

# ALICE IN JEFFERSON PARISH



## 2023 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 421,777 • **Number of Households:** 176,635

**Median Household Income:** \$61,085 (state: \$58,229)

**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 62.4% (state: 59.2%)

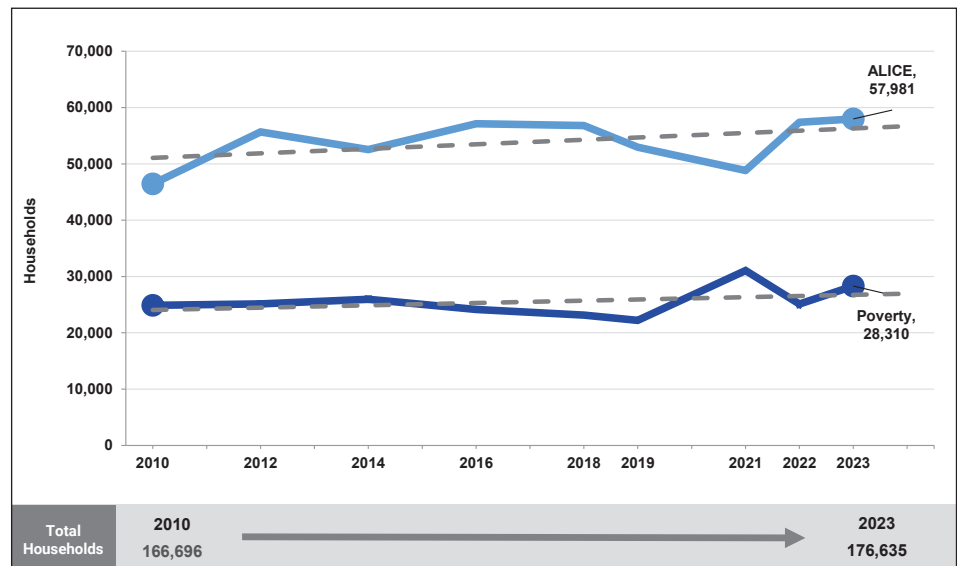
**ALICE Households:** 33% (state: 30%) • **Households in Poverty:** 16% (state: 19%)

## 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 (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. 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, 86,291 households (49%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Jefferson Parish.**

## ALICE and Poverty-Level Households, Jefferson Parish, 2010–2023



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

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

## 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.

In 2023, household costs in Jefferson Parish 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 Jefferson Parish, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Louisiana](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Louisiana)

## Household Survival Budget, Jefferson Parish, 2023

	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
<b>Monthly Costs</b>		
Housing	\$935	\$1,300
Child Care	–	\$1,421
Food	\$485	\$1,317
Transportation	\$456	\$983
Health Care	\$186	\$850
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$215	\$599
Taxes	\$360	\$701
Monthly Total	\$2,723	\$7,287
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$32,676	\$87,444
Hourly Wage*	\$16.34	\$43.72

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

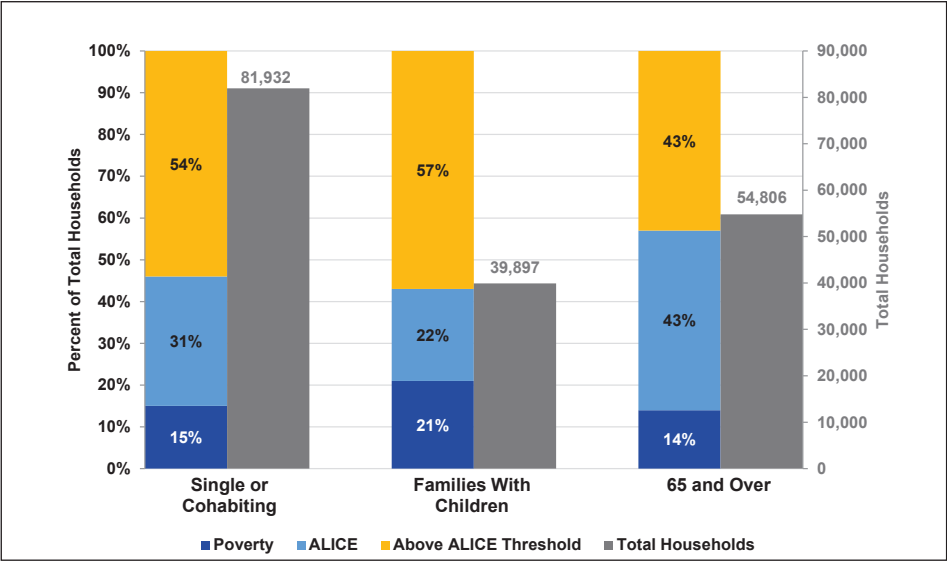
*For ALICE Household Survival Budget sources, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology)*

# Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

The largest demographic groups in the county also tend to have the largest number of households below the ALICE Threshold. However, when looking at the percentage of each group that is below the Threshold, some groups face higher rates of hardship.

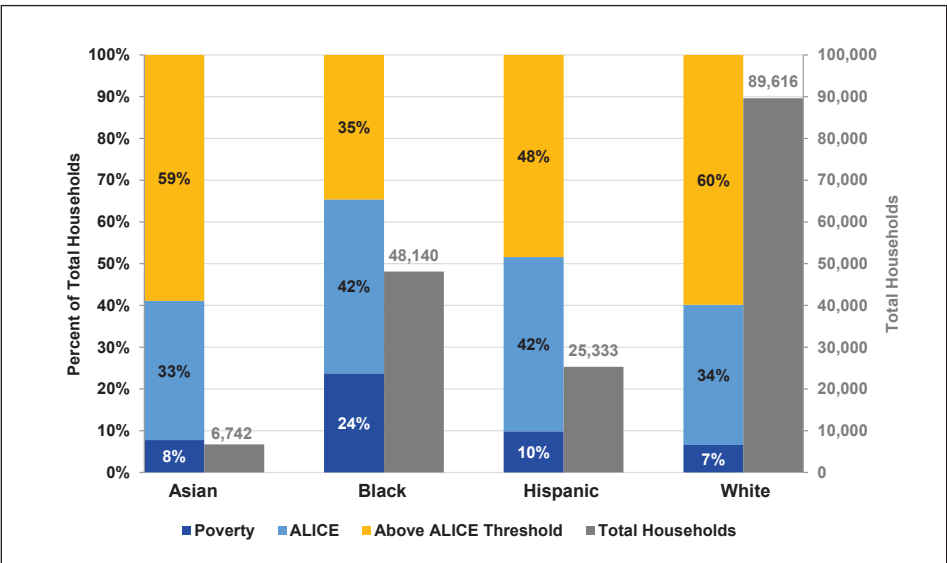
Explore more demographic data at [UnitedForALICE.org/Louisiana](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Louisiana) and visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Mapping-Tool](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Mapping-Tool) to see ALICE data for all available geographies.

## Household Financial Status by Household Type, Jefferson Parish, 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, Jefferson Parish, 2023



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, 2023; American Community Survey, 2023

Jefferson Parish, 2023		
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty
Avondale CDP	1,743	60%
Barataria CDP	287	38%
Bridge City CDP	2,787	54%
Elmwood CDP	3,549	35%
Estelle CDP	6,096	41%
Grand Isle town	354	52%
Gretna city	7,415	59%
Harahan city	4,224	39%
Harvey CDP	8,593	62%
Jean Lafitte town	700	44%
Jefferson CDP	5,132	53%
Kenner city	25,657	46%
Lafitte CDP	212	54%
Marrero CDP	12,555	62%
Metairie CDP	61,486	45%
River Ridge CDP	5,772	37%
Terrytown CDP	9,166	53%
Timberlane CDP	3,737	46%
Waggaman CDP	3,771	50%
Westwego city	4,014	60%
Woodmere CDP	3,981	39%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 1- or 5-year averages for U.S. Census Bureau Places, which include Incorporated Places and Census Designated Places (CDPs). Counties and Places with populations over 65,000 are 1-year averages; otherwise, they are 5-year averages. Geographies with fewer than 100 households are not included. Therefore, totals will not match the county-level numbers.