



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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Driving for Uber Eats and DoorDash helps me survive during these stressful times

I'm a US Army Veteran. Driving for Uber Eats and DoorDash helps me survive during these stressful times. I lost my previous job and trying to get unemployment insurance with California has been nothing but a jungle of hang-ups and callbacks for three months. Driver based apps help me pay my car payment and insurance plus a few other bills. Driver based apps are very important to this economy. Some customers can't afford to drive. As a driver I rely on orders to pay some of my bills...I'm proud to be an app-based driver. Vote yes on prop 22



Jeffrey B.
Uber, DoorDash
Olivehurst, CA

Being able to make my own schedule gives me the freedom to take my grandmother to her doctor's appointments

I drive for Lyft, as well as DoorDash and Postmates. Being able to make my own schedule gives me the freedom to take my grandmother to her doctor's appointments and to her dialysis three times a week. If this prop does not pass then I will be forced to rely on other means to make sure my grandmother is taken care of and that's not what I want to happen.



Nefatia M.
Uber, Lyft, Doordash, Postmates
San Francisco, CA

I really need to have a flexible schedule

I am a musician and I really need to have a flexible schedule. It is very important to me. I have been successful at being self-employed for my entire life. PLEASE DON'T INTERFERE WITH MY FREEDOM TO BE INDEPENDENT! THANK YOU!



John M.
Uber, Lyft, DoorDash
South Lake Tahoe, CA

This lets me stay in school as a college student instead of having to choose between working and my education

I'm disabled and being able to pick my own schedule means I don't cause myself to have chronic fatigue crashes that limit how often I can work. This lets me stay in school as a college student instead of having to choose between working and my education.



Sterling F.
DoorDash
Fairfield, CA,



A job like this is very important

I had to move back to CA from NY to support my son who has medical issues. As a freelance artist and photographer in the pandemic, I had to come up with a job that allows me to be flexible and worthy. I applied for many and currently doing my job as an essential worker and as a mom. I hope they understand at the age of 52 in my case finding a job like this is very important.



Toktam T.

Uber, Postmates, Instacart
Sacramento, CA



Let's keep the door open for a new way that offers flexibility and independence

As a grandmother I found myself having to start my life over. For 3 years I was desperate to find work. Nobody would hire me because I had given up my career years ago to become a homemaker. Due to an aging parent that I took care of for 20 years and children, it made more sense to care for my family than to hire someone else to. The 30-year gap in my work history didn't seem to be something that garnered respect or admiration for my familial sacrifice and commitment. When my father died because he was so strong he fought for a month before he passed. My employers at the time were not sympathetic and I was constantly penalized for the time I took off for family. This is called the MOTHER'S PENALTY. Many articles have been written on this subject because women all over the planet have experienced this. At this age, I don't want to be someone's employee. I'm a self-starter and I don't want to answer to someone about my personal life. I work and get paid. This work format fits my life. I've been in charge of a big family and enjoy the option to work or take time off when needed without begging permission or disclosing personal information about my life. The endless revolving door of employee subjugation and dime a dozen minimum wage employment has seen enough people quit and rehire. Those are the old ways. Let's keep the door open for a new way that offers flexibility and independence.



Linda T.

DoorDash, Postmates, Instacart
Copperopolis, CA

Given me the freedom to earn additional income at my own pace with no restrictions

DoorDash has saved my mental health. I'm in the event business and due to COVID-19, we haven't had any work. Our PPP loan ran out and now I find myself unemployed. I'm a total type-A person and need to be of service or need to be doing something. Being able to deliver food to people has been actually pretty life-changing during this pandemic. I feel safe doing it and it has given me a sense of purpose and confidence in myself. I like to choose my own jobs and decide when I will be working and DoorDash has allowed that. It has also given me the freedom to earn additional income at my own pace with no restrictions.



Nicole W.

