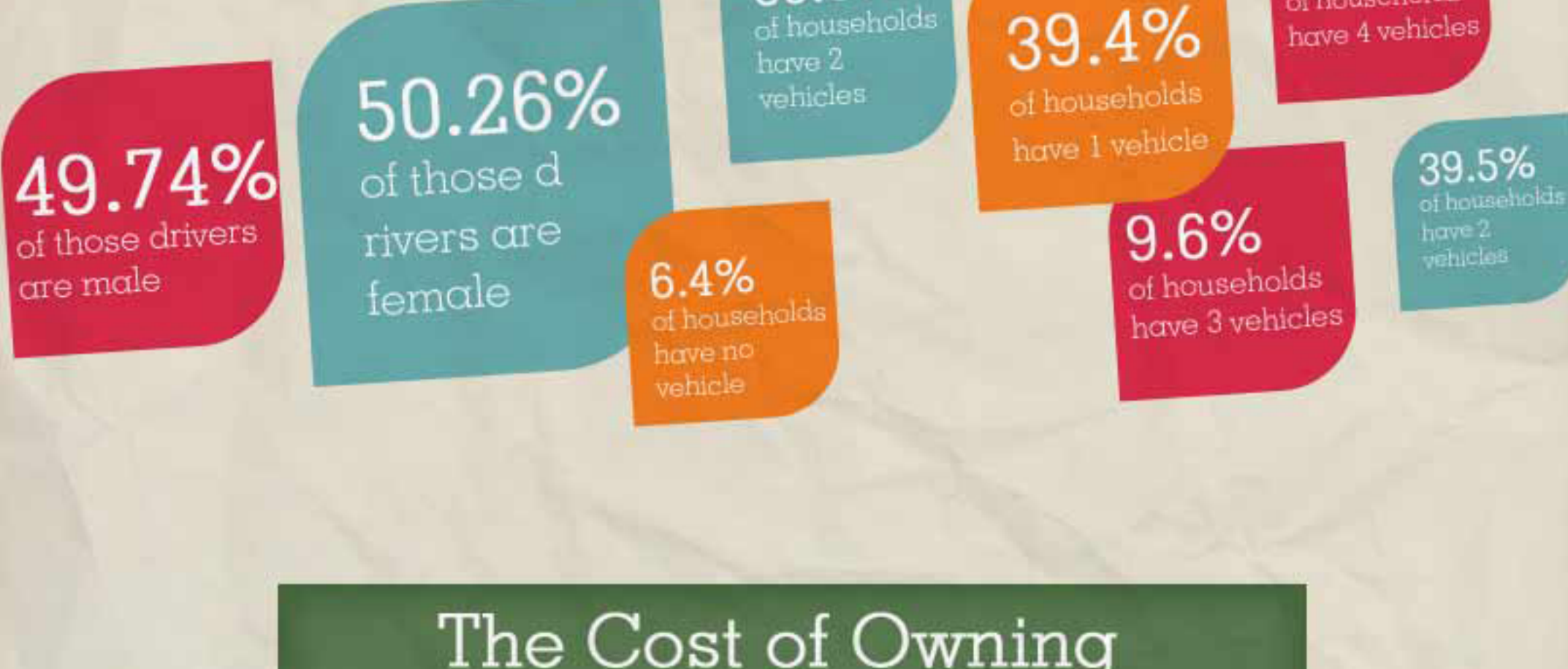


# The Cost of Getting Around

Whether you go by car, train, or boat, Americans spend as much as 17.98 percent of their annual income on transportation. Do you know how much you are spending?

First, let's take a look at exactly how many people and cars are on the road.

There are **209,618,386** licensed drivers in America



## The Cost of Owning a Car

The size of the car your drive is directly related to how much you will spend each year on average

