

# ALICE IN ST. JAMES PARISH



## 2022 Point-in-Time Data

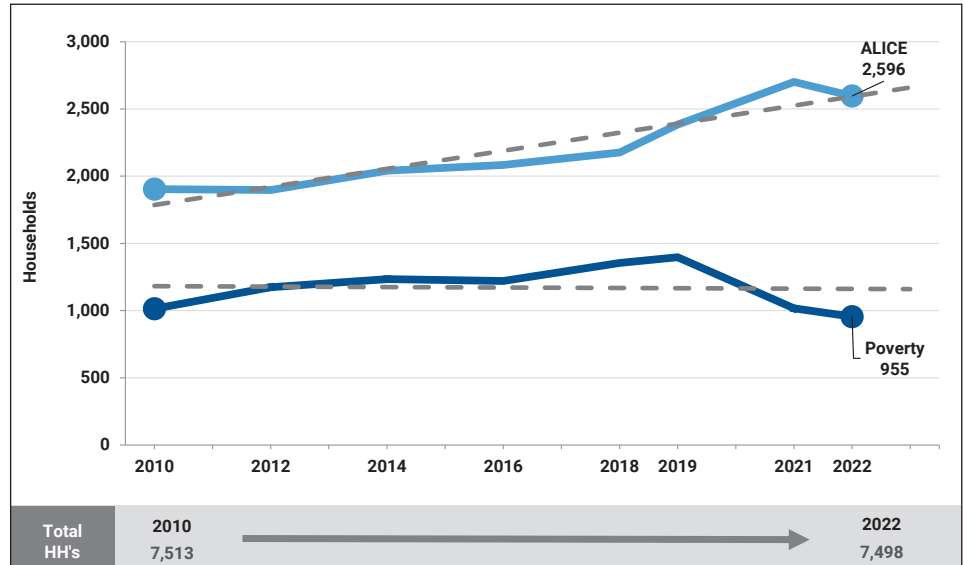
**Population:** 20,090 • **Number of Households:** 7,498  
**Median Household Income:** \$62,946 (state average: \$55,416)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 57.9% (state average: 59.4%)  
**ALICE Households:** 35% (state average: 32%) • **Households in Poverty:** 13% (state average: 19%)

## Financial Hardship 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 parish (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, 3,551 households (47%) were below the ALICE Threshold in St. James Parish.

## Households by Income, St. James Parish, 2010–2022



Note: See an interactive version of this data at [UnitedForALICE.org/Louisiana](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Louisiana)

Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2022; American Community Survey, 2010–2022

## 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 parish level and by household composition, as costs can vary greatly depending on location and household needs.

In 2022, household costs in St. James Parish 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 St. James Parish, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Louisiana](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Louisiana)

## Household Survival Budget, St. James Parish, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
Housing – Rent	\$427	\$507
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	–	\$1,421
Food	\$521	\$1,420
Transportation	\$430	\$1,080
Health Care	\$184	\$690
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$181	\$554
Tax Payments	\$304	\$1,116
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$443
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,296</b>	<b>\$6,771</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,552</b>	<b>\$81,252</b>
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$13.78</b>	<b>\$40.63</b>

\*Wage working full-time required to support this budget

For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology)

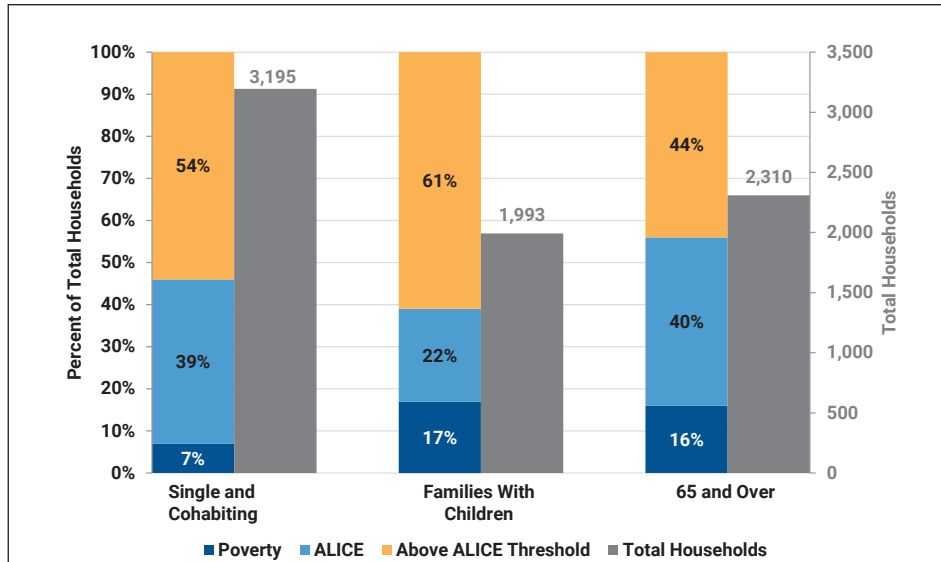
# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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 parish demographics, community members can move toward more equitable solutions.

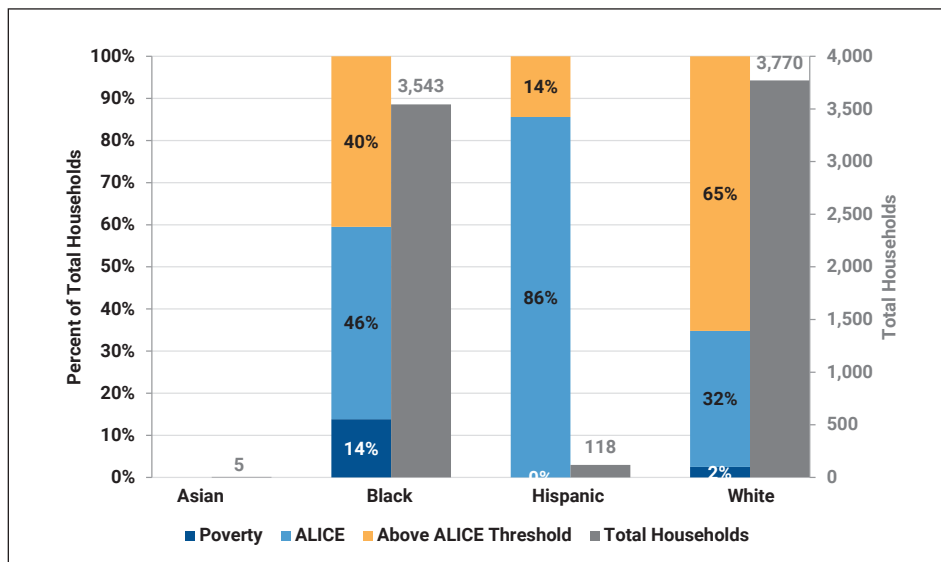
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## Household Financial Status by Household Type, St. James Parish, 2022



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

## Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, St. James Parish, 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

### St. James Parish, 2022

	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Convent	191	60%
Gramercy	1,009	41%
Grand Point	838	27%
Hester	197	17%
Lutcher	1,119	63%
Moonshine	101	100%
North Vacherie	718	67%
Paulina	819	36%
South Vacherie	1,232	40%
St. James	223	44%
Union	193	45%
Welcome	351	59%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 1 or 5-year averages for Incorporated Places (1-year for populations over 65,000 and 5-year for populations under 65,000). Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included. Therefore, totals will not match the parish-level numbers.