DoorDash
Grass Valley, CA

I need to be an independent driver

I am on SSDI disability. I need the money I earn from Uber to get by...I like being able to work when I want. Sometimes I don't feel well to drive so I don't. I need to be an independent driver so I can work when I feel good. If I can't make this money, I will be in trouble paying my bills. The riders I have thank me all the time for being out there for them. I feel if Uber or Lyft drivers are not out there then more people might drive while being impaired. That could cause people to get hurt. I cannot work full shifts so we need our independence.



Christopher G.

Uber
Riverbank, CA



Our independence allows us to be there for our family

As a veteran who's military occupation and age, doesn't have the ability to transfer over to civilian life, finding a new career in your 50s is difficult if not impossible. Add to that the difference in work culture from military life,

I'm doing my part to protect our community

I deliver for both DoorDash and Instacart. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, I worked hard to help others get the food and groceries they needed all while supporting my 4-year-olds cancer treatments. I worked whenever my husband was home to care for our children. I enjoyed being out and helping others. After the pandemic, I worked lesser hours, to protect myself, and especially my immunocompromised 4 years old. I don't go out as often, but I still do my best to make sure those in my community who are also immunocompromised or high risk, to get the things they need. I'm doing my part to protect our community, and make sure they don't go without anything.

 **Grace H.**
DoorDash, Instacart
Patterson, CA

employment can be a struggle. That's why Lyft and other app driver and delivery services are so important. It allows us to earn what we need. It allows us to maintain the culture we respect. We get to see what we defended. And most importantly, we continue to service in another important way. To provide safe transportation for some who have no other means, and those who need a safe way home. Our independence allows us to be there for our family. So we can be present in our children and spouses' lives. To support them as they supported us. Our independence is why we served our country. It's why I drive for Lyft.

 **Shawn W.**
Lyft
Sacramento, CA

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The only thing that helped me to my home rent is DoorDash

I came new to the USA, during COVID 19. Since I'm new in this country, my degree from Afghanistan was not accepted here & I had no experience in this country, the only thing that helped me to my home rent is DoorDash. Thanks

 **Fraidoon A.**
DoorDash
Sacramento, CA

I am able to provide meals to those who are at risk and are unable to go outside

I am able to provide meals to those who are at risk and are unable to go outside and/or are not safe outside. So I do my best to limit their contact with the outside world. It may not seem like much, but if I can help prevent 1 or 2 at-risk people from being infected by COVID-19. It's worth it.

 **Mark L.**
DoorDash
Citrus Heights, CA

DoorDash helps me to save some money for my son's college

I am a single mother of a teenager. DoorDash helps me to save some money for my son's college after I pay my bills. He is an intelligent boy so I want to help him with his education and one full-time job does not help me save any money after paying my bills. DoorDash

DoorDashing helps to supplement the money I need

also helps me spend time with my son since I can choose my own schedule. Thank you DoorDash!!!



Rajbinder N.
DoorDash
Huntington Park, CA

I am a single mom that owns a clothing business but I've been affected by covid19 and haven't been able to make as much so DoorDashing helps to supplement the money I need to keep me and my son in our home and to pay our bills and provide money for food.



Haley B.
DoorDash
Roseville, CA

I love the flexibility

I am a husband and father of 4 kids. I work a regular full-time job, and I do ride-sharing and delivery jobs in off-hours to earn extra money to keep up with the huge cost of living in California. I don't want to be an Uber or DoorDash or Amazon Flex employee. I want to be an independent contractor so that I can pick up extra work on my schedule as desired. I love the flexibility of the Gig Economy, and I don't want that to be ruined. During COVID-19, I have been delivering a lot of meals and packages to people who are very grateful for the service. I am happy to help out my community members who are otherwise locked down.



