



# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR CITY

## GRAND RAPIDS

Peter Ruark, Senior Policy Analyst | February 2019

### POPULATION:

- Total population: **195,355**
- Under age 5: **14,446 (7%)**
- Age 65+: **22,384 (12%)**
- Median age: **31**

### RACE / ETHNICITY:

- White: **116,548 (60%)**
- African American: **37,281 (19%)**
- Hispanic or Latino: **29,983 (15%)**
- Asian: **4,008 (2%)**
- American Indian/Alaska Native: **617 (0%)**

### NO HEALTH INSURANCE:

- Total: **19,716 (10%)**
- Children: **1,648 (3%)**



### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AGES 25 AND OLDER

Less than ninth grade	<b>8,335</b>	<b>7%</b>
Ninth to twelfth grade, no diploma	<b>8,914</b>	<b>7%</b>
High school diploma or GED	<b>27,503</b>	<b>22%</b>
Some college, no degree	<b>26,392</b>	<b>21%</b>
Associate degree	<b>9,283</b>	<b>8%</b>
Bachelor's degree	<b>27,696</b>	<b>23%</b>
Graduate or professional degree	<b>14,973</b>	<b>12%</b>

### MEDIAN WAGE:

**\$35,649** for women

**\$39,452** for men

Female-to-male earnings ratio: **90%**  
(Women earn 90¢ for every dollar men earn.)

### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

**\$44,369**

### POVERTY RATE: **23%**



Families with children

**25%**

Children under age 18

**31%**

Single-parent (female) family

**47%**

### LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME:

**27,762** **15%**

Limited English proficiency (age 5+)

**14,547** **8%**

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

# GRAND RAPIDS



## HOUSING

Renter occupied

**46%**

Owner occupied

**54%**

Median rent

**\$854**

Median mortgage

**\$1,063**

Households in which  
rent is 35+ percent  
of income

**14,713 46%**

Households in which  
mortgage is 35+  
percent of income

**4,637 18%**

---

## COMMUTING TO WORK



**75%**

Drove alone (car,  
truck or van)



**11%**

Carpooled



**4%**

Public  
transportation



**4%**

Walked



**2%**

Other means



**4%**

Worked at  
home

Travel time  
to work  
(minutes)

**19**



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