

# ALICE County Reports with ZIP and Place Data

Counties are the core geography for ALICE data: They reveal variations often masked by statewide averages, and the data is reported regularly and reliably.

## ALICE IN CAYUGA COUNTY

**ALICE** is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed — households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. While conditions have improved for some households, many continue to struggle, especially as wages fail to keep pace with the rising cost of household essentials (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and a basic smartphone plan). Households below the ALICE Threshold — ALICE households plus those in poverty — can't afford the essentials.

### 2024 Point-in-Time-Data

**Population:** 74,567 **Number of Households:** 32,087

**Median Household Income:** \$66,799 (state average: \$85,820)

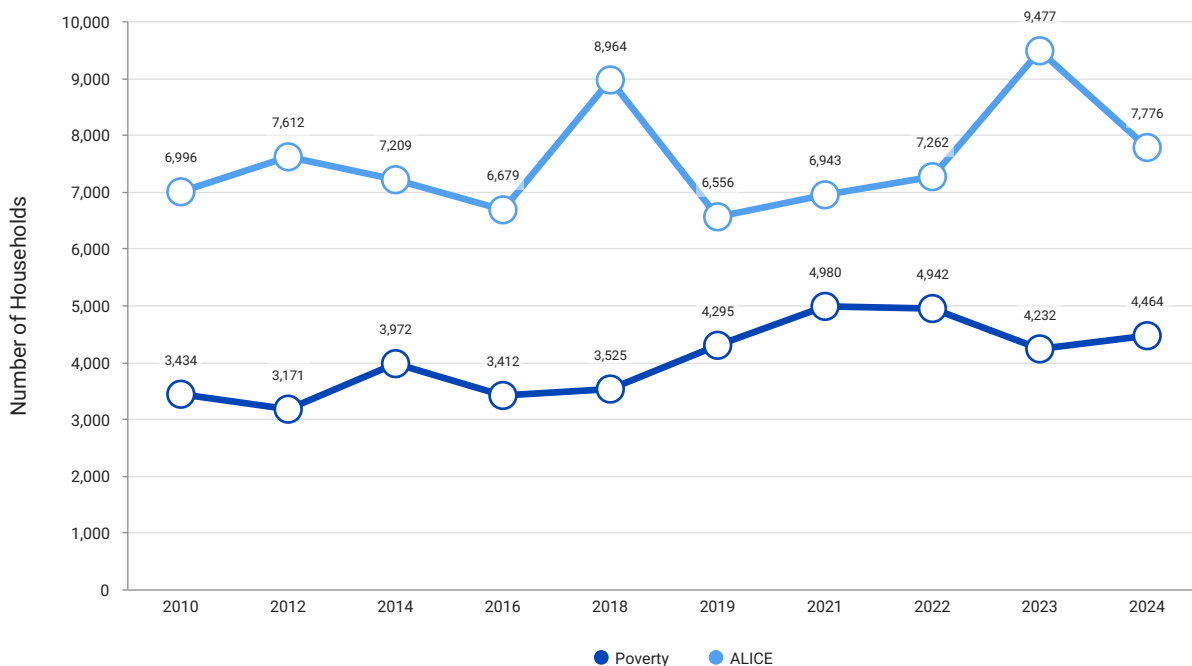
