



West Michigan

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At Jaqua Realtors, we are proud to welcome you to Kalamazoo-- a city known for being home to thriving Fortune 500 companies, innovative start-up's, craft breweries, & its passionately philanthropic heart. We're a big, little city: host to Broadway shows, amazing dining, & variety of indoor & outdoor recreation--all within an easy distance, so that there's more time to enjoy living the life you love. Whatever your interest or passion may be, we feel confident that you'll be delighted to call Kalamazoo home.

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Demographics

KALAMAZOO POPULATION

Kalamazoo County: 265,066

City of Kalamazoo: 76,019

City of Portage: 48,774

Gender Distribution

Female: 50.7% Male: 49.3%

Median Age: 26.5 Years

High School Degree or Higher: 90.6%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 26.32%



KALAMAZOO AMENITIES

Over 450 restaurants

83 lakes with public access

69 public parks

23 public golf courses

7 wineries

21 brewpubs

3 ski resorts

2 state game areas

1 toboggan/winter park

WEATHER

The climate is pleasant with four distinctive seasons, ranging from fall's vibrant foliage to spring's lush greenery. Kalamazoo County enjoys lake effect weather, which is cooler during the warmer months & provides for milder temperatures during the colder months.

DRIVE TIMES BY CAR

Grand Rapids: 48 mins.

Lansing: 1 hour 20 mins.

Detroit: 2 hours

Chicago: 2.5 hours

Traverse City: 3 hours

South Haven: 35 minutes

St. Joseph: 1 hour

Saugatuck: 1 hour

Holland: 1 hour

Grand Haven: 1.5 hours



Events

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JANUARY

Kalamazoo Beer Week

A celebration of craft beer featuring events including tastings, dinners & interactive events.

Wine Not Winter Wine Festival

Over 40 wineries from MI & across the country. Features wine tasting, meet & greet the winemakers, live music & vendor booths.

FEBRUARY

Downtown Kalamazoo Chili Cook-Off

Sample chili from more than 40 restaurants & businesses located throughout downtown Kalamazoo.

Cooper's Glen Music Festival

A family friendly event featuring live performances, arts & crafts, workshops & instrument displays.

MARCH

Kalamazoo Living History Show

Nationally recognized, juried show in the Midwest featuring pre-1890 original or reproduction living history supplies & crafts.

Midwest RAD Festival

250 contemporary dance artists from all of the Midwest perform.

Maple Sugar Festival

Learn how to make homemade maple syrup & enjoy maple treats.

Michigan Festival of Sacred Music

A biennial festival with entertainers performing at venues throughout Kalamazoo.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade in downtown Kalamazoo with plenty of costumes & music.

APRIL

Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival

Over two weeks of concerts, recitals, jazz clubs, films & more. Held biennially.

Bach Festival Week

Celebrate the power of music & community with various choral & instrumental performances!

Kalamazoo Marathon

The 26.2-mile Boston Marathon qualifier is conducted alongside the Borgess Half Marathon, Borgess 5K Run, 10 K & the Priority Health 5K walk.

MAY

International Congress on Medieval Studies

Scholars from around the world come for an intellectual exchange on medieval research.

Memorial Day Parade

The 1.5-mile route starts at Bronson Park & ends at Riverside Cemetery.

Stulberg International String Competition

Annual event with some the best young musicians.

JUNE

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Annual Art Fair

The annual Art Fair features art work from 200 artists from around the country.

Do-Dah Parade

A goofy & unique parade in downtown Kalamazoo.

Juneteenth

Various event celebrations throughout Kalamazoo.

Vicksburg Old Car Festival

Classic & vintage cars on display, an arts & crafts show, ice cream social & a vintage steam & gas engine show.

Irish Festival

Music, dance, history & tradition of the Emerald Isle.

Kalamazoo Pride

Browse "vendor alley," listen to live music & comedy.

Art on the Mall

Stroll the Kalamazoo Mall to discover art & crafts.

U.K.C. Premier Dog Show

Everything from terrier racing, weight pull events & ultimate air dogs where dogs launch themselves up to 20-feet into a pool of water.

JULY

Blues Fest

Local & national entertainment; Has earned an honorable mention in "Blues for Dummies" as one of the top festivals.

Kindleberger Summer Festival

An arts & crafts fair, car show & 5K run/walk.

Black Arts Festival

A week-long event of art shows & community events.

RibFest

Taste the savory ribs & other foods from national & local rib vendors.

AUGUST

Kalamazoo County Fair

Exhibits, rides, 4-H exhibits, agricultural education & more.

Red Barns Spectacular Car Show & Swap Meet

Hailed as the region's "Grand Daddy" of antique, classic & special interest car shows. Hosted at the Gilmore Car Museum.

Kalamazoo Scottish Festival

Enjoy kilt-swishing, border-collie barking & bag pipe music.

USTA Boys' 18 & 16 National Championships

Held in Kalamazoo since 1943, the 11-day event crowns champions in singles & doubles competitions.

SEPTEMBER

Paw Paw Wine & Harvest Festival

Sample wine, enjoy live entertainment or participate in a grape stomping competition.

Street Rods Nationals North Plus

View thousands of street rods 30 years & older.

Funny Car Nationals

Features 300+ MPH Nitro Funny Cars, Nostalgia Nitro Funny Cars & Great Lakes Nostalgia Alcohol Funny Cars.

OCTOBER

Olde Tyme Harvest Festival

Festival includes antique tractors, hay rides & games.

SkeleTour

Skeletons line the streets of Downtown Kalamazoo. Skeletons are sponsored by local business. Keep an eye out for Jaqua's Skeleton.

NOVEMBER

Kalamazoo Holiday Parade

Floats from local businesses, schools, local marching bands & Santa Claus ends the parade.

DECEMBER

47th Annual BachFest Christmas

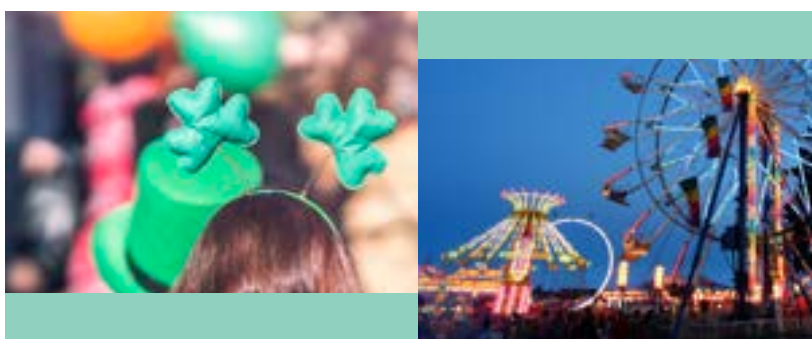
Celebrate the holiday season with Bach & Handel.

