



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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Freedom to not only earn extra money but also work at my own pace

I am a disabled combat Veteran on a limited income. I am unable to maintain a regular job as an employee. Instacart has allowed me the freedom to not only earn extra money but also work at my own pace and regain some of my self-worth.



Jason C.
Instacart
Fortuna, CA



I enjoy having the option to make more money when I need to

Honestly I enjoy having the option to make more money when I need to and if for some reason I lose my job, like I have now due to COVID-19, I am able to use DoorDash as a back up when it is needed.



Chelsey C.
Doordash, Postmates, Instacart
Chico, CA



Delivery has been a godsend to my family

I was self-employed as an auto painter, however, due to the downturn in the economy as well as the need to stay home and care for my autistic son, I had to close the doors to my business. Now that my son is in school and does not require as much care, I found it difficult to get back into the workforce. I still need to be available to transport him to doctor's appointments or get him from school if there is an issue. Delivery has been a godsend to my family. I'm able to match my wife's income, bringing us back to a full two-income family but still leaving me with free time to run errands or get to various appointments as needed. We are just now starting to keep our heads above water. I very much enjoy what I am doing. I meet so many wonderful people throughout my day and more importantly, I feel really good about myself because I am able to help people out by bringing their food or groceries.



Darrin W.
DoorDash
Shasta Lake, CA



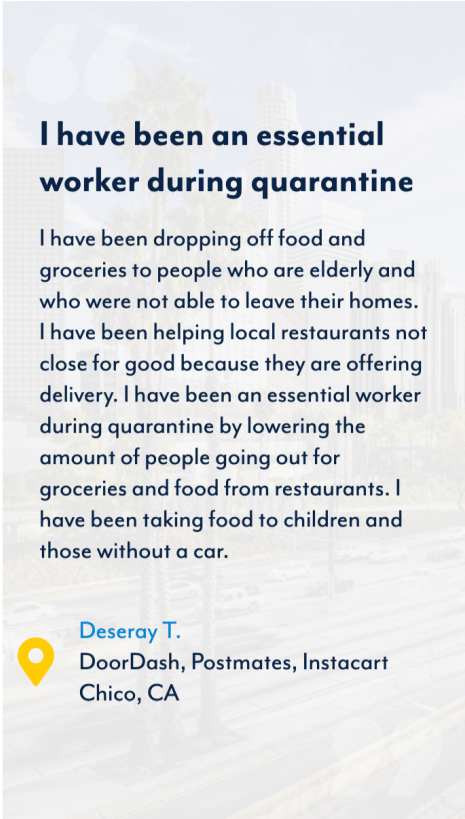
I am able to balance my



App-based driving gives me the flexibility to supplement my income

I have a disability that doesn't allow me to work a 9 to 5. App-based driving gives me the flexibility to supplement my income.

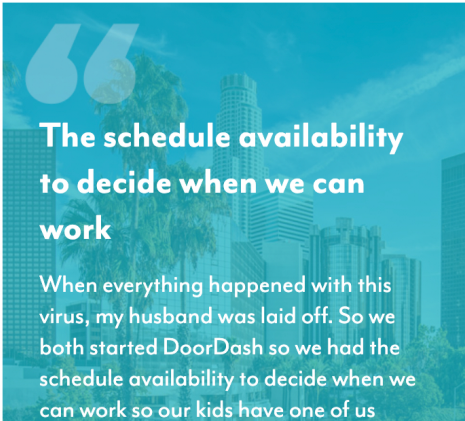
 **Lex P.**
Uber
Chico, CA



I have been an essential worker during quarantine

I have been dropping off food and groceries to people who are elderly and who were not able to leave their homes. I have been helping local restaurants not close for good because they are offering delivery. I have been an essential worker during quarantine by lowering the amount of people going out for groceries and food from restaurants. I have been taking food to children and those without a car.