**Labor Force Participation Rate:**

**ALICE Households:** 24% (state average 34%) **Households in Poverty:** 14% (state average 14%)

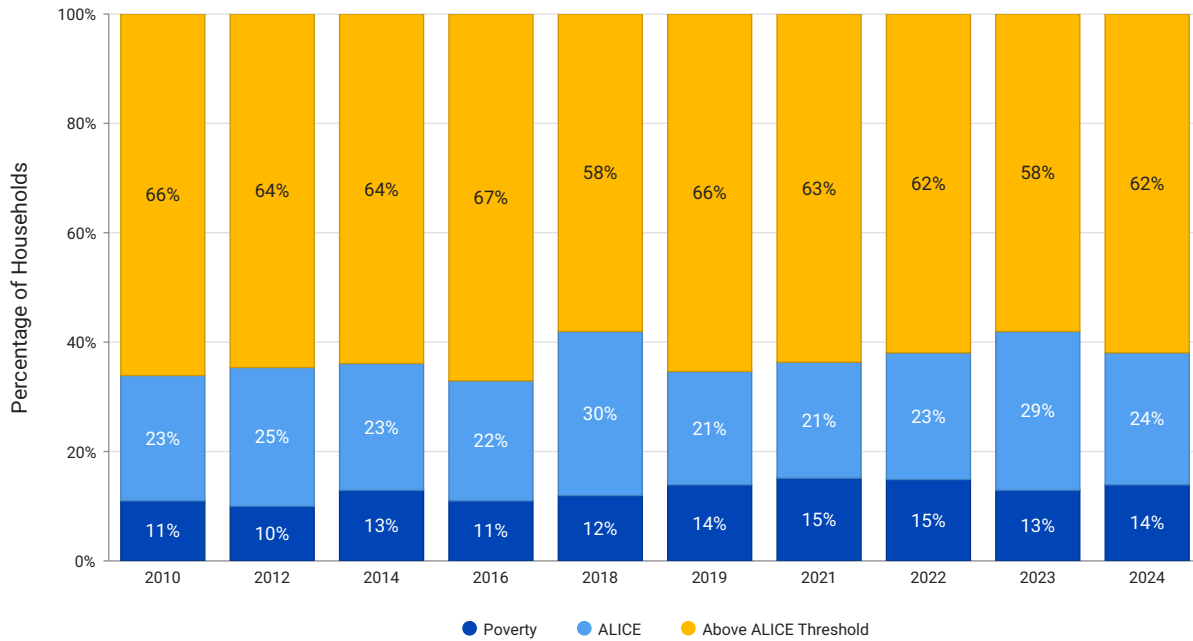
## Financial Hardship Has Changed Over Time in Cayuga County

As circumstances change, households may find themselves below or above the ALICE Threshold at different times.

### Number of ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Cayuga County, New York, 2024



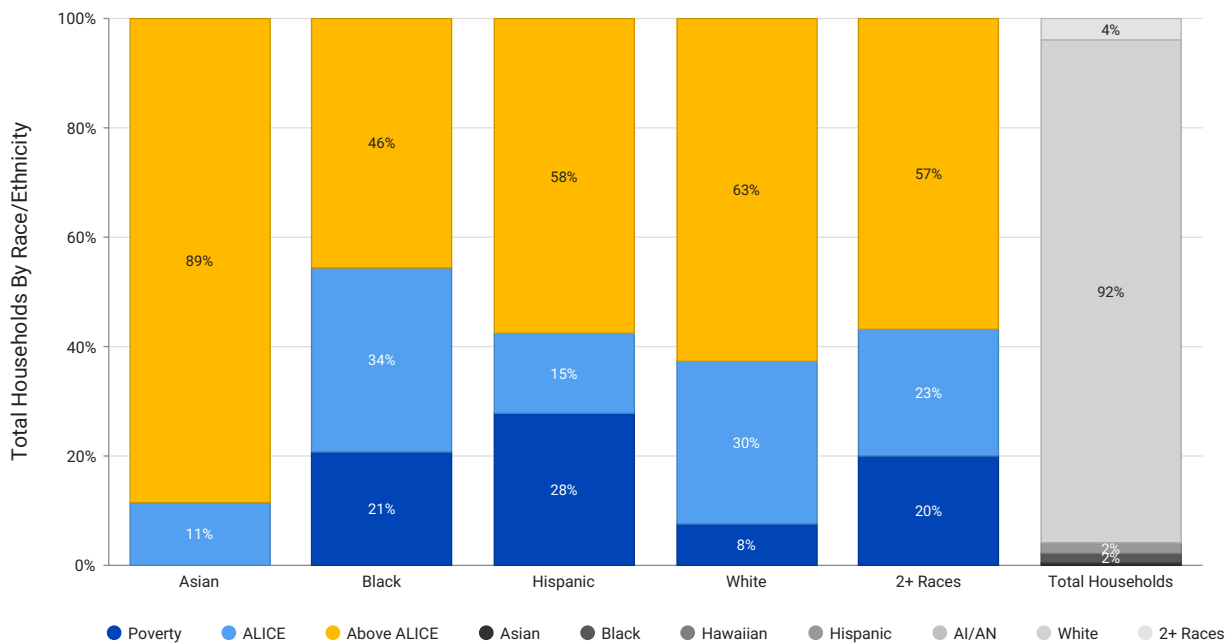
## Percentage of Households, Cayuga County, New York, 2024



## Financial Hardship is Not Equally Distributed

By total number, groups with the largest population of households below the ALICE Threshold tend to also be in the largest demographic groups. However, when looking at the proportion of each group that is below the ALICE Threshold, it is clear that some groups are more likely to be ALICE than others.

