Here in the Grand Traverse region, we drive almost twice as many miles as the national average.1

National average
14,000 miles per year

Our local average
24,000 miles per year

Long-distance commutes have a big impact on our time, our health, and our wallets.

85% of us drive more than 21,000 miles, or about 85% of the way around Earth’s equator every year.

98% of us drive more than 18,000 miles, that’s equal to driving around the Earth at the 45th parallel every year.2

TIME
On average we spend 46 minutes a day going to and from work.3

HEALTH
Most of us walk an average of six minutes daily.

MONEY
Grand Traverse area families spend, on average, $15,000 a year on transportation.4

How you get there?

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How to boost your commute

TRANSIT/PARK-AND-RIDE
Our bus systems are improving services by making their routes more convenient. Soon it will be easier to drive, bike, or walk to your nearest bus stop and jump on a bus to town.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES
Many companies reduce risk and retain talent by offering commuter benefits. Ask your company if they offer incentives for “smart commuting” or for living closer to work.

HOUSING
There’s a strong demand for homes, condos, and apartments near job centers. Community leaders can facilitate more housing near jobs and transit.

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1 U.S. Department of Transportation  2 Center for Neighborhood Technology  3 Michigan Department of Transportation  4 U.S. Department of Transportation