New Year's Fest

Live entertainment throughout downtown Kalamazoo, a ball drop & fireworks at midnight.

Bell's Brewery Eccentric Night

Unconventional party dress up as their alter egos.



Attractions

Kalamazoo County is rich with history, nature, education, art museums & attractions. Experience timeless paintings, lush gardens & explore historical evolutions.

Air Zoo

The Air Zoo, founded as the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum, is an aviation museum & indoor amusement park. The Air Zoo holds more than 50 rare & historic aircraft, including the world's fastest piloted aircraft, the SR-71B Blackbird. Experience full-motion flight simulators, historical exhibits & educational activities.

Binder Park Zoo

An African adventure awaits. Wild Africa is a 50-acre replica of an African national park with an 18-acre savanna. Come face-to-face with one of the world's largest giraffe herds & hand feed a giraffe.

Bishop's Bog

Six miles of floating trails through five parks with a total of 483 acres.

Celery Flats Interpretive Center & Historic Area

Tours, museums & artifacts depict the region's celery farming heritage.

Climb Kalamazoo

Located on the Kalamazoo Mall, Climb Kalamazoo is an indoor rock climbing facility. With different levels of difficulty & optional memberships, this is a great opportunity for the thrill-seeker in everyone.

Gilmore Car Museum

Hailed as one of the Top Five car museums in the Nation; features over 400 extraordinary vintage & collector vehicles & motorcycles from all eras are on display in over a dozen vintage buildings located on 90 acres. Throughout the summer months, the Gilmore "Car Barns" is host to several phenomenal car shows!

Heritage Guitar Inc.

Kalamazoo is home to the original Gibson Guitar Factory; now operated & owned by some of the former Gibson Guitar employees, the traditions are carried on in the iconic factory. Heritage Guitars pay tribute to their past, but have become a premier guitar company in their own right.



Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

Features permanent art collections in rotating shows, an interactive gallery for children, an art school for all ages & first rate temporary exhibitions.

Kalamazoo Nature Center

One of the nation's top nature centers. The Interpretive Center features interactive exhibits, live animals, an indoor tropical forest & more. 1,100 acre nature center with miles of trails to explore, which also includes an 11 acre arboretum. A barnyard & butterfly house open seasonally. Year round programs, camps & activities for all ages.

Kalamazoo Public Library

Located in the heart of downtown, the library offers an extensive collection of books, movies, music, Children's Room, & year round programming for visitors of all ages. The building is architecturally striking both inside & out.

Kalamazoo Valley Museum

With free general admission, families of all ages can spend a day--rain or shine--at the ever-changing exhibits. The museum offers "Adventure You Can Touch," celebrating history, science, & technology. Enjoy planetarium shows, hands-on crafts, lectures, musical performances & more!

Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

Offers protected land for native waterfowl & birds of prey with self-guided tours 365 days a year.

Kellogg Manor House

The beautifully restored estate of cereal magnate W.K. Kellogg is open for tours year round, hosts special teas, dinners, brunches, weddings & conferences.

Portage District Library

You will find more than books; rent a meeting room, use the technology center or browse the extensive catalog & archives.

Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center

Learn about fish cycles & habitats as well as the history of the Great Lakes hatcheries with guided tours, walking trails & display pond.



LAKE MICHIGAN

Lake Michigan Beaches

Southwest Michigan residents enjoy a short 30 minute drive to Lake Michigan for breathtaking views in any season. South Haven offers North & South Beach & Van Buren State Park. Oval Beach in Saugatuck has been rated by Conde Nast's Travelers Guide as one of the 25 best shorelines in the world. Silver Beach located below the bluff in downtown St. Joseph was voted "Top Six Beaches in the World" by Delta Sky Magazine.





More than 10 live performance theaters, a world-class art museum, numerous schools of art & design, galleries & a dynamic Art Hop the first Friday of each month featuring local artists.

Art Hop

Art Hop is held in Downtown Kalamazoo on the first Friday of every month. Stroll from local shops, businesses & other venues to view art exhibits.

Barn Theatre

Michigan's oldest professional Equity summer stock theatre company located in Augusta in a renovated dairy barn.

Chenery Auditorium

This renovated landmark offers a variety of programs including music, lectures, festivals & theatrical performances.

Dalton Center

Home of WMU's School of Music & Department of Dance, offering music rehearsal, study, practice & performance spaces in 157,000 square feet.

Donald E. Overlander Bandshell

Top national acts have performed for crowds in front of the geometric bandshell behind the Portage fire & police headquarters.

Farmers Alley Theatre

Professional, ensemble based, non-profit performance company dedicated to producing popular & new work in the downtown Kalamazoo area in a unique & intimate setting.

Fontana

Presents 6-10 main-stage performances from September through May at the Dalton Center Recital Hall on WMU's Campus.

Hayloft Theatre

The Hayloft Theatre is a barn that functioned as a theater in the late 1940's. The restored barn offers theatrical & cultural programming during the summer.

The Gilmore

The Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival & Awards are internationally recognized as America's most prestigious piano music festivals.

Irving S. Gilmore Theatre Complex

Located on WMU Campus; The complex offers three performance spaces & also houses the scene, costume shops, several classroom & rehearsal spaces.

Kalamazoo Civic Theatre

For over 84 years, the Civic has offered wonderful entertainment & educational opportunities.

Kalamazoo County Expo Center

Expositions, consumer shows & special events.

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

Offers innovative concert seasons & educational programs for all ages.

Miller Auditorium

For over 40 years Miller has ranked as one of the top ten facilities in the United States & third largest theatre in Michigan. The premier performing arts center for Broadway National Tours.

New Vic Theatre

For over 40 years, the New Vic has entertained audiences in an unique atmosphere, with comfortable cabaret-style seating.

Shaw Theatre

A 571-seat proscenium theatre is the mainstage for the WMU Theatre.

