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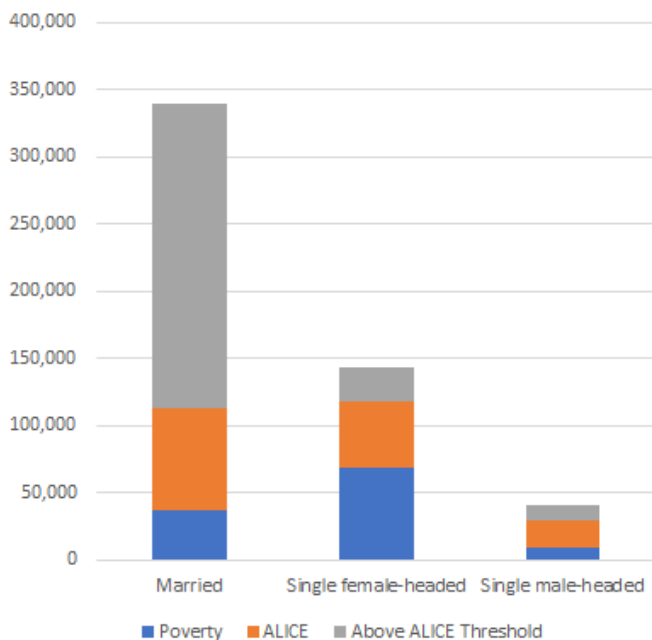
Harris County

Population: 4,698,619 • **Number of Households:** 1,600,357
Median Household Income: \$60,232 (state average: \$60,629)
Unemployment Rate: 5.6% (state average: 4.9%)
ALICE Households: 33% (state average: 30%) • **Households in Poverty:** 15% (state average: 14%)

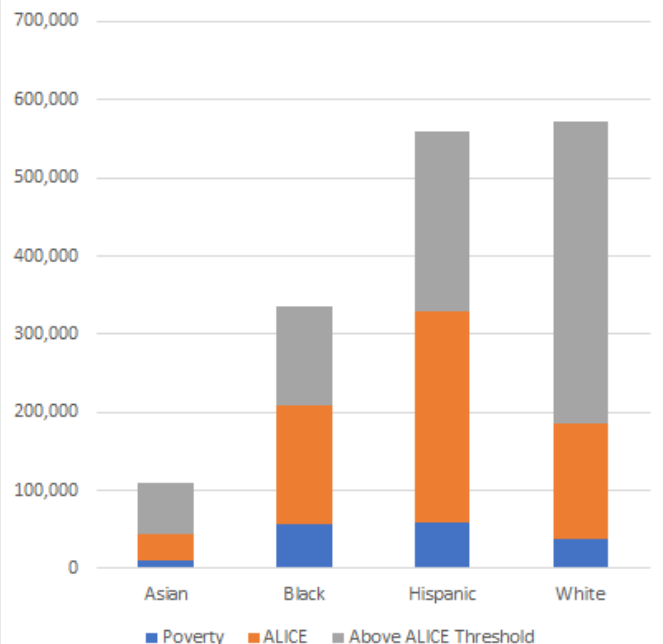
ALICE Survival Budget, Harris County, Texas, 2018

	Single Adult	One Adult, One School-Age Child, One Preschooler	Two Adults, Two School-Age Children	Two Adults, Two in Child Care	Single Senior
Housing	\$957	\$1,321	\$1,321	\$1,321	\$957
Child Care	\$0	\$828	\$455	\$1,300	\$0
Food	\$266	\$515	\$921	\$805	\$226
Transportation	\$358	\$551	\$826	\$826	\$312
Health Care	\$194	\$482	\$809	\$809	\$573
Technology	\$55	\$55	\$75	\$75	\$55
Miscellaneous	\$214	\$424	\$490	\$582	\$243
Taxes	\$311	\$482	\$496	\$684	\$311
Monthly Total	\$2,355	\$4,658	\$5,393	\$6,402	\$2,677
Annual Total	\$28,260	\$55,891	\$64,716	\$76,824	\$32,124
Hourly Wage	\$14.13	\$27.94	\$32.36	\$38.41	\$16.06

