ALICE IN VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA, 2024

Population: 180,387 **Number of Households:** 80,507

Median Household Income: $62,108 (state average: $71,959)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 64% (state average: 64%)

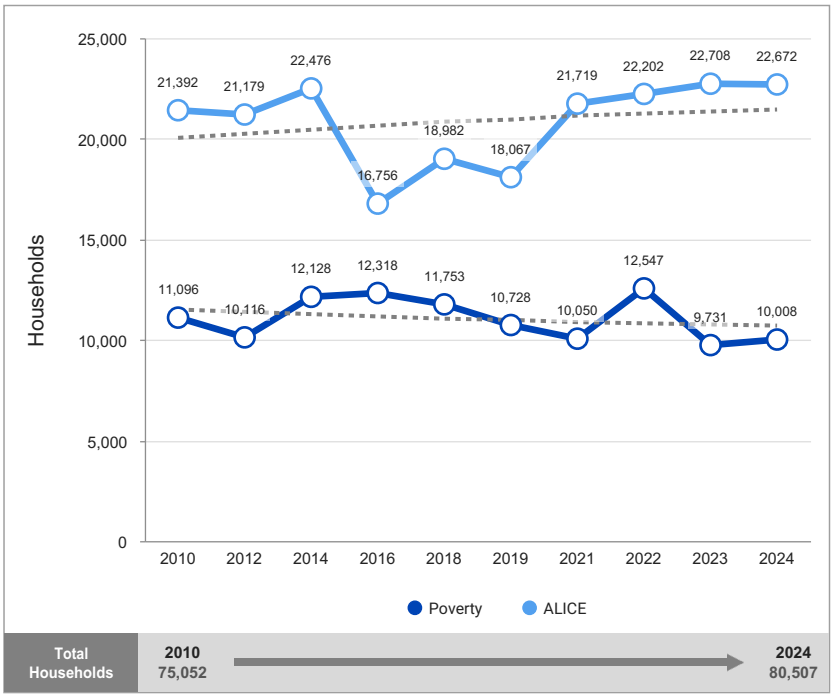
ALICE Households: 28% (state average 26%) **Households in Poverty:** 12% (state average 12%)

TRENDS IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

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. Households below the ALICE Threshold — ALICE households plus those in poverty — can't afford the essentials.

The line graph to the right shows the number of ALICE and poverty-level households (blue lines), as well as the trend over time (dotted gray lines). By 2024, there were 32,680 households (41%) below the ALICE Threshold in Vanderburgh County.

ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Vanderburgh County, 2010–2024



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. 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.

To see costs for different household compositions in Vanderburgh County, visit UnitedForALICE.org/household-budgets/indiana

Household Survival Budget, Vanderburgh County, 2024

Monthly Costs	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	$880	$1,232
Child Care	$0	$1,192
Food	$440	$1,192
Transportation	$356	$802
Health Care	$181	$700
Technology	$99	$133
Miscellaneous	$196	$525
Taxes	$347	$606
Monthly Total	$2,499	$6,382
ANNUAL TOTAL	**$29,988**	**$76,584**
Hourly Wage	*$14.99*	*$38.29*

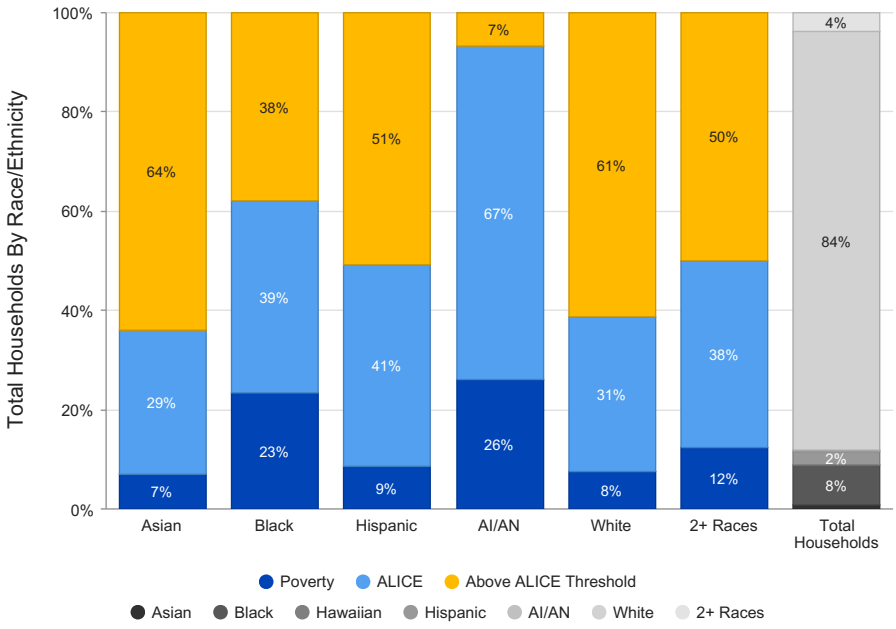
Note: Full-time hourly wage represents the wage needed at 40 hours per week to support the annual totals. For a family of four, this represents the combined wage needed for two workers.

