

ALICE IN KANE COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

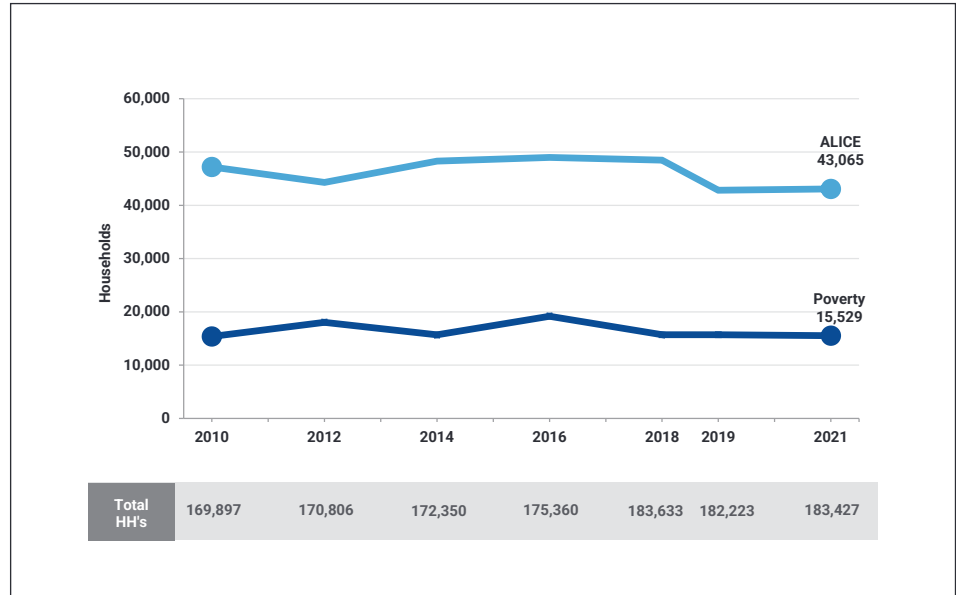
Population: 515,588 • **Number of Households:** 183,427 (1% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$91,336 (state average: \$72,205)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 69.6% (state average: 64.5%)
ALICE Households: 23% (state average: 24%) • **Households in Poverty:** 8% (state average: 12%)

Financial Hardship Changes Over Time

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

As circumstances change, households may find themselves below or above the ALICE Threshold at different times. While the COVID-19 pandemic brought employment shifts, health struggles, and school/business closures in 2021, it also spurred unprecedented public assistance through pandemic relief measures. In 2019, 58,533 households in Kane County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 58,594, (a 0% change).

Households by Income, Kane County, 2010–2021



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Illinois.

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2021; American Community Survey, 2010–2021

The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the modern economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, a smartphone plan, 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 varies by household composition, as costs can vary greatly depending on location and household needs.

In 2021, household costs in Kane County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,880 for a single adult and \$26,500 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in Kane County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Illinois

Household Survival Budget, Kane County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$868	\$1,020
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,833
Food	\$436	\$1,189
Transportation	\$339	\$816
Health Care	\$234	\$785
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$211	\$604
Tax Payments	\$429	\$1,355
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,267
Monthly Total	\$2,746	\$6,737
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$32,952	\$80,844
Hourly Wage*	\$16.48	\$40.42

