ALICE IN LAPORTE COUNTY

2021 Point-in-Time Data



Population: 112,390 • **Number of Households:** 43,445 (1% change from 2019)

Median Household Income: \$63,714 (state average: \$62,743) Labor Force Participation Rate: 55.3% (state average: 63.4%)

ALICE Households: 26% (state average: 27%) • Households in Poverty: 11% (state average: 12%)

Financial Hardship Changes Over Time

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed — 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, 15,382 households in LaPorte County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 15,911, (a 3% change).

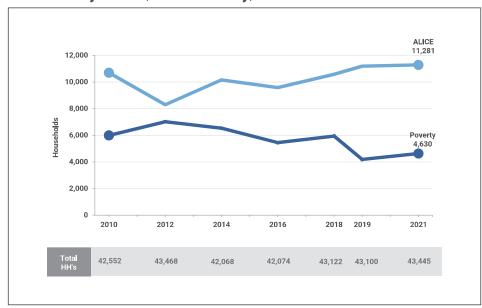
The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

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 LaPorte 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 LaPorte County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/ Indiana

Households by Income, LaPorte County, 2010-2021



Note: See an interactive version of this data at <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Indiana</u> Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2021; American Community Survey, 2010–2021

Household Survival Budget, LaPorte County, 2021			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs and Credits			
Housing – Rent	\$351	\$474	
Housing - Utilities	\$154	\$292	
Child Care	_	\$1,201	
Food	\$391	\$1,067	
Transportation	\$331	\$808	
Health Care	\$229	\$793	
Technology	\$75	\$110	
Miscellaneous	\$153	\$474	
Tax Payments	\$264	\$963	
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,201	
Monthly Total	\$1,948	\$4,981	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,376	\$59,772	
Hourly Wage*	\$11.69	\$29.89	

^{*}Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

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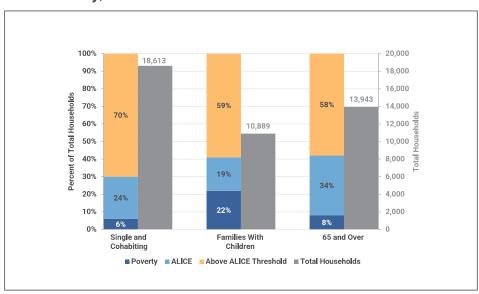
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

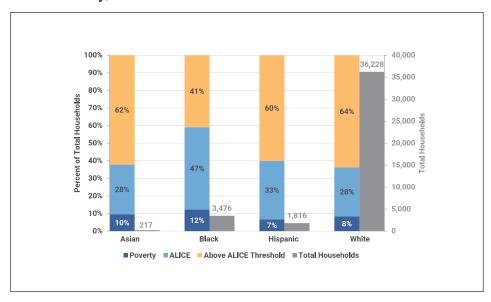
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, LaPorte County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, LaPorte 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

LaPorte County, 2021			
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty	
Cass township	824	37%	
Center township	10,285	43%	
Clinton township	678	20%	
Coolspring township	6,787	42%	
Dewey township	393	50%	
Galena township	838	20%	
Hanna township	362	35%	
Hudson township	740	27%	
Kankakee township	1,592	29%	
Lincoln township	690	23%	
Michigan township	10,477	45%	
New Durham township	1,700	29%	
Noble township	574	13%	
Pleasant township	1,387	38%	
Prairie township	231	10%	
Scipio township	2,148	32%	
Springfield township	1,654	43%	
Union township	787	43%	
Washington township	478	37%	
Wills township	616	14%	

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.

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