



THOUSANDS OF MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS CHOOSE TO WORK AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS ON APP-BASED RIDESHARE AND DELIVERY APPS

App-based drivers are parents, caregivers, small business owners, students and retirees who choose this work to have flexibility and to be their own boss. 83% of Massachusetts drivers drive for 15 hours or fewer a week, so they can make extra money on their time.¹

Flexibility is the number one reason they choose to drive and why 79% of Massachusetts drivers would recommend driving to others.²

Drivers Want a Collaborative Solution

The future of app-based drivers is in jeopardy in Massachusetts. There is a lawsuit that could end drivers' choice to be their own boss. Some politicians want to reclassify drivers as employees, which could take away what drivers want most—flexibility to choose when, where, and on which apps to drive.

To prevent this, drivers are asking to work with legislative leaders in the coming months to shape a better future for app-based rideshare and delivery drivers statewide. In Washington state, Democratic legislators convened all parties to work toward a solution for rideshare drivers. They brought drivers and companies together with local teamsters and other labor leaders to find a solution that protected flexibility while creating new benefits. This can happen here in Massachusetts too.

Drivers Support Remaining Independent



83% of drivers support remaining independent while gaining access to new benefits³



I came to this country when I was 14 years old. I was the first one in my family to go to college. I've been an independent driver for the last four years. It's how I pay for school and study for my classes. If I lost my independence, if I couldn't do this job, I wouldn't be able to go to school. Being a driver has transformed my life in amazing ways and has allowed me to earn for my family even as I chase my dreams."

Ever B. Everett, drives with Lyft.

¹Chamber Technology Engagement Center analysis of platform company data for Massachusetts for Dec. 2020

²Beacon Research. Key findings from Massachusetts app-based drivers poll. Massachusetts. March 2022.

³Beacon Research, May 2021



WHO ARE MASSACHUSETTS DRIVERS?

A recent study found⁴ that Massachusetts drivers earn over **\$26.00 per hour** on average. The study examined actual earnings of app-based drivers for DoorDash, Instacart, Lyft, and Uber between April and September 2021, and accounted for expenses, bonuses and tips, and a portion of the time before and between rides or deliveries.



83%
drive 15 hours or fewer per week⁵



17%
are or live with a union member
(above the state average of 13%)⁷



69%
report having a job outside of driving⁶



38%
live in a home with children under 18⁸

HOW DO WE KNOW THIS SOLUTION WILL WORK?

In Washington state, drivers, labor leaders, companies, and legislators united to pass a bill that ensures rideshare drivers have access to new benefits and protections, while still maintaining the flexibility that drivers deeply value. We can do the same here in Massachusetts.



“ I don't need someone to tell me when to drive, how to drive; it's not right.”

Charles C, Boston, drives with Uber.

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⁴BW Research. *Hourly Earnings of App-Based Rideshare Drivers and Food Delivery Workers in Massachusetts*. March 2022. [Yesformassdrivers.org](https://www.yesformassdrivers.org)
⁵Chamber Technology Engagement Center analysis of platform company data for Massachusetts for Dec. 2020.
^{6,7,8}Beacon Research, *Massachusetts App-Based Rideshare and Delivery Driver Survey*, February 2022.



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