## Households by Race/Ethnicity, Cayuga County, New York, 2024



There were also differences in financial hardship by household type and age of householder.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

| Group                                | % Below ALICE Threshold |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Single or Cohabiting (no children)   | 34%                     |
| Married (with children)              | 12%                     |
| Single-Female-Headed (with children) | 72%                     |
| Single-Male-Headed (with children)   | 54%                     |

AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER

| Group             | % Below ALICE Threshold |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Under 25 Years    | 58%                     |
| 25 to 44 Years    | 37%                     |
| 45 to 64 Years    | 30%                     |
| 65 Years and Over | 46%                     |

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010-2024; American Community Survey, 2010-2024

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. In 2024, household costs in every county in New York were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$15,060 for a single adult and \$31,200 for a family of four.

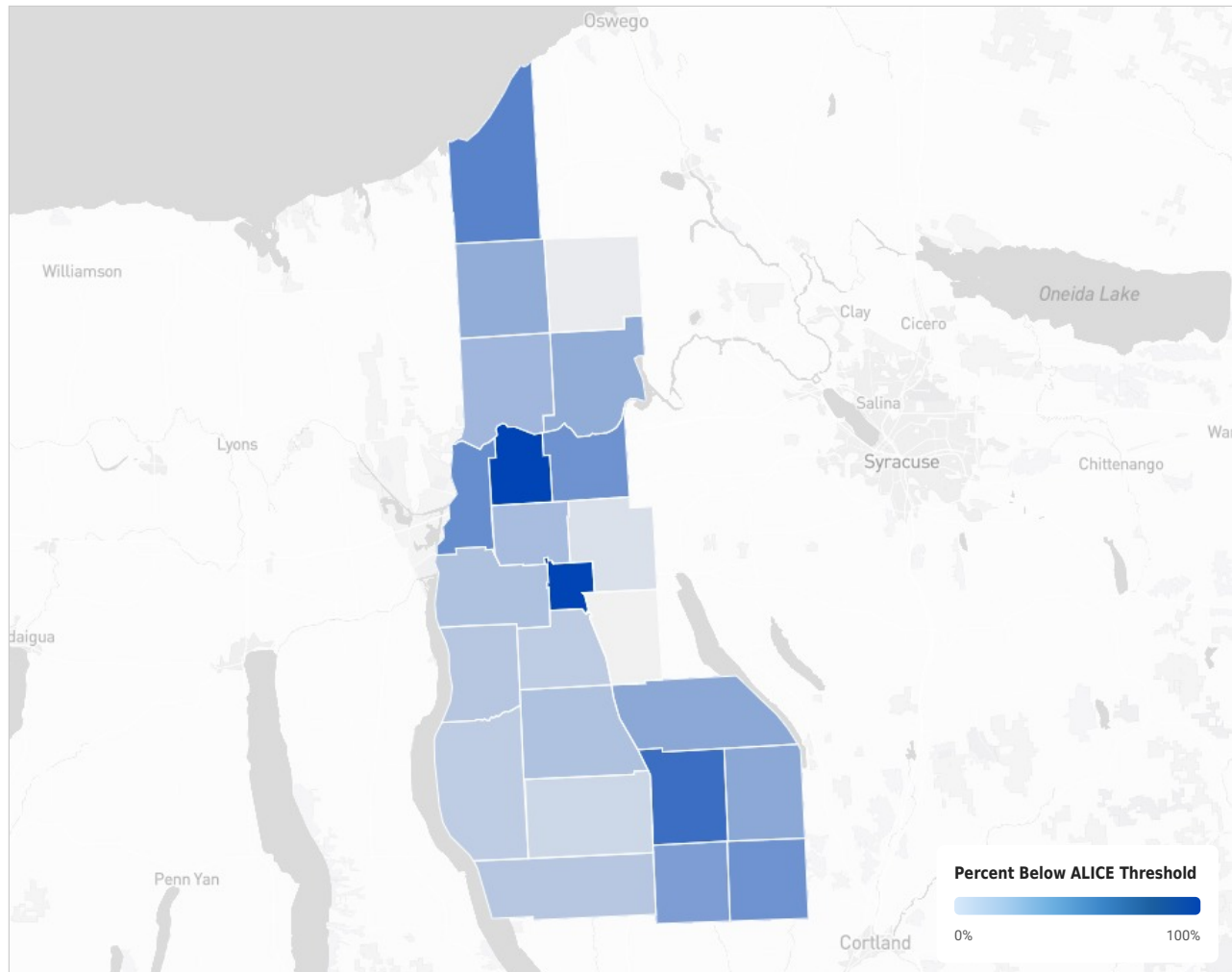
| Household Survival Budget, Cayuga County, New York, 2024 |              |                      |                              |            |                         |                               |                  |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Monthly Costs                                            | Single Adult | One Adult, One Child | One Adult, One In Child Care | Two Adults | Two Adults Two Children | Two Adults, Two In Child Care | Single Adult 65+ | Two Adults 65+ |
| Housing                                                  | \$801        | \$806                | \$806                        | \$806      | \$1,054                 | \$1,054                       | \$801            | \$806          |
| Child Care                                               | \$0          | \$391                | \$1,042                      | \$0        | \$781                   | \$2,146                       | \$0              | \$0            |
| Food                                                     | \$490        | \$828                | \$743                        | \$898      | \$1,506                 | \$1,328                       | \$451            | \$827          |
| Transportation                                           | \$409        | \$501                | \$501                        | \$584      | \$854                   | \$854                         | \$347            | \$460          |
| Health Care                                              | \$204        | \$500                | \$500                        | \$500      | \$688                   | \$688                         | \$497            | \$994          |
| Technology                                               | \$129        | \$129                | \$129                        | \$163      | \$163                   | \$163                         | \$129            | \$163          |
| Miscellaneous                                            | \$203        | \$316                | \$372                        | \$295      | \$505                   | \$623                         | \$223            | \$325          |
| Taxes                                                    | \$346        | \$244                | \$401                        | \$408      | \$301                   | \$630                         | \$400            | \$683          |
| Monthly Total                                            | \$2,582      | \$3,715              | \$4,494                      | \$3,654    | \$5,852                 | \$7,486                       | \$2,848          | \$4,258        |
| ANNUAL TOTAL                                             | \$30,984     | \$44,580             | \$53,928                     | \$43,848   | \$70,224                | \$89,832                      | \$34,176         | \$51,096       |
| Hourly Wage                                              | \$15.49      | \$22.29              | \$26.96                      | \$21.92    | \$35.11                 | \$44.92                       | \$17.09          | \$25.55        |

