



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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I love the flexibility of app-based work

My name is Nate. I love the flexibility of app-based work. I work full time during the day at my day job and on the way home I do either Uber/Lyft or Door Dash. The opportunity to meet new people and to provide a safe convenient ride to their destinations is key to me. If we allow the politicians to turn this opportunity into a job, it would stop people like me from participating in the app-based opportunities. Flexibility is key for folks like me.

Nate N.

Uber, Lyft, DoorDash
Riverside, CA

Being an independent contractor works for me

I am a 73 year old retired female who lives on Social Security. Being able to work at delivering food to the community gives me a purpose to get up and do something productive every day...I am able to make my own schedule that fits my retired lifestyle and serve others at the same time. Being an independent contractor works for me, I want it to stay that way.

Marolyn S.

DoorDash, Postmates, Instacart
Hemet, CA

Helped me and my family when my husband lost his job

Being able to earn extra money during my free time doing Lyft helped me and my family when my husband lost his job. I was working full-time at my day job and doing Lyft part time during the week and full-time on the weekends to meet months' end until he got a new job. When we relocated to move closer to my husband's new workplace, I had

I can deliver meals to those that want to stay safe in their home

Prior to COVID-19, I had a difficult time finding steady employment, and a dear friend of mine introduced me to Postmates. I was afforded the opportunity to earn extra money, pay my bills and the hours were perfect to continue my school program. Now that dear friend is my girlfriend and we have started doing DoorDash as well. Delivering food has changed my life and introduced personal and financial

to quit my job and I was doing Lyft until I got a full-time job again. The fact that the app-based work is available and offers a flexible schedule, made the difference between keeping our house and not losing our investment.



Sofia H.
Lyft
Crestline, CA

stability. The financial gain has helped me to support our economy by paying taxes, car registration and purchases I make daily while working delivering food for Postmates and DoorDash. Now with the COVID-19 pandemic, I can deliver meals to those that want to stay safe in their home while keeping me safe by delivering through no contact. Please allow independent drivers the ability to choose our own hours and earn finances that are so crucial.



Jonathan W.
DoorDash, Postmates
Victorville, CA



Rideshare has given me the flexibility to run errands for the family

I came back from Venezuela with my family and \$300 to start over. Rideshare has given me the flexibility to run errands for the family, and still go out locally and earn a decent living for me and my family.



Eduardo B.
Rideshare & Delivery Driver
Palm Springs, CA



I am very grateful for driving apps

I am very grateful for driving apps because especially through this new, different, and difficult time, these apps have allowed me to continue to put food on my table. I'm able to keep a roof over my children's heads...If it weren't for these apps, I would be living in a shelter or the street with my family. As people in the community are still very cautious to be out, we as drivers can provide safety, security, and a smile to show there are still good people in this world.



Jessica C.
DoorDash
Murrieta, CA



I need the flexibility

Rideshare supplements my social security and I need the flexibility to work when I can.



Mark D.
Uber, Lyft, Postmates
Palm Springs, CA



I love the flexibility

I've been doing rideshare for 3+ years now and I love the flexibility of being to work on my own schedule and not

I started doing Lyft because it is flexible

I started doing Lyft because it is flexible and I needed something like it because I recently got custody of my sister's kids. My sister passed away 10 years ago and her 4 kids need a place to stay and Lyft has been helping me support them through these hard times. I won't like to do a set schedule or be considered an

...from my time as an employee, not having to be bossed around by a manager. I work at my own pace while still giving excellent customer service to those in need.



Neil C.
DoorDash
Menifee, CA

employee.



Cynthia E.
Uber, Lyft, DoorDash
San Bernardino, CA

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It has helped me support my family

It has helped me support my family and me during our hardest times.



Michael K.
DoorDash, Postmates
Temecula, CA



I enjoy working as an independent contractor

I started using rideshare apps with Uber and DoorDash a little over a year ago and it has been an exceptional personal experience to serve my community safely especially in such challenging times as we battle the COVID-19 health crisis that has significantly impacted our lives in every sector of life. I enjoy working as an independent contractor with Uber and DoorDash because it's an amazing window of supplemental income to my additional economic goals and demands. It's a dynamic opportunity for a flexible work lifestyle where extra income earnings change your personal objectives!



Andrew B.
Uber, DoorDash
Temecula, CA



It allows me to work when it is convenient for my family and me

As a single mother of three living in California, working with Uber and Lyft has drastically helped me provide for my children. I am employed full-time and drive for Uber and Lyft in my spare time. Yes, my full-time job pays the bills but Uber and Lyft enable me to pay for vacations, take my children out to dinners, it helps me buy the trendy back-to-school clothes and cool backpacks for my kids. Uber and Lyft have been my safety net. When the money runs tight, I know I can get out there and provide ridesharing serves to make ends meet. The Uber and Lyft platform has worked out great with my schedule, and it allows me to work when it is convenient for my family and me.



Ultima A.
Uber, Lyft
Fontana, CA

I need to earn extra money to pay bills

It's important to all Lyft drivers like me. I need to earn extra money to pay bills and I don't get enough pay from my full-time job at USPS. This opportunity helps me a lot.