Adam H.
Uber, DoorDash
Manteca, CA

Found joy in being able to go out and deliver food to families

I am a full time student who has a part time job at the mall. During quarantine, I am unable to continue to work at my part time job, so I started DoorDashing. I started DoorDashing because I am not receiving unemployment during quarantine and I was in desperate need of money. I heard about DoorDash from a friend who was also facing financial issues and they were able to make good money through DoorDash. Working for DoorDash has been a wonderful experience for me because it has helped to relieve financial strain during these stressful times. I have also found joy in being able to go out and deliver food to families who are understandably afraid to go out and get the food themselves. I am happy to be able to deliver food through DoorDash and I do not want this app to be impeded on by the government because it would completely ruin the experience.



Arlana B.
DoorDash
Galt, CA

Without it, I would be homeless

I am a disabled mother of 4, with 2 kids that have disabilities. I do not receive enough in state or federal aid to survive. DoorDashing has provided a way for me to support my family and work my way off of aid. It has given me a boost in self-esteem and a sense of purpose. Without it, I would be homeless.



Kathleen R.
Uber
Rackerby, CA

DoorDash allows me to pay bills and buy what I need to succeed

I Door Dash to help save up money to pay off my student loans. I also am working on becoming a full time artist which, let's be honest, will take a long time to achieve. I do many different forms of art (painting, jewelry making, and floral arranging to name a few), so my supply list can stack up. DoorDash allows me to pay bills and buy what I need to succeed. I struggle with anxiety and commitment issues when it comes to jobs, but this hasn't affected my workflow with

It has also helped to be my own boss

Hi! My name is Alexis and I am a full time

student doing full time ministry & with being a full time student I'm not able to have a part time job, so DoorDash has been a stream of income for me and it has helped me tremendously since becoming a Dasher. I was able to go on a mission trip with the funds I had from DoorDashing. It has also helped to be my own boss with the different hours of free time I may have each day and DoorDash has been able to provide those hours. Thank you for letting me share!

 **Alexis V.**
DoorDash
Stockton, CA

DoorDash since I can create my own schedule. That alone has helped me feel stable in the workforce and proud of myself.

 **Rebecca F.**
DoorDash
Oakdale, CA

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DoorDash is what is saving us and keeping my family together

Hello, my name is Edgar and I am a 23-year-old father to a beautiful 6-month-old baby. I just started delivering food with DoorDash. I lost my job due to the coronavirus and I had no time to stop and let life sink me down, on top of this my father was shot and killed on the 24th of April while I was home and my mother saw what happened, I held my father in my arms on his last moments and it completely broke my heart. DoorDash is not a job to me, DoorDash is what is saving us and keeping my family together at the moment, bless you all.

 **Edgar G.**
DoorDash
Tracy, CA

The opportunity to make my fellow neighbors and community feel safe and secure

Hi my name is Nicole and I do Postmates and DoorDash and during this hectic crisis we got going on right now a lot of my community and neighbors depend on us to deliver them food groceries ect. Whatever I got to do to make families feel safe and secure during this crisis I will do whatever I can do to help out my fellow neighbors or community I will do. It's very beneficial right now especially during this hectic crisis that this world is going through and I really hope our stories get across to millions of people around the world so they know how important it really is to do rideshare at this time... Thanks so much for giving me the opportunity to make my fellow neighbors and community feel safe and secure while I'm on the go!!!

 **Nicole W.**
DoorDash, Postmates
Orangevale, CA

The opportunity to earn money at this unprecedented time

Hello, I'm Iana and I am a mom of two kids. I really appreciate DoorDash and Postmates for the opportunity to earn money at this unprecedented time. And since my husband and I are recent immigrants, this is so far our only way to earn money. I hope we won't be deprived of the opportunity to feed ourselves and our children on our own.

