

ALICE IN SUFFOLK COUNTY



2022 Point-in-Time Data

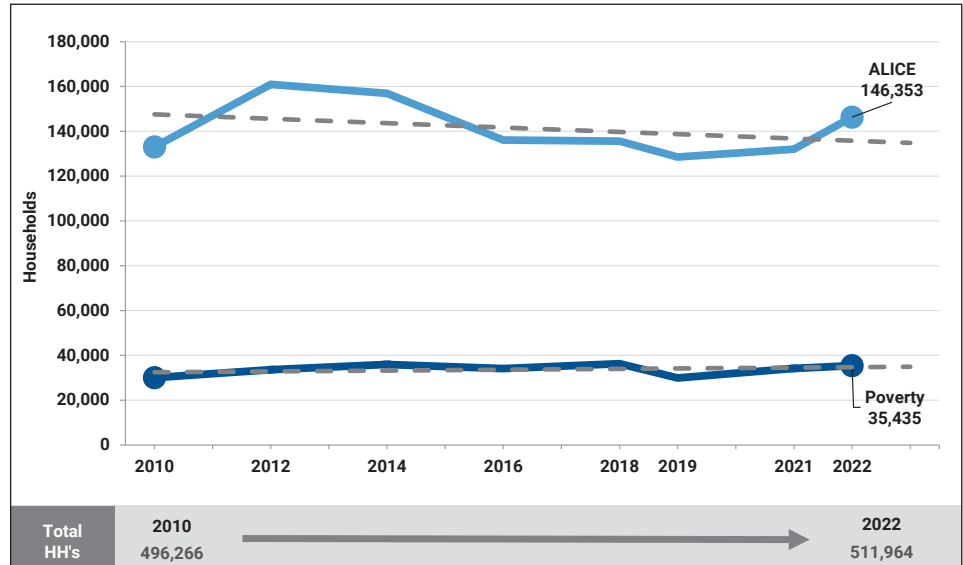
Population: 1,525,465 • **Number of Households:** 511,964
Median Household Income: \$119,838 (state average: \$79,557)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 66% (state average: 62.8%)
ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 31%) • **Households in Poverty:** 7% (state average: 15%)

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, 181,788 households (36%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Suffolk County.

Households by Income, Suffolk County, 2010–2022



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/New-York

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 Suffolk 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 Suffolk County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/New-York

Household Survival Budget, Suffolk County, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$1,209	\$1,755
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	–	\$2,725
Food	\$549	\$1,497
Transportation	\$425	\$1,076
Health Care	\$200	\$643
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$263	\$812
Tax Payments	\$541	\$1,899
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$603
Monthly Total	\$3,436	\$10,230
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$41,232	\$122,760
Hourly Wage*	\$20.62	\$61.38

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

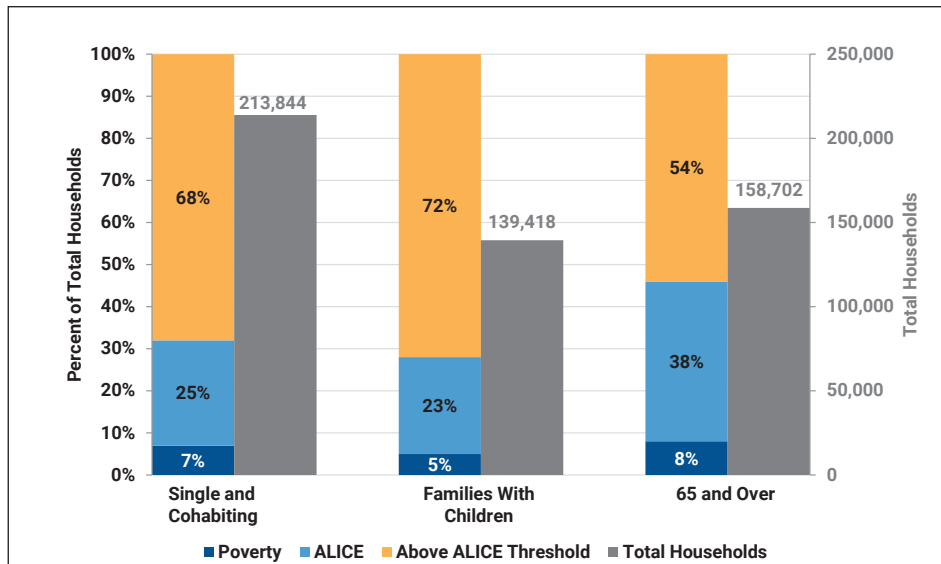
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

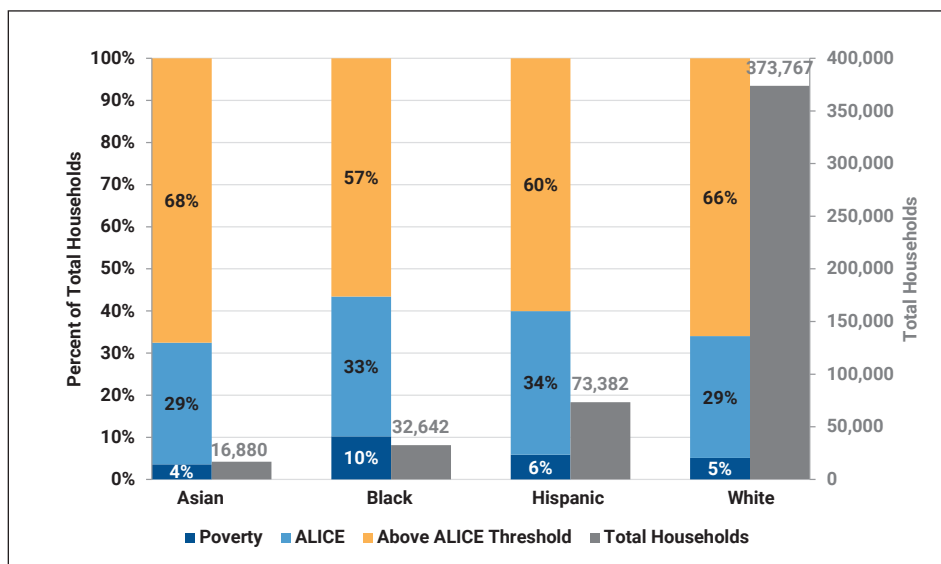
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Suffolk County, 2022



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Suffolk 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

Suffolk County, 2022		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Babylon town	70,003	37%
Brookhaven town	165,067	37%
East Hampton town	11,022	36%
Huntington town	70,444	26%
Islip town	102,946	34%
Poospatuck Reservation	224	75%
Riverhead town	14,007	48%
Shelter Island town	1,575	42%
Shinnecock Reservation	115	57%
Smithtown town	39,319	27%
Southampton town	25,729	36%
Southold town	10,235	39%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 5-year averages for Census County Subdivisions. Data for counties with populations over 65,000 is 1-year estimates. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included. Therefore, totals will not match the county-level numbers.