Joseph P.
Lyft
Chino, CA

Able to drive my own hours at the push of a button

I lost my previous job at the end of 2019. I immediately signed up with Lyft and it was a breath of fresh air being able to drive my own hours at the push of a button. Supporting my community and giving my neighbors a smooth ride to wherever their destination entails has been a joy and I hope I can maintain the opportunity to do so.



Timothy B.
Lyft
Fontana, CA

The flexibility is awesome

I lost my regular job in January. I had another job lined up to start in March but was informed that COVID-19 has held it up until further notice. Lyft has been a lifesaver in so many ways financially. The flexibility is awesome. Thank you so much Lyft family!



Ricky M.
Lyft
Riverside, CA

I depend on Lyft for extra money to support myself and my mother

I'm a single man and I take care of my mother who's a 73 year old diabetic widow. I depend on Lyft for extra money to support myself and my mother. I've been furloughed from my full-time job because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I really need to continue to work for Lyft.



Armando R.
Lyft
Hesperia, CA

The opportunity to be flexible around my class schedule

Being a full-time student, Lyft as a platform has given me the opportunity to be flexible around my class schedule. I will forever be grateful if the flexibility is still made available.



Imo E.
Lyft
San Bernardino, CA

I very much appreciate being able to work when I want to as an independent contractor

...I am contributing to helping many small business establishments from staying open during these turbulent times. Contributing to the local economy in my spare time when I'm not at my regular full-time job by driving Postmates and DoorDash makes me feel good when I go to sleep every night. I

The money is necessary

I am 77 years old and my retirement income is relatively non-existent except for SSI. I have outlived my money. Thank you to Uber and Lyft. The money is necessary or I would be on some kind of aid. It's a godsend to have the extra income.

Vern K.
Uber, Lyft
Palm Desert, CA

very much appreciate being able to work when I want to as an independent contractor...

Dylan H.
DoorDash, Postmates
Palm Desert, CA

Allows me to work with flexible hours without interfering with family time

DoorDash gives me a chance to be a mom and a worker at the same time. DoorDash allows me to work with flexible hours without interfering with family time.

Ruby C.
DoorDash
San Bernardino, CA

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I need the flexibility

I need the flexibility that these rideshare apps allow. This enables me to support my newborn and fiance. I can't make ends meet without these apps.

Thomas H.
Uber, Lyft
Lake Elsinore, CA

I'm able to support my family fully

I'm able to support my family fully. Having one job nowadays doesn't make you enough money to support yourself and be able to do the things you enjoy.

Kami M.
DoorDash, Instacart
San Bernardino, CA

I'm able to make a bit of extra money on my own personal time

Offered me the most flexible and rewarding opportunity to earn money in my free time

Hello. I'm a mother of two children, married for 23 years to my husband Steve M. I'm an employee at Perris Elementary School District as 6 hour librarian clerk for 3 years. I love working as a Dasher because I'm able to make a bit of extra money on my own personal time. Thank you for the opportunity of having this side job as an option of extra income.



Elitania M.
DoorDash
Perris, CA



Gives me the greatest freedom

Working for Lyft as an independent contractor, under my own time and schedule, has allowed me to lead and live the life I have always wanted and also gives me the greatest freedom to tend to my life and all the ups and downs I may have to face. It is absolutely imperative that drivers for Lyft and other rideshare apps and programs maintain their right to choose their own hours to work and if and when they work.



Nathan L.
Lyft, Postmates
Colton, CA



So many riders are dependent on these services

The convenience of driving when I have time leaves me ample time to make enough to pay for the car that I could not otherwise afford. I drive mostly at night and I get many riders who are very grateful to not have to wait so frequently outside for long periods of time. So many riders are dependent on these services that allows for safety and convenience.

money in my free time

I have been working permanently for a community college for the past 20 years. As my three children reached college age, my expenses increased and my regular salaried income did not keep up with the cost of living. However, I wanted to help my children attend college and be able to fulfill their dreams. So I started looking into doing extra side work in the evening or weekends. After looking around for a while, I found out that driving for Lyft and later Uber, offered me the most flexible and rewarding opportunity to earn money in my free time. I have been driving for both companies since July 2019 and I have completed more than 2800 trips since then. In addition to helping my kids, I also assist my both parents with monetary supplements on a regular basis. I would like to be able to continue to work as an independent contractor with the same level of flexibility so I can help my family.



Mohamad F.
Uber, Lyft
Upland, CA



I do not want these app-based employment services to go away

I can only find a part-time job at a grocery store in which I only earn near minimum wage for 30 hours a week. Having DoorDash and Postmates has allowed me to freely earn income that is desperately needed for my household. I do not want these app-based employment services to go away. I need them.



John K.
DoorDash, Postmates
Hemet, CA



peace of mind.



