

# ALICE IN MOREHOUSE PARISH



## 2022 Point-in-Time Data

**Population:** 25,438 • **Number of Households:** 9,474  
**Median Household Income:** \$37,875 (state average: \$55,416)  
**Labor Force Participation Rate:** 50.9% (state average: 59.4%)  
**ALICE Households:** 34% (state average: 32%) • **Households in Poverty:** 28% (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, 5,838 households (62%) were below the ALICE Threshold in Morehouse Parish.

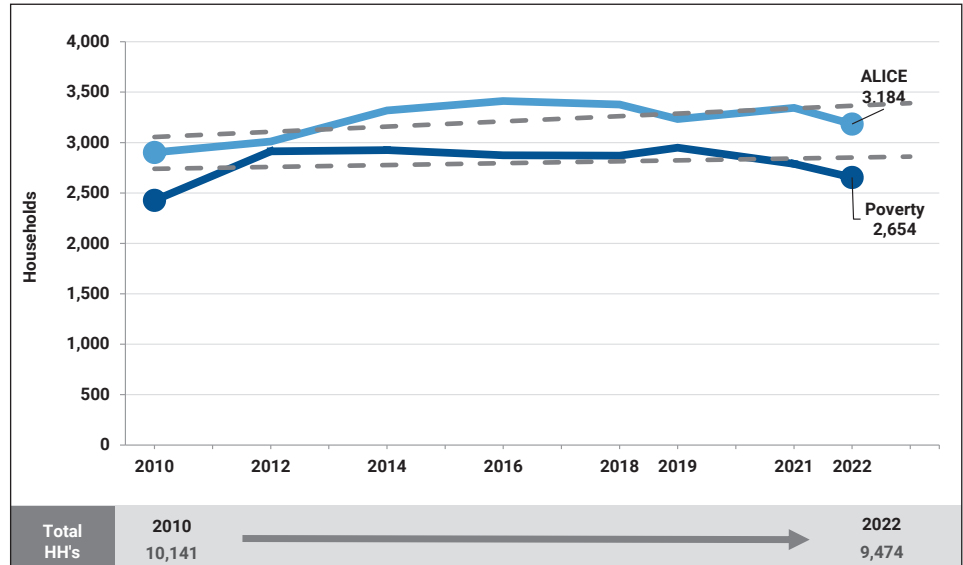
## The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

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 Morehouse 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 Morehouse Parish, visit [UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Louisiana](https://UnitedForALICE.org/Household-Budgets/Louisiana)

## Households by Income, Morehouse 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

## Household Survival Budget, Morehouse Parish, 2022

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 2 IN CHILD CARE
<b>Monthly Costs and Credits</b>		
Housing – Rent	\$421	\$386
Housing – Utilities	\$163	\$310
Child Care	–	\$1,421
Food	\$414	\$1,127
Transportation	\$430	\$1,080
Health Care	\$184	\$690
Technology	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$170	\$513
Tax Payments	\$276	\$1,008
Tax Credits	\$0	-\$443
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,144</b>	<b>\$6,208</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,728</b>	<b>\$74,496</b>
<b>Hourly Wage*</b>	<b>\$12.86</b>	<b>\$37.25</b>

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

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