 **Iana T.**
DoorDash, Postmates
Sacramento, CA

I love and enjoy working for
DoorDash

Hello my name is Kimberly 23 years old, I have been dashing for almost a year already, and I love it! DoorDashing has helped a lot for my clients because some of them can't easily walk or go to the restaurants or stores for the items they need. So DoorDashing has made their lives a lot easier. Half of them thank me every time I go deliver to them and tell me how nice and thankful they are to have DoorDash because if it wasn't for the platform they wouldn't be able to get what they need due to them not having a car to go to the places themselves or they are not ok to go out. So ever since they started using DoorDash their lives got a lot easier. And this is why I love and enjoy working for DoorDash because I know I'm doing something good for others and helping them.



Kimberly L.
DoorDash
Woodland, CA

I feel so grateful and appreciated to be able to deliver

Hello, my name is Arielle I'm a single mother of 3 with this virus going around an people not wanting to leave the house I take great pleasure in helping others so being able to be independent a work when you want especially having kids is so good an being able to get people their basic necessities without spreading the virus is good I feel so grateful and appreciated to be able to deliver I just hope we can keep it going.



Arielle S.
DoorDash
Sacramento, CA



I love making people happy

Hello I had lost my job due to the COVID-19. I didn't know what I was going to do I have two young boys and I couldn't afford anything. I applied for EDD but it took about two months to receive it. I was running out of money. It came to it where I couldn't afford rent so I got served a pay or quit and had to be out in three days. So I had to move to my friends. It's hard cause I have my two littles along with me. I was on Facebook and saw their ad and decided to try it out. And it saved me I'm making money and still able to be with my kids. I love doing it I love making people happy cause of food I am a chef so just being able to deliver food is amazing to me. Thank you for listening to my story.



Jennie G.
DoorDash
Manteca, CA



The best opportunity to maximize my time spent at home with my family as well as time spent on the road

Hello everyone, my name is Scott and I am a veteran who served this country for 13 years. I am also a husband and a father to five lovely ladies. When I came back from my last tour in Afghanistan, I begun to isolate myself and later was discharged due to PTSD. Until I was hired on to become an independent contractor and my own boss in September 2019, I had a VERY difficult time maintaining a full-time job as I struggled working not only for unqualified managers, I found it difficult to work with so many others that I found to have poor work ethic as well. However, with DoorDash I have found a job that offers me the best opportunity to maximize my time spent at home with my family as well as time spent on the road selflessly delivering food to so many others. I must say in my time working for DoorDash I have encountered very few issues and I couldn't be happier doing what I do. I know I am not only speaking for myself when I say it would be a shame to do away with services such as DoorDash. Not only does it provide so many just like myself a job but it is also great for the economy. It gives so many businesses the opportunity to put their name out there, especially during such a time as we find ourselves in now. Our jobs are vital to not only our families but to so many other families as well. Thank you for this opportunity to not only share my story but thank you DoorDash for this opportunity to BE THE BEST ME I CAN BE!!!



Let people keep their jobs

Hello everyone my name is Anna, and I'm a pharmacy technician trying to further my career to become a pharmacist. I've been doing DoorDash to pay for my school. It would set me back if they take away opportunities like DoorDash. So please let people keep their jobs while trying to better themselves during these times. Especially considering a lot of people are losing

considering I do a lot of orders for elderly people who don't want to take the risk of going outside during the pandemic.



Anna T.
DoorDash
Stockton, CA



Scott P.
DoorDash, Postmates
Sacramento, CA

I love that it is flexible

During the pandemic, I lost out on over 20 hours at my full-time job leaving me to need to door dash to earn extra cash. I drive a truck so gas can eat up over half my check for my full-time job so I needed a side job to help pay for gas. I love that it is flexible because I can be very busy with my other job as well. It is an extremely easy app to use, very quick, and on your own time. You can also get tips (which we all love that.) I love being a door dasher for it is on your own time, very flexible and easy to make extra money



Lauren G.
DoorDash
Rocklin, CA

DoorDash really helps a lot of people during these hard times

First of all I love what I'm doing. I see so many people that could not normally get out to go shopping or purchase food. DoorDash really helps a lot of people during these hard times.