Families with children, 2018



Households by ethnicity, 2018



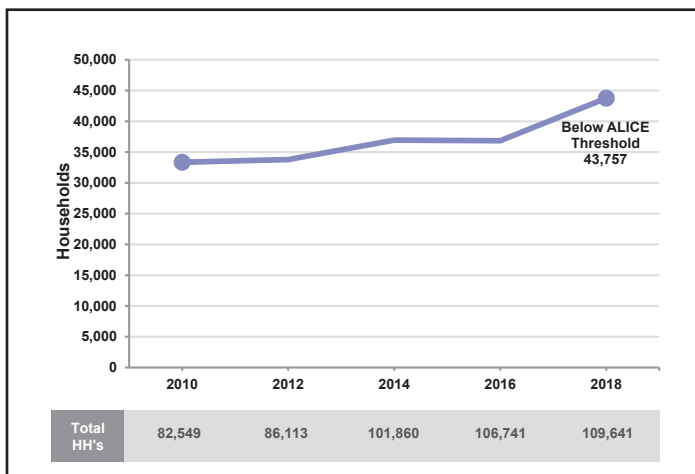
HOUSEHOLDS BY RACE/ETHNICITY IN HARRIS COUNTY

How has the number of ALICE households changed by race/ethnicity?

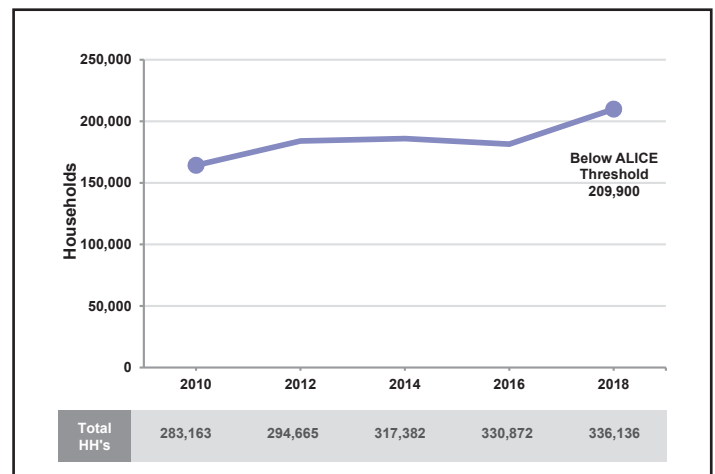
Harris County's largest racial/ethnic groups followed very different trajectories in both population size and levels of financial hardship from 2010 to 2018. White households were the largest group in Harris County, decreasing 1%. The next largest group, Hispanic households, grew by 28%, followed by Black and Asian households. Financial hardship increased across all racial/ethnic groups, but at different rates. White households below the ALICE Threshold grew by 8%, while the number of Hispanic households below the ALICE Threshold grew by 34%, Black households increased by 28%, and Asian households increased by 31%.

