



# Driver Stories - In Their Words

More than 119,000 drivers and growing are providing essential services as independent contractors: Read their stories on why they drive.



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**Not only do I get to make my own schedule but I'm also helping the community**

I have been doing Instacart since the end of March and it's been incredibly convenient during this crazy time! Not only do I get to make my own schedule but I'm also helping the community which I love. My parents are the only ones able to watch my 19-month-old while I do orders, so being able to leave when I'm able too rather than when I HAVE too is amazing! There is no way I can work scheduled shifts right now so I really hope that app-based delivery doesn't change!



**Elizabeth T.**  
Instacart  
San Luis Obispo, CA



**Helps me bring in the extra financial support I need in order to help support my daughter**

I am in the California Army National Guard and I work full-time at Camp Roberts helping support the soldiers who are currently activated for the COVID-19 mission by preparing MRE-S, medical equipment, and handling many administrative tasks essential to the success of the mission. On top of that, I recently received full custody of my daughter and I'm starting online school as a full-time student. DoorDash helps me bring in the extra financial support I need in order to help support my daughter and take care of all my debt/lawyer fees I've been having to pay for my daughter's full-time care.



**Danyal V.**  
DoorDash  
Paso Robles, CA



**I'm very grateful because now I have money for my daughter**

Hi my name is Germain and I'm a single father. When COVID happened, I got laid off without out pay so I lost my mind for a bit until I heard about Postmates then my life changed. I'm very grateful



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because now I have money for my daughter and that's very important to me. She's my world and as a father, I can't let her down.



**Germain D.**  
Postmates  
Simi Valley, CA



During this time, the use of rideshare apps and food delivery apps have helped my city in different kind of ways. First of all, food delivery apps like DoorDash have provided me and many others an income as some of our main sources has been closed. These apps have also allowed me to witness other positive aspects, it showed me that doing this has provided help to those that are disabled, handicapped, or have an illness and are not able to leave the house during this time. It's been a wonderful experience and hopes to continue to use these food delivery apps.



**Francisco B.**  
DoorDash  
Castaic, CA



## Driving gave me an opportunity to support my family

I started driving about 5 years ago when I lost my job. I also started a business in order to stay in my area to be close to my son. Driving gave me an opportunity to support my family while I was building a client base for my business and it continues to provide an option to make ends meet when I don't have work related to my business or while I am waiting for clients to pay me. Without the flexibility and freedom to drive when I choose, I will have to close my business and move out of state to find work in my career.



**David W.**  
Uber, Lyft  
Santa Barbara, CA

## I'm helping out the entire community

I'm helping out the entire community by sharing my tips for some restaurant that I order for the customers. Just letting them know...I'm looking out for them, just a small amount. Also, I deliver foods to the elderly who always appreciate using the service including the nurses and doctors.



**EricBen B.**  
Postmates  
Arroyo Grande, CA

## Being able to be a dasher means security

Being able to be a dasher means security. Its the only thing between me and homelessness.



**Danielle P.**  
Doordash, Postmates  
Santa Barbara, CA



## I'm no longer able to work in a structured environment

I'm a 100% disabled Marine Corps veteran, and because of my disability, I'm no longer able to work in a structured environment. The few hours a week that I do ridesharing helps to connect me to my community and gives me extra money to help make ends meet

## I am not able to work on a schedule

I retired in August of 2018 and living with a fixed income is very hard, my retirement just covers my rent. So I need it to find extra income with flexible hours because I need to take care of my wife. Thanks to Uber and the flexibility of work when I can to make the extra money to cover our necessities. I am not able to work on a schedule because of my wife, so if we have a fixed schedule I will have to quit. Please don't do that to us, we need this job in the way it is now.

 **Justo V.**  
Uber  
Santa Barbara, CA

and to spend on my granddaughter. The only reason that I am able to do this is that the ridesharing platform allows me to work when I am able to, and doesn't require that I adhere to a schedule. On the days that I am unable to work, I don't.

 **Christine C.**  
Uber, Lyft  
Santa Barbara, CA

## I can only drive at certain times due to my physical capabilities

I am a disabled American that is unable to keep any other job. I started to drive for Rideshare to make up the huge difference between what I was making and my medical bills. I can only drive at certain times due to my physical capabilities. If they take this away from me I will be in the up in the hands of the state or federal government to make the difference.

 **Joel W.**  
Uber, Lyft  
San Luis Obispo, CA

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