Sue C.
DoorDash
Orangevale, CA

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Working for Doordash will continue to make up the difference

Due to the Covid-19, my f/t job as a State Employee is now being subjected to the possibility of furloughs with a 10% pay reduction. As a single person, it's a huge amount and financially damaging. Working for Doordash has and hopefully will continue to make up the difference.



Cheryl C.
Postmates
Sacramento, CA

Providing an essential service

Due to COVID-19, I was laid off from a job of 5 years. It's was hard at first but then I heard about Instacart and what they were doing to provide job opportunities and at the same time providing an essential service to people that are at high risk or have small children. Also, it allows folks to stay home and comply with the shelter in place instruction. Thanks to Instacart, I'm making a living!



Elias C.
Instacart

Has really helped me financially

DoorDash has really helped me financially, I don't have any other job so I do DoorDash as much as possible. I live with just my mom and little brother and earning money for myself has not only helped me but also my mom to save money she gets from work during these hard times because DoorDash has allowed me to pay for myself and be more responsible with my money.

Modesto, CA

Alyssa J.
DoorDash
Riverbank, CA

I am able to work whenever I am available

DoorDash has helped me with a flexible work hour and taking care of my mom. I am able to work whenever I am available such as when my mom is sleeping or has eaten. A regular job with non-flexible work hours will prevent me from helping my mom when she needs me.

Mong L.
DoorDash
Sacramento, CA

I have the freedom to spend more time with my kids

DoorDash has given me the chance to provide my family with a source of income during the pandemic also the freedom to choose my hours. This way I have the freedom to spend more time with my kids and wife. DoorDash is a Godsend job without DoorDash I probably be homeless I thank DoorDash for this great opportunity..this law will put a restrain for my income during hard times.

Tomas L.
DoorDash
Manteca, CA

Being able to drive using DoorDash has been the best job to ever happen for me

Being able to drive using DoorDash has been the best job to ever happen for me. I'm bipolar with PTSD and have a hard time finding and keeping jobs. I love to help people it gives me satisfaction that I desperately need on a daily basis and as there are so many elderly and at-risk individuals that can not and should not go out to public places I feel more of the need to help. As an independent contractor using app-based driver services is the only way I can function in the workforce these days.

Crystal P.
DoorDash, Postmates
Roseville, CA

Lyft is my lifesaver

All I can say is Lyft is my lifesaver and the only thing that keeps my head above water. Without it, I would be lost.

Loretta G.
Lyft
Sacramento, CA

I was so grateful that this is available

I was only working part-time and I was able to supplement my income by being a Lyft driver. I was so grateful that this is available for people who only have part-time employment. The hours are flexible and the pay is great!

Larissa S.
Lyft
Hughson, CA

Flexibility is the most important thing

I drive to help cover daycare expenses for my youngest child who is 3 years old! I have 3 children and California is ridiculously expensive! Flexibility is the most important thing for me due to my full-time job with a school district in Sacramento! I started driving Lyft 3 years ago before my son turned 3 months old and then his mom had to go back to work! There would be no possible way to feed my family if I didn't work Lyft with how expensive daycare costs in California are! I have a full-time job with a school district in Sacramento! I love what I do but haven't seen a cost of living raise in over 15 years! I have 3 children and without the flexibility of Lyft, I

Flexibility is

I need the flexibility

My name is Robert B. and I'm from Sacramento, CA. Why I want to remain independent is because I'm a dialysis patient, and I need the flexibility this offers me, and we also need my income to survive and this platform provides both income, and flexibility I need to get my treatment and provide for my home. Please do not change, you're the only thing I can do to provide for my family and get to my appointments. I'm also on disability due to renal failure and I have several other injuries that keep me from any other kind of work.

Robert B.
Lyft
Sacramento, CA

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Flexibility is important to me

Flexibility is important to me because I have another business and also like to be able to support my grandmother when she needs me. I'm the only person in my family with this much flexibility. I like the freedom that rideshare has provided. That's why I've stuck with it for so long.