Households by Income and Race/Ethnicity, Harris County, 2010–2018

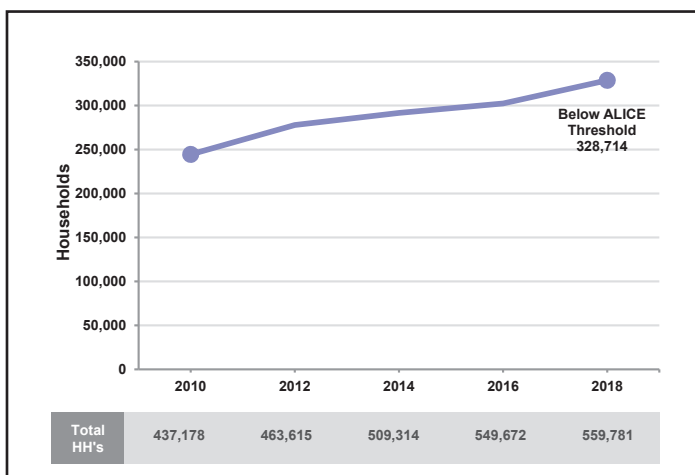
Asian Households



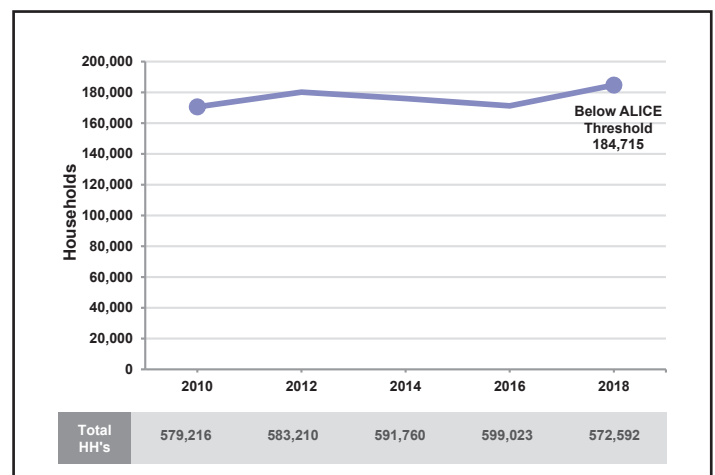
Black Households



Hispanic Households



White Households



Source: ALICE Threshold, 2010–2018; American Community Survey, 2010–2018

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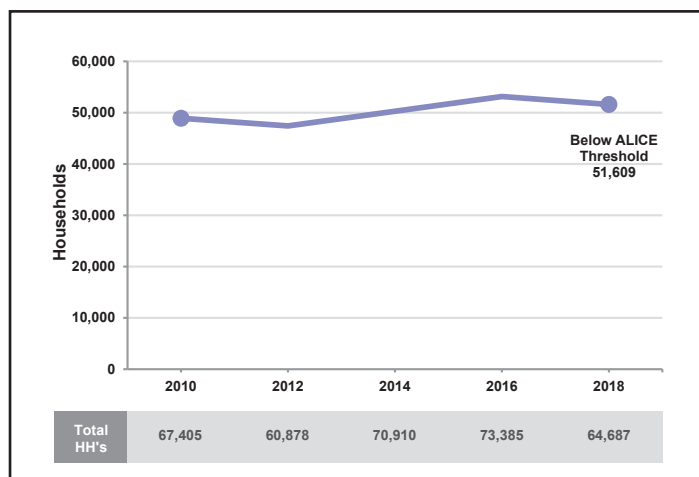
HOUSEHOLDS BY AGE IN HARRIS COUNTY

How has the number of ALICE households changed by age group?

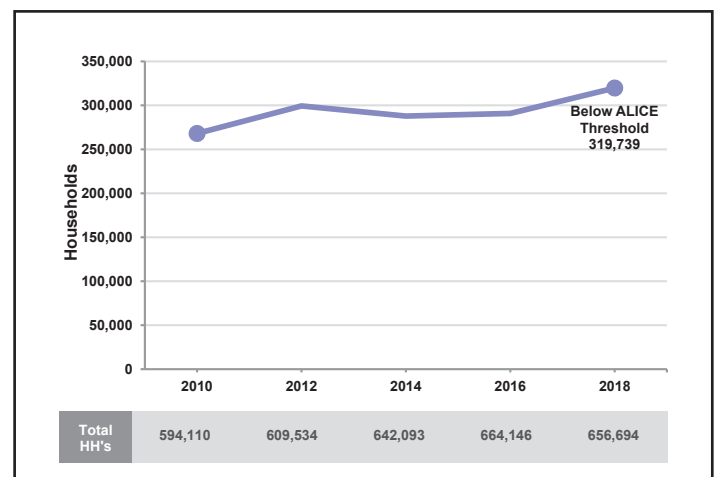
The largest age group in Harris County in 2018 was 25- to 44-year-olds, followed by 45- to 64-year-olds, seniors, and under-25-year-olds. Changes in financial hardship differed across age groups between 2010 and 2018, but younger and older households were more likely to be ALICE or living in poverty. The youngest group (under 25 years) had a 6% increase in the number of households below the ALICE Threshold from 2010 to 2018. Senior households below the ALICE Threshold grew by 46%. For those in their prime working years, the number of households below the ALICE Threshold increased by 19% for those aged 25-44 years and increased by 28% for those aged 45-64.

