# **ALICE IN CEDAR COUNTY**

2022 Point-in-Time Data

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**Population:** 18,479 • **Number of Households:** 7,508

Median Household Income: \$76,959 (state average: \$69,588) Labor Force Participation Rate: 66.7% (state average: 66.6%)

ALICE Households: 24% (state average: 26%) • Households in Poverty: 8% (state average: 11%)

### Financial Hardship 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). 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, 2,357 households (31%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Cedar County.

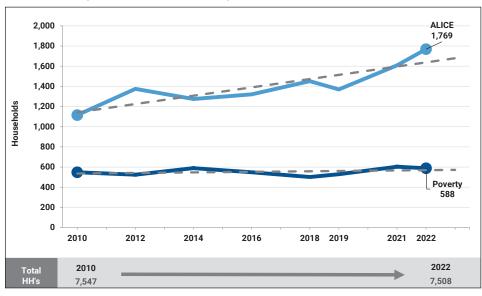
## The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

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 2022, household costs in Cedar County 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 Cedar County, visit <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/</u> lowa

#### Households by Income, Cedar County, 2010-2022



Note: See an interactive version of this data at <u>UnitedForALICE.org/lowa</u> Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2022; American Community Survey, 2010–2022

Household Survival Budget, Cedar County, 2022			
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler	
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>			
Housing – Rent	\$429	\$509	
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310	
Child Care	-	\$1,110	
Food	\$428	\$1,165	
Transportation	\$386	\$1,036	
Health Care	\$196	\$715	
Technology	\$86	\$116	
Miscellaneous	\$169	\$496	
Tax Payments	\$280	\$1,055	
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$433	
Monthly Total	\$2,137	\$6,079	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$25,644	\$72,948	
Hourly Wage*	\$12.82	\$36.47	

<sup>\*</sup>Wage working full-time required to support this budget For ALICE Survival Budget sources, visit <u>UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology</u>

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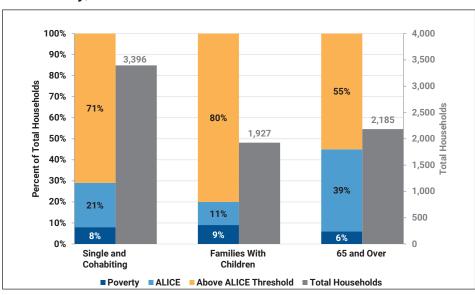
## Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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

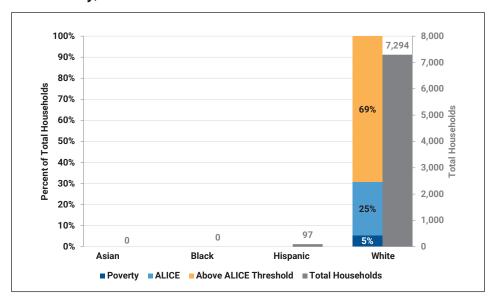
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### Household Financial Status by Household Type, Cedar County, 2022



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

### Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Cedar County, 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

Cedar County, 2022			
Town	Total Households	% ALICE & Poverty	
Bennett city	167	32%	
Clarence city	481	41%	
Durant city	783	30%	
Lowden city	350	47%	
Mechanicsville city	409	31%	
Stanwood city	250	47%	
Tipton city	1,306	39%	
West Branch city	981	36%	

Note: Municipal-level data on this page is 1 or 5-year averages for Incorporated Places. 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.

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