

# What is Ride Share?

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A Ride Share is a way that drivers who are going to a destination can offer to share the trip with others who need to travel to the same or nearby locations.

A Ride Share can be set up between two or more people. Ride Share participants can take turns driving or one person may drive every commute.

Since the invention of cars, people have shared rides. Ride Share enabled people to take jobs and opportunities that were previously not possible; however, recently, ride share participation has dropped significantly. By 2015, 9 out of 10 people drive to work in a car alone.

## Why Ride Share?

There are many reasons to ride share, including saving money, helping others, reducing pollution, and more.

### Save Money

The average car consumes 550 gallons of gas each year.

Ride Sharing allows you to share the cost of gas and parking with other riders.

The more participants in your Ride Share, the more you save.

### Reduce Pollution

Fewer cars on the road means less greenhouse gas emissions - linked to respiratory affects, cardiovascular disease, and allergies.

By ride sharing, you help improve air quality and reduce health risks for yourself and future generations.

### Less Stress

Research suggests that a ride share is less stressful than commuting alone.

### Reduce Traffic

Every Ride Share participant takes another car off the road, which means less congested roads and highways.

### Use the Fast Lane

Many major cities have carpool lanes that are reserved for cars with two or more passengers.

These lanes have less traffic, leading to faster commute times for those who Ride Share.

### Save Time

The average American spends 434 hours in their car each year.

Participating in a Ride Share allows you to check and answer email, read the news, check bank balances, or even close your eyes for a few minutes before starting your day.

### Offer Options

Where public transit service is limited or non-existent, Ride Sharing may be the best option available for individuals who don't drive to get to work or school.

Ride Sharing is a great way to provide a benefit to ourselves and others.

### Create Community

Ride sharing is a great way to make new friends.