Brittney P.
Uber, Lyft
Sacramento, CA

would not be able to provide a decent life for my family! If Lyft doesn't stay as 1099 private contractor style of work I'm not sure we would survive and be ok! Thank you Lyft for being here for me to allow me to work and help my family survive and thrive!

Sean B.
Lyft
Sacramento, CA

If rideshare wasn't an option I would be homeless by now

I am retired. I do this because it's the only thing I can do that allows me to work when my body is up for the task. I have more metal in my body than anyone should have. The last time I told the doctor I wanted to go back to work he actually laughed at me...out loud! If rideshare wasn't an option I would be homeless by now.

John T.
Uber, Lyft
Auburn, CA

I like the flexibility of driving

I am an Uber driver and father of three children. Also, I am a part-time student since I want to improve my education to support my family better. I like the flexibility of driving with Uber so I can arrange my schedule to be able to attend classes and spend more time with my family, otherwise, I wouldn't be able to pursue a better education and family income.

Marlon D.
Uber
Modesto, CA

The flexibility to work whenever and wherever on the drop of a dime

As an Iraqi Freedom military veteran, I have twins, one boy and a girl, and 4 older sisters. My wife and I are entrepreneurs and love



 **Jim P.**
Uber
Modesto, CA

I am not just a driver, I am also a caring human being

As an Uber Assist driver, I take great pride in helping disadvantaged people get to their destination. I like to show them that I am not just a driver, I am also a caring human being.

 **Laura V.**
Uber
Sacramento, CA

We love the flexibility of driving

I drive for Lyft for extra money because I don't make enough money on Social Security. There is no way I would be able to make my car payment or pay for my car insurance and pay all my bills every month without driving for Lyft. I choose to drive for Lyft because of the flexibility and it's great. And I have kids in school that need my attention so flexibility is number one to me where I can drive when I need to. I started driving rideshare because of flexibility. I am a retired man, I'm 60 years old and I love to drive and make sure all my riders are safe to where I need to take them. Drivers like me, we love the flexibility of driving.

doing business as owners and for ourselves. We want to be examples of visionaries and we are traders. We want to show that there's a better life outside the box. Rideshare, such as Lyft and Uber as well as Postmates, serve all entrepreneurs and those that wanna reach the stars and give us the flexibility to work whenever and wherever on the drop of a dime. I can take a trip or move anywhere and there can be an emergency a bill or just an immediate need for some extra cash.

 **Jerod A.**
Uber, Lyft, Postmates
Modesto, CA

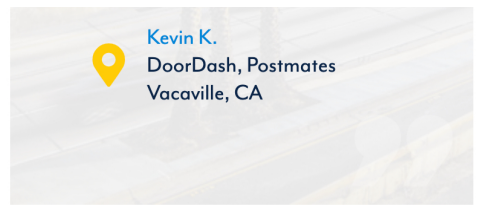
I can assist when someone else is in need

I have been blessed to be able to help other essential workers get to and from their places of employment. Of course, they're helping my family with a little income in this difficult time, but it's nice to know I can assist when someone else is in need.

 **Tamara K.**
Lyft
Tracy, CA

These apps actually were a blessing in disguise

So I moved out to California about a year ago and was looking for a way to earn extra cash. I looked into DoorDash and Postmates and saw that they were paying really good so I decided to get involved. We're getting involved at first I was making roughly \$100 every two days because I was unfamiliar with the area. As months went by I was able to get a part-time job and meet people which allowed me to get out there and explore. Well getting this part-time job and exploring I was able to unlock new areas in California that allowed me to make an excess amount of money when using these app. If it was not for Postmates or DoorDash honestly I don't think I would still be able to say I'm doing good right now. These apps actually were a blessing in disguise and I don't think I would have ever found that out if I hadn't tried them. They've shown me new areas, I met wonderful people while doing deliveries and more importantly kept me secured.



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