

ALICE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, D.C. METRO AREA, 2024

Population: 1,082,273 **Number of Households:** 389,161

Median Household Income: \$140,837

Labor Force Participation Rate: 70%

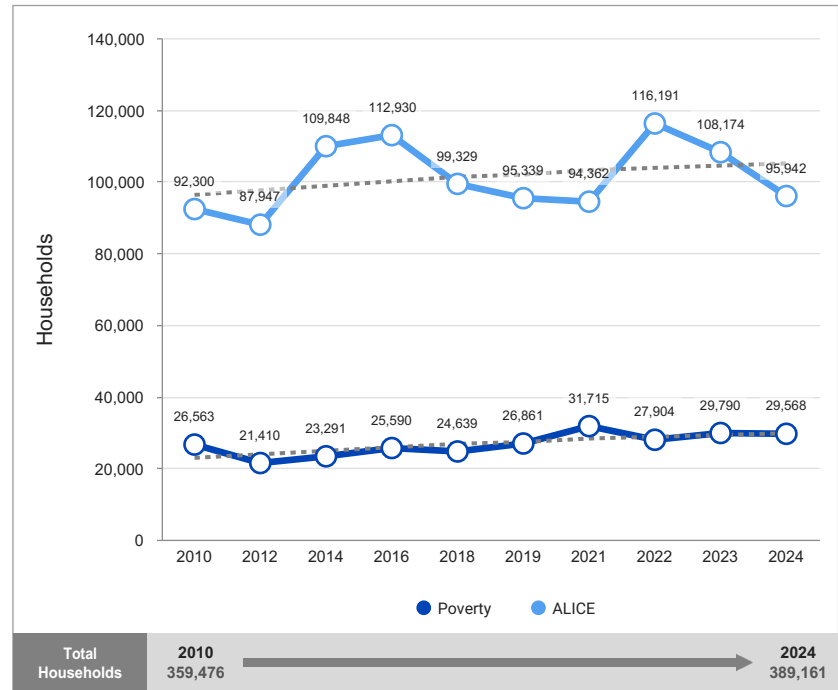
ALICE Households: 25% **Households in Poverty:** 8%

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 125,510 households (32%) below the ALICE Threshold in Montgomery County.

ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Montgomery 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 Montgomery County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/household-budgets/dc-metro

Household Survival Budget, Montgomery County, 2024

Monthly Costs	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$2,068	\$2,398
Child Care	\$0	\$3,125
Food	\$596	\$1,616
Transportation	\$211	\$421
Health Care	\$200	\$695
Technology	\$113	\$147
Miscellaneous	\$319	\$840
Taxes	\$775	\$1,690
Monthly Total	\$4,282	\$10,932
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$51,384	\$131,184
Hourly Wage	\$25.69	\$65.59

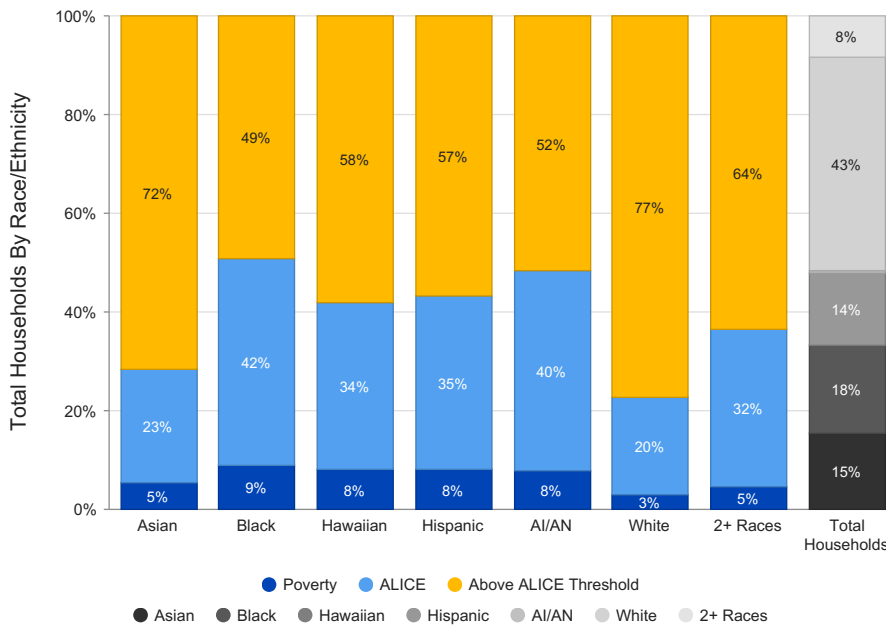
Note: Full-time hourly wage represents the wage needed at 40 hours per week to support the annual totals. For a family of four, this represents the combined wage needed for two workers.

