

# ALICE IN BERKELEY COUNTY



## 2023 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 255,217 • **Number of Households:** 97,713

**Median Household Income:** \$83,372 (state: \$67,804)

**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 67.8% (state: 61.1%)

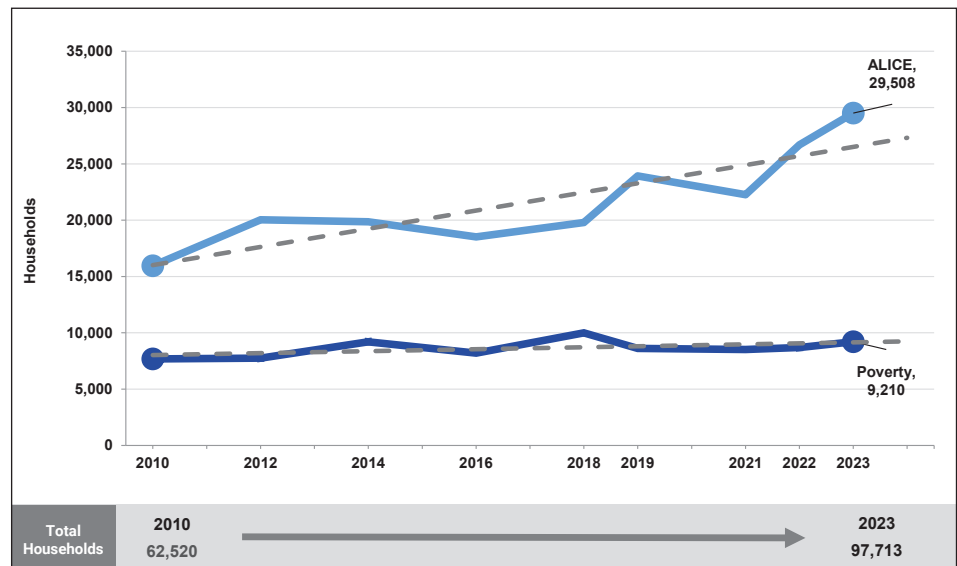
**ALICE Households:** 30% (state: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 9% (state: 14%)

## Trends in Financial Hardship

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Households move below or above the ALICE Threshold as economic factors and circumstances change. The line graph to the right shows the number of ALICE and poverty-level households (solid blue lines), as well as the trend over time (dotted gray lines). **By 2023, 38,718 households (40%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Berkeley County.**

## ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Berkeley County, 2010–2023



*Note: See an interactive version of this data at [UnitedForALICE.org/South-Carolina](https://UnitedForALICE.org/South-Carolina)*

*Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2023; American Community Survey, 2010–2023*

## The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

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In 2023, household costs in Berkeley County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$14,580 for a single adult and \$30,000 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in Berkeley County, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/South-Carolina](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/South-Carolina)

## Household Survival Budget, Berkeley County, 2023

	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$1,461	\$1,686
Child Care	–	\$1,271
Food	\$485	\$1,317
Transportation	\$438	\$965
Health Care	\$168	\$696
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$264	\$605
Taxes	\$470	\$710
Monthly Total	\$3,372	\$7,366
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$40,464	\$88,392
Hourly Wage*	\$20.23	\$44.20

