

# ALICE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY



## 2022 Point-in-Time Data

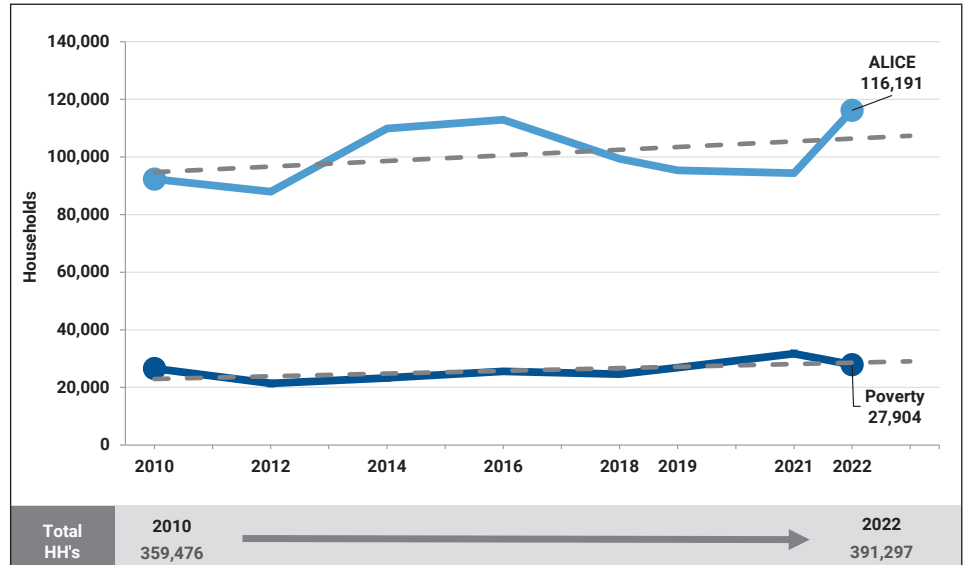
**Population:** 1,052,521 • **Number of Households:** 391,297  
**Median Household Income:** \$118,323 (state average: \$94,991)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 69.3% (state average: 67%)  
**ALICE Households:** 30% (state average: 29%) • **Households in Poverty:** 7% (state average: 10%)

## Financial Hardship 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.

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, 144,095 households (37%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Montgomery County.

## Households by Income, Montgomery County, 2010–2022



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

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 Montgomery 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 Montgomery County, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Maryland](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Maryland)

## Household Survival Budget, Montgomery County, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
Housing – Rent	\$1,952	\$2,143
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	–	\$2,432
Food	\$572	\$1,558
Transportation	\$166	\$332
Health Care	\$186	\$762
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$312	\$765
Tax Payments	\$793	\$2,017
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$437
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$4,230</b>	<b>\$9,998</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,760</b>	<b>\$119,976</b>
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$25.38</b>	<b>\$59.99</b>

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

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

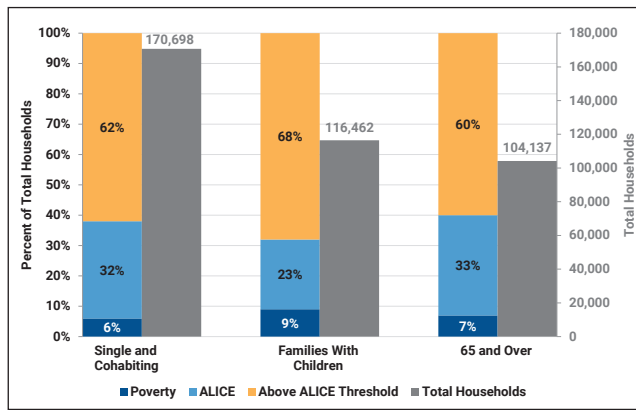
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

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

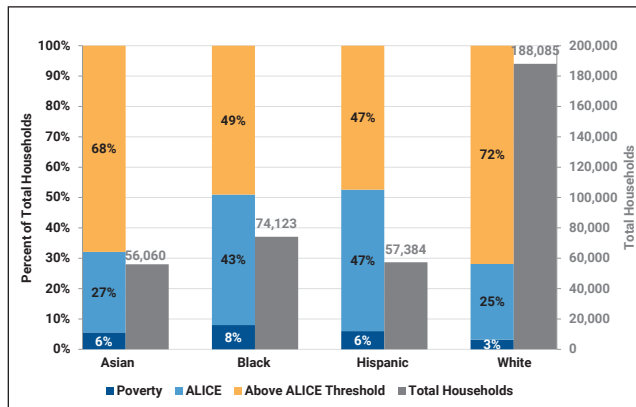
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Montgomery County, 2022



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

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Montgomery 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

### Montgomery County, 2022

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Ashton-Sandy Spring CDP	1,915	15%
Aspen Hill CDP	17,369	40%
Bethesda CDP	27,105	24%
Brookmont CDP	1,298	6%
Burnt Mills CDP	1,270	25%
Burtonsville CDP	3,082	24%
Cabin John CDP	905	19%
Calverton CDP	6,139	40%
Chevy Chase CDP	3,830	19%
Chevy Chase Section Five village	255	3%
Chevy Chase Section Three village	314	7%
Chevy Chase town	995	12%
Chevy Chase View town	333	10%
Chevy Chase Village town	682	5%
Clarksburg CDP	8,746	22%
Cloverly CDP	5,047	26%
Colesville CDP	4,969	34%
Damascus CDP	5,716	23%
Darnestown CDP	2,288	14%
Derwood CDP	755	52%
Fairland CDP	9,254	49%
Flower Hill CDP	4,402	41%
Forest Glen CDP	2,531	38%
Four Corners CDP	2,776	20%
Friendship Heights Village CDP	2,694	35%
Gaithersburg city	25,671	42%
Garrett Park town	324	12%
Germantown CDP	31,628	39%
Glen Echo town	103	18%
Glenmont CDP	5,148	35%
Hillandale CDP	1,515	20%
Kemp Mill CDP	4,713	29%
Kensington town	813	29%
Layhill CDP	1,585	34%
Laytonsville town	242	15%
Leisure World CDP	6,034	60%
Martin's Additions village	328	10%
Montgomery Village CDP	12,132	47%
North Bethesda CDP	21,714	33%
North Chevy Chase village	226	8%
North Kensington CDP	3,494	36%
North Potomac CDP	8,272	20%

### Montgomery County, 2022

Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Olney CDP	11,928	21%
Poolesville town	1,880	17%
Potomac CDP	16,328	20%
Redland CDP	5,719	31%
Rockville city	26,543	35%
Silver Spring CDP	33,884	46%
Somerset town	368	10%
South Kensington CDP	2,923	19%
Spencerville CDP	370	36%
Takoma Park city	6,898	47%
Ten Mile Creek CDP	229	37%
Travilah CDP	3,703	12%
Washington Grove town	285	17%
Wheaton CDP	16,734	42%
White Oak CDP	5,876	59%

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