Rent vs commute worksheet: closer to campus or cheaper and farther?

Compare up to three places side by side: rent, utilities, transit or driving costs and the hours you'd spend travelling, so you see the full monthly cost of each.

NAME

DATE

CAMPUS ADDRESS

DAYS ON CAMPUS A WEEK

EARLIEST CLASS / LATEST CLASS

MY BUDGET FOR RENT PLUS TRAVEL

MONTHLY COMPARISON

Line	Place A (close)	Place B	Place C (far)
Rent			
Utilities and internet			
Transit pass or fares			
Parking, fuel or bike costs			
Total a month			
Door-to-door trip (minutes)			
Hours travelling a week			
Late-night trip home is safe and running?			
Grocery and laundry nearby?			
Lease length and deposit			
My pick			

THINK IT THROUGH

What would I do with the travel time saved?

What happens on exam weeks or winter mornings?

Use real listings and your agency's fare page. An average asking rent describes listings across a market, not the unit you will find or what current tenants pay.

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-27)

Rentals.ca and Urbanation reported on November 5, 2026 that the average asking rent for all residential properties in Canada was $2,036 in October 2026. https://press.rentals.ca/releases/national-rent-report (checked 2026-11-27)