Valerie R.
Lyft
Fontana, CA



Wouldn't be able to do this without the flexibility

The Coachella Valley has many older American retirees, some of whom cannot venture out to even get their basic needs fulfilled. The reasons are many. They may have underlying health conditions that put them at risk during the pandemic, they may be handicapped, the summer heat may be too much for them or they may not have a car or access to public transport. Groceries, basics, and food orders (and even a moment of face to face interaction) are provided by those who work this service. These are all at risk by politicians who think they know better than the thousands of people who chose to provide this service independently, without the constraints of a schedule. I, for one, wouldn't be able to do this without the flexibility that this job provides in its current form. For once I wish politicians would think of someone other than themselves and instead take a moment and think of us workers and the bad effect this would have on us and the people we want to help; the elderly, single moms, handicapped, shut-ins and busy essential workers.



Chris P.
DoorDash
Indio, CA

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A great blessing for me and my daughters

To who it may concern, thanks to Uber, Lyft and DoorDash for believing in me to start working again. 6 years ago I had an accident where I dislocated 6 disks from my back, and I could not find any job because of my bad back. They believed that I was the right candidate for this job and 6 years later here I am still driving for these companies which they said I may work at my own time...and that was a great blessing for me and my daughters.



Jose C.
Lyft, DoorDash
San Bernardino, CA



Really helps me as a mother and student get the income and help out communities

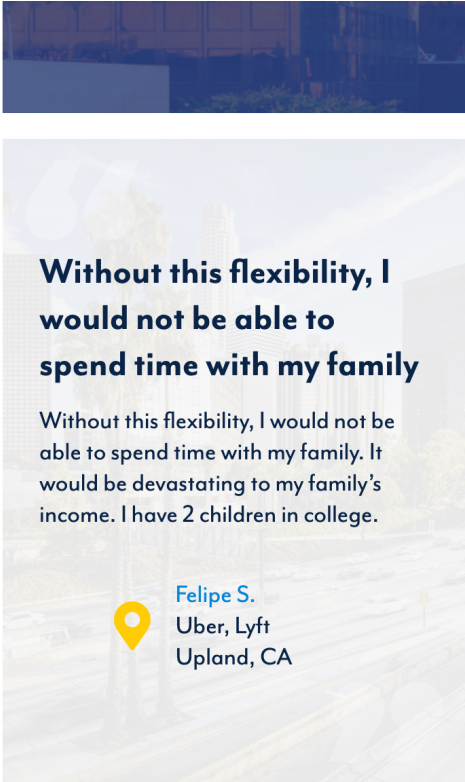
Hello. Being a dasher really helps me as a mother and student get the income and help out communities. As a mother, it's hard to work any job with my partner being the full-time breadwinner. But these days it helps us out so much to be able to bring a little more to the table. I'm a hard-working independent woman. Any person should be allowed to have access to make income in little time or due to their lifestyle. So many people rely on DoorDash. It's an amazing business that should not be taken away!



Kristina M.
DoorDash
Helendale, CA



Please do not take away
our way of making a living



Without this flexibility, I would not be able to spend time with my family

Without this flexibility, I would not be able to spend time with my family. It would be devastating to my family's income. I have 2 children in college.



Felipe S.
Uber, Lyft
Upland, CA



We are able to help those in need of transportation

Hello I am a wife a mother of 10 and a grandmother of 2. I started doing DoorDash as my side gig and fell in love with customers and being needed in the community and turned this side gig into my full-time job. Being a Dasher has shown me how others need us drivers and how we are able to help those in need of not having transportation or unable to leave their job to get something to eat and rely on us to help them. This is an amazing company and I love being part.



Lisa H.
DoorDash
Yucca Valley, CA



Helps relieve the tension of meeting my monthly financial obligations

I am supporting this cause because my

As a single mom with three toddlers, getting a job with good hours and finding a babysitter, especially during COVID-19, is especially tough. Doing DoorDash and Lyft has really helped me out especially when money is short for diapers and formula. We are always safe especially with contactless deliveries and it's a fast way to make quick money especially since the pandemic and because people are losing their jobs. This job also helps students make some extra cash and work around their schooling. People of all ages do this job and it helps them get by. Jobs like these are keeping people off the street and out of trouble. I just had a job at PizzaHut working 30 hours a week and make more money doing DoorDash and have more time with my kids every day, especially with homeschooling. Please do not take away our way of making a living.



Lareina W.
Rideshare & Delivery Driver
Victorville, CA



I love that I can make my schedule around my schooling and my doctor appointments

Hello I am a part-time student and I work through DoorDash and Postmates to earn my money to pay my bills right now. Plus I am a cancer patient also and I love the fact that I can make my schedule around my schooling and my doctor appointments.



DoorDash, Postmates
Johnson Valley, CA

part-time job with DoorDash and Postmates helps relieve the tension of meeting my monthly financial obligations. I am a single mother of two sons with no other financial help. My full-time job covers all living expenses leaving nothing to put away for a rainy day or an emergency. What I earn at the University of California Irvine is not sufficient for me and my children to ever take vacations or have family outings. It's very stressful living paycheck to paycheck and having budget cuts that affect my raises never allowing me to move forward in the financial spectrum. Having a part-time self contracted job that allows me to use my deductions when filing taxes allows me to actually get a small return. I need my part-time job it's not a luxury it's a necessity. We need to support single mothers that work 60 hrs plus per week to provide for their families.



Veronica C.
Doordash, Postmates
Riverside, CA



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