# **ALICE IN MUSKEGON COUNTY**

2022 Point-in-Time Data

UNITED FOR ALICE

Population: 176,565 • Number of Households: 67,255 Median Household Income: \$58,074 (state average: \$66,986) Labor Force Participation Rate: 59.3% (state average: 61.6%)

ALICE Households: 31% (state average: 28%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 13%)

#### Financial Hardship 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.

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, 30,698 households (46%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Muskegon County.

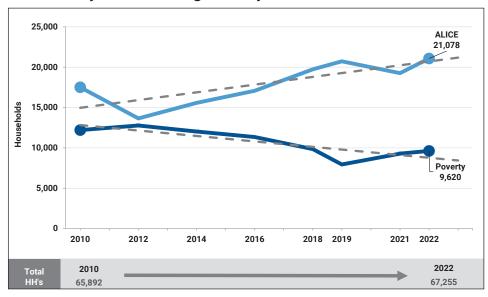
# The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

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In 2022, household costs in Muskegon 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 Muskegon County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Michigan

#### Households by Income, Muskegon County, 2010-2022



Note: See an interactive version of this data at <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Michigan</u> Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2022; American Community Survey, 2010–2022

Household Survival Budget, Muskegon County, 2022			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
Monthly Costs and Credits			
Housing – Rent	\$428	\$545	
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310	
Child Care	-	\$1,093	
Food	\$419	\$1,142	
Transportation	\$462	\$1,113	
Health Care	\$174	\$601	
Technology	\$86	\$116	
Miscellaneous	\$173	\$492	
Tax Payments	\$313	\$1,010	
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$433	
Monthly Total	\$2,218	\$5,989	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$26,616	\$71,868	
Hourly Wage*	\$13.31	\$35.93	

<sup>\*</sup>Wage working full-time required to support this budget
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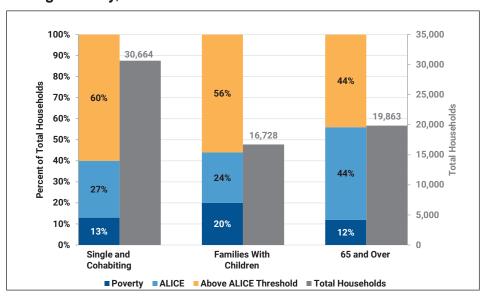
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

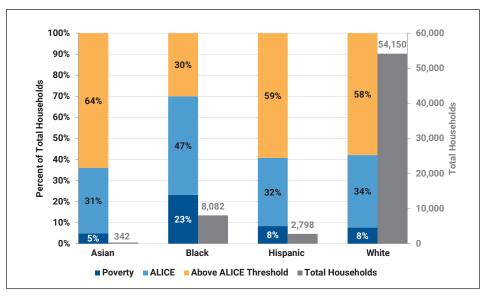
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#### Household Financial Status by Household Type, Muskegon County, 2022



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

# Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Muskegon 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

Muskegon County, 2022 % ALICE & Town Households Poverty Blue Lake township 835 34% Casnovia township 930 Cedar Creek township 1.278 39% Dalton township 3,544 3,917 Egelston township Fruitland township 2,550 29% Fruitport charter 33% 5.384 township Holton township 931 41% Laketon township 23% Montague city 984 36% Montague township 597 25% 37% Moorland township 548 Muskegon charter 6,974 48% township Muskegon city 14,288 62% Muskegon Heights city 3.611 71% North Muskegon city 1,580 24% Norton Shores city 9.575 35% Ravenna township 1,043 39% Roosevelt Park city Sullivan township 1,046 47% White River township 18% 509 Whitehall city 1,066 43% Whitehall township 625 42%

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ALICE UPDATE, 2024 MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

# **ALICE IN NEWAYGO COUNTY**

2022 Point-in-Time Data

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**Population:** 50,130 • **Number of Households:** 19,047

**Median Household Income:** \$59,065 (state average: \$66,986) **Labor Force Participation Rate:** 56% (state average: 61.6%)

ALICE Households: 31% (state average: 28%) • Households in Poverty: 14% (state average: 13%)

#### Financial Hardship Over Time

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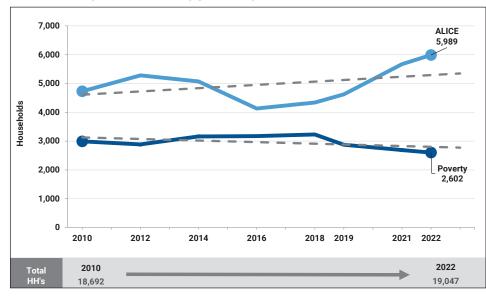
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In 2022, household costs in Newaygo County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$13,590 for a single adult and \$27,750 for a family of four.

