

Uber Rideshare Drivers Net Earnings Study

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After accounting for expenses, Uber drivers earn considerably more than the Chicago minimum wage of \$16.20 per hour.

\$29.35

Gross Earnings per hour

— \$6.34

Estimated Expenses per hour

\$23.01

Net Earnings per hour

- Net earnings per hour include online time before accepting a trip and active time covering the period en route to a pickup and while transporting a passenger.¹
- Estimated expenses include fuel