

Commuting to Campus Versus Living on Campus

This sheet was created by the Lake Campus to give students a tool to help them determine if it will cost them more to drive to campus versus living on campus.

Housing	Cost/Year	Cost/Sem
Single	\$5,400.00	\$ 2,700.00
Double	\$3,600.00	\$ 1,800.00

Breakdown of Gas Costs and Time for Students Travelling to Campus 3 Times a Week

Distance (mi)	Miles/Week	Cost/Mile	Cost of Driving/Week	Cost of Driving/Sem	Savings Living in a Double	Savings Living in a Single	Travelling Time (hrs)/Week	Travelling Time (hrs)/Sem
20	120	\$ 0.56	\$ 66.60	\$ 999.00	\$ (801.00)	\$ (1,701.00)	2.0	30.0
25	150	\$ 0.56	\$ 83.25	\$ 1,248.75	\$ (551.25)	\$ (1,451.25)	2.5	37.5
30	180	\$ 0.56	\$ 99.90	\$ 1,498.50	\$ (301.50)	\$ (1,201.50)	3.0	45.0
35	210	\$ 0.56	\$ 116.55	\$ 1,748.25	\$ (51.75)	\$ (951.75)	3.5	52.5
40	240	\$ 0.56	\$ 133.20	\$ 1,998.00	\$ 198.00	\$ (702.00)	4.0	60.0
45	270	\$ 0.56	\$ 149.85	\$ 2,247.75	\$ 447.75	\$ (452.25)	4.5	67.5
50	300	\$ 0.56	\$ 166.50	\$ 2,497.50	\$ 697.50	\$ (202.50)	5.0	75.0
55	330	\$ 0.56	\$ 183.15	\$ 2,747.25	\$ 947.25	\$ 47.25	5.5	82.5
60	360	\$ 0.56	\$ 199.80	\$ 2,997.00	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 297.00	6.0	90.0
65	390	\$ 0.56	\$ 216.45	\$ 3,246.75	\$ 1,446.75	\$ 546.75	6.5	97.5
70	420	\$ 0.56	\$ 233.10	\$ 3,496.50	\$ 1,696.50	\$ 796.50	7.0	105.0

Breakdown of Gas Costs and Time for Students Travelling to Campus 4 Times a Week

Distance (mi)	Miles/Week	Cost/Mile	Cost of Driving/Week	Cost of Driving/Sem	Savings Living in a Double	Savings Living in a Single	Travelling Time (hrs)/Week	Travelling Time (hrs)/Sem
20	160	\$ 0.56	\$ 88.80	\$ 1,332.00	\$ (468.00)	\$ (1,368.00)	2.7	40.0
25	200	\$ 0.56	\$ 111.00	\$ 1,665.00	\$ (135.00)	\$ (1,035.00)	3.3	50.0
30	240	\$ 0.56	\$ 133.20	\$ 1,998.00	\$ 198.00	\$ (702.00)	4.0	60.0
35	280	\$ 0.56	\$ 155.40	\$ 2,331.00	\$ 531.00	\$ (369.00)	4.7	70.0
40	320	\$ 0.56	\$ 177.60	\$ 2,664.00	\$ 864.00	\$ (36.00)	5.3	80.0
45	360	\$ 0.56	\$ 199.80	\$ 2,997.00	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 297.00	6.0	90.0
50	400	\$ 0.56	\$ 222.00	\$ 3,330.00	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 630.00	6.7	100.0
55	440	\$ 0.56	\$ 244.20	\$ 3,663.00	\$ 1,863.00	\$ 963.00	7.3	110.0
60	480	\$ 0.56	\$ 266.40	\$ 3,996.00	\$ 2,196.00	\$ 1,296.00	8.0	120.0
65	520	\$ 0.56	\$ 288.60	\$ 4,329.00	\$ 2,529.00	\$ 1,629.00	8.7	130.0
70	560	\$ 0.56	\$ 310.80	\$ 4,662.00	\$ 2,862.00	\$ 1,962.00	9.3	140.0

Breakdown of Gas Costs and Time for Students Travelling to Campus 5 Times a Week

Distance (mi)	Miles/Week	Cost/Mile	Cost of Driving/Week	Cost of Driving/Sem	Savings Living in a Double	Savings Living in a Single	Travelling Time (hrs)/Week	Travelling Time (hrs)/Sem
20	200	\$ 0.56	\$ 111.00	\$ 1,665.00	\$ (135.00)	\$ (1,035.00)	3.3	50.0
25	250	\$ 0.56	\$ 138.75	\$ 2,081.25	\$ 281.25	\$ (618.75)	4.2	62.5
30	300	\$ 0.56	\$ 166.50	\$ 2,497.50	\$ 697.50	\$ (202.50)	5.0	75.0
35	350	\$ 0.56	\$ 194.25	\$ 2,913.75	\$ 1,113.75	\$ 213.75	5.8	87.5
40	400	\$ 0.56	\$ 222.00	\$ 3,330.00	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 630.00	6.7	100.0
45	450	\$ 0.56	\$ 249.75	\$ 3,746.25	\$ 1,946.25	\$ 1,046.25	7.5	112.5
50	500	\$ 0.56	\$ 277.50	\$ 4,162.50	\$ 2,362.50	\$ 1,462.50	8.3	125.0
55	550	\$ 0.56	\$ 305.25	\$ 4,578.75	\$ 2,778.75	\$ 1,878.75	9.2	137.5
60	600	\$ 0.56	\$ 333.00	\$ 4,995.00	\$ 3,195.00	\$ 2,295.00	10.0	150.0
65	650	\$ 0.56	\$ 360.75	\$ 5,411.25	\$ 3,611.25	\$ 2,711.25	10.8	162.5
70	700	\$ 0.56	\$ 388.50	\$ 5,827.50	\$ 4,027.50	\$ 3,127.50	11.7	175.0

*Miles/Week accounts for double the amount of Trips/Week; it accounts for the drive to and from campus.

*All Time Approximations are based on 1 mile = 1 minute

*Gas prices based on IRS 2012 Standard Mileage Rates