Notes: The budget for One Adult, One Child includes costs for one adult and a school-age child. The budget for One Adult, One in Child Care includes costs for an adult and an infant. The budget for Two Adults, Two in Child Care includes costs for two adults, one infant, and one preschooler. "Hourly Wage" shows the full-time wage needed to support each budget.

Sources: For ALICE Survival Budget sources, see the Methodology Overview on the Methodology page.

## Financial Hardship Varies by Location in New York

There is substantial variation in the number of households who live below the ALICE Threshold within the county. Explore the map and table below to learn more. The map is shaded to show the percentage of households that are below the ALICE Threshold (poverty-level and ALICE households combined). The darker the blue, the higher the percentage.



### Cayuga County, New York, 2024

| Census County Subdivisions             | Total Households | % Below ALICE Threshold |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Auburn city, Cayuga County, New York   | 11,875           | 52%                     |
| Aurelius town, Cayuga County, New York | 1,100            | 28%                     |
| Brutus town, Cayuga County, New York   | 1,831            | 37%                     |
| Cato town, Cayuga County, New York     | 1,085            | 32%                     |
| Conquest town, Cayuga County, New York | 679              | 30%                     |
| Fleming town, Cayuga County, New York  | 1,015            | 26%                     |
| Genoa town, Cayuga County, New York    | 682              | 27%                     |
| Ira town, Cayuga County, New York      | 799              | 20%                     |
| Ledyard town, Cayuga County, New York  | 600              | 26%                     |
| Locke town, Cayuga County, New York    | 726              | 35%                     |

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|------------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Mentz town, Cayuga County, New York      | 798   | 52% |
| Montezuma town, Cayuga County, New York  | 435   | 38% |
| Moravia town, Cayuga County, New York    | 1,065 | 44% |
| Niles town, Cayuga County, New York      | 528   | 33% |
| Owasco town, Cayuga County, New York     | 1,621 | 19% |
| Scipio town, Cayuga County, New York     | 570   | 28% |
| Sempronius town, Cayuga County, New York | 302   | 33% |
| Sennett town, Cayuga County, New York    | 1,256 | 22% |
| Springport town, Cayuga County, New York | 952   | 27% |
| Sterling town, Cayuga County, New York   | 1,413 | 40% |
| Summerhill town, Cayuga County, New York | 379   | 37% |
| Throop town, Cayuga County, New York     | 727   | 29% |
| Venice town, Cayuga County, New York     | 500   | 24% |
| Victory town, Cayuga County, New York    | 586   | 32% |

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