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### Auto Insurance Premium Comparison Illustrates Savings

*Regular bus riders can save money on auto insurance*

The Arizona Department of Insurance (ADOI) released the latest edition of its **Automobile Insurance Premium Comparison** to aid consumers with comparison shopping for auto insurance. The publication contains valuable information and price comparisons, including premium quotes from 75 insurance companies for a dozen different driver scenarios, including a driver who takes the bus to and from work every day.

In particular, this free booklet contains premium quotes for 12 hypothetical drivers ranging in age from 18 to 81, with varied driving records and vehicle use, residing in 10 different Arizona cities. The comparison highlights an advantage for those who significantly reduce the miles they drive: on average, insurers offered a \$94 discount for Phoenix residents who opted to take the bus to work—although carpooling or other alternate means of transportation could have the same benefit.

“At least 36 insurers offer discounts to their customers who significantly reduce their annual mileage by taking the bus to work every day,” said Christina Urias, Insurance Director. “There are more reasons than ever to give the bus a try— help reduce pollution, avoid the stress of traffic, *and* save money on your auto insurance!”

The vast differences in premium quotes in the table below illustrate how it “*pays to shop around*” for auto insurance. Consider this hypothetical applicant:

Married couple; age 42; each drives 15 miles each way to work, has a clean driving record for the last three years and a median (average) credit score; husband drives a 2004 Ford Explorer, 4X4, four-door, Sport Trac; wife drives a 2005 Ford Taurus SEL, four-door sedan, automatic. **Coverages & Limits:** Combined single limit liability of \$40,000 or split limits of \$15,000/\$30,000 BI and \$10,000 PD; medical payments of \$5,000; UM and UIM Limits same as liability; \$250 deductible comprehensive; \$500 deductible collision.

Six month premium quotes for above applicant:			
<b>Phoenix</b> (85053):	\$585 to \$4,216	<b>Casa Grande</b> (85222):	\$621 to \$3,563
<b>Tucson</b> (85719):	\$576 to \$3,660	<b>Flagstaff</b> (86001):	\$485 to \$3,841
<b>Glendale</b> (85301):	\$692 to \$3,798	<b>Nogales</b> (85621):	\$500 to \$4,733
<b>Scottsdale</b> (85257):	\$611 to \$3,280	<b>Safford</b> (85546):	\$494 to \$4,733
<b>Mesa</b> (85202):	\$647 to \$4,094	<b>Yuma</b> (85364):	\$570 to \$3,313

“One of the best ways to save money on your auto insurance is to shop around and take advantage of the competition between the 120+ auto insurance companies doing business in Arizona,” said Urias. “The *Automobile Insurance Premium Comparison* provides information that can help you make the best choice for your needs.”

The ***Automobile Insurance Premium Comparison*** offers other possible money saving tips:

- Raise your deductible
- Ask about all available discounts
- Keep your driving record clean
- Reduce the miles you drive
- Install certain anti-theft devices
- Improve your credit
- Drive “safe” vehicles
- Update coverages

### **How to Use the *Automobile Insurance Premium Comparison***

Find the hypothetical driver that most closely matches your circumstances and pick the city or zip code closest to your residence. While actual rates will depend on an applicant’s specific situation, the *Automobile Insurance Premium Comparison* will give you a good idea of how different insurers price a policy for a similarly situated driver.

The publication also includes a summary and explanation of the different kinds of auto insurance coverage available. Insurance policies are complex legal documents, often difficult to understand, and it is easier to compare insurance products when you are familiar with the various policy features. This publication can help.

The *Automobile Insurance Premium Comparison* also provides ‘customer satisfaction’ information in the form of insurer *complaint ratios*,<sup>1</sup> representing the total number of written complaints the Department has received for each 1,000 policy exposures an insurer has in force in Arizona.

Call your insurance representative today to ask if you qualify for discounts!