Households by Income and Age, Harris County, 2010–2018

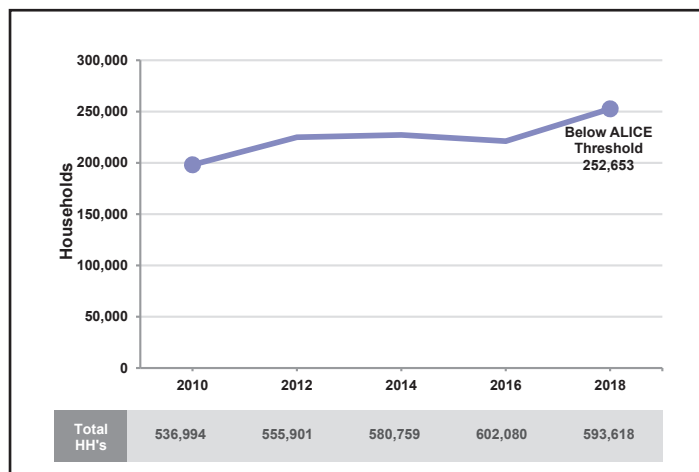
Under 25



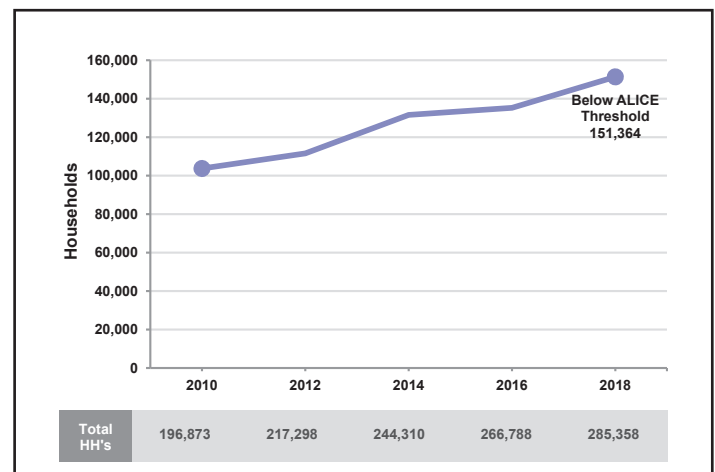
25 to 44



45 to 64



65 and Over



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HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION IN HARRIS COUNTY

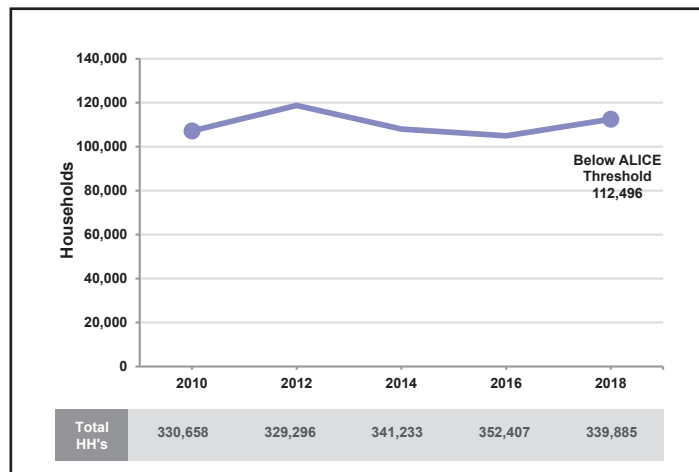
How has the number of ALICE households changed by household composition?

