

## Commuting at Salem State

This brochure was designed to provide introductory information on what it means to commute to Salem State. Whether we see them or not, the impacts of our driving habit on the world around us

## Keywords for Beginners

Many commuters may have never considered the impact of single commuter trips to school. Below is an introductory list of keywords to look for throughout the brochure

**Emissions:** Substances discharged into the air

**Pollution:** Contaminants in the natural environment

**Greenhouse effect:** Trapping of the sun's warmth due to the burning of fossil fuels

**Resource extraction:** Taking from the finite resources nature has to offer

**Public Transportation:** Scheduled transportation for a group of passengers, usually provided by a municipality



## Sustainability at Salem State

For more information on commuting at Salem State visit:

<https://www.salemstate.edu/offices-and-services/sustainability/getting-around-campus-your-transportation-options>

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## The Environmental, Economic, and Health Impacts of Commuting

### Footnotes and References

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## Driving has a BIG Environmental Impact

Largest source of emissions in the United States

Contributes to environmental degradation through resource extraction and the Greenhouse effect

Annual commuter emissions in the United States are equivalent to the entire emissions of Russia<sup>1</sup>

### What Can You Do?

**Public Transportation:** SSU offers transit passes at a 16% discount

## Driving has a BIG Economic Impact

Owning a private vehicle is an Americans biggest expense besides housing

U.S. working families spend 29% of their income on transportation<sup>2</sup>

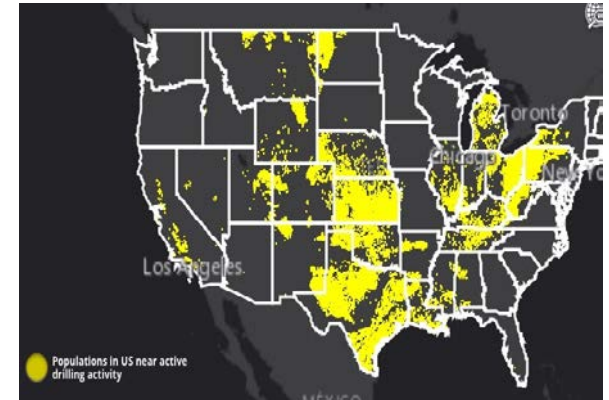
### What Can You Do?

**Zipcar:** SSU offers a student plan for those who need a quick ride

**Rideshare Programs:** North Shore TMA can assist in finding a carpool partner

### Money Saved on Gas by US City<sup>4</sup>

	City	Monthly	Annual
1	New York	\$1,253	\$15,041
2	San Francisco	\$1,113	\$13,350
3	Boston	\$1,095	\$13,136
4	Philadelphia	\$1,012	\$12,140
5	Chicago	\$1,008	\$12,092
6	Seattle	\$998	\$11,974
7	Honolulu	\$984	\$11,813
8	Los Angeles	\$953	\$11,440
9	San Diego	\$905	\$10,859
10	Portland	\$897	\$10,763



## Driving has a BIG Health Impact

Automobile air pollution is the main cause of 30,000 premature deaths in the US annually<sup>5</sup>

In six western states, nearly 74,000 people are threatened by pollution emitted from wells, tanks and pipelines<sup>3</sup>

A person can reduce their chance of being in an accident by more than 90% simply by taking public transit

### What Can You Do?

**Zagster Bike:** SSU offers a free membership and provides two hours of free riding time