



How Much Does it Cost to Fulltime RV?

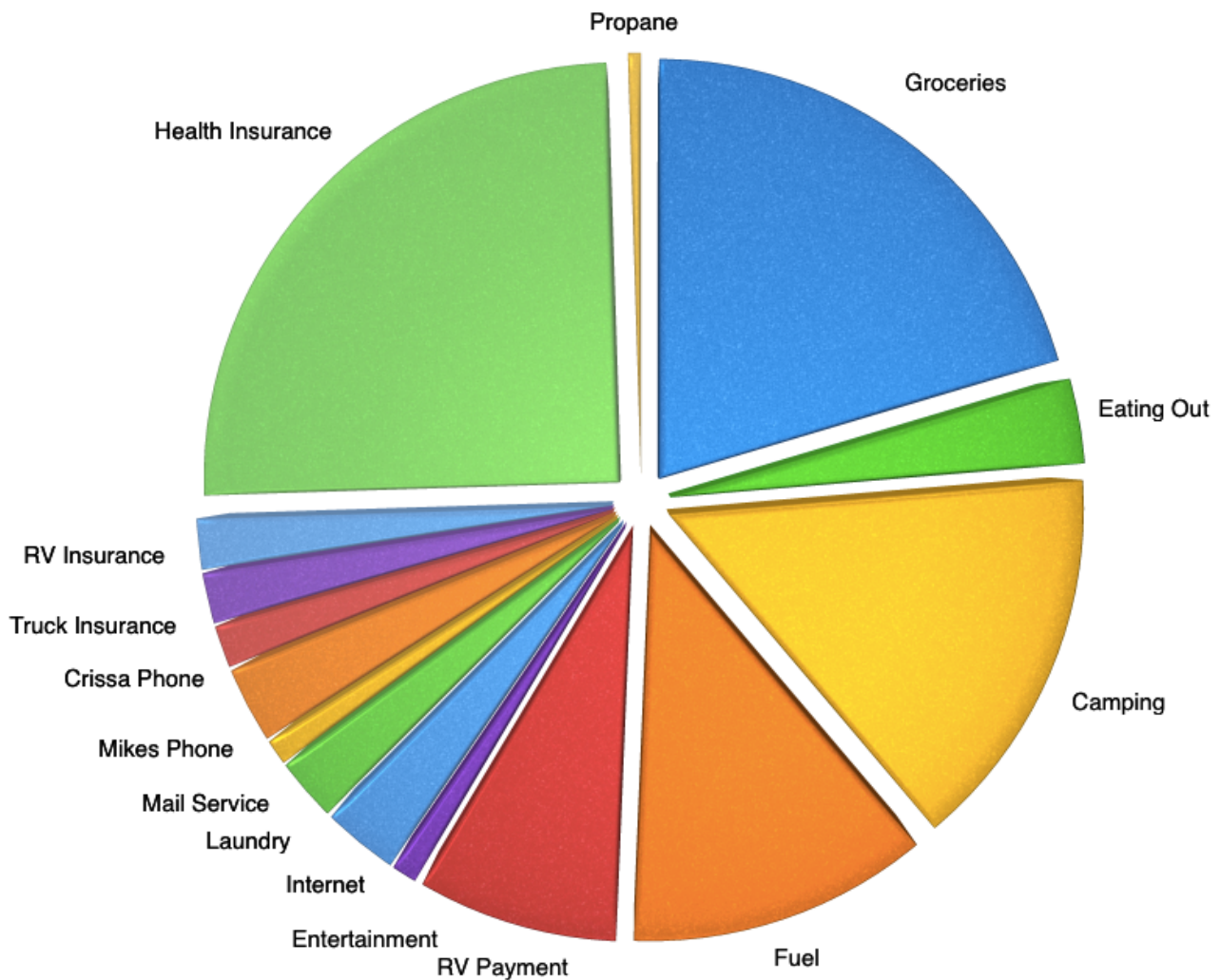
These are our average monthly expenses from the 2015 calendar year:

2015 Average Monthly Costs for a Fulltime RV Family of 4	
Groceries	\$620
Eating Out	\$100
Camping	\$460
Fuel	\$360
RV Payment	\$240
Entertainment	\$30
Internet	\$90
Laundry	\$75
Mail Service	\$30
Mike's Phone	\$90
Crissa's Phone	\$50
Truck Insurance	\$60
RV Insurance	\$60
Health Insurance	\$760
Propane	\$15
Total	\$3235



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Putting that in a pie chart you can easily see what our biggest per-month expenses were:





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Here are some notes to help fill in the context around those numbers:

Fuel:

We didn't do as much driving in 2015 as we have in previous years - choosing to stay in some places for months at a time.

Our truck uses regular gas (it's not a diesel) and fuel prices were down in 2015.

Camping:

We started with a monthly rate in Florida. We had a reasonably-priced seasonal rate in Michigan @ \$375/mo. We finished out the year work-camping so most of December had no extra camping costs.

The RV/Camping places we stayed included electricity, water, sewer and trash as a part of our site fee.

RV Payment:

In 2013 we purchased a new Wildcat 5th Wheel RV and are still paying it off.



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Propane:

We use propane for cooking and furnace heat. We try to not run the house furnace if we can - instead heating the RV with electric heaters.

Laundry:

Our kids wash their own loads when possible, so we aren't conserving much in this area. We visit laundromats and campground laundry facilities on a weekly basis.

RV and Truck Insurance:

Both insurance policies are with Progressive. We had some claims in 2015 and so our rates will be increasing.

Internet and phones:

Our internet is Verizon. Mike's phone is AT&T. Crissa's phone is Verizon.

Entertainment

This category includes family experiences (admission fees, etc), related parking or transportation costs, and souvenirs (we collect magnets).





Food:

Groceries were cheaper on average this year. Our son had a summer job at Subway and usually ate their food at a greatly discounted rate. He also moved out the end of September so from that point forward we were only buying groceries for 3.

Health Insurance

Our 2015 costs were higher than we liked. In 2016 we switched to a Christian Health Share plan instead.