If you ride the bus, check out the condensed list of insurers that offer reduced-mileage discounts at-  
<http://phoenix.gov/PUBLICTRANSIT/index.html>.

For more information about bus trip planning, please visit  
[www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org).

### **When switching insurers...**

Arizona law limits an insurer’s ability to cancel or non-renew an auto insurance policy, however, consumers should be aware that purchasing a new auto insurance policy, or switching to a new insurance company, allows your new auto insurer to cancel the policy for any reason<sup>2</sup> within the first 60 days after the new policy’s effective date. Therefore, an accurate, comprehensive evaluation of coverage eligibility and premium rates is essential before making your decision.

To obtain free auto insurance publications, call or visit the Arizona Department of Insurance: (602) 364-2499, or (800) 325-2548 outside Phoenix, or [www.id.state.az.us](http://www.id.state.az.us).

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<sup>1</sup> Complaint data contained in this publication does not reflect the Department’s determination of the merits of each complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Regardless, insurers may not cancel because of the location of residence, age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry of an insured.

# Bus Rider Advantage



**If you are a car owner and regularly ride the bus, you could save money on your auto insurance.**

## Let's compare...

Policyholder 1	Policyholder 2
Unmarried, 41-year-old female in <b>Phoenix, Arizona 85053</b>	Unmarried, 41-year-old female in <b>Phoenix, Arizona 85053</b>
Clean driving record within last three years	Clean driving record within last three years
Median (average) credit score	Median (average) credit score
Drives a 2006 Ford Taurus SEL, four-door sedan, automatic	Drives a 2006 Ford Taurus SEL, four-door sedan, automatic
Combined single limit liability = \$40,000; OR split limits = \$15,000/\$30,000 BI and \$10,000 PD	Combined single limit liability = \$40,000; OR split limits = \$15,000/\$30,000 BI and \$10,000 PD
Uninsured and underinsured = same as liability	Uninsured and underinsured = same as liability
Medical payments = \$5,000	Medical payments = \$5,000
Comprehensive deductible = \$250	Comprehensive deductible = \$250
Collision deductible = \$500	Collision deductible = \$500
<b>Drives 15 miles each way to work</b>	<b>Rides the bus to work; drives for "pleasure"</b>
<b>Pays an average \$898 on auto insurance payments every six months</b>	<b>Pays an average \$804 on auto insurance payments every six months</b>

**Phoenix Average Yearly Savings = \$188**

The **Arizona Department of Insurance (ADOI)** surveys auto insurance companies and compares their rates using various hypothetical situations. A recent report found that 36 out of 75 Arizona insurance providers surveyed give discounts on six-month insurance premiums for qualified drivers who live in certain urban areas and reduce their driving by riding the bus frequently. The survey also found that in the 85053 zip code, of those 36 insurers, 21 offer a discount of \$50 or more, and 13 offered a savings of \$100 or more! The rate of savings is influenced by the policyholder's zip code and other factors. Check with your insurance provider to see if a discount could apply to you.

This brochure contains a condensed version of the full ADOI survey comparison. To view other hypothetical scenarios and complaint statistics for Arizona insurance companies visit [www.id.state.az.us](http://www.id.state.az.us). The chart below shows two hypothetical scenarios used to calculate insurance savings for a bus rider vs. a non-bus rider living in the Phoenix 85053 ZIP code. Take a look and see how riding the bus can pay off!