State Theatre

A fixture in downtown since 1927, offering live performances.

Parish Theatre

The multi-million dollar facility is an exciting performance space.

Wings Stadium

This arena style stadium hosts sporting events, expositions & concerts.

York Theatre

A "black box" theatre space that can seat up to 100 in flexible arrangements.



GALLERIES

Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo

A non-profit resource for artists in the Greater Kalamazoo community. Due to their strong connection with the community, the ACCGK is able to provide information & networking for artists, provide exhibit space for visual artists, promote collaborations, produce concerts, & much more.

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

The KIA, located in downtown Kalamazoo, is a non-profit art museum & school for the appreciation & creation of visual arts. KIA offers art classes, exhibits, lectures & events.

Park Trades Center

At over 100 years old, the building that makes up the Park Trades Center has served in a variety of capacities in its lifetime. For the past 30 years it has served as the home to over 150 artist studios & creates some of the most innovative artwork in the area. Visit these studios during the first Friday of every month during Art Hop.

Glass Art Kalamazoo!

Located in the Park Trades Center, a community-based nonprofit organization offers classes in glassblowing, lamp-working & kiln fusing. Also works with schools nonprofits & business.

MOVIE THEATERS

Celebration! Cinema - Crossroads

Offers IMAX, D-Box & a bistro with food & drink options.

Kalamazoo 10

Offers 10 screens with high back lounge stadium seating.

Shopping

Kalamazoo offers a vibrant downtown, eclectic shopping venues, surrounding malls, strip malls & retail outlets.



THE KALAMAZOO MALL

The Kalamazoo Mall has over 160 retailers featuring shops, one-of-a-kind restaurants, brewpubs & more.

The Kalamazoo Mall was the first outdoor pedestrian shopping mall in the United States. Built for \$60,000 & opened in 1959, the pedestrian mall became the first of several hundred built in the United States.

The Mall drew national attention to Kalamazoo, which was dubbed "Mall City."



DOWNTOWN KALAMAZOO

Downtown Kalamazoo is the primary shopping district for those who seek out the eclectic, charming & unique specialty retailers.

Downtown shopping offers boutiques, exquisite jewelry, fine art, antiques, fabulous furniture, books, a festival site & a place to make your own wine!

You will also find delicious restaurants or cafes, live music, fresh groceries & even a 30 foot indoor rock climbing wall.



THE RADISSON SHOPS

The Radisson, located in downtown Kalamazoo, offers two specialty shops, a spa & four dining options.

Unwind at Blush Salon & Spa, a full service spa. Rio has everything you need from cards to toiletries to Kalamazoo apparel & souvenirs. Enjoy some coffee, tea or a quick bite to eat at Starbucks® coffee.

Visit the on-site Kalamazoo Athletic Club, dine at Morning Dish, Old Burdick's Bar & Grill or Brick and Brine.



CROSSROADS MALL

Located in Portage; Crossroads Mall allows you to shop national retailers in one convenient location. Over 100 retailers including Macy's, Buckle, H & M, Francesca's, Chico's, Express, Aldo, Footlocker, Charming Charlies, & more.

The mall features a 765-seat Tuscan style food court complete with fountain, family lounge & nursing room.



ANTIQUE SHOPPING

If you love discovering hidden gems, you will not be disappointed with all of the antique store options in Greater Kalamazoo. Some antique shops include:

- Garden House Antiques
- Kalamazoo Antique Market
- The Heritage Company
- Architectural Salvage & Supply
- Trystcraft
- Burgess Antique Center
- Schoolcraft Antique Mall



SHOPPING CENTERS

Throughout Kalamazoo there are several different areas of retail shopping including all of your favorite shops. Some of the malls are on:

- South Westnedge Avenue
- West Main Street
- Coner @ Drake
- Stadium Drive
- Gull Road at Sprinkle Road
- Oakland Drive at Whites Road & Parkview Avenue
- Portage Road
- Stadium Drive west of WMU

Made in Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo is home to many businesses local & independent businesses for your services, shopping & dining needs.

Trove

A Portage treasure! This shop has multiple vendors featuring all sorts of unique items, refurbished furniture, Chalk Paint® by Annie Sloan products & classes, General Finishes products, & more!

Cherri's Chocol'art

Love chocolate? Love art? Visit this boutique chocolatier, where Cherri Blends her 30+ years as a fine art gallery owner with her passion for chocolate. You won't be disappointed!

The Spirit of Kalamazoo

Located in the heart of downtown on the Kalamazoo Mall, this fun shop has a bunch of Michigan, Kalamazoo, & MI College/University inspired goods. Pick up a scoop (or two!) of delicious Plainwell Ice Cream.

Kalamazoo Candle Company

Locally owned & operated, the candles are also handmade right here in Kalamazoo!

Tulips

A self-described 'little pop-up shop'. Featuring women's clothing & accessories in a friendly, boutique setting.

Kalamazoo Coffee Company

Locally roasted, this delicious coffee is one of the many toasts of the town! A stop in to The Black Owl Cafe is well worth it; funky & eclectic ambiance, combined with skilled baristas equals out to a phenomenal cup of coffee!

Earthly Delights at Amy Zane

This downtown shop offers jewelry, casual-couture clothing, homewares, & tons of art; the owner & operator was born & raised here in Kalamazoo & loves to stock the store with locally created & inspired items.

Lana's Boutique

Lana's is a mainstay for the fashion forward & proud-to-be Kalamazoo-an's. Swing into her downtown location for of-the-moment fashion & Kalamazoo & Michigan centric gifts.

Kalamazoo Kitty

Kalamazoo Kitty is locally owned & operated by interior decorator. Offers thousands of pieces of quality furniture, accessories, workshops & more! Items are consigned daily.

Dining

To truly discover Kalamazoo, you must sample the cuisine. Over 450 restaurants to meet all tastes & budgets, you are certain to find a place that hits the spot.

AMERICAN

Barrett's Smokehouse

Phenomenal, locally-owned, smokehouse; a variety of options from dining in, or taking out. Both of Barrett's locations (one in South Portage, & one in Kalamazoo) also offer Michigan-centric gift baskets, smoked meats & cheeses for sale, as well.

Bold

Fantastic, locally sourced ingredients. Features both small & large plate selections. All with BOLD flavors.