 **Deseray T.**
DoorDash, Postmates, Instacart
Chico, CA



The schedule availability to decide when we can work

When everything happened with this virus, my husband was laid off. So we both started DoorDash so we had the schedule availability to decide when we can work so our kids have one of us



children's education and providing a stable income with independent work

I have three young children at home. Now with the pandemic and distance learning, I am able to balance my children's education and providing a stable income with independent work as a gig worker. I don't believe that will be possible if I am forced to find employment that requires a set shift. Our economy has already been hit with too many blows. If app-based opportunities cease I believe it would further harm an already struggling economy. If it weren't for many of these app-based opportunities already in place, many more of our local restaurants and businesses would be forced to shut their doors. In addition, many more would be forced to rely on unemployment to make ends meet.

 **Latanya G.**
Uber
Winters, CA



It's been a good feeling

In brief, it's been a good feeling to make sure that the most vulnerable and our elderly have been able to stay home during this pandemic by my being able to perform this service.

 **Paul B.**
Instacart
Red Bluff, CA



Makes the difference of whether or not I'll be homeless in these times of struggle

I started DoorDashing in 2018 because I had a hard time getting employment.

home.



Alisha L.
DoorDash
Chico, CA

I look forward to continue serving my city and community

The good part of doing DoorDash during this pandemic is keeping locals inside their homes and keeping the spread of COVID-19 to a minimum and getting locals their favorite foods from their favorite restaurants and I look forward to continue serving my city and community!



Dylan J.
DoorDash
Redding, CA

I'm able to go out and make a little money

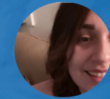
I'm able to go out and make a little money and at the same time help people get food and feed their family.



Richard K.
Uber, Lyft, DoorDash
Chico, CA

Allowing me to choose my hours and drive where and when I want makes a big difference

And since then I've always used it to help me make extra cash that I need for my life. Especially right now, with the quarantine going on, my hours have been drastically cut back and the only thing that's helping me pay all my bills is DoorDash. Without this app, I would seriously be without a home and probably without my car and several other things. DoorDash is how to make it through so many times of having to pay vet bills for my dog, car payments, insurance and making sure that I still have a home or even some gas in my car. Without this app I don't know what I would do...it literally makes the difference of whether or not I'll be homeless in these times of struggle.



Delilah O.
DoorDash
Chico, CA

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My only source of income aside from financial aid

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shasta College was forced to close their dorms a month early, leaving me unexpectedly without a place to live. Thanks to DoorDash, I was able to start saving for an apartment, and it would be my only source of income aside from financial aid which has been unpredictable.



Joyce B.
DoorDash
Redding, CA

I have a full-time job and would like to retire soon. Being an independent contractor is allowing me to get closer to my dream of a comfortable retirement. Allowing me to choose my hours and drive where and when I want makes a big difference. I don't know what I would do without those choices.



Melody H.

Uber, Lyft, Doordash, Postmates
Redding, CA



Driving for Lyft allows me to earn an income

Due to my previous occupation (carpenter for 30 years), I have chronic pain. I've had two shoulder surgeries and a third one is pending. I've also had a total hip replacement, joint replacement in one foot, and five bulging discs in the lower back. Driving for Lyft allows me to earn an income when my pain is tolerable and it allows me to go home if the pain is too much.



Larry G.

Lyft
Chico, CA



Gives me the opportunity to stay in school full time

I am a full-time student and had actually got a job at a Holiday Inn Express in the city I live in but, then the Covid19 virus hit and they were no longer hiring anyone. I have rent and a car payment to pay as well as other needs. I was told about DoorDash and signed up and a week later I was dashing whenever I wanted too! This is awesome not only because I get to work when I want too it also is very easy to do and I don't have to interact with anyone. DoorDash gives me the opportunity to stay in school full time because without it I would have to go look for a full-time job and right now there are no jobs and who knows how long this is going to last. I am thankful I am able to make a living and I determine how much I work.



Casey C.

DoorDash
Chico, CA



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