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#### Households by Income, Newaygo County, 2010-2022



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Household Survival Budget, Newaygo County, 2022			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>			
Housing - Rent	\$375	\$499	
Housing - Utilities	\$163	\$310	
Child Care	-	\$1,067	
Food	\$411	\$1,119	
Transportation	\$462	\$1,113	
Health Care	\$174	\$601	
Technology	\$86	\$116	
Miscellaneous	\$167	\$482	
Tax Payments	\$298	\$984	
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$433	
Monthly Total	\$2,136	\$5,858	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$25,632	\$70,296	
Hourly Wage*	\$12.82	\$35.15	

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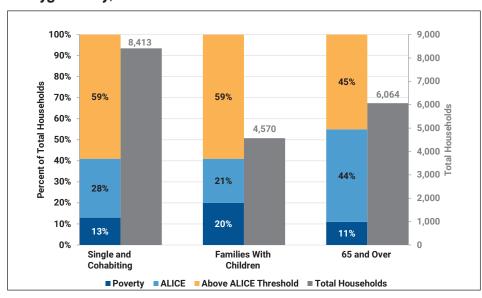
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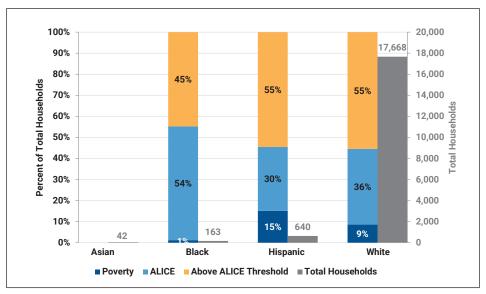
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Newaygo County, 2022 % ALICE & Town Households Poverty Ashland township 945 299 38% Barton township Beaver township 194 50% Big Prairie township 1,008 Bridgeton township 865 Brooks township 1,527 37% Croton township 1,163 39% Dayton township 728 33% Denver township 868 63% Ensley township 970 35% Everett township 717 52% 1,783 Fremont city 50% Garfield township 834 37% Goodwell township 45% 168 Grant city 455 56% Grant township 1,258 38% Home township 128 58% Lilley township 358 Lincoln township 542 53% Merrill township 218 69% 56% Monroe township 131 957 57% Newaygo city Norwich township 259 28% Sheridan charter 923 36% township Sherman township 858 48% White Cloud city 400 57% Wilcox township

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ALICE UPDATE, 2024 NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

# **ALICE IN OCEANA COUNTY**

2022 Point-in-Time Data

UNITED FOR ALICE

**Population: 26,707 • Number of Households: 9,936** 

Median Household Income: \$60,691 (state average: \$66,986) Labor Force Participation Rate: 55.9% (state average: 61.6%)

ALICE Households: 33% (state average: 28%) • Households in Poverty: 12% (state average: 13%)

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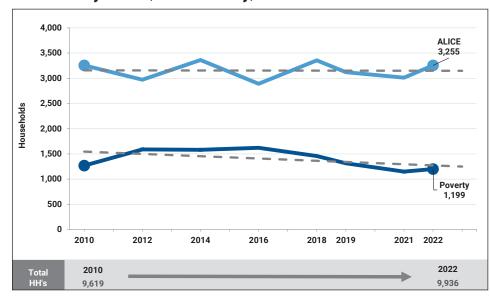
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#### Households by Income, Oceana County, 2010-2022



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Household Survival Budget, Oceana County, 2022			
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Monthly Costs and Credits			
Housing – Rent	\$412	\$447	
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310	
Child Care	_	\$1,067	
Food	\$439	\$1,196	
Transportation	\$462	\$1,113	
Health Care	\$174	\$601	
Technology	\$86	\$116	
Miscellaneous	\$174	\$485	
Tax Payments	\$314	\$991	
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$433	
Monthly Total	\$2,224	\$5,893	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$26,688	\$70,716	
Hourly Wage*	\$13.34	\$35.36	

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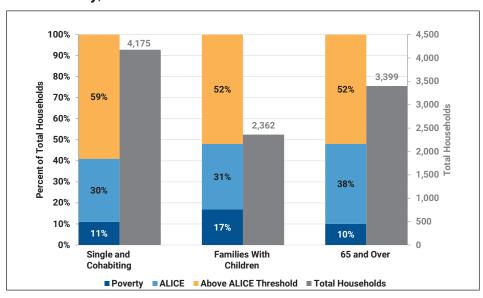
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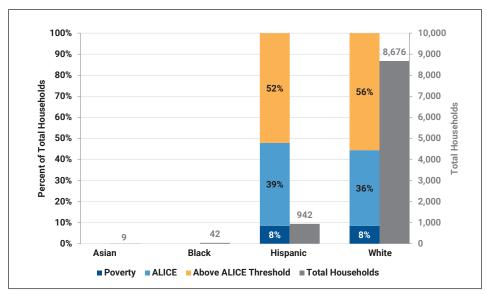
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Oceana County, 2022 % ALICE & Town Households Poverty 598 Benona township 345 42% Claybanks township Colfax township 169 46% Crystal township 240 51% Elbridge township 351 Ferry township 460 47% Golden township 796 45% Grant township 963 52% 425 Greenwood township 57% Hart city 776 Hart township 48% Leavitt township 63% Newfield township 818 42% 38% Otto township 264 Pentwater township 741 30% 1,439 40% Shelby township Weare township

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