



# How Much Does it Cost to Fulltime RV?

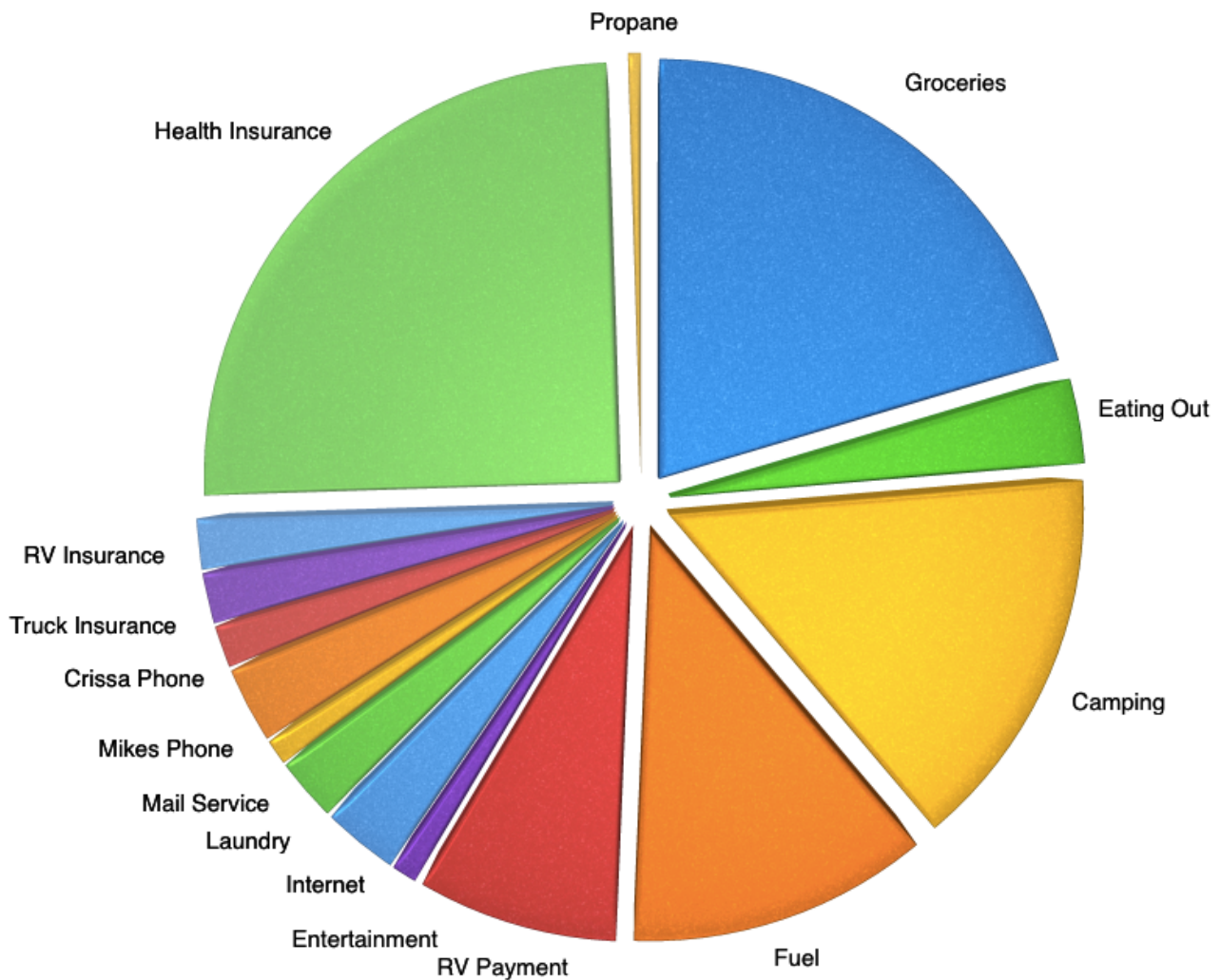
These are our average monthly expenses from the 2015 calendar year:

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3235</b>



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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.

