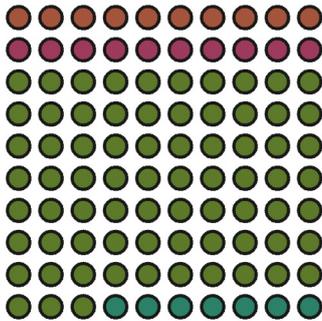


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High Impact Action: Live car free

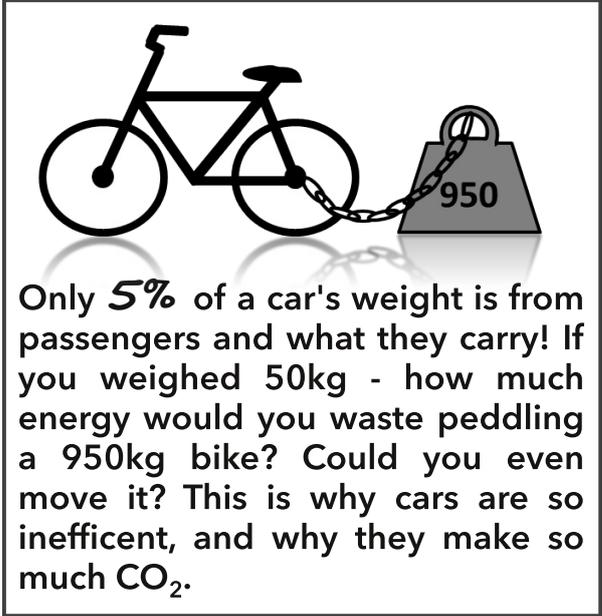
Can't I just get a hybrid?

If you don't drive your car much, you won't burn much carbon, right? Wrong! The average car makes about 100 tons of CO₂, starting when it's in the factory until you stop driving it. And 10 tons alone is used to manufacture the car. That's more CO₂ than two people in Ecuador produce in a whole year! Getting a car means lots of emissions - there's just no way driving around it!



- Manufacturing
- Refining the fuel
- Running the vehicle
- Maintenance/other

Total=100.23



Only 5% of a car's weight is from passengers and what they carry! If you weighed 50kg - how much energy would you waste peddling a 950kg bike? Could you even move it? This is why cars are so inefficient, and why they make so much CO₂.

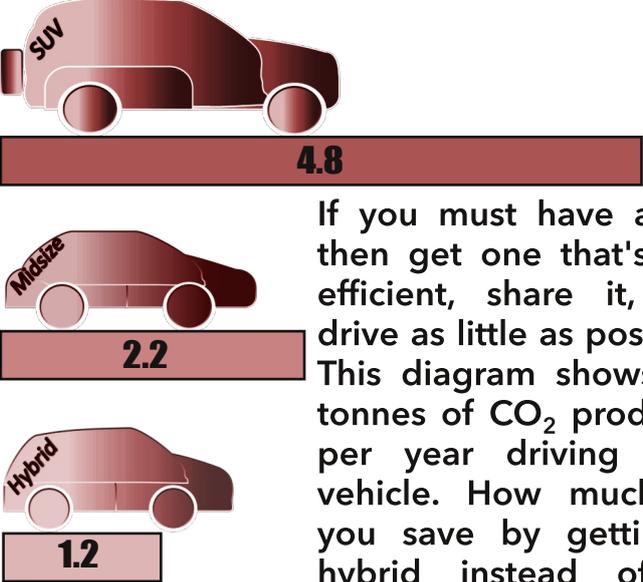
Young people travel light

Far more young people in North America are choosing to go without a car than their parents' generation did at the same age. They do this by living close to where they work, in walkable neighbourhoods with good public transit. Using cellphones to figure out bus and train schedules makes their lives even easier. If there aren't bike lanes or good transit in your area then talk to your city councillor to get changes!

Parks vs parking lots

In cities made for cars, space that could be used for parks, shops and community centres is occupied by highways and parking lots. Vibrant cities are walkable!
 \$11 000 - That's how much the average Canadian spends on transportation per year, and almost all of it is for personal vehicles. Using alternatives can save you thousands every year.
 Stay fit! Each additional hour spent in a car per day adds 6% to the chance of becoming obese.
 Cars create pollution and smog that's bad for our health.

If you absolutely have to...



If you must have a car, then get one that's fuel efficient, share it, and drive as little as possible. This diagram shows the tonnes of CO₂ produced per year driving each vehicle. How much do you save by getting a hybrid instead of an SUV?

