

ALICE IN CHESTER COUNTY

2017 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 519,293 • **Number of Households:** 189,506

Median Household Income: \$96,656 (state average: \$59,195)

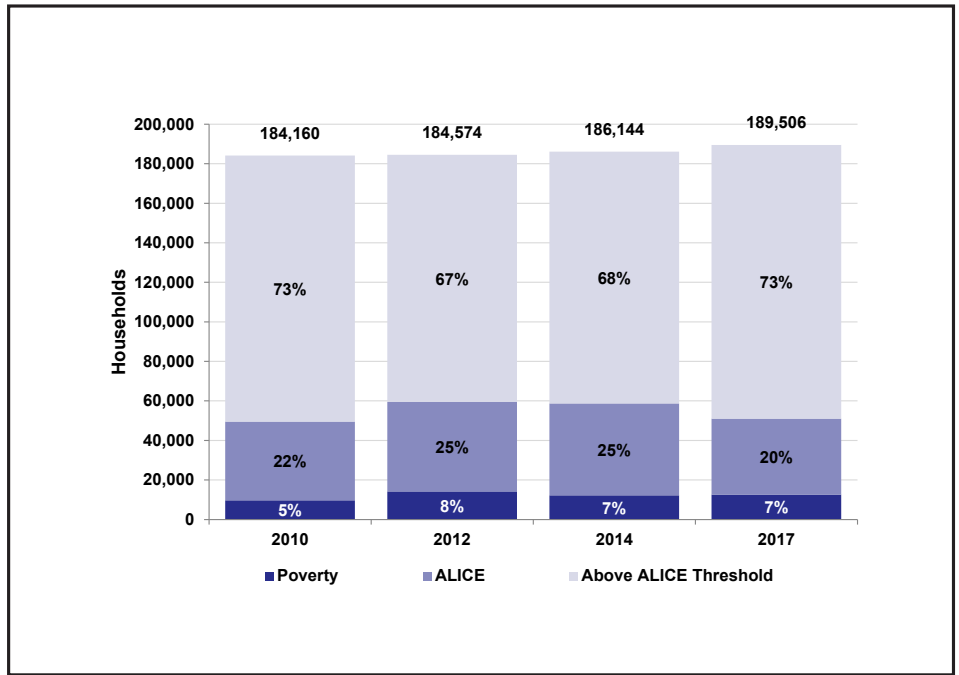
Unemployment Rate: 4% (state average: 5.3%)

ALICE Households: 20% (state average: 24%) • **Households in Poverty:** 7% (state average: 13%)

How has the number of ALICE households changed over time?

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs. The number of households below the ALICE Threshold changes over time; households move in and out of poverty and ALICE status as their circumstances improve or worsen. The recovery, which started in 2010, has been uneven across the state. Conditions have improved for some families, but with rising costs, many still find themselves struggling.

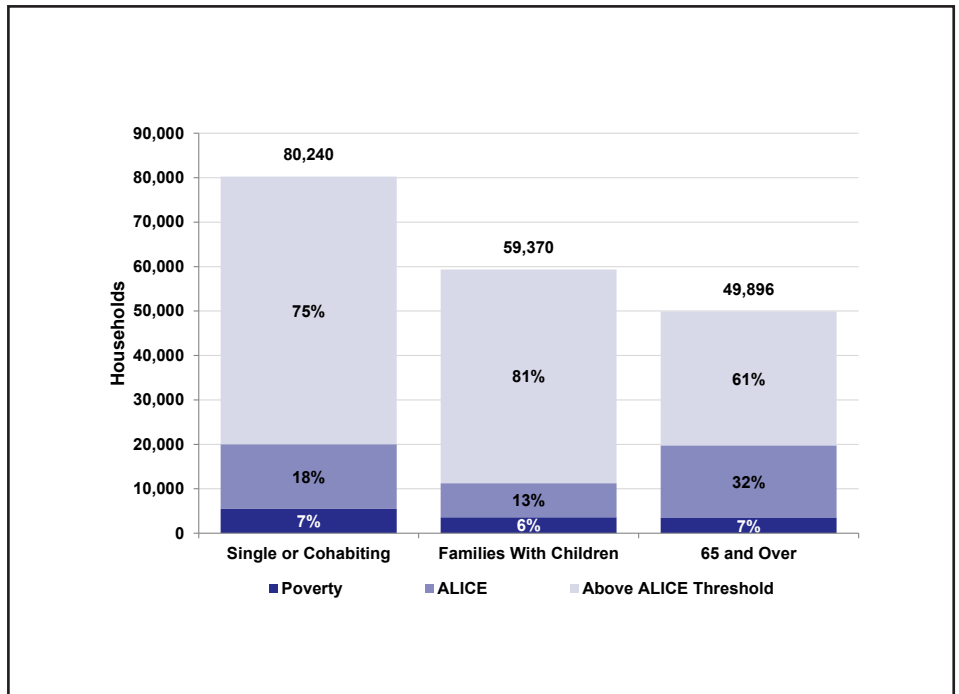
Households by Income, 2010 to 2017



What types of households are struggling?

