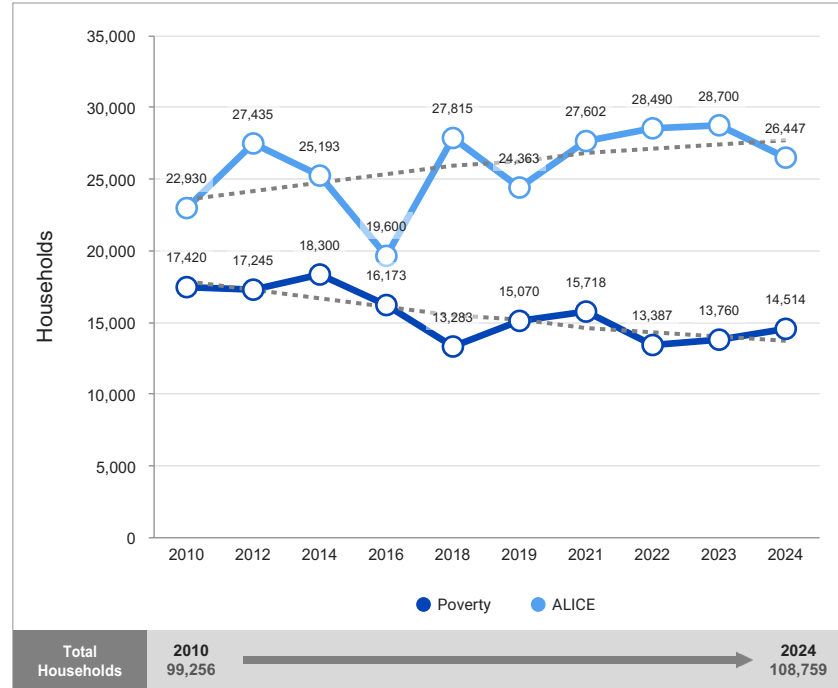
ALICE Households: 24% (state average 26%) **Households in Poverty:** 13% (state average 13%)

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 40,961 households (38%) below the ALICE Threshold in Kalamazoo County.

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

Household Survival Budget, Kalamazoo County, 2024		
Monthly Costs	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$796	\$1,163
Child Care	\$0	\$1,631
Food	\$463	\$1,256
Transportation	\$380	\$825
Health Care	\$193	\$712
Technology	\$87	\$121
Miscellaneous	\$192	\$571
Taxes	\$321	\$658
Monthly Total	\$2,432	\$6,937
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$29,184	\$83,244
Hourly Wage	\$14.59	\$41.62

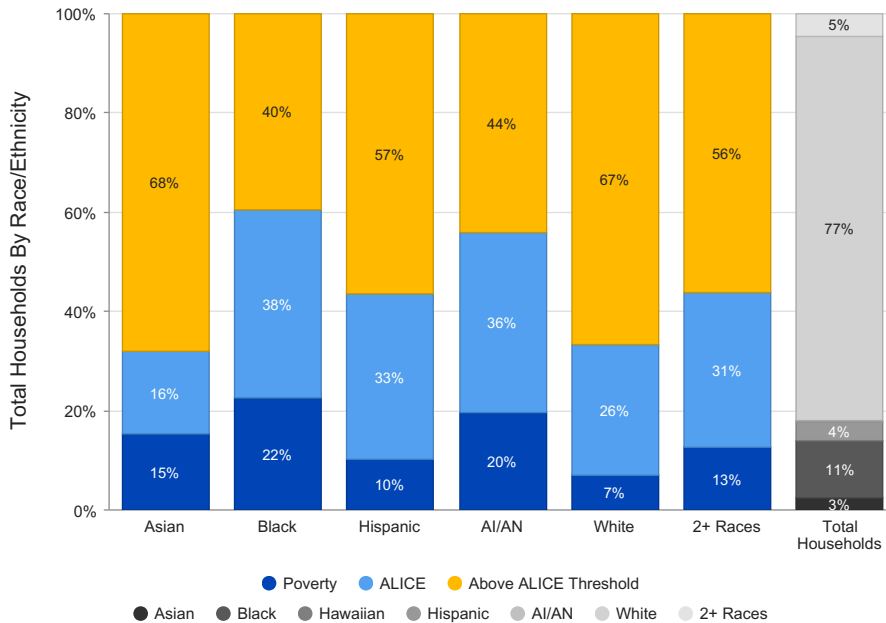
Note: Full-time hourly wage represents the wage needed at 40 hours per week to support the annual totals. For a family of four, this represents the combined wage needed for two workers.

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.

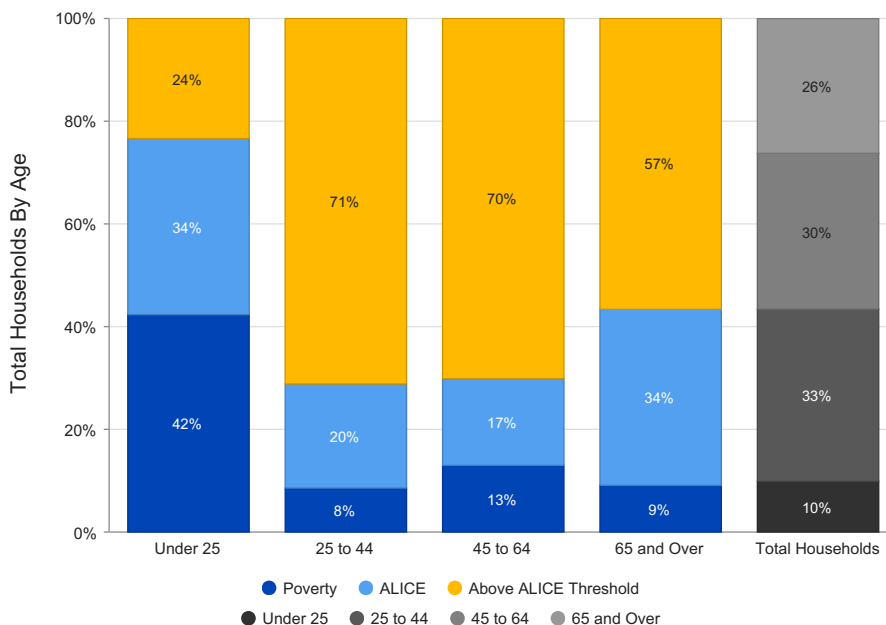
Households by Race/Ethnicity, Kalamazoo County, 2024



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, Kalamazoo County, 2024



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

Kalamazoo County, 2024		
County Subdivision	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Alamo township	1,573	27%
Brady township	1,707	20%
Charleston township	790	31%
Climax township	875	31%
Comstock charter township	6,382	33%
Cooper charter township	4,112	25%
Galesburg city	774	50%
Kalamazoo charter township	10,273	45%
Kalamazoo city	29,523	51%
Oshtemo charter township	10,477	45%
Parchment city	907	39%
Pavilion township	2,465	31%
Portage city	20,844	29%
Prairie Ronde township	772	14%
Richland township	3,359	19%
Ross township	2,071	23%
Schoolcraft township	3,708	24%
Texas charter township	5,955	12%
Wakeshma township	543	31%

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