

ALICE IN KENNEBEC COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

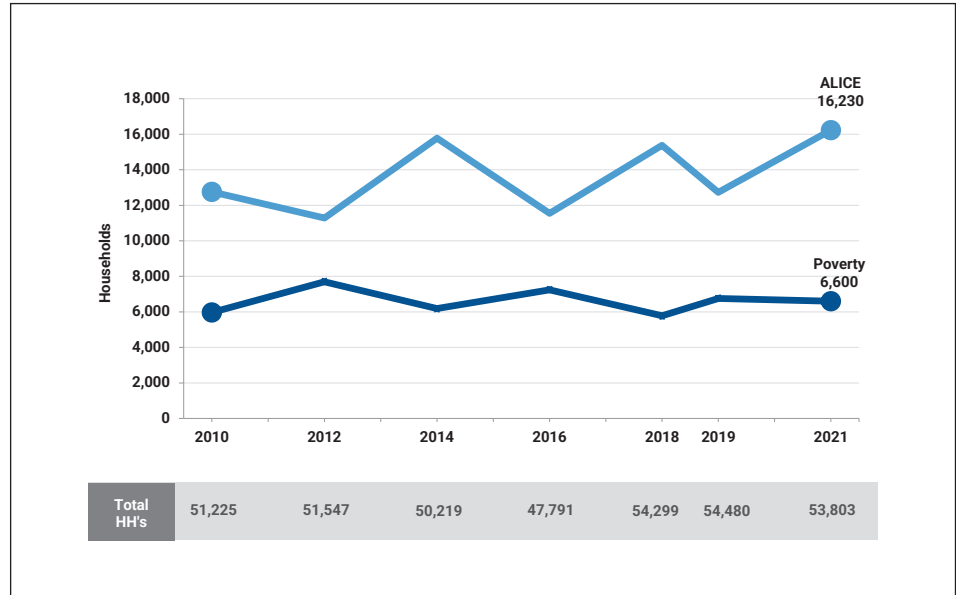
Population: 124,486 • **Number of Households:** 53,803 (-1% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$60,528 (state average: \$64,767)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 59% (state average: 61.3%)
ALICE Households: 30% (state average: 30%) • **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state average: 12%)

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, 19,484 households in Kennebec County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 22,830.

Households by Income, Kennebec County, 2010–2021



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

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 by household composition, as costs can vary greatly depending on location and household needs.

In 2021, household costs in Kennebec 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 Kennebec County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Maine

Household Survival Budget, Kennebec County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$522	\$550
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,259
Food	\$478	\$1,303
Transportation	\$329	\$805
Health Care	\$216	\$873
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$177	\$519
Tax Payments	\$296	\$1,053
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,352
Monthly Total	\$2,247	\$5,412
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$26,964	\$64,944
Hourly Wage*	\$13.48	\$32.47

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

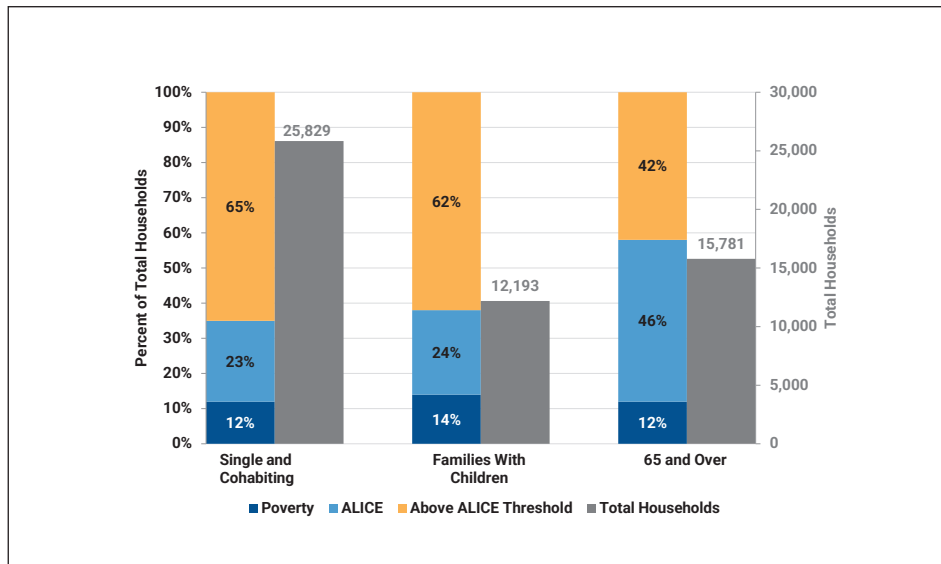
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

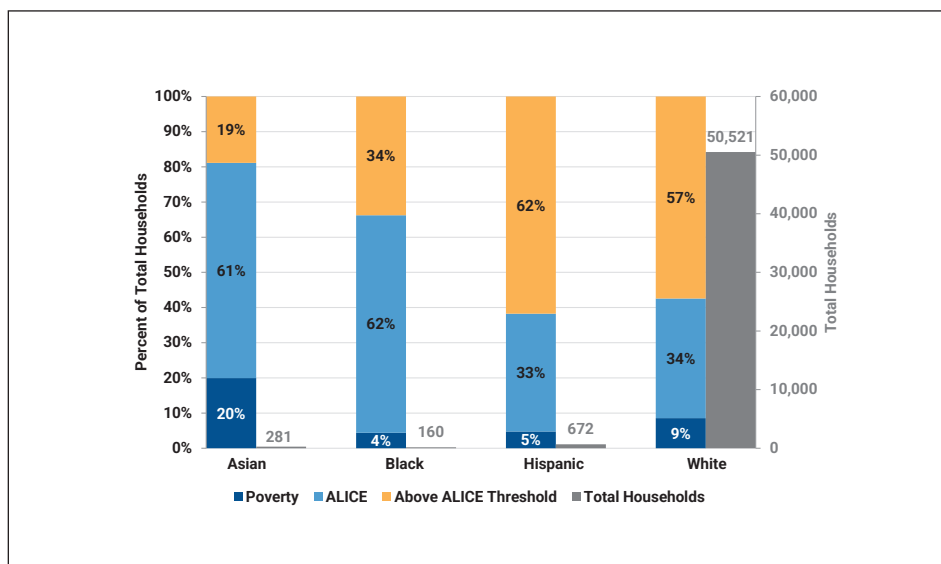
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Kennebec County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Kennebec County, 2021



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.

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

Kennebec County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Albion	862	49%
Augusta	9,310	59%
Belgrade	1,308	21%
Benton	1,133	46%
Chelsea	1,029	39%
China	1,855	25%
Clinton	1,462	38%
Farmingdale	1,381	42%
Fayette	581	47%
Gardiner	2,441	46%
Hallowell	1,289	43%
Litchfield	1,482	32%
Manchester	974	30%
Monmouth	1,740	43%
Mount Vernon	665	43%
Oakland	2,585	32%
Pittston	1,154	23%
Randolph	792	50%
Readfield	959	24%
Rome	501	46%
Sidney	1,888	33%
Vassalboro	1,963	37%
Vienna	229	41%
Waterville	6,403	60%
Wayne	469	49%
West Gardiner	1,292	32%
Windsor	1,051	36%
Winslow	3,406	47%
Winthrop	2,533	36%

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.