

When I took full retirement about 1989, I was able to live modestly on my income from KPERS, since I had a wife who was still working. We were able to travel some on weekends and live independently without depending on our children. As the years went by and Inflation set in, it became harder and harder to maintain a home and keep up with utilities and insurance. I dread going to the mailbox for fear I will receive a bill I can't pay, I use coupons at the grocery store and live as frugally as possible.

I have not qualified for any increase in my KPERS the entire time I have been retired. There was a time or two that we received a small stipend and there was one increase granted, but it stipulated the recipients had to be retired for ten years and I did not qualify.

The cost of living has doubled during the time I have been on KPERS. After serving for 31 years in the Elementary Education field in Kansas, I feel my fellow educators and I have been sorely shortchanged.

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