A **large sedan** costs **\$6,950** each year



An **SUV** costs **\$7,147** each year



A **medium sedan** costs **\$5,636** each year



A **minivan** costs **\$6,179** each year



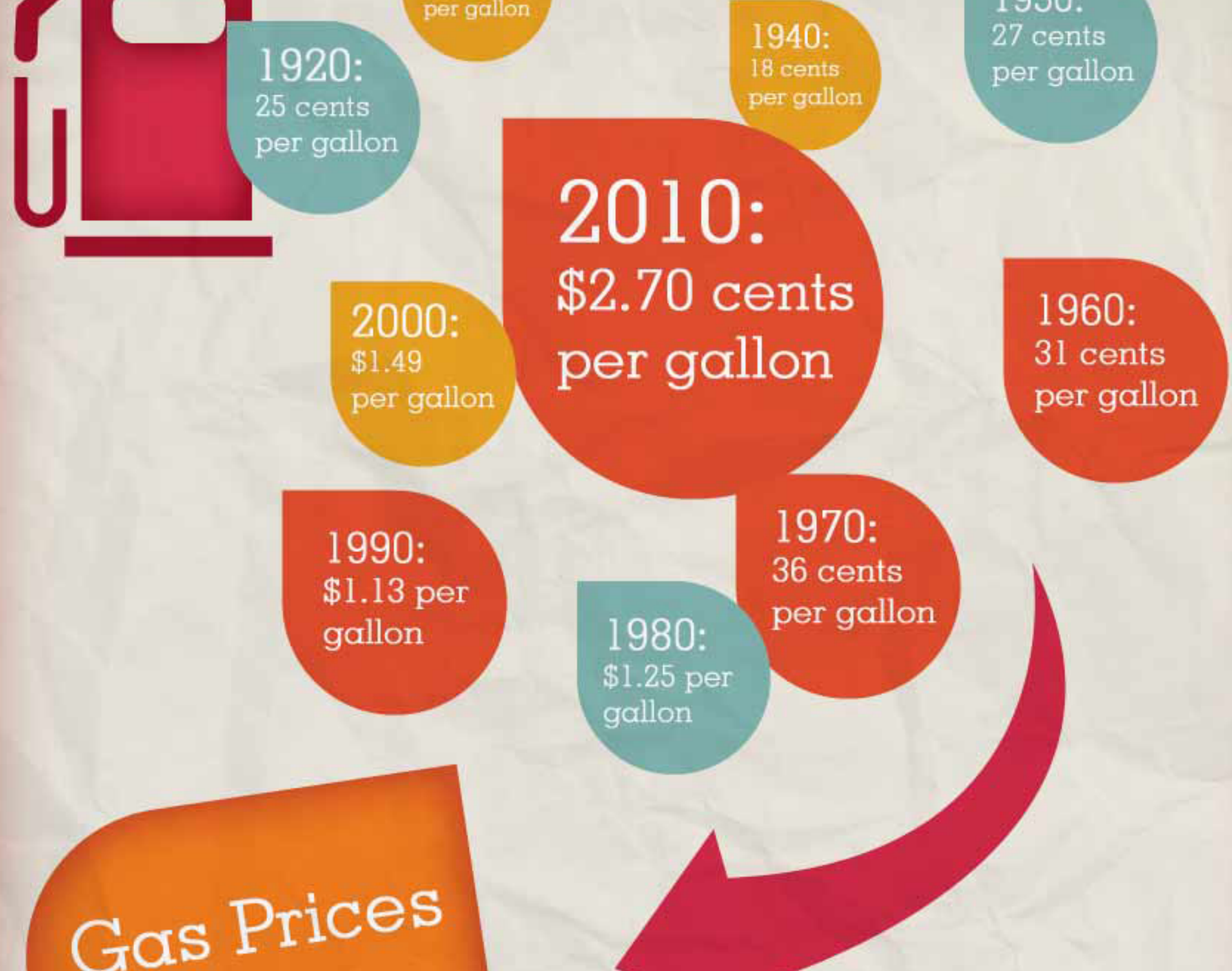
A **small sedan** costs **\$4,357** each year



## The Price of Gas

In 2011, American drivers spent an average of **\$368** per month on gas, which is a whopping **\$4,416** for the year.

But this wasn't always the case. Here is a view at gas prices through the years.



## Gas Prices By Region



Here is the average cost per gallon across the nation as of **August 13, 2012**.

## Gas Price Breakdown

Where is your money going when you fill up?



## The Cost of Public Transportation

It's no surprise that taking public transportation costs significantly less than driving a vehicle. In fact, it costs the average person just \$513 each year to hand over the keys and hop on the public transit.

### Annual Costs of Public Transport by Age:



### Annual Costs of Public Transport by Region:

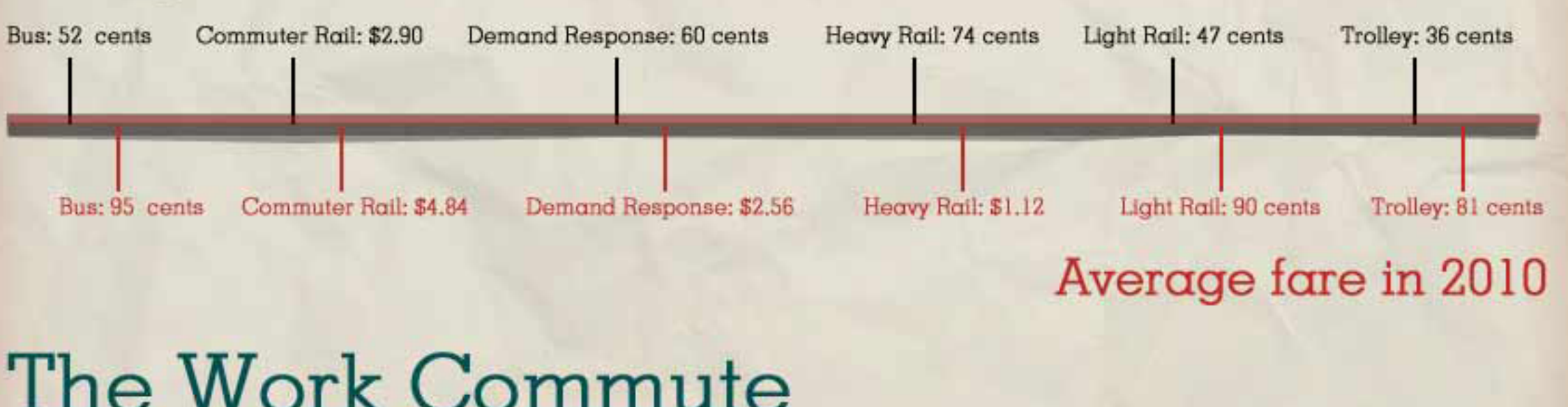


## Public Transportation:

### Then and Now



Remember the good old days? Here, we'll compare the difference between public transport costs in 1990, and then 20 years later in 2010.



## The Work Commute

The majority of your transportation time is spent on your work commute. Here is the breakdown of how Americans get to and from their jobs every day.



## The Benefits of Carpooling

If you share the commute with 2 or 3 coworkers, your yearly savings will soon pile up

- Average work commute: **16 miles** each way
- Average cost: **53 cents** per mile
- Average annual savings in a **2-person** carpool: **\$2,340** per year
- Average annual savings in a **3-person** carpool: **\$3,120** per year



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, American Public Transportation Association, Center for Urban Transportation Research, University of South Florida, American Automobile Association, 2007 Your Driving Costs report, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, DailyFinance.com: The Savings Experiment, U.S. Energy Information Administration