Fieldstone Grill

Field-to-plate Pacific Northwest inspired flavors in a lodge-retreat atmosphere located in Woodbridge Hills.

600 Kitchen & Bar

Farm-to-Table, locally sourced fare & cocktails.

Four Roses

Fresh, flavorful, delicious dishes in a casual fine-dining cafe; the menu changes daily & is determined by local market availability.

Latitude 42 Brewing Co.

Great beer, food, fantastic outdoor patio/beer gardens, & lots of games. Locations in Portage & Kalamazoo.

Oakwood Bistro

A Kalamazoo staple! Known for using fresh, local ingredients & a terrific wine list.

NEDS on Gull Lake

Fabulous slow-cooked BBQ, half-pound Angus burgers, & amazing thin crust pizzas. Located on the North end of Gull Lake.



North Eleven

Classic American fare in a warm, modern atmosphere. Located on Kalamazoo's East Side.

Rykse & Co. Market & Eatery

Locally owned, fast casual dining in the heart of Texas Corners; serving up a variety of fast, fresh, & delicious meals throughout the day, there is also the Rykse market area that sells the famous baked goods & Rykse on the Run meals.

Skinny Kenny's BBQ

Some of the very best BBQ in the area! "Food For the Body & The Soul" stays at the heart of everything Skinny Kenny's does. There's always room at their table for one more, and even on the busiest days they want to make time to take care of you. They put our heart into the food they create and we know you'll be able to taste & see the difference. Locations in Mattawan and Portage.

Texas Corners Brewing Co.

Farm-to-table foods, craft beer & cider with live music on the weekends.

WL Social House

Great wine bar with fantastic food & craft cocktails!

Zeb's Trading Co.

Located in Texas Corners, Zeb's is a local favorite serving a huge menu selection in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

NONLA Burger

Kalamazoo's burger joint that offers unique burgers, sandwiches, and fries.

ASIAN

Chinn Chinn

Modern Asian Bistro dining; flavors from Korea, China, & a variety of other Asian destinations. A local favorite located just outside of Kalamazoo Township, in the popular Mattawan area.

Kumo

Dine Japanese style at the Tatami tables, witness chef's handcraft intricately made sushi at the Sushi bar, or enjoy a delightful meal prepared while you watch at the Hibachi grill; no matter what you choose, you're sure to have a delicious meal.



Maru Sushi & Grill

Phenomenal Japanese cuisine featuring an extensive sushi menu, grill options, & craft cocktails utilizing Asian ingredients, all in a modern atmosphere in the heart of downtown Kalamazoo.

Sura Korean Barbeque

Upscale, authentic Korean BBQ restaurant.

Kyoto

Delightful Sushi & Teppanyaki Japanese food in a warm, inviting atmosphere.

A Thai Cafe

Fantastic, authentic, Thai cuisine.

Wild Ginger

Authentic Asian fare with a fresh, Asian flair. Enjoy a variety of Asian dishes including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, & more!

Ziki Japanese

Authentic Japanese food in an upscale, intimate setting. Sushi & steak house.

Ziingo Urban Asian

Delicious, fresh, fast casual Asian Fusion spot located in the popular Woodbridge Hills neighborhood of Portage.

ECLECTIC

Cafe '36

Located on the 2nd floor of Sawall's Health Foods; Modern American fare focusing on all natural, sustainable & organic foods.

Principle Food & Drink

Farm fresh, with creative, hand-crafted artisan cocktails.



Dining

ECLECTIC

Cosmo's Cucina

Family owned, farm-to-table dining; located in the heart of the Vine neighborhood directly above its "sister" restaurant, O'Duffy's Pub.

The Crow's Nest

A favorite Kalamazoo breakfast & lunch destination. This unique spot features local artwork throughout the restaurant.

Bird Dog

Bird Dog is a modern American restaurant that focuses on fresh, local & seasonal fare. Styled in an intimate setting with an interactive kitchen & a full bar that includes specialty cocktails, wine, and craft beer.

Roca

Locally sourced ingredients, from-scratch cooking, a unique dining environment with exemplary service, ROCA presents an exciting & unforgettable fusion of flavors inspired by Latin American culture & cuisine.

Rustica

Farm-to-table, rustic European Cuisine in an intimate setting & an impeccably curated wine list.

JungleBird

Escape to the Tropics: Enjoy the rich flavors of Miami and the Caribbean in a lush, eclectic atmosphere in the heart of downtown Kalamazoo.

INDIAN

Saffron Indian Cuisine

Authentic Indian Cuisine. A Family owned, local favorite!

Cumin Indian Cuisine

Friendly, neighborhood spot located in Kalamazoo; the menu is based on simple, healthy, & delicious Indian foods.

ITALIAN

Kitchen House

Locally focused, rustic Italian inspired fare. Located in Richland.

Martini's

Italian fare located in the Vine neighborhood.

Martell's

Nestled in beloved Parkview Hills, Martell's is a one-of-a-kind dining experience with an Italian inspiration.

MEDITERRANEAN

Zooroona Mediterranean Grill

Authentic Middle Eastern cuisine.

Bab El Salam

This quaint spot serves a delicious selection of Halal food, & has a terrific Mediterranean grocery.

MEXICAN

Holy Taco

Brand new, phenomenal taco spot in the popular Texas Corners; delicious cocktails, tacos and more. Their website is still in the works, but they are on instagram: holytacozoo

La Pinata

Delicious, authentic Mexican cuisine & delicious margaritas.

Los Amigos

Terrific, authentic Mexican cuisine; 3 locations across Kalamazoo & Portage.

La Finca

Delicious, authentic Mexican food located in Portage.

Pure Mex

Fresh, Mexican flavors with quality ingredients; located in Richland

Quekas

Authentic, delicious, Mexican food; located in Kalamazoo.

PUB - GRILL

Central City Tap House

Featuring 20 beers on Tap, over 50 bottled beers & a great food menu. Located in the heart of downtown. Two additional locations and **Centre Street Tap House** located in the Woodbridge Hills neighborhood of Portage.

The Hangar Bar & Grill

Located on Kalamazoo's popular West side, this local spot offers a great pub-inspired menu & has garage-style windows that allow the space to become open air during the warmer months.



The Local

"Eat Local, Drink Local, Live Local". Pizza, pub fare, & drinks with a great selection of "local" favorites. Located in Richland.

