



# Calculate How Much You Spend to Commute in Your Car Then decide to save commuting fuel cost for weekend fun.



**To figure your fuel cost,** begin with a full tank of fuel and write down the odometer reading. Each time you fill up, note the number of gallons, how much you pay and the odometer reading. These figures can then be used to calculate average miles per gallon and cost of fuel per mile.

For example:

## Gas Cost Per Mile

gallons	cost*	odometer
<b>beginning</b>		8,850
12.4	\$27.97	9,136
9.5	\$21.43	9,355
15.7	\$35.42	9,717
<b>37.6</b>	<b>\$84.82</b>	<b>9,717</b>
		<b>- 8,850</b>
		<b>miles driven = 867</b>

miles per gallon:  $867 \div 37.6 = 23.1$  mpg  
gas cost per mile:  $\$84.82 \div 867 = 9.78$  cents

\* cost per gallon **\$2.256**

**To determine your driving costs accurately,** keep personal records on all the costs listed below. Use this worksheet to figure your total cost to drive:

## Annual Cost Per Mile

costs	yearly totals
<b>operating costs</b>	_____
gas per mile	_____
total miles driven	X _____
total gas	= _____
maintenance	+ _____
tires	+ _____
total operating costs	+ = _____
<b>ownership costs</b>	_____
depreciation	_____
insurance	+ _____
taxes	+ _____
license and registration	+ _____
finance charges	+ _____
<b>total ownership costs</b>	+ = _____
<b>other costs</b> (washes, accessories, etc.)	+ _____
<b>total driving costs</b>	+ _____
<b>total miles driven</b>	÷ _____
<b>cost per mile</b>	= _____

Use the Commute Solutions Cost of Driving Page to Calculate your Driving Costs

[www.commutesolutions.org/calc.htm](http://www.commutesolutions.org/calc.htm)