In Harris County, single or cohabiting households (without children or seniors) were the largest household type, accounting for 49% of all households and 47% of households below the ALICE Threshold in 2018. Seniors accounted for 18% of all households, and families with children for 33%.

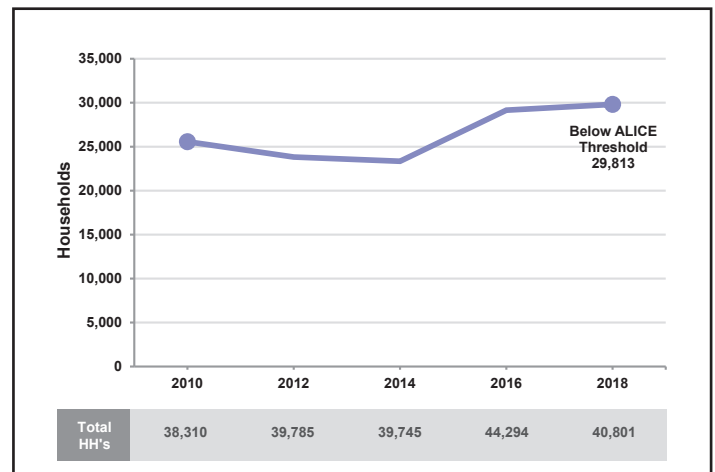
Changing demographics resulted in a 5% increase in the total number of families with children in Harris County from 2010 to 2018. But trends differed depending on family type. The number of married-parent families increased by 3%, while their number below the ALICE Threshold increased by 5%. The number of single-female-headed families increased by 11%, while their number below the ALICE Threshold increased by 16%, and the number of single-male-headed families increased by 7%, while their number below the ALICE Threshold increased by 17%.

Household Types by Income, Harris County, 2010–2018

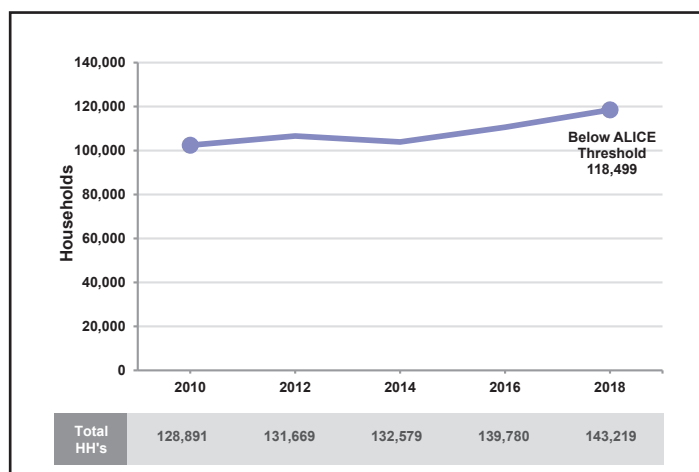
Married-Parent Households



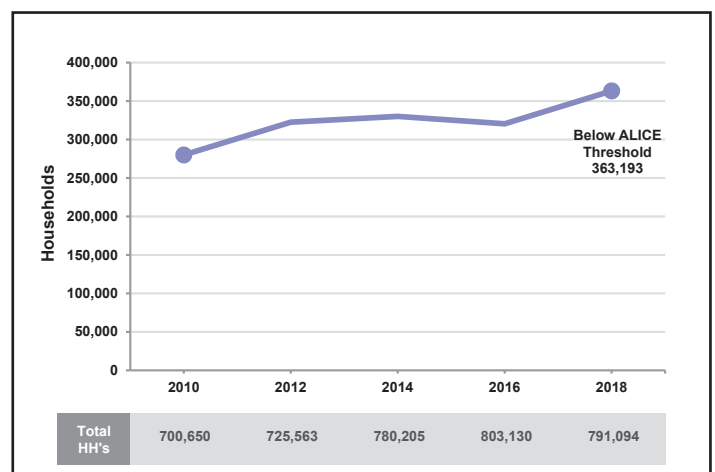
Single-Male-Headed Households



Single-Female-Headed Households



Single or Cohabiting Households



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