Kalamazoo Beer Exchange Bar & Grill

Featuring 28 incredible draught beers at unbelievable prices based on minute-to-minute popularity & a great food menu.

Old Burdick's Bar & Grill

Sports fans love the downtown location featuring a 16-screen wall of TV's & an outdoor patio.

O'Duffy's Pub

Slaintel! Great pub food & drinks. Also offers guests the option of ordering from their upstairs "sister" restaurant, Cosmo's Cucina. Located in the historic Vine neighborhood.

Richland Pub

Delicious pub fare in a friendly spot. Richland Pub has been a fixture of Richland Village for over 60 years.

University Road House

Great food, drinks, & fun, located a short walk from Western Michigan University's Waldo Stadium; also features a huge, two-level patio area that offers either an entirely outdoor dining experience or a covered, open-air space depending on your preference.

STEAK & SEAFOOD

Cove Lakeside Bistro

Coastal inspired, local, seasonal menu. Beautiful spot on to dine alfresco on West Lake in the summer months; plenty of fabulous fare to keep you coming back in the winter months.

The Craftsman Chop Co.

Offering delicious fare in a warm, inviting atmosphere!

Brick and Brine

More than a restaurant; Brick & Brine seeks to be a space for warm conversations, phenomenal dishes and exceptional service. Located on the main level of the Radisson.



Farmers Markets & Orchards

From Spring to late Fall, you will enjoy colorful displays of fresh fruits & vegetables from local growers. Pick-your-own season starts in July with fresh fruit & goes to October with apples & pumpkins.

FARMERS MARKETS

100 Mile Market

May to October

Features products grown or produced within a 100 mile radius of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Bank Street Winters Farmers Market

November to May

Offering local food, art, soaps & herbs. Open every Saturday.

Bourner's Orchard

September to December

Bourner's Orchard has wonderful produce available on 6th Street in Kalamazoo. Call ahead to verify seasonal fruit.

Bronson Winter Farmers Market

December to May

A wintertime indoor market open Thursday at Bronson Hospital in downtown Kalamazoo.

Fresh on Q-Texas Township Farmers Market

May to October

Fresh on Q offers locally grown produce, locally raised meats, fish from the Great Lakes, honey, bakery items & cheeses.

Soil Friends

Open Year Around

Visit Soil Friends for fun farm activities, get a cup of feed to feed the goats or pony, relax in the sitting area & enjoy a snack or fresh cider & donuts. The kitchen offers homemade items & the farmers market offers local fresh vegetables & fruits.





Husted Farm

June to November

Husted Farm offers fruits & vegetables for sale in season with u-pick apples & cherries.

Indoor Flea & Farmer's Market

October to April

Held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 7:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Kalamazoo Farmers Market

May to November

The Kalamazoo Farmer's Market offers fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, fresh meats & hand-made crafts, meats & hand-made crafts.

Portage Farmers Market

May to October

Portage's new Farmers Market is held every Sunday featuring 40 businesses weekly.

ORCHARDS/U-PICK FARMS

Brookside Farms

Enjoy fresh blueberries, baked goods, jams & much more. U-pick blueberries is available.

Gull Meadow Farms

Featuring over 20-acres of apple trees. Wagon rides to the u-pick apple orchard to pick apples directly from the tree, apple barn, bakery, award winning apple cider, u-pick pumpkin patches, a corn maze & a children's play area.

Verhage Fruit Farm & Cider Mill

U-pick apple orchard, pumpkin patch, activities for children & adults including a 850-foot zip line, hayrides on the weekends, petting zoo, donuts, fresh cider & country store with gifts.

Gene the Pumpkin Man

Mid-September to October

Gene the Pumpkin Man offers pumpkins, winter squash, Indian corn, gourds, honey, corn stocks & a pumpkin cookbook in a very colorful setting.

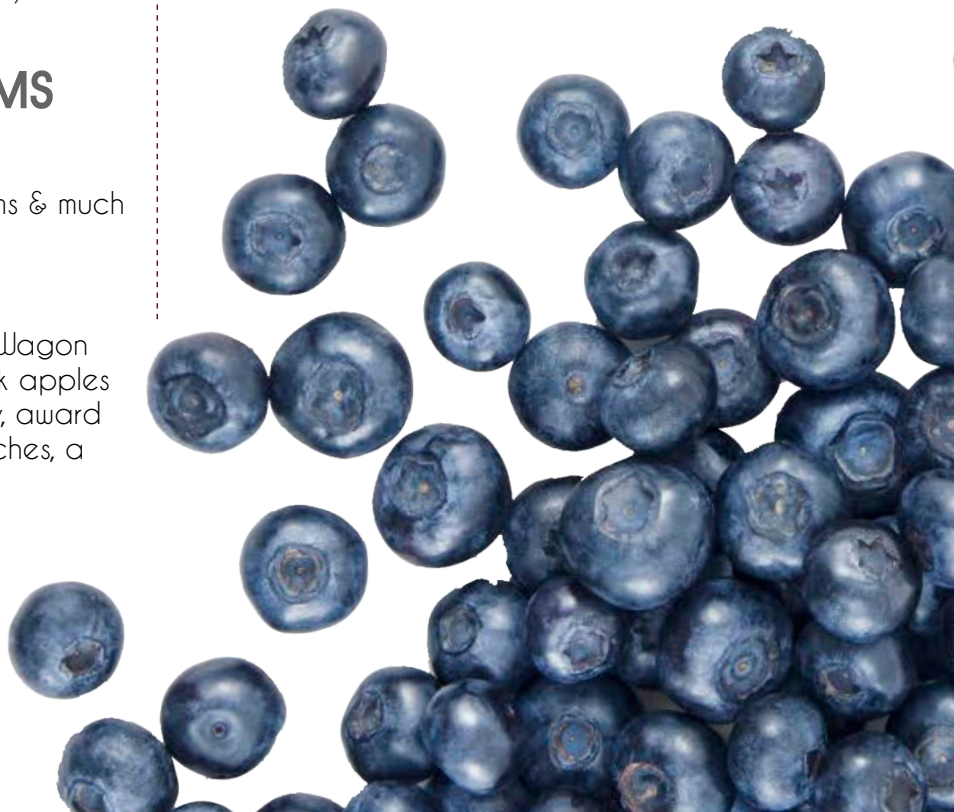
Berry Brothers

Formerly known as Leducs Blueberries for over 68 years, the Leduc tradition lives on in Berry Brothers; the same 400 acre farm and retail store offering blueberries and strawberries.