**What would you do with an extra \$188 a year?**

*You could enjoy your bus ride on **RAPID and Express** even more with...*



# Non Bus Rider

# Frequent Bus Rider

## Arizona Cities

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Name of Insurer	Phoenix 85053	Scottsdale 85257	Mesa 85202	Glendale 85301
AAA Members IC	\$972	\$812	\$790	\$973
Acuity, A Mutual IC	514	464	489	540
American Bankers IC of FL	1,847	1,793	1,405	1,595
American Commerce IC	1,358	1,346	1,192	1,358
American F&C Co	1,043	934	966	1,126
American Family Mutual IC	704	562	782	812
American National P&C Co	928	808	1,035	928
Amica Mutual IC	723	641	643	732
Austin Mutual IC	643	526	669	615
Auto-Owners IC	991	881	936	1,083
Central Mutual IC	620	620	613	806
Commerce West IC	1,276	1,183	1,102	1,276
Country Mutual IC	813	692	806	1,024
CSE Safeguard IC	774	641	680	778
Electric IC	531	554	590	626
Farm Bureau Mutual IC	1,116	883	667	1,116
Farmers IC of AZ	843	818	889	1,120
Federal IC	1,896	2,265	1,825	2,265
Fidelity National IC	713	634	683	713
Fireman's Fund IC	1,227	1,535	1,240	1,535
Government Employees IC	457	414	428	505
Great Northwest IC	608	550	585	608
Horace Mann P&C IC	820	623	623	772
IC of the State of PA	517	467	532	556
IDS Property Casualty IC	678	596	649	678
Liberty Mutual Fire IC	750	679	756	922
Mercury Casualty Co	1,139	988	938	1,139
Metropolitan Casualty IC	884	839	926	1,046
SAFECO IC of America	1,251	930	978	1,215
SECURA Ins, A Mutual Co	695	570	780	815
Sentry Ins A Mutual Co	1,583	1,410	1,144	1,893
State Farm Mutual Auto IC	716	629	685	716
Unigard IC	770	675	820	881
Union IC of Providence	829	924	727	813
United Services Auto Assoc	507	430	428	483
Warner IC	595	497	489	592
<b>Average Payment by Zip Code</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>963</b>

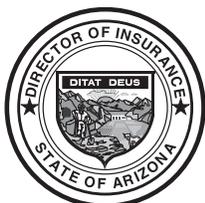
\*Six-month premiums as of January 1, 2007

Name of Insurer	Phoenix 85053	Scottsdale 85257	Mesa 85202	Glendale 85301
AAA Members IC	\$811	\$676	\$658	\$812
Acuity, A Mutual IC	488	444	467	514
American Bankers IC of FL	1,815	1,762	1,382	1,567
American Commerce IC	1,131	1,123	992	1,121
American F&C Co	848	761	784	915
American Family Mutual IC	684	546	760	790
American National P&C Co	629	554	714	629
Amica Mutual IC	584	513	521	591
Austin Mutual IC	588	482	610	560
Auto-Owners IC	815	676	714	828
Central Mutual IC	520	520	513	675
Commerce West IC	1,157	1,079	1,002	1,157
Country Mutual IC	749	638	743	943
CSE Safeguard IC	687	570	604	694
Electric IC	485	506	539	571
Farm Bureau Mutual IC	999	791	597	999
Farmers IC of AZ	793	767	835	1,054
Federal IC	1,649	1,968	1,601	1,968
Fidelity National IC	687	611	658	687
Fireman's Fund IC	1,118	1,360	1,101	1,360
Government Employees IC	360	325	338	398
Great Northwest IC	574	517	551	574
Horace Mann P&C IC	747	569	569	705
IC of the State of PA	499	451	513	537
IDS Property Casualty IC	655	573	627	655
Liberty Mutual Fire IC	709	641	716	871
Mercury Casualty Co	1,098	950	906	1,098
Metropolitan Casualty IC	835	793	870	984
SAFECO IC of America	1,215	905	950	1,184
SECURA Ins, A Mutual Co	667	543	747	781
Sentry Ins A Mutual Co	1,261	1,106	1,152	1,522
State Farm Mutual Auto IC	688	605	658	688
Unigard IC	676	595	718	773
Union IC of Providence	726	807	633	711
United Services Auto Assoc	481	408	406	458
Warner IC	500	419	412	498
<b>Average Payment by Zip Code</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>858</b>

**Total Average Payment = \$879**

**Total Average Payment = \$703**

**Total Metro Area Average Savings = \$176\***



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