

Auto Rental Versus Personal Vehicle Calculator

How It Works

This spreadsheet helps determine whether renting a vehicle from Enterprise or using your own car is more cost-effective, by estimating the cost of each mode of travel.

In order to use the spreadsheet, you need the following information:

- estimated round trip miles to be driven (enter in cell B5)
- number of days you will be traveling (enter in cell B6)
- estimated cost per gallon of fuel (enter in cell B11)
- early start fee, if applicable (enter in cell B17)

Once these amounts are entered, the calculator will give you an estimate of the cost of using a personal vehicle versus renting an Enterprise compact, mid-size or full-size car; seven-passenger minivan or mid-size SUV.

Reminder: Our fleet vehicles, if available, are the least expensive option of all.

An example trip has already been entered in the spreadsheet, a two-day round trip between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. Data is entered is as follows:

- 400 miles driven (cell B5)
- 2 days (cell B6)
- gasoline cost per gallon \$2.399 (cell B11, which shows as rounded to \$2.40)
- no early start fee (cell B17, left blank)

The cost of a full-size rental would be approximately \$111 less expensive, or approximately 48 percent, than a personal vehicle.

While the difference for this isolated example is small, adding the differences across the judiciary over the course of a year, can bring significant savings.

If you are having trouble with the spreadsheet or have questions, concerns or comments, please contact the [Finance Department](#).