

## AAA Study: 1 in 8 Plan to Move this Year

Summer for most people means warmer weather, backyard barbeques, family vacations, and moving season.

According to a recent AAA Consumer Pulse™ survey, 1 in 8 Nebraska and North Dakota residents (13%) plan to move within the next year. The majority of residents (61%) plan their move for the spring (April – June) or summer (July – September).

“Most people pay for their moving expenses using cash or savings,” said Gene LaDoucer, North Dakota spokesman for AAA – The Auto Club Group. “During a move money can be tight, which means most consumers are looking for the best value for their dollar when paying for things like moving trucks and packing supplies. Taking advantage of discounts, like those at AAA, and timing your move correctly can save you a substantial amount.”

### Money-saving Tips

- **Timing** – Most people move at the beginning or end of the month, during the weekend, or in the summer. These are the most expensive times to move because moving service and moving truck rental prices are at a premium. If possible, schedule your move mid-month, mid-week, or even during the winter months to get the best rates.
- **Discounts** – Before paying, be sure you’re getting the best deal. Get several quotes on moving services and rentals and search for discounts. For instance, AAA members can save up to 12% on Penske truck rentals. Visit [aaa.com/Penske](http://aaa.com/Penske) for more information.
- **Get Someone Else to Pay** – If moving for work your new employer could foot some of the bill. Some moving expenses are even tax deductible, so be sure to keep all receipts associated with your move. Is the cost of boxes daunting? Visit local businesses like a grocery store, liquor store, or office building and ask them for boxes. Many business pay to have their cardboard taken away and would be happy to be rid of them.

### Packing Tips

- **Plan ahead.** Give yourself plenty of time. Start planning for your move up to six weeks before you intend to leave your current home. This will ensure that moving day is less of a hassle, regardless of whether you are using a moving company or doing it yourself.
- **Label boxes.** You’ll thank yourself later. It will make your life a whole lot easier when it comes time to unpack if you have some idea as to which items are included in each box. Label the tops and sides of each box and, perhaps, write the room of your new home

<u>Moving by the Numbers</u>	
<b>Nebraska &amp; North Dakota Movers</b>	
Rent	49%
Own	45%
Moving Vehicle:	
Personal Vehicle	53%
Rent Moving Truck	37%
Moving Company	24%
Residence Type:	
Single-family home	49%
Apartment	35%
Moving Location:	
Within the same city	57%
Out of State	19%
Within the state	18%
Moving Finances:	
Cash/Savings	66%
Credit Card	11%
Spend:	
Less than \$500	51%

where the contents of a particular box will go. If you are using movers, be sure to write “fragile” on any boxes that apply.

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- **Keep important records with you.** These could include your birth certificate, Social Security card, passport, tax documents, checkbooks, original copies of legal documents, driver’s license and any investment papers. Don’t pack these items into boxes, but keep them in a safe place where you won’t lose them.

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