# **ALICE IN LINN COUNTY**

2022 Point-in-Time Data

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Population: 229,033 • Number of Households: 94,976 Median Household Income: \$72,527 (state average: \$69,588) Labor Force Participation Rate: 68.3% (state average: 66.6%)

ALICE Households: 24% (state average: 26%) • Households in Poverty: 9% (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, 31,119 households (33%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Linn County.

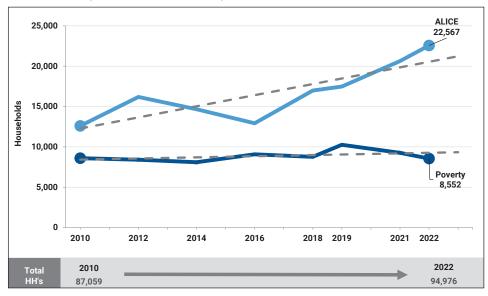
## The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

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 Linn 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 Linn County, visit <a href="UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/lowa">UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/lowa</a>

#### Households by Income, Linn 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, Linn County, 2022		
	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 Preschooler
Monthly Costs and Credits		
Housing – Rent	\$378	\$504
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	-	\$1,189
Food	\$467	\$1,273
Transportation	\$386	\$1,036
Health Care	\$196	\$715
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$168	\$514
Tax Payments	\$277	\$1,106
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$433
Monthly Total	\$2,121	\$6,330
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$25,452	\$75,960
Hourly Wage*	\$12.73	\$37.98

<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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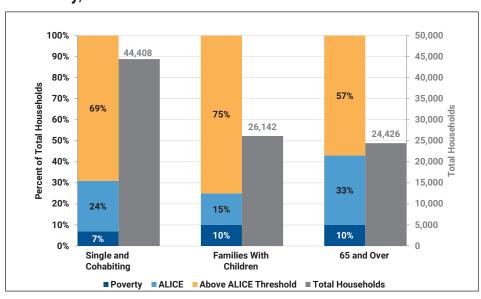
## Financial Hardship is Not Evenly Distributed

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.

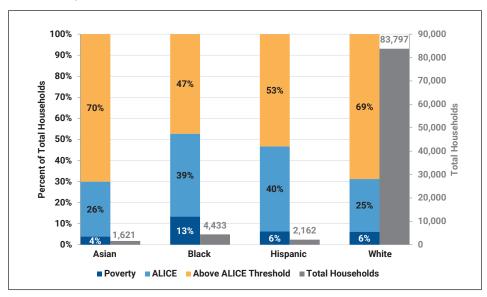
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#### Household Financial Status by Household Type, Linn County, 2022



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

### Household Financial Status by Race/Ethnicity, Linn 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.

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Linn County, 2022 Total % ALICE & Town Households Poverty 25% Alburnett city 304 Cedar Rapids city 58 282 37% Center Point city 986 23% Central City city 510 317 Coggon city Ely city 774 21% 985 Fairfax city 14% Hiawatha city 3 029 36% Lisbon city 745 23% 16,752 28% Marion city Mount Vernon city 1,158 27% Palo city Robins city 1,161 14% Springville city 440 28% Walker city 280 30%

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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