



Shrink Your Commuter Costs

The cost of driving to work can be expensive, but you can save money by splitting commuting costs when you share a ride. The larger your rideshare group; the more money you can save. Pace Vanpooling or carpooling can save wear-and-tear on your car, reduce parking costs, and you may also receive a discount on your auto insurance. Let's look at the numbers.

Cost Comparison for a 60-mile Round Trip Commute		
	Monthly Cost	Yearly Cost
Driving alone	\$713.16	\$8,557.92
Cost per carpooler in a 4-person group	\$178.29	\$2,139.48
Pace 4-rider Vanpool fare	\$133.00	\$1,596.00
Pace Vanpool driver	\$0.00	\$0.00

Rideshare Savings Compared to Driving Alone		
	Monthly	Yearly
Savings for a carpooler in a 4-person group	\$534.87	\$6,418.44
Savings for a Pace Vanpool rider	\$580.16	\$6,961.92
Savings for a Pace Vanpool driver	\$713.16	\$8,557.92

Calculations:

$\$713.16 = (0.566 \text{ average cost per mile} \times 21 \text{ days}) \times 60 \text{ miles}$
 $\$178.29 = \$713.16 \text{ spent to drive alone divided by } 4$
 $\$133 = \text{Fare for the rider traveling } 60 \text{ miles round trip in a } 4 \text{ rider vanpool group}$

$\$534.87 = \$713.16 \text{ (total commuter cost)} - \$178.29 \text{ (}\frac{1}{4}\text{ of the cost)}$
 $\$580.16 = \$713.16 \text{ (total commuter cost)} - \$133 \text{ (Vanpool fare)}$

Calculations are based on the average cost per mile (56.6 cents) while driving a mid-size car as noted in the 2010 American Automobile Association Cost of Driving brochure available at:

<http://www.aaaexchange.com/Assets/Files/201048935480.Driving%20Costs%202010.pdf>. Additional savings are available if employees are using pre-tax dollars to pay for Pace Vanpool fares.

Additional costs to consider are:

- Tickets resulting for traffic violations or parking
- Time spent in traffic congestion or simply traveling
- Time spent looking for a parking space
- Stress associated with driving

For more information, visit www.PaceRideShare.com or call (847) 228-2492.



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Rideshare Savings

Ridesharing is an economical, convenient, and environmentally-friendly alternative to driving alone. Based on the example provided, you can save just over \$6,000 per year by carpooling, and Pace Vanpooling offers more savings and more benefits such as:

- Weekly van washes
- Toll way I-pass
- Road side assistance - 24/7
- Fire extinguisher, safety triangles and first-aid kit
- Guaranteed Ride Home Program where participants are eligible for up to \$125 per year for a taxi or bus/train ride home due to an emergency
- 300 personal miles per month for the driver which means the driver can use the vehicle to take the family to the movies or complete errands
- A 4% discount on fares that are paid utilizing automatic withdraws for the riders
- A \$120 reduction per year in fares for the back-up drivers. Plus, they can also receive the 4% discount for choosing to pay with the automatic withdraws.
- The convenience of participating in an organized program where the drivers are screened, payments are handled, reliable vehicles are provided and you receive support and assistance

By registering on www.PaceRideShare.com, you can connect to fellow commuters for carpooling or Pace Vanpooling. PaceRideShare.com is Northeastern Illinois' carpool and vanpool matching website that's free and easy to use. Simply enter your workday commute information and receive matches of other commuters with similar trips that you can contact by email. Your personal information is kept private, as recipients see only your first name and approximate start and end points. Once you've joined a carpool or vanpool, Pace RideShare can calculate the money you're saving and your air pollution reductions.

So save money, help the environment, and reduce traffic congestion by carpooling or vanpooling. Visit www.PaceRideShare.com today!