

# ALICE IN LEE COUNTY



## 2022 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 65,476 • **Number of Households:** 24,050

**Median Household Income:** \$56,540 (state average: \$67,481)

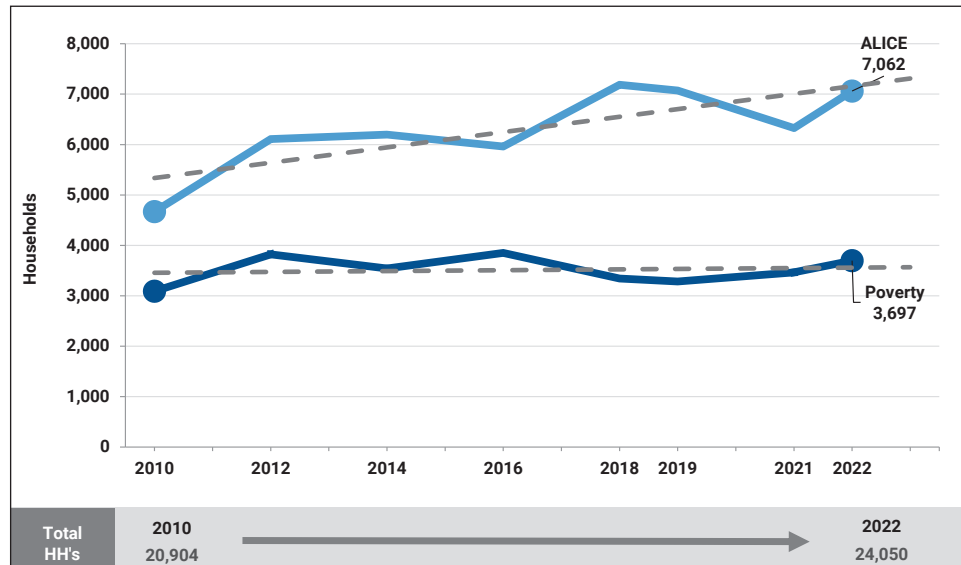
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 60.9% (state average: 62.8%)

**ALICE Households:** 29% (state average: 31%) • **Households in Poverty:** 15% (state average: 13%)

## Trends in Financial Hardship Households by Income, Lee County, 2010–2022

**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 (the ALICE Threshold). Households below the ALICE Threshold – ALICE households plus those in poverty – can't afford the essentials.

Households move below or above the ALICE Threshold as economic factors and circumstances change. This was especially true amid the economic crosscurrents of the COVID-19 pandemic, with higher wages, inflation, and additional pandemic assistance. By 2022, 10,759 households (45%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Lee County.



Note: See an interactive version of this data at [UnitedForALICE.org/North-Carolina](https://UnitedForALICE.org/North-Carolina)

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2022; American Community Survey, 2010–2022

## 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.

In 2022, household costs in Lee County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$13,590 for a single adult and \$27,750 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in Lee County, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/North-Carolina](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/North-Carolina)

### Household Survival Budget, Lee County, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
Housing (Rent + Utilities)	\$671	\$824
Child Care	–	\$1,147
Food	\$422	\$1,150
Transportation	\$399	\$1,049
Health Care	\$196	\$805
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$177	\$509
Tax Payments	\$297	\$1,016
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$450
Monthly Total	\$2,248	\$6,166
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$26,976	\$73,992
Hourly Wage*	\$13.49	\$37.00

\*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

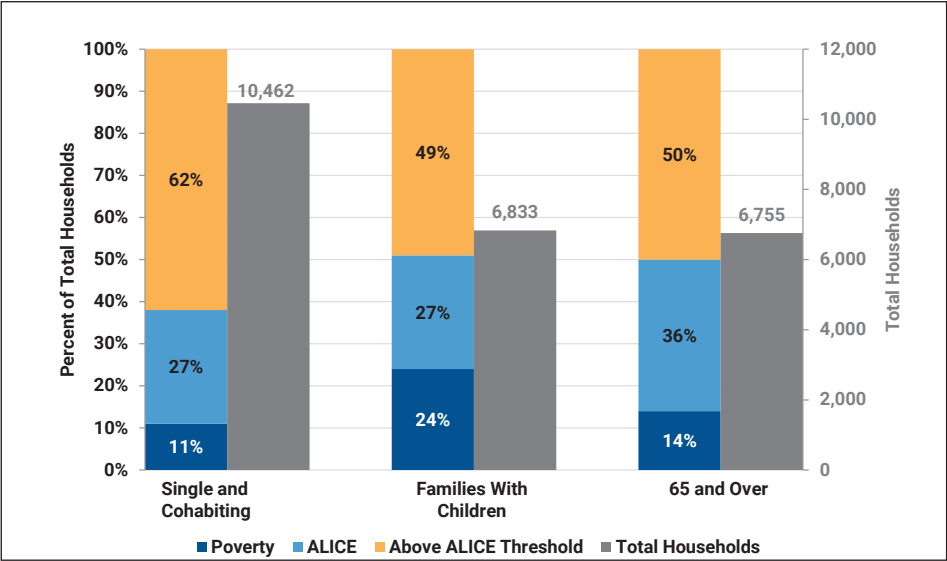
For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology)

# 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.

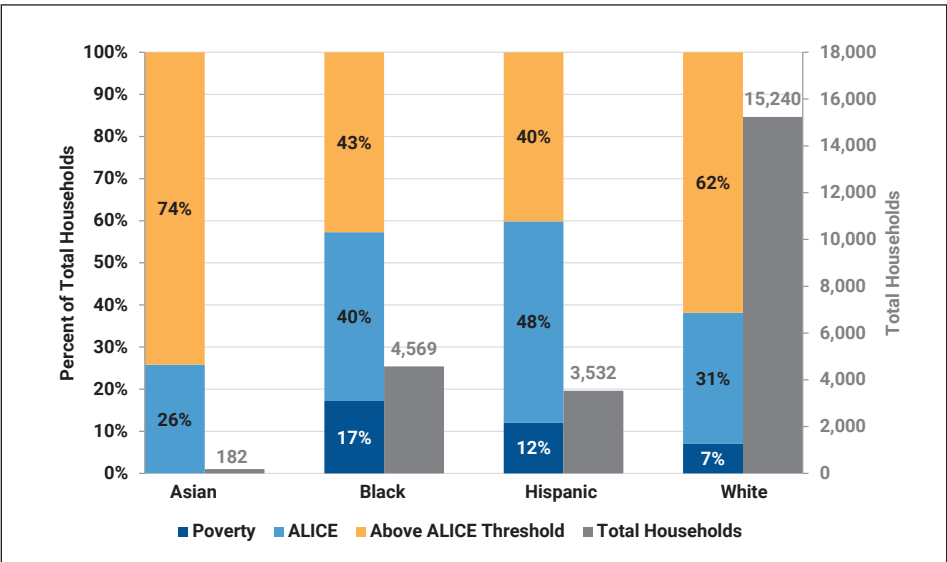
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Lee County, 2022



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Lee County, 2022



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

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2022; American Community Survey, 2022

Lee County, 2022		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Cape Fear	1,764	40%
Deep River	1,076	40%
East Sanford	2,330	66%
Greenwood	3,560	36%
Jonesboro	6,029	49%
Pocket	2,520	45%
West Sanford	6,771	40%
Broadway town	644	44%
Sanford city	10,863	51%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 1 or 5-year averages for Incorporated Places and 5-year averages for Census County Subdivisions. Counties and Places with populations over 65,000 use 1-year averages. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included. Therefore, totals will not match the county level numbers.