DAIRY FARMS

Kellogg Farm & Dairy Center

Automatic milking technology & pasture-based management supports research, education & outreach at Michigan State University's Kellogg Biological Station. Tours are available.



Breweries, Wineries & Nightlife

After hours establishments range from uptown chic to casual settings. Sample award-winning wines from nationally known vineyards or unique flavors brewed locally at the many microbreweries.

WINERIES & DISTILLERIES

Lawton Ridge Winery

Offers wines ranging from dry reds to dessert wines.

St. Julian Winery

Michigan's oldest, largest & most awarded winery.

Tempo Vino Winery of Kalamazoo

Sample wines or you can make your own private label wine.

Kalamazoo Stillhouse

Locally owned & operated, artisan distillery making hand made small-batch vodka, gin & whiskey from local resources.

Cody Kresta Winery

A family owned winery specializing in hand-crafted wines.

Grand Traverse Distillery

Distillers utilize a German-built Arnold Holstein still; every bottle is handcrafted. This distillery's tasting room is located in the heart of downtown.

Green Door Distilling Co.

Spirits made with a "grain to glass" approach & focusing on making small batch spirits.

Warner Vineyards

Founded in 1938, Warner Vineyards is one of Michigan's oldest wineries with 5 local tasting rooms locations.

Twine Urban Winery

Featuring The Roche Collection wines, made by "Michigan's first black woman to be a licensed winemaker." This boutique tasting room is stylish, with great service and delicious wines!

BREWERIES

Bell's Brewery & Eccentric Cafe

The Eccentric Cafe serves many small batch brews & many of their well known beers. Enjoy live music inside or in the beer garden.

Bilbo's Pizza in a Pan

Offers six homemade brews & delicious original recipe pizza.

Brite Eyes Brewing Co.

A microbrewery/coffeehouse with a deli style menu, espresso drinks & signature hand crafted ales.

Dark Horse Brewing Co.

Family friendly taproom & eatery with award winning beers. Dinner menu may be enjoyed inside or in the beer garden. Makers of craft brewed ales & lagers. Located in Marshall.

Distant Whistle Brewhouse

From their consistently delicious flagship beers to their constantly changing craft selection, the brewhouse is a unique experience every time. Located in Vicksburg.



Final Gravity Brewing Company

Known for offering both traditional & more experimental brews, Final Gravity Brewing was founded in Decatur, MI, & has expanded with a location in downtown Kalamazoo.

Latitude 42

A micro-brewery & restaurant offering 14 craft beers, an outdoor patio & brew master table.

Old Mill Brewpub & Grill

Enjoy a draft beer or dine in the full service restaurant.

One Well Brewing

A microbrewery that produces locally hand-crafted beers.

Presidential Brewing Company

A revolutionary new brewery concept where the people decide what they brew; this brewery will offer craft beers based on the results of a democratic voting process starting with The Cabinet of advisors, the Primary Elections, & the Electoral College. If you visit at the right time, your bill just may receive a Presidential Pardon, courtesy of the house.

Saugatuck Brewing Co.

A brewpub serving burgers, pizzas, snacks & other pub fare to go with its range of beers.

Texas Corners Brewing Co.

A farm to table restaurant owned by farmers featuring TCBC hard cider, Michigan beers & wine.

Wax Wing Brewing Co

Obsessed with freshness they aim to brew a variety of unique beers in small batches.

NIGHTLIFE

Centre Street Tap House

Featuring an outdoor patio, fire pit & a total of 30 beers on tap.

Central City Tap House

Serves homemade food from local & international pub food traditions & 20 rotating craft beers taps.

Harvey's on the Mall

Great selection of Michigan beers & two beautiful decks.

Kalamazoo Beer Exchange

Offers 28 rotating draught beers. Prices are based on real-time sales, like the stock market.

Old Dog Tavern

A great spot for drinks & live music.

Shakespeare's Pub

Offers 44 beers on tap & a gourmet menu.

The Stamped Robin

Locally owned wine & cocktail lounge; hors d'oeuvres, 20 wines on tap, beer & artisan cocktails.

University Roadhouse

An extensive menu & family owned since 1989.

CASINOS

Firekeepers Casino - Battle Creek

Four Winds Casino - 2 locations: Hartford & New Buffalo

Gun Lake Casino - Wayland



Parks & Rec

No matter the time of year, there are plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy. Fish, swim, water ski, sail or go boating on the 83 lakes with public access, or take a short drive to the shores of Lake Michigan.

FOUR SEASONS RECREATION

Fort Custer Recreation Area

Offers areas for swimming, fishing, hunting & camping, over 25-miles of trails for hiking & biking, cross country skiing & horseback riding.

Kalamazoo River

There are many opportunities for fishing & water sports, along the 125-mile river with 27 riverfront developments, parks & access sites.

Kalamazoo River Valley Trail

The trail spans 35-miles of non-motorized paved surface from Battle Creek through Kalamazoo County.

Kal-Haven Trail

The trail runs 33.5-miles from Kalamazoo's west side to the shoreline of Lake Michigan in South Haven. The trail offers recreational opportunities for biking, hiking, snowmobiling, cross county & running.

Mayors Riverfront Park

A community park featuring a baseball diamond, football & soccer field, playground, canoe launch & a dock for fishing.

Yankee Springs Recreation Area

Expansive, rural recreation area with nine lakes, hiking, biking, swimming, boating & 200-site campground.

FISHING

There are numerous lakes with public access in Kalamazoo County offering many options for all types of fishing. A short drive to the Lake Michigan Shoreline awaits charter fishing opportunities.

TENNIS

There are more than 100 public outdoor tennis courts.

RACING & RACE TRACKS

US 131 Motorsports Park

This 1/4 mile dragstrip has been legendary since its construction in 1962 & offers shows featuring the most prominent drivers in championship drag racing.

Kalamazoo Speedway

Offers NASCAR sanctioned weekly racing series. Seating capacity of 5,500 people, 43 VIP Skyboxes, Hospitality Village caters up to 500 people & adesignated family section.