*\*Full-time wage required to support this budget*

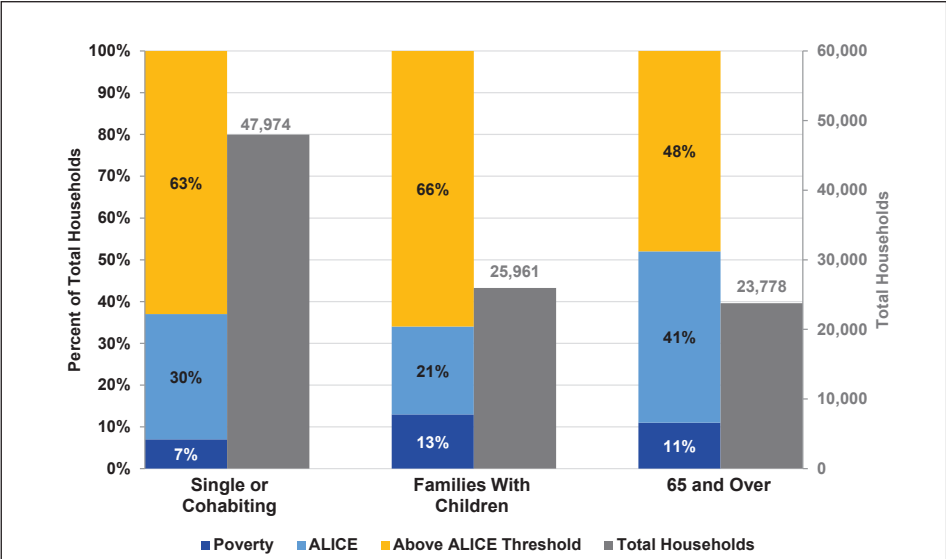
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# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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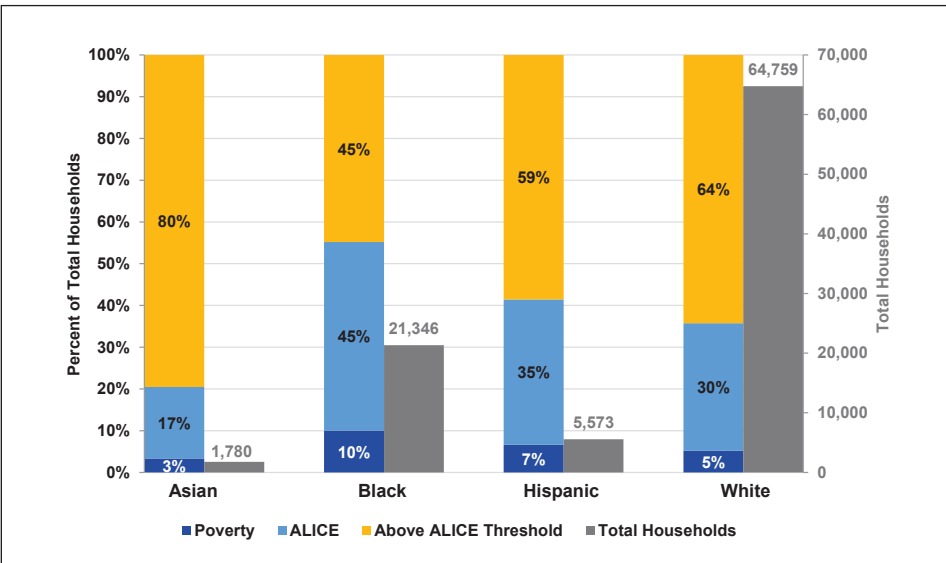
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Berkeley County, 2023



Note: Families with children include married-parent, single-female-headed, and single-male-headed households.  
Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2023; American Community Survey, 2023

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Berkeley County, 2023



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### Berkeley County, 2023

Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Bonneau CCD	3,918	53%
Cordesville CCD	1,608	69%
Cross CCD	2,475	56%
Goose Creek-Hanahan CCD	57,278	38%
Moncks Corner CCD	12,280	37%
St. Stephen CCD	2,610	70%
Wando CCD	10,179	27%

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# ALICE IN CHARLESTON COUNTY