Sources: For ALICE Household Survival Budget sources, see the Methodology page

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IS NOT EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED

Groups with the largest total number of households below the ALICE Threshold tend to be the largest demographic groups in the state. 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.

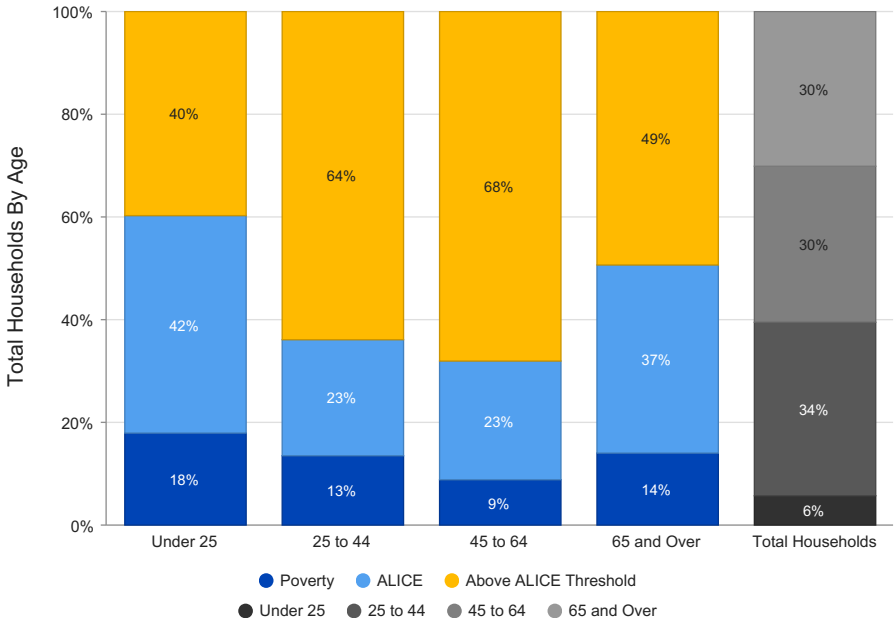
Households by Race/Ethnicity, Vanderburgh County, 2024



Notes: All racial categories except Two or More Races are for one race alone. Race and ethnicity are overlapping categories; the AI/AN (American Indian/Alaska Native), Asian, Black, Hawaiian (includes other Pacific Islanders), and Two or More Races groups may include Hispanic households. The White group includes only White, non-Hispanic households. The Hispanic group may include households of any race.

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

Households by Age of Householder, Vanderburgh County, 2024



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Vanderburgh County, 2024

Zip Code	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
ZCTA5 47708	516	42%
ZCTA5 47710	7,919	52%
ZCTA5 47711	13,321	37%
ZCTA5 47712	10,514	37%
ZCTA5 47713	4,536	61%
ZCTA5 47714	13,932	44%
ZCTA5 47715	13,922	39%
ZCTA5 47720	7,119	31%
ZCTA5 47725	7,839	22%

Note: The data in this table are 1-year American Community Survey estimates for counties with more than 65,000 total households and 5-year estimates for counties with fewer than 65,000 total households. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included. Therefore, totals will not always match the county-level numbers.

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