



# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR COUNTY

## KALAMAZOO COUNTY

Peter Ruark, Senior Policy Analyst | February 2019

### POPULATION:

- Total population: **259,830**
- Under age 5: **15,735 (6%)**
- Age 65+: **35,923 (14%)**
- Median age: **34**

### RACE / ETHNICITY:

- White: **202,780 (78%)**
- African American: **27,499 (11%)**
- Hispanic or Latino: **12,227 (5%)**
- Asian: **6,193 (2%)**
- American Indian/Alaska Native: **484 (0%)**

### MEDIAN WAGE:

**\$39,783** for women

**\$50,387** for men

Female-to-male earnings ratio: **79%**  
(Women earn 79¢ for every dollar men earn.)

### NO HEALTH INSURANCE:

- Total: **17,931 (7%)**
- Children: **2,026 (3%)**

### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

**\$51,945**



### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AGES 25 AND OLDER

Less than ninth grade	<b>2,711</b>	<b>2%</b>
Ninth to twelfth grade, no diploma	<b>7,330</b>	<b>5%</b>
High school diploma or GED	<b>36,031</b>	<b>22%</b>
Some college, no degree	<b>39,276</b>	<b>24%</b>
Associate degree	<b>15,913</b>	<b>10%</b>
Bachelor's degree	<b>35,464</b>	<b>22%</b>
Graduate or professional degree	<b>24,549</b>	<b>15%</b>

### POVERTY RATE: **17%**



Families with children

**17%**

Children under age 18

**19%**

Single-parent (female) family

**43%**

### LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME:

**17,402** **7%**

### Limited English proficiency (age 5+)

**4,880** **2%**

Source: American Community Survey Data Profiles (2017 5-Year Estimates)

# KALAMAZOO COUNTY



## HOUSING

Renter occupied

**36%**

Owner occupied

**64%**

Median rent

**\$762**

Median mortgage

**\$1,259**

Households in which  
rent is 35+ percent  
of income

**14,004 40%**

Households in which  
mortgage is 35+  
percent of income

**6,669 16%**

## COMMUTING TO WORK



**82%**

Drove alone (car,  
truck or van)



**8%**

Carpooled



**2%**

Public  
transportation



**3%**

Walked



**2%**

Other means



**4%**

Worked at  
home

Travel time  
to work  
(minutes)

**20**



Source: American Community Survey Data Profiles (2017 5-Year Estimates)