WINTER ACTIVITIES/SKIING

Bittersweet Ski Resort

Seventeen runs for all skill levels, 350-foot vertical drop & chair lift.

Echo Valley Winter Sports Park

A 400-foot inner-tube sliding hill, 60-mph toboggan runs, 43,000-sq. ft. outdoor skating rink & lodge.

Swiss Valley Ski Lodge

Eleven ski runs, chair lifts, nighttime skiing & restaurant.

Timber Ridge Ski Area

Fifteen ski runs, 250-foot vertical drop, four chair lifts & four tow ropes.

ICE SKATING

Lawson Ice Arena

An indoor ice rink home to WMU Bronco Hockey & offers public skating & group lessons.

Ice Rink at Millennium Park

Features a glassy skating surface & warming house.

Wings West

Skating facility with sports bar & grill, pro shop, open skating & drop-in hockey.



CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Bishop's Bog Preserve

Offers 1.5-miles of wooded & wetland trails.

Gourdneck State Game Area

Acres of land & several ponds support a variety of wildlife & warm water fishing.

Kalamazoo Nature Center

Includes 11-miles of ungroomed cross country trails.

Kellogg Forest

Skiing on 15-miles of ungroomed trails is available free to the public from 8:00 am until dusk.

Schrier Park

56-acres of cross country trails & rolling, wooded terrain.

West Lake Nature Preserve

110-acre park trail overlooking West Lake.

NATURE PRESERVES

Al Sabo Nature Preserve - Texas Township

Chipman Preserve - Comstock Township

Kleinstuck Preserve - Kalamazoo

Lillian Anderson Arboretum - Oshtemo Township

West Lake Nature Preserve - Portage

Asylum Lake Preserve - Kalamazoo

PARKS

Celery Flats Historical Area

Features several historical buildings, walking trails, picnic areas, views of Portage Creek & canoe launch.

Cold Brook County Park

Campground & beach with 276-acres, three lakes & wetlands.

Kalamazoo County Parks

Recreation, sports fields, swimming, fishing & camping opportunities in Kalamazoo County's park system.



Markin Glen Park

160-acres with fishing & swimming lakes, paved trail, tennis courts, volleyball, softball & 38-campsites.

Portage City Parks

Oversees 17 parks, over 900 acres, & provides recreational, cultural & leisure programs.

Portage Bicentennial Park

Over 200 acres with 8-miles of trails & views of Portage Creek.

Prairie View Park

A 210-acre park with a swimming beach, dog park, row boat rentals, soccer fields, fishing, hiking trails, volleyball, softball fields & sledding hill.

River Oaks Park

A 330-acre park with 20 soccer fields, fishing, hiking trails, volleyball, cross country skiing & softball fields.

Scotts Mill Park

110-acres, 1870 water wheel & paved hiking trails.

TRAILWAYS

Fort Custer Recreation Area

Parks & 25-miles of biking trails.

Kal-Haven Trail

A 33.5-mile slag & limestone trail to South Haven.

Kalamazoo River Valley Trail

Currently 17-miles of paved trail.

Kellogg Experimental Forest

Offers acres for hiking, picnics & cross-country skiing.

McLinden Nature Trail

A loop through 400-acres by Comstock Creek & 2-miles of moderately difficult dirt trails.

Portage Creek Bicentennial Park

8-miles of hiking & biking trails.

PUBLIC BEACHES

Ramona Park & Beach

Beach access to Long Lake, basketball, volleyball & tennis courts, ballfields & fishing.

Woods Lake

Offers a beach, canoe launch, fishing & nature walk.



Photo courtesy of SJW Michigan First



Sports

Kalamazoo is home to many sports teams including the Western Michigan Broncos, Kalamazoo College Hornets & the Kalamazoo Wings professional hockey team.

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Kalamazoo Wings Hockey

Members of the ECHL; affiliated with the Vancouver Canucks, New Jersey Devils & Albany Devils, home games played at Wings Stadium.

Kalamazoo FC

Kalamazoo FC is Kalamazoo's first National Premier Soccer League & will play their home games at Mayors Riverfront Park.

Kalamazoo Derby Darlins

A women's roller derby team that is part of the WFTDA. Their home games are at Wing's Event Center.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Western Michigan University

Offers 15 varsity sports competing in NCAA Division I with membership in the Mid-American Conference & Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

Kalamazoo Growlers

Members of the Northwoods League, a summer collegiate baseball league. Home games are played at Homer Stryker Field.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Offers five varsity sports competing in the National Junior College Athletic Association with membership in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Kalamazoo College

Offers 18 varsity sports competing in NCAA Division III with membership in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

United States Tennis Association Boys' 18 & 16 National Championships

Held in Kalamazoo since 1943, the premier USTA junior national championships draws the top 400 tennis players in the nation to Kalamazoo each August.



Golf Courses

Golfers will be pleasantly surprised with plenty of courses within an hour of downtown Kalamazoo.

Angels Crossing

18 Holes • Vicksburg

Bedford Valley

18 Holes • Battle Creek

Crestview Golf Course

18 Holes • Kalamazoo

Eastern Hills Golf Course

27 Holes • Kalamazoo

Grand Prairie Golf Course

9 Holes • Kalamazoo

Gull Lake Country Club

18 Holes • Richland

Gull Lake View East Course

18 Holes • Augusta

Gull Lake View West Course

18 Holes • Augusta

Heritage Glen Golf Club

18 Holes • Paw Paw

Hickory Ridge Golf Course

27 Holes • Galesburg

Indian Run Golf Club

18 Holes • Scotts

Island Hills Golf Club

18 Holes • Centreville

Kalamazoo Country Club

18 Holes • Kalamazoo

Lake Doster Golf Club

18 Holes • Plainwell

Lynx Golf Course

18 Holes • Otsego

Michigan Dome Sports Center

Golf Simulator • Schoolcraft

Milham Park Golf Course

18 Holes • Kalamazoo

Olde Mill Golf Club

18 Holes • Schoolcraft

Red Arrow Golf Course

9 Holes • Kalamazoo

Ridgeview Golf Course

18 Holes • Kalamazoo

States Golf Club

18 Holes • Vicksburg

Stoatin Brae

18 Holes • Augusta

Stonehedge North Course

18 Holes • Augusta

Stonehedge South Course

18 Holes • Augusta

The Moors Golf Club

18 Holes • Portage

The Prairies Golf Club

18 Holes • Kalamazoo

X Golf

Golf Simulator • Kalamazoo



Education

Kalamazoo offers a wide variety of educational opportunities including scholarships for higher education, top-rated higher learning schools & award-winning school districts.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION RESOURCES

Public School Information

The immediate Kalamazoo area has 12 public school districts: Climax Scotts, Comstock, Galesburg-Augusta, Gull Lake, Kalamazoo, Mattawan, Otsego, Parchment, Plainwell, Portage, Schoolcraft, & Vicksburg. All public schools are fully accredited & provide complete academic programs. Kalamazoo area schools offer structured & open classrooms as well as gifted student programs, including the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics & Science Center.

