

ALICE IN ADAMS COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 20,505 • **Number of Households:** 8,783 (-3% change from 2019)

Median Household Income: \$51,878 (state average: \$67,125)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 46.7% (state average: 65.1%)

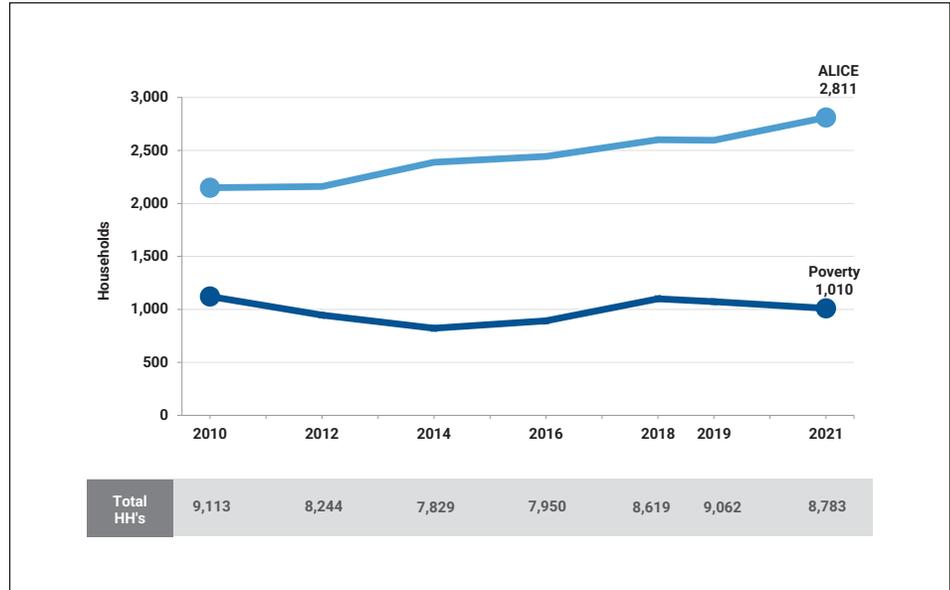
ALICE Households: 32% (state average: 23%) • **Households in Poverty:** 11% (state average: 11%)

Financial Hardship Changes 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.

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, 3,669 households in Adams County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 3,821, (a 4% change).

Households by Income, Adams County, 2010–2021



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Wisconsin

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2021; American Community Survey, 2010–2021

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 Adams 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 Adams County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Wisconsin

Household Survival Budget, Adams County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$367	\$473
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,495
Food	\$400	\$1,090
Transportation	\$328	\$805
Health Care	\$240	\$759
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$156	\$502
Tax Payments	\$232	\$1,000
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,267
Monthly Total	\$1,952	\$5,259
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,424	\$63,108
Hourly Wage*	\$11.71	\$31.55

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

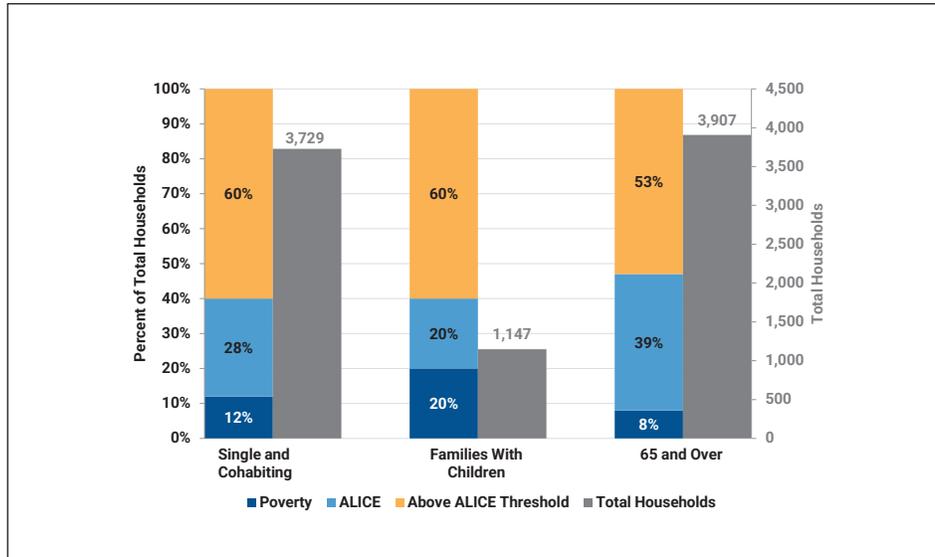
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

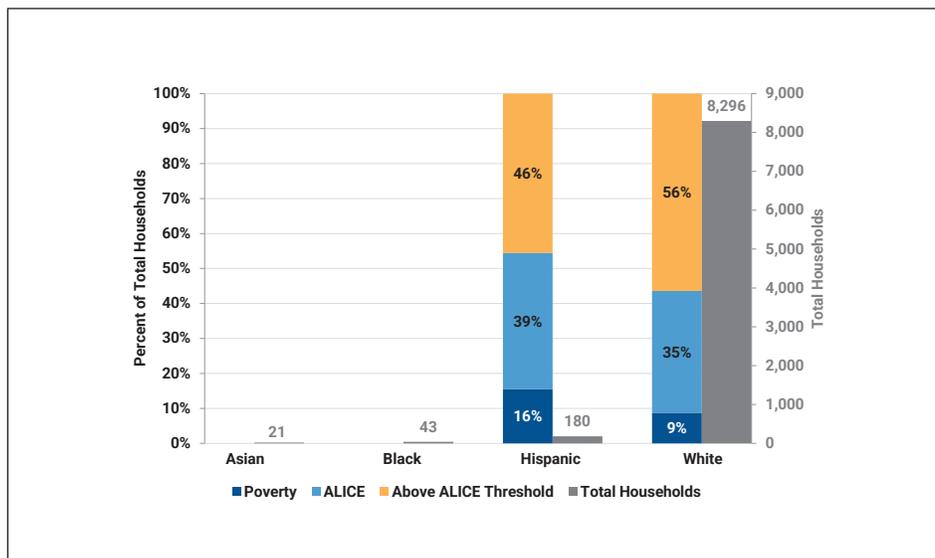
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Adams County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Adams 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

Adams County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Adams city	948	66%
Adams town	571	32%
Big Flats town	438	55%
Dell Prairie town	649	28%
Easton town	385	44%
Friendship village	241	49%
Jackson town	443	34%
Leola town	121	43%
Lincoln town	128	30%
Monroe town	166	42%
New Chester town	354	50%
New Haven town	238	40%
Preston town	643	52%
Quincy town	664	56%
Richfield town	113	60%
Rome town	1,513	26%
Springville town	540	52%
Strongs Prairie town	540	46%

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.