

What is actually costs to run our 20 year old Class A Motorhome

Our actual costs around our RV lifestyle. There are so many variables that this chart is nearly useless except that it can help you identify how you want to approach it all on the budget you have to work with.

These things will drive your costs up:

- You want to travel very long distances each year.
- You cannot or will not do your own maintenance, servicing, and repairs.
- You have to drive at or above the posted speed limits.
- Your driving record increases your insurance premium.
- You have talked yourself into a new(er) RV that will result in monthly payments (even when it is parked for the winter).
- You need a storage yard very close to your home in a city.
- You never want to be without full electrical, water, and sewer connections.
- You'd rather stay at a resort than an RV park or campground or, heaven forbid, a Walmart!

These things will drive your costs down:

- Long, multi thousand-kilometre trips several times per season
- You are not handy and don't want to learn. A simple oil change type service runs \$175 for our rig. A big diesel pusher rig will be bear \$1,000. Yes, an oil change is usually only once a year but good troubleshooting and diagnostic skills are essential to being able to use your rig all season long.
- Speed costs money. An RV is shaped like a brick: an 8+ foot wide 12+ foot high brick. And it is heavy. Ours weighs about 25,000 lbs. Wind resistance alone means you burn twice the fuel at 120kph as you do at 80kph. 90kph is a good speed.
- Storage yards cost money. Fully secure yards with lights, cameras, paved surface, and so on cost a lot more. And your catalytic converter will still get stolen! We pay about \$1 per day for a fenced compound with 24-hour access. Shop around.
- I would never say one RV lifestyle is better than another. You need a \$400 per night waterfront site, fully fenced and landscaped with furniture, gas fireplace and your own hot tub for your 45' Prevost? With a \$2.5 million coach you can clearly afford it so I say go for it. If you are looking to camp for free on Crown land in your well-loved tent trailer, good for you, have a great time. Most of us are someplace in between and you can find your spot on the spectrum too.

Enough editorializing – on the next page are our actual numbers for the last 10 years. Things like fuel, maintenance & repairs, and camping fees vary greatly. Remember to save up for big ticket items - the cost of 7 new tires (we have a spare) at \$3,500+ or an uninsured windshield at \$2,000 per side.

Take a look at the other documents in this section to get a better feel for the costs or various types of RV.

I have not included our \$430 per year storage costs, depreciation, or cost of borrowing which may or may not apply in your situation.

Year	Gasoline	Propane	Maint & Repairs	Reg'n & Ins	Operating Subtotal	Kms driven	Nights Out	Camping Fees	Avg Fees	Total Cost to RV	Operating Cost/km	Total Cost/Night
2012	\$1,170	\$36	\$1,342	\$670	\$3,217	3,007	36	\$913	\$25	\$4,130	\$1.07	\$114.73
2013	\$997	\$58	\$141	\$670	\$1,866	2,858	21	\$410	\$20	\$2,276	\$0.65	\$108.38
2014	\$983	\$51	\$349	\$707	\$2,091	2,836	23	\$616	\$27	\$2,707	\$0.74	\$117.68
2015	\$1,143	\$364	\$1,521	\$707	\$3,736	3,574	124	\$2,230	\$18	\$5,966	\$1.05	\$48.11
2016	\$782	\$188	\$1,993	\$707	\$3,670	2,610	49	\$1,065	\$22	\$4,735	\$1.41	\$96.63
2017	\$2,377	\$140	\$1,119	\$707	\$4,344	4,025	65	\$1,690	\$26	\$6,034	\$1.08	\$92.83
2018	\$1,318	\$75	\$623	\$707	\$2,723	2,439	39	\$946	\$24	\$3,669	\$1.12	\$94.07
2019	\$5,080	\$270	\$878	\$707	\$6,934	12,597	100	\$2,646	\$26	\$9,580	\$0.55	\$95.80
2020	\$547	\$19	\$1,462	\$730	\$2,759	1,700	32	\$1,254	\$39	\$4,013	\$1.62	\$125.39
2021	\$812	\$16	\$1,630	\$730	\$3,188	1801	24	\$1,084	\$42	\$4,272	\$1.77	\$178.00
2022	\$409	\$40	\$1,134	\$730	\$2,314	534	14	\$471	\$43	\$2,785	\$4.33	\$198.92
Avg	\$1,420	\$114	\$1,108	\$726	\$3,368	3,543	48	\$1,211	\$28	\$4,580	\$1.42	\$116.42