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology

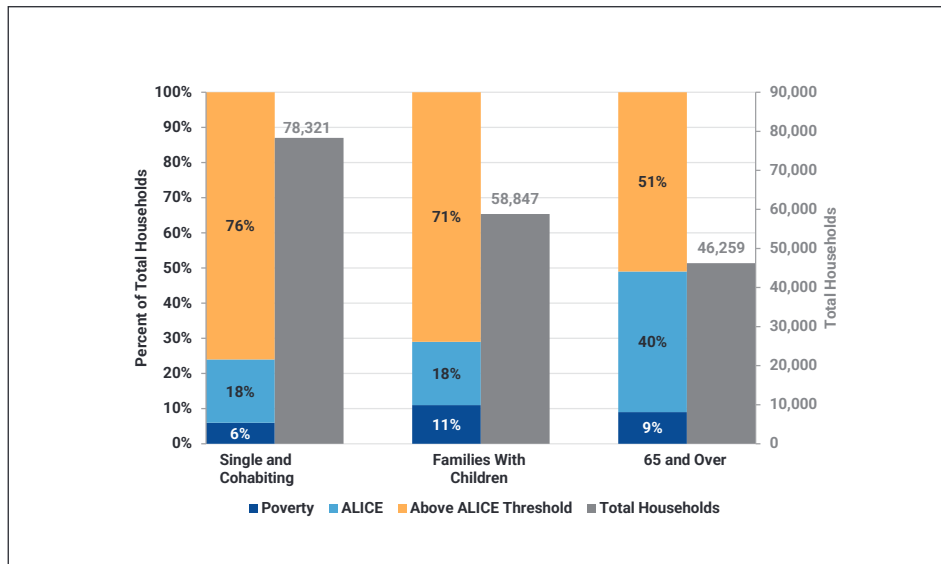
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

Groups with the largest number of households below the ALICE Threshold tend to also be the largest demographic groups. However, when looking at the percentage of each group that is below the ALICE Threshold, some groups are more likely to be ALICE than others.

By addressing the disparities in financial hardship by county demographics, community members can move toward more equitable solutions.

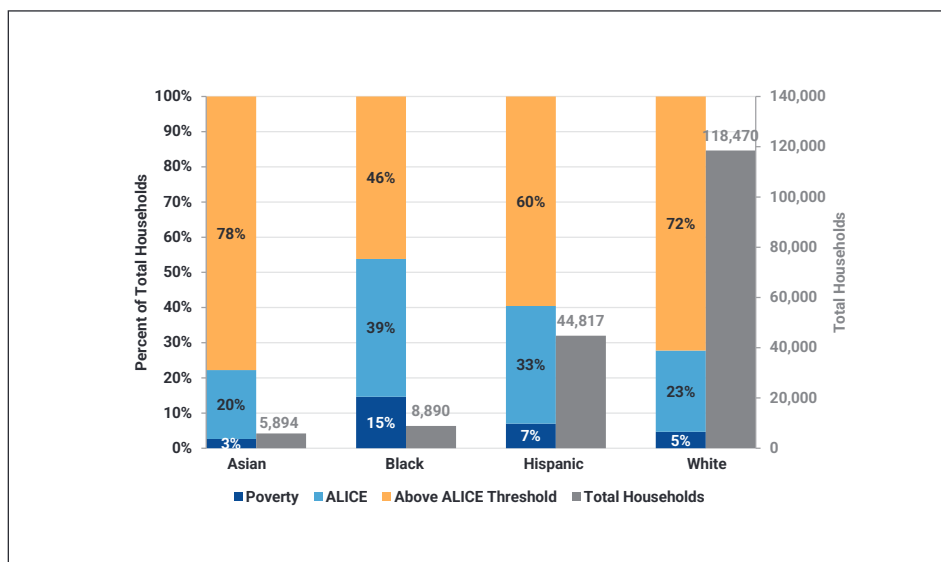
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Kane County, 2021



Source: ALICE Threshold, 2021; American Community Survey, 2021

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Kane County, 2021



Note: All racial categories are for one race alone. Race and ethnicity are overlapping categories; the Asian and Black groups may include Hispanic households. The White group includes only White, non-Hispanic households. The Hispanic group may include households of any race.

Source: ALICE Threshold, 2021; American Community Survey, 2021

Kane County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Aurora township	42,840	47%
Batavia township	13,034	24%
Big Rock township	690	13%
Blackberry township	5,738	17%
Burlington township	658	23%
Campton township	5,951	12%
Dundee township	21,732	33%
Elgin township	36,168	36%
Geneva township	9,928	21%
Hampshire township	2,779	26%
Kaneville township	452	32%
Plato township	3,098	9%
Rutland township	10,578	37%
St. Charles township	19,330	24%
Sugar Grove township	7,513	28%
Virgil township	774	22%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census County Subdivisions. Totals will not match county-level numbers because data is not available for the smallest County Subdivisions, and county-level data is often 1-year estimates.