

ALICE IN CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, 2024

Population: 174,478 **Number of Households:** 61,685

Median Household Income: \$128,311 (state average: \$102,905)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 71% (state average: 68%)

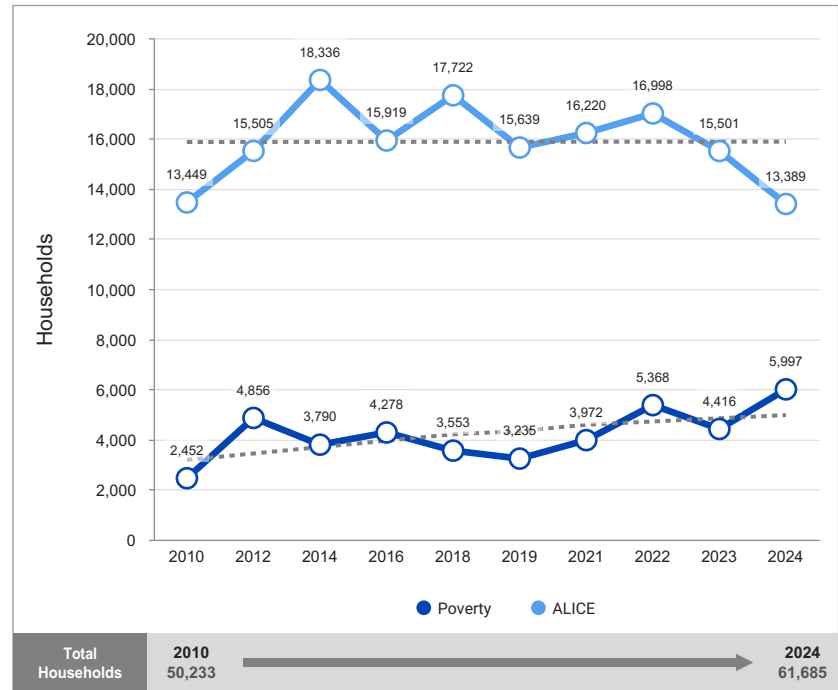
ALICE Households: 22% (state average 29%) **Households in Poverty:** 10% (state average 10%)

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 19,386 households (31%) below the ALICE Threshold in Charles County.

ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Charles 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 Charles County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/household-budgets/maryland

Household Survival Budget, Charles County, 2024

Monthly Costs	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$1,949	\$2,250
Child Care	\$0	\$2,604
Food	\$490	\$1,328
Transportation	\$388	\$834
Health Care	\$200	\$695
Technology	\$113	\$147
Miscellaneous	\$314	\$786
Taxes	\$755	\$1,508
Monthly Total	\$4,209	\$10,152
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$50,508	\$121,824
Hourly Wage	\$25.25	\$60.91

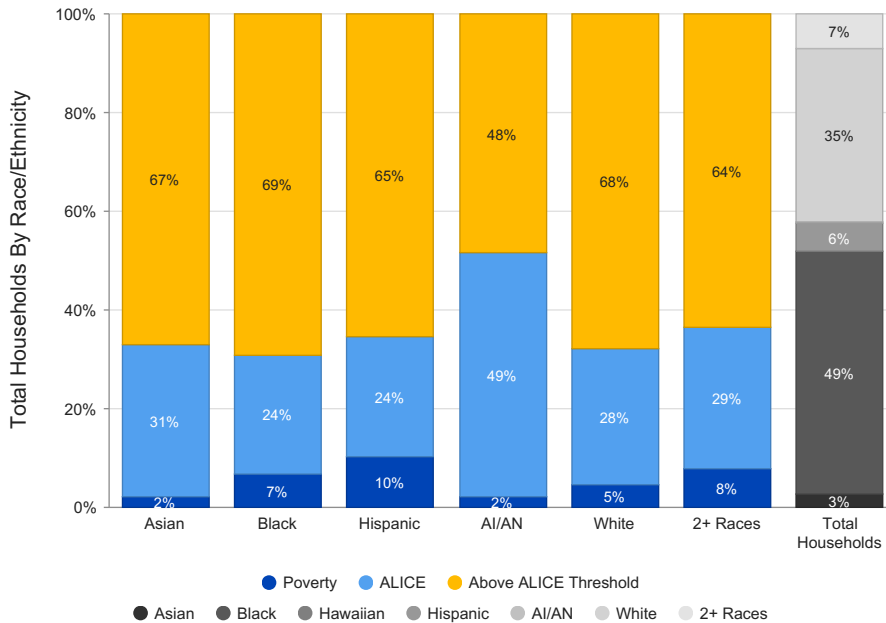
Note: Full-time hourly wage represents the wage needed at 40 hours per week to support the annual totals. For a family of four, this represents the combined wage needed for two workers.

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.

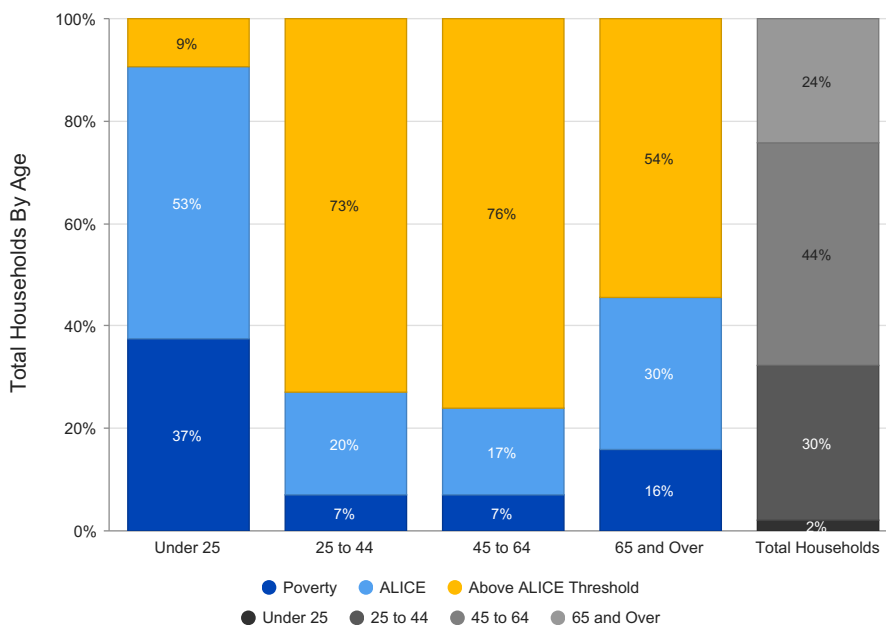
Households by Race/Ethnicity, Charles County, 2024



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, Charles County, 2024



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

Charles County, 2024

County Subdivision	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
District 1, La Plata	5,866	30%
District 10, Marbury	1,418	33%
District 2, Hill Top	609	39%
District 3, Nanjemoy	1,037	42%
District 4, Allens Fresh	1,964	27%
District 5, Thompkinsville	1,719	40%
District 6, Waldorf	32,882	34%
District 7, Pomomkey	6,192	37%
District 8, Bryantown	6,868	22%
District 9, Hughesville	2,320	22%

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