## 2023 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 424,367 • **Number of Households:** 183,800

**Median Household Income:** \$89,083 (state: \$67,804)

**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 66.6% (state: 61.1%)

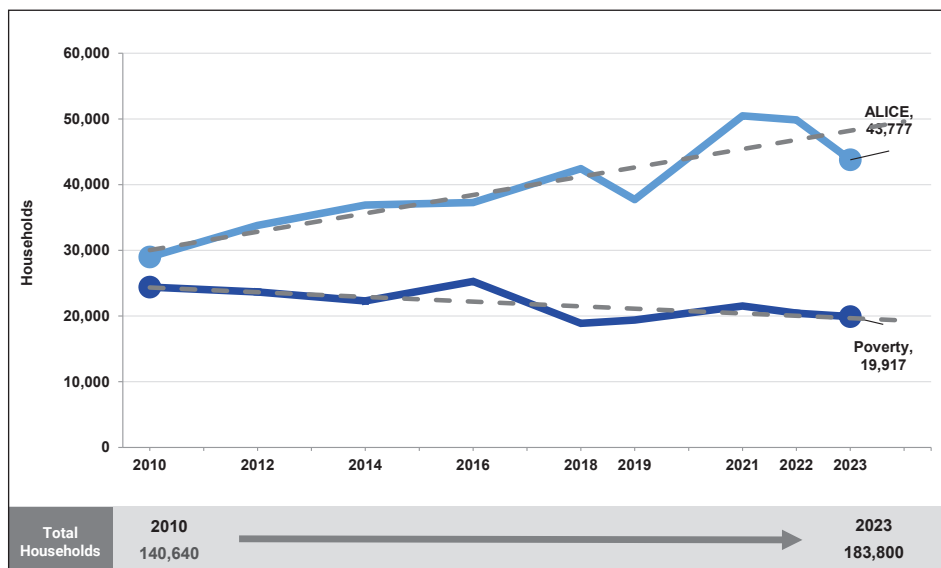
**ALICE Households:** 24% (state: 28%) • **Households in Poverty:** 11% (state: 14%)

## Trends in Financial Hardship

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## ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Charleston County, 2010–2023



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In 2023, household costs in Charleston County were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$14,580 for a single adult and \$30,000 for a family of four.

To see costs for different household compositions in Charleston County, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/South-Carolina](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/South-Carolina)

### Household Survival Budget, Charleston County, 2023

	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$1,496	\$1,727
Child Care	–	\$1,271
Food	\$553	\$1,501
Transportation	\$438	\$965
Health Care	\$168	\$696
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$274	\$628
Taxes	\$499	\$774
Monthly Total	\$3,514	\$7,678
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$42,168	\$92,136
Hourly Wage*	\$21.08	\$46.07

*\*Full-time wage required to support this budget*

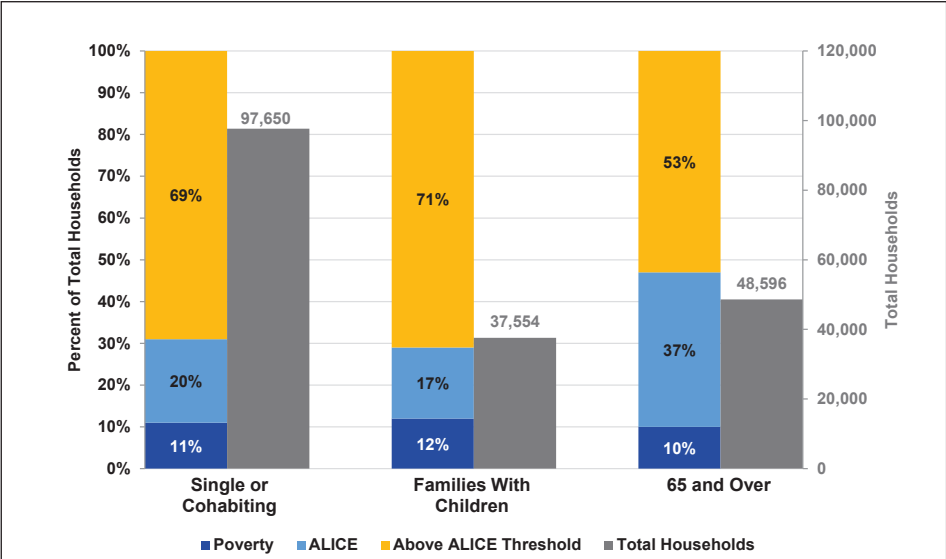
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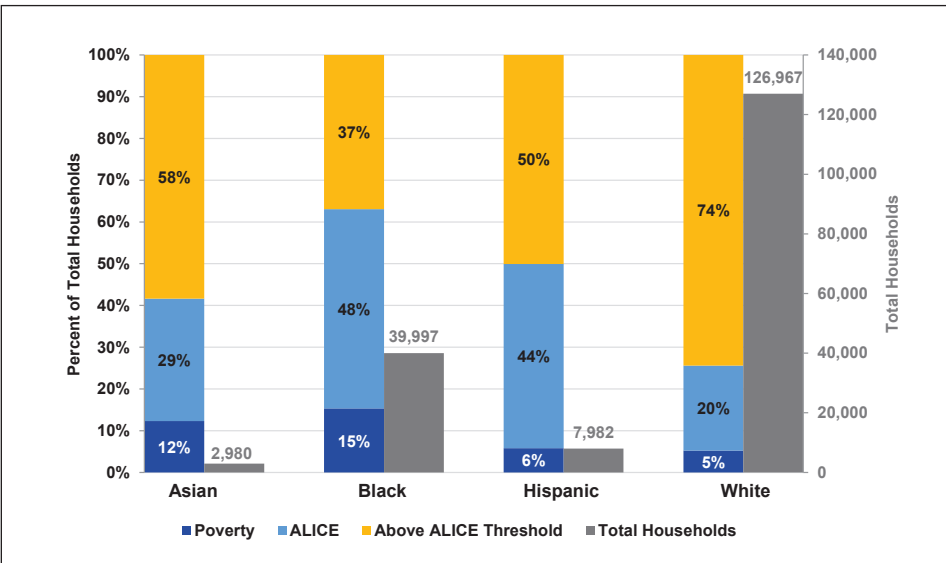
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Charleston County, 2023		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Charleston Central CCD	14,770	46%
Edisto Island CCD	741	52%
James Island CCD	17,216	28%
Johns Island CCD	8,774	28%
Kiawah Island-Seabrook Island CCD	2,377	15%
McClellanville CCD	2,006	45%
Mount Pleasant CCD	43,741	29%
North Charleston CCD	42,609	54%
Ravenel-Hollywood CCD	5,792	51%
Wadmalaw Island CCD	1,063	37%
West Ashley CCD	36,410	36%