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.

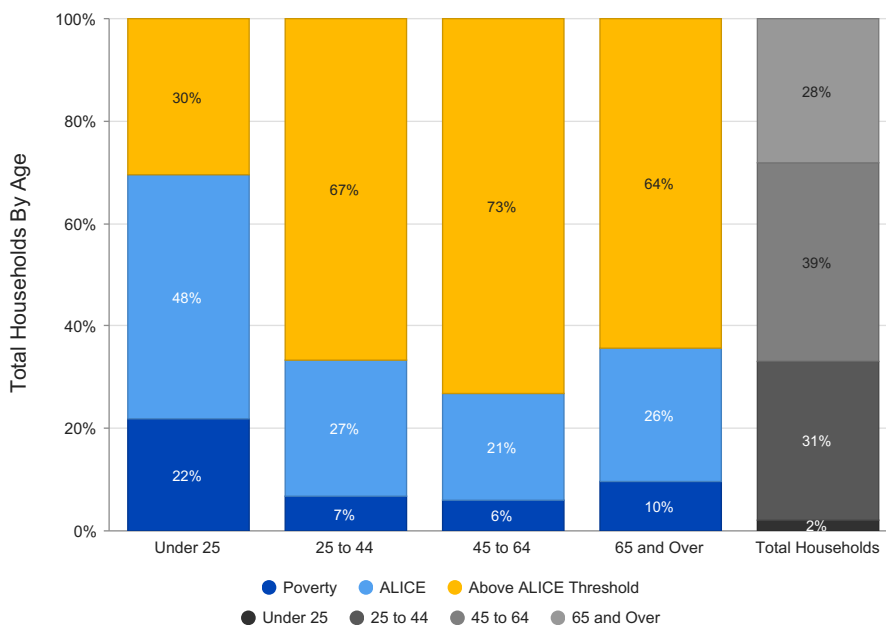
Households by Race/Ethnicity, Montgomery County, 2024



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, Montgomery County, 2024



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

Montgomery County, 2024

Zip Code	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
ZCTA5 20814	14,904	33%
ZCTA5 20815	12,937	24%
ZCTA5 20816	6,400	19%
ZCTA5 20817	13,660	20%
ZCTA5 20818	593	21%
ZCTA5 20832	8,411	22%
ZCTA5 20833	2,568	19%
ZCTA5 20837	2,366	29%
ZCTA5 20841	2,919	18%
ZCTA5 20842	802	18%
ZCTA5 20850	21,159	36%
ZCTA5 20851	5,155	36%
ZCTA5 20852	21,743	37%
ZCTA5 20853	9,692	26%
ZCTA5 20854	16,751	14%
ZCTA5 20855	6,437	24%
ZCTA5 20860	735	13%
ZCTA5 20861	917	17%
ZCTA5 20862	184	11%
ZCTA5 20866	5,033	28%
ZCTA5 20871	9,347	23%
ZCTA5 20872	4,659	31%
ZCTA5 20874	22,662	40%
ZCTA5 20876	8,783	36%
ZCTA5 20877	12,519	50%
ZCTA5 20878	24,237	30%
ZCTA5 20879	8,651	40%
ZCTA5 20880	289	17%
ZCTA5 20882	4,693	20%
ZCTA5 20886	12,441	47%
ZCTA5 20895	6,991	26%
ZCTA5 20896	324	9%
ZCTA5 20901	13,114	34%
ZCTA5 20902	18,236	39%
ZCTA5 20903	7,205	57%
ZCTA5 20904	21,212	47%

Montgomery County, 2024		
Zip Code	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
ZCTA5 20905	5,899	25%
ZCTA5 20906	25,958	48%
ZCTA5 20910	22,123	43%
ZCTA5 20912	9,884	52%

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