

ALICE IN BLOUNT COUNTY



2021 Point-in-Time Data

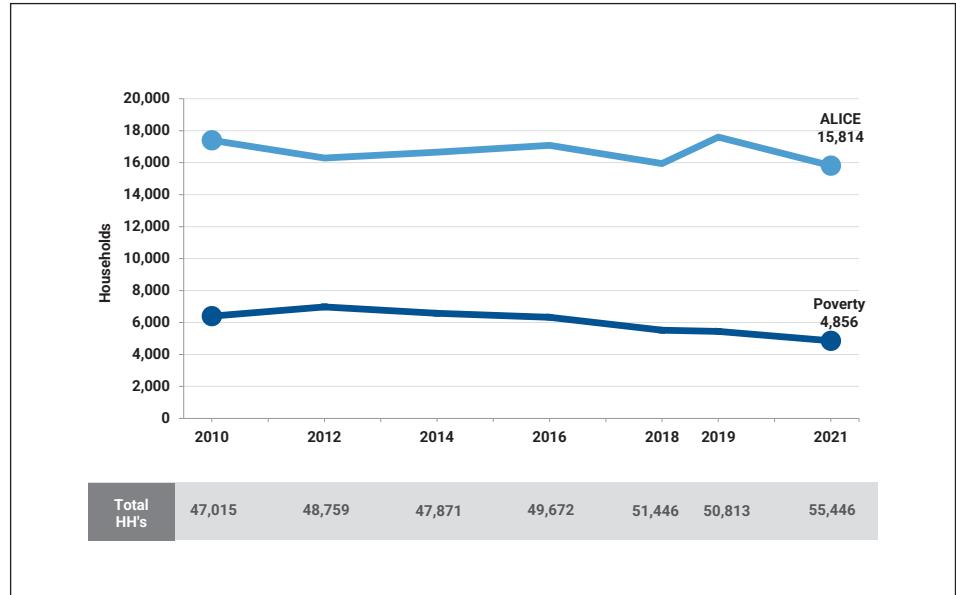
Population: 137,605 • **Number of Households:** 55,446 (9% change from 2019)
Median Household Income: \$62,102 (state average: \$59,695)
Labor Force Participation Rate: 60.6% (state average: 61.2%)
ALICE Households: 29% (state average: 30%) • **Households in Poverty:** 9% (state average: 14%)

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, 23,043 households in Blount County were below the ALICE Threshold; in 2021 this number changed to 20,670, (a -10% change).

Households by Income, Blount County, 2010–2021



Note: See an interactive version of this data at UnitedForALICE.org/Tennessee
 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 Blount 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 Blount County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Tennessee

Household Survival Budget, Blount County, 2021

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$537	\$701
Housing – Utilities	\$154	\$292
Child Care	–	\$1,258
Food	\$444	\$1,212
Transportation	\$328	\$804
Health Care	\$226	\$809
Technology	\$75	\$110
Miscellaneous	\$176	\$519
Tax Payments	\$241	\$840
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$1,229
Monthly Total	\$2,181	\$5,316
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$26,172	\$63,792
Hourly Wage*	\$13.09	\$31.90

*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

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

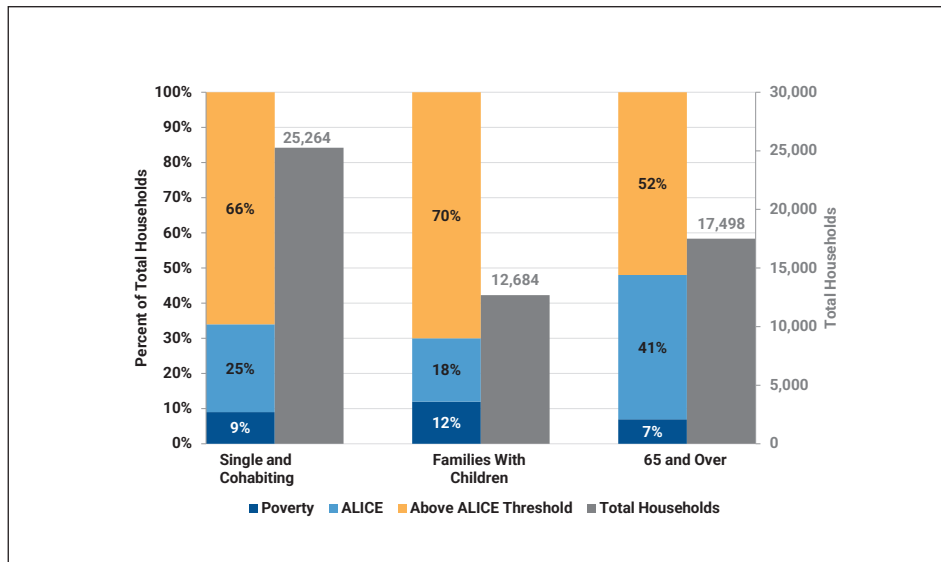
Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

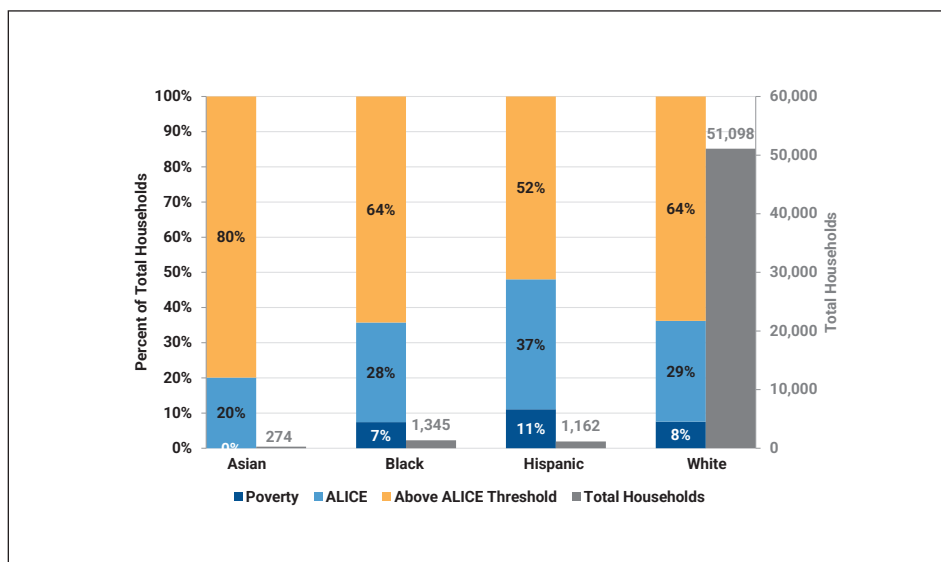
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Household Financial Status by Household Type, Blount County, 2021



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

Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Blount 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

Blount County, 2021		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Alcoa city	4,268	43%
Eagleton Village CDP	2,326	51%
Friendsville city	361	43%
Louisville city	1,872	23%
Maryville city	11,608	32%
Rockford city	344	38%
Townsend city	278	32%
Walland CDP	155	40%
Wildwood CDP	370	35%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 1 or 5-year averages for Incorporated Places. Totals will not match county-level numbers because some places cross county borders, data is not available for the smallest places, and county-level data is often 1-year estimates.