KRESA

Kalamazoo Regional Education Services, KRESA, is committed to providing a variety of quality, educational support services & programs across Kalamazoo County. KRESA opened WoodsEdge Learning Center, a special education center-based school, that provides service to all nine districts within Kalamazoo County.

WoodsEdge is a 117,708-sq. ft. facility specifically built to fulfill the needs of a county wide program for children & adults ages 3-26 with autism & severe cognitive & physical impairments. WoodsEdge is also the first special education facility in the nation with LEED Gold Certification.

THE KALAMAZOO PROMISE

The Kalamazoo Promise is designed to provide higher education opportunities to students who attend Kalamazoo Public Schools.

The vision of the Promise is to elevate the quality of life for each resident by investing in Kalamazoo's youth to motivate students to invest in their future.

The scholarship is for all graduates of Kalamazoo Public Schools, who have been enrolled in at least 9th grade to 12th grade in the Kalamazoo Public School system.

The Promise will cover students tuition costs for any public university or college in the State of Michigan. The promise will cover up to 100 percent of the students' tuition costs.

The Promise was expanded to cover a portion of the tuition for schools belonging to the Michigan Colleges Alliance. The tuition not covered by the Promise will be covered by the schools themselves.

The scholarship amount for each student is based on each students length of attendance in the Kalamazoo Public School system. Students who have been enrolled from Kindergarten to 12th grade will have 100 percent of their tuition covered. Students have 10 years after graduation to take advantage of the Kalamazoo Promise.



EDUCATION
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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

WMU is a public university located in Kalamazoo. The university was established in 1903 by Dwight B. Waldo & its enrollment is over 22,562 students. WMU offers over 250 education programs including the Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, the College of Aviation, Haworth College of Business, WMU-Cooley Law School & the College of Engineering & Applied Sciences. WMU has been recognized as one of the top 100 public universities in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report.

WMED

Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed) is a private medical school supported by private gifts, clinical revenue, research activity, student tuition, and endowment income established in 2012. WMed offers the full continuum of undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education in Southwest Michigan. Nowhere is a passion for achieving excellence more evident than it is at WMed, positioning them to be not just among the newest medical schools, but among the best medical schools.



KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

Kalamazoo College is a private liberal arts college in Kalamazoo. Founded in 1833, the college is among the 100 oldest in the country. For over 30 years, Kalamazoo College has offered a nationally-recognized curriculum, an undergraduate experience of rigorous liberal arts scholarship & opportunities for experiential education in both domestic & international settings. Nearly 70 percent of students participate in an immersive study abroad program in 28 countries.



KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

KVCC is a two-year public institution with an enrollment of nearly 8,500 students each semester. KVCC offers two-year degrees, transfer credits for four-year colleges & universities, certification programs, & career academies. More than 130 courses are offered on KVCC's two campuses.





Health Care

Kalamazoo's healthcare facilities deliver award-winning expertise in a vast arena of medical specialties. Residents take comfort in knowing they are surrounded with the area's top medical professionals & facilities.



WMED HEALTH

WMed Health, the clinical practice of Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, provides comprehensive, patient-centered primary care and specialty services at several locations throughout Southwest Michigan. With more than 330 providers, WMed Health is a teaching organization that offers a team approach to patient care. A patient's care team may include resident physicians who are seeking advanced training, experienced faculty physicians, advance providers, nurses, ancillary services staff, medical students, and other learners.

WEST MICHIGAN CANCER CENTER

West Michigan Cancer Center (WMCC) was built upon a joint vision of Borgess Health Alliance & Bronson Healthcare Group to provide state-of-the-art treatment facility & ensure the availability of the best treatment capabilities.

In 2021, WMCC turned the page on a new chapter our collaboration with Ascension Borgess and Bronson Healthcare. Our focus is becoming more specialized as we treat cancer patients who require a gynecologic, radiation, or surgical oncologist's services.

Patients are experiencing benefits of earlier detection & more effective treatment procedures as they are continuously investing in technology & clinical excellence. As a result, WMCC is able to treat & beat more cancers & hematologic diseases than at any other time in history & ensures a better quality of life for survivors.





ASCENSION BORGESS HOSPITAL

Founded in 1889, Ascension Borgess has exhibited an unwavering commitment to building a health ministry that focuses on safety, experience, and value. Together, Borgess physicians, associates, & members offer a complete continuum of services to nearly 1 million people living in 10 counties in Southwest Michigan. In September 2021, Ascension Borgess opened its 38,000 square foot Cancer Center offering oncology, hematology, & infusion outpatient services.

Borgess offers area residents access to more than 40 medical specialties, including nationally recognized cardiac, orthopedic, & neurological care. Borgess Medical Center is nationally recognized for specialty services in cardiovascular, pulmonary, orthopedic, bariatric, & stroke, among others.



BRONSON HEALTHCARE

Bronson Healthcare is a not-for-profit, community-governed healthcare system headquartered in Kalamazoo. With a workforce of more than 9,000, Bronson is one of the area's largest employers. Bronson offers a full range of services from primary care to critical care across more than 60 locations. In early 2021, Bronson opened its brand new Cancer Center in Kalamazoo; a five story, 85,000 square foot facility offering oncology, hematology, and infusion services.

Bronson's physicians and staff are nationally recognized for many exceptional achievements in quality, safety, and service. Always mindful of their responsibility to the community, Bronson provides nearly \$100 million in community benefits annually through their outreach and charitable care. In addition, Bronson Healthcare is a verified Level 1 Trauma Center.





OFFICE *Locations*

Our offices are conveniently located throughout West Michigan.



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