The way Americans live is changing. There are many different family and living combinations — more than ever before. More adults are living alone, with roommates, or with their parents. Families with children are changing: There are more non-married cohabiting parents, same-sex parents, and blended families with remarried parents. The number of senior households is also increasing. Yet all types of households continue to struggle: ALICE and poverty-level households exist across all of these living arrangements.

Household Types by Income, 2017



Why do so many households struggle?

The cost of living continues to increase...

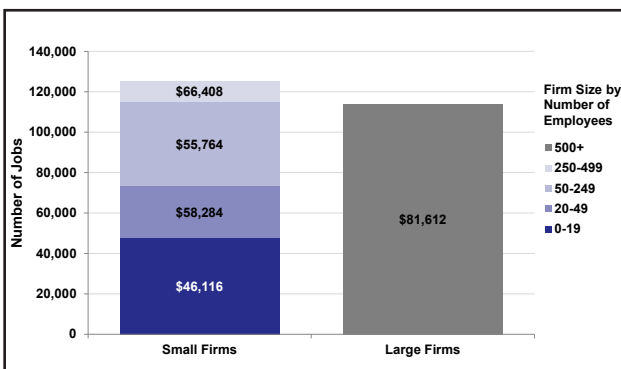
The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. Family costs increased by 22 percent statewide from 2010 to 2017.

Household Survival Budget, Chester County		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$845	\$1,211
Child Care	\$-	\$1,820
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$353	\$707
Health Care	\$158	\$635
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$197	\$596
Taxes	\$361	\$912
Monthly Total	\$2,168	\$6,560
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$26,016	\$78,720
Hourly Wage	\$13.01	\$39.36

...and wages lag behind

Employment and wages vary by location and firm size, but across the state, wages are still often less than the cost of the family Household Survival Budget.

Private-Sector Employment by Firm Size With Average Annual Wages, 2017



Sources: 2017 Point-in-Time Data: American Community Survey, 2017. ALICE Demographics: American Community Survey and the ALICE Threshold, 2017. Wages: BLS, 2017. Budget: BLS, 2017; Consumer Reports, 2017; HUD, 2017; IRS, 2017; Office of Child Development and Early Learning; Tax Foundation 2017, 2018; USDA, 2017.

Chester County, 2017		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Atglen Borough	518	51%
Avondale Borough	425	28%
Birmingham Township	1,437	9%
Caln Township	5,452	35%
Charlestown Township	1,858	12%
Coatesville City	4,503	67%
Downingtown Borough	3,309	45%
East Bradford Township	3,702	22%
East Brandywine Township	2,873	16%
East Caln Township	2,014	28%
East Coventry Township	2,436	30%
East Fallowfield Township	2,688	24%
East Goshen Township	8,271	31%
East Marlborough Township	2,832	18%
East Nantmeal Township	631	18%
East Nottingham Township	2,793	24%
East Pikeland Township	3,030	27%
East Vincent Township	2,259	30%
East Whiteland Township	3,855	24%
Easttown Township	3,833	16%
Elk Township	639	34%
Elverson Borough	679	39%
Franklin Township	1,584	25%
Highland Township	482	34%
Honey Brook Borough	714	40%
Honey Brook Township	2,678	39%
Kennett Square Borough	2,020	38%
Kennett Township	3,138	26%
London Britain Township	1,098	9%
London Grove Township	2,565	31%
Londonderry Township	847	30%
Lower Oxford Township	988	39%
Malvern Borough	1,629	34%
Modena Borough	216	60%
New Garden Township	3,917	24%
New London Township	1,894	21%
Newlin Township	462	28%
North Coventry Township	3,212	35%
Oxford Borough	1,969	53%
Parkeburg Borough	1,384	47%
Penn Township	2,281	36%
Pennsbury Township	1,388	18%
Phoenixville Borough	7,273	47%

Chester County, 2017		
Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Pocopson Township	1,093	11%
Sadsbury Township	1,486	31%
Schuylkill Township	3,064	21%
South Coatesville Borough	561	48%
South Coventry Township	961	25%
Spring City Borough	1,490	56%
Thornbury Township	1,192	18%
Tredyffrin Township	11,813	20%
Upper Oxford Township	823	30%
Upper Uwchlan Township	3,733	11%
Uwchlan Township	6,827	23%
Valley Township	2,885	34%
Wallace Township	1,165	20%
Warwick Township	1,049	34%
West Bradford Township	4,320	19%
West Brandywine Township	2,736	37%
West Caln Township	3,339	30%
West Chester Borough	6,876	51%
West Fallowfield Township	909	39%
West Goshen Township	8,678	30%
West Grove Borough	870	46%
West Marlborough Township	344	32%
West Nantmeal Township	805	37%
West Nottingham Township	906	47%
West Pikeland Township	1,493	22%
West Sadsbury Township	800	39%
West Vincent Township	1,719	19%
West Whiteland Township	6,829	24%
Westtown Township	3,827	19%
Willistown Township	4,244	24%

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is for County Subdivisions. Municipal-level data relies on 5-year averages and is not available for the smallest Towns. Since there are missing geographies, totals will not match county-level numbers.