



## Per-Mile Operating Costs Up Slightly for 1991 Model Year

The cost of driving an intermediate-size 1991 model car rose to 43.6 cents per mile. That represents an increase of almost 3 cents per mile over a comparable 1990 model.

Variable expenses — fuel, tires and maintenance — ran 16.7 percent higher than the previous year at 9.8 cents per mile. Fixed costs averaged \$11.55 per day, up 93 cents from the previous year.

### PASSENGER CAR OPERATING COSTS, 1950-1991

Year	Variable Costs In Cents Per Mile				Cost Per 10,000 Miles			Total Cost Per Mile
	Gas & Oil	Maintenance	Tires	Total	Variable Cost	Fixed Cost	Total Cost	
1991#	6.70¢	2.20¢	.90¢	9.80¢	\$980.00	\$3,384.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$4,364.00	43.64¢
1990#	5.40	2.10	.90	8.40	840.00	3,256.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	4,096.00	40.96
1989#	5.20	1.90	.80	7.90	790.00	3,030.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	3,820.00	38.20
1988#	5.20	1.60	.80	7.60	760.00	2,581.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	3,341.00	33.41
1987#	4.80	1.60	.80	7.20	720.00	2,544.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	3,264.00	32.64
1986#	4.48	1.37	.67	6.52	652.00	2,307.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	2,959.00	29.59
1985#	6.16	1.23	.65	8.04	804.00	1,916.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	2,720.00	27.20
1984#	6.19	1.04	.63	7.86	786.00	2,346.00	3,132.00	31.32
1983#	6.64	1.04	.68	8.36	836.00	2,506.00	3,342.00	33.42
1981#	6.27	1.18	.72	8.17	817.00	2,375.00	3,192.00	31.92
1980#	5.86	1.12	.64	7.62	762.00	2,033.00	2,795.00	27.95
1979#	4.11	1.10	.65	5.86	586.00	1,811.00	2,397.00	23.97
1977#	4.11	1.03	.66	5.80	580.00	1,439.00	2,019.00	20.19
1975#	4.82	.97	.66	6.45	645.00	1,186.00	1,831.00	18.31
1973	3.35	.78	.62	4.75	475.00	1,172.00	1,647.00	16.47
1971	2.96	.73	.56	4.25	425.00	1,125.00	1,550.00	15.50
1969	2.76	.68	.51	3.95	395.00	1,053.00	1,448.00	14.48
1967	2.65	.68	.47	3.80	380.00	982.00	1,361.85	13.62
1965	2.58	.68	.44	3.70	370.00	807.00	1,177.00	11.77
1963	2.61	.68	.41	3.70	370.00	792.00	1,162.00	11.62
1960	2.62	.79	.49	3.90	390.00	808.54	1,198.54	11.99
1955	2.29	.74	.51	3.54	354.00	598.65	952.65	9.53
1950	2.14	.68	.46	3.28	328.00	533.02	861.02	8.61

### ANNUAL FIXED COST OF OPERATING PASSENGER CAR, 1950-1991

Year	Insurance						Total	Average Fixed Cost Per Day
	Fire & Theft <sup>(1)</sup>	Collision <sup>(2)</sup>	Property Damage <sup>(3)</sup> & Liability	License and Registration	Depreciation	Finance Charge		
1991#	\$115.00	\$258.00	\$353.00	\$169.00	\$2,543.00	\$779.00	\$4,217.00	\$11.55
1990#	110.00	247.00	318.00	165.00	2,357.00	680.00	3,877.00	10.62
1989#	109.00	245.00	309.00	151.00	2,094.00	626.00	3,534.00	9.68
1988#	86.00	203.00	284.00	139.00	1,784.00	565.00	3,061.00	8.39
1987#	87.00	196.00	252.00	140.00	1,506.00	601.00	2,782.00	7.62
1986#	86.00	191.00	232.00	130.00	1,320.00	637.00	2,596.00	7.11
1985#	92.00	198.00	213.00	115.00	1,253.00	570.00	2,441.00	6.69
1984#	80.00	200.00	225.00	106.00	1,207.00	528.00	2,346.00	6.43
1983#	80.00	201.00	222.00	102.00	1,343.00	558.00	2,506.00	6.87
1981#	76.00	180.00	254.00	88.00	1,287.00	490.00	2,375.00	6.51
1980#	70.00	172.00	248.00	82.00	1,038.00	423.00	2,033.00	5.57
1979#	74.00	168.00	241.00	90.00	942.00	296.00	1,811.00	4.96
1977#	80.00	188.00	250.00	74.00	847.00	-	1,439.00	3.94
1975#	53.00	141.00	189.00	30.00	773.00	-	1,186.00	3.25
1973	45.00	143.00	179.00	28.00	777.00	-	1,172.00	3.21
1971	62.00	125.00	175.00	25.00	738.00	-	1,125.00	3.08
1969	44.00	102.00	154.00	24.00	729.00	-	1,053.00	2.88
1967	39.00	85.00	148.00	26.00	684.00	-	982.00	2.69
1965	31.00	-	126.00	24.00	626.00	-	807.00	2.21
1963	30.00	-	117.40	23.60	621.00	-	792.00	2.17
1960	30.38	-	109.76	22.40	646.00	-	808.54	2.22
1955	17.81	-	86.65	16.83	477.36	-	598.65	1.64
1950	15.79	-	59.71	15.47	442.05	-	533.02	1.46

(1) No deductible prior to 1973; \$50 deductible 1973 through 1977; \$100 deductible 1978 through 1991.

(2) \$100 deductible 1967 through 1977; \$250 deductible 1978 through 1991.

(3) Coverage: 1949 to 1965-\$15,000/\$30,000; 1957 to 1965-\$25,000/\$50,000; 1968 to 1991-\$100,000/\$300,000.

(4) Not comparable to previous data. Ownership costs are based on a six-year or 60,000-mile retention cycle.

# Vehicle specified for 1974 and later years is an intermediate. Prior to 1974 full sized vehicles were specified.

SOURCE: The data were extracted from various issues of "Your Driving Costs" published by the American Automobile Association. Primary source of the data is Runzheimer International.