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# ALICE IN DORCHESTER COUNTY



## 2023 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 169,833 • **Number of Households:** 65,532

**Median Household Income:** \$78,137 (state: \$67,804)

**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 65.4% (state: 61.1%)

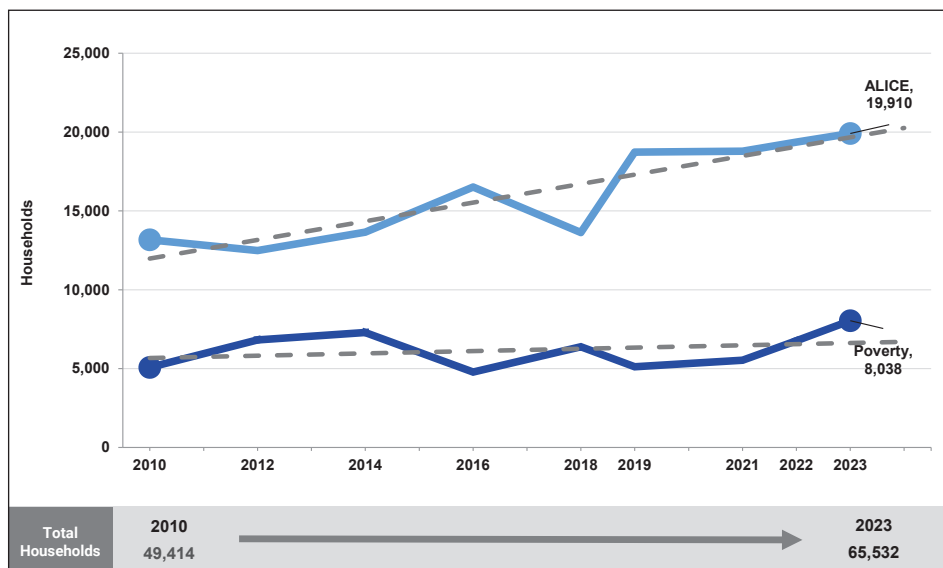
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## ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Dorchester County, 2010–2023



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## Household Survival Budget, Dorchester County, 2023

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<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$1,461	\$1,686
Child Care	–	\$1,271
Food	\$503	\$1,365
Transportation	\$438	\$965
Health Care	\$168	\$696
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$266	\$610
Taxes	\$475	\$724
Monthly Total	\$3,397	\$7,433
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$40,764	\$89,196
Hourly Wage*	\$20.38	\$44.60

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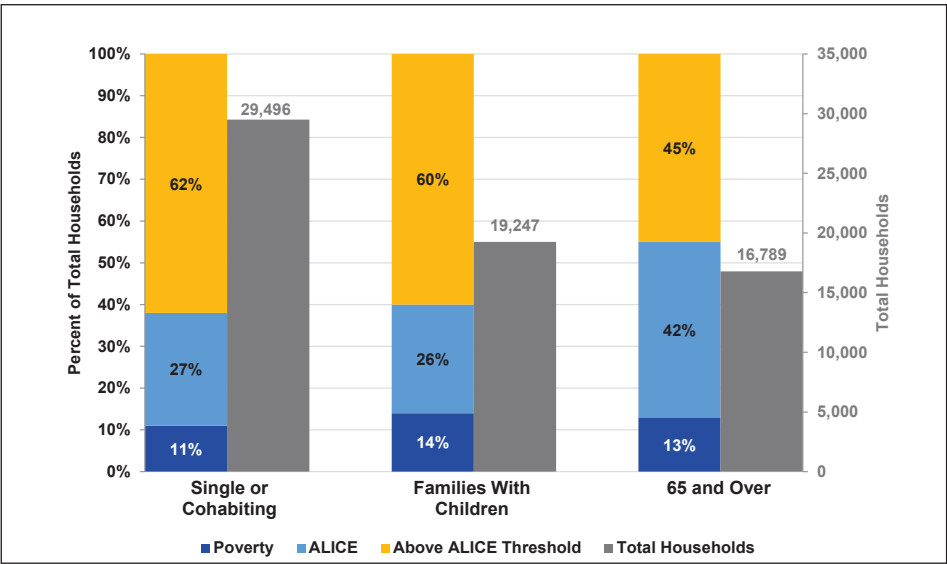
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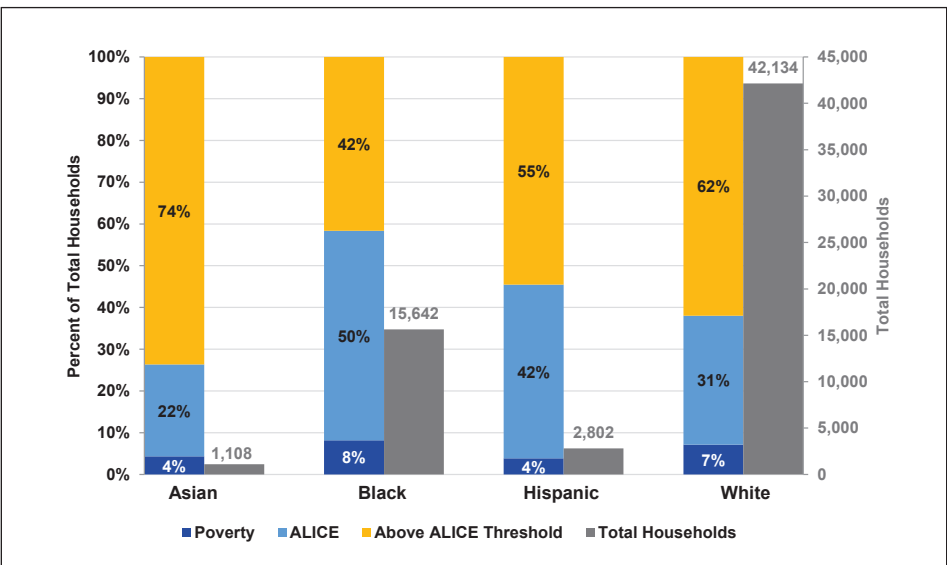
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Dorchester County, 2023		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Harleyville CCD	2,501	58%
Reevesville CCD	973	62%
Ridgeville CCD	2,157	49%
St. George CCD	2,045	63%
Summerville CCD	53,897	41%

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