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8.4 percent

That's how much of the typical American family budget has gone toward filling up cars, trucks, SUVs, and other motor vehicles in 2011 - it's [the most in thirty years](#).

You've heard of car sharing and bike sharing...

How about popcorn machine sharing? Or knife sharpener sharing? Pressure cookers? Portland, Oregon - where else? - now has a [kitchen tool library](#).

How bikes can "solve our biggest problems"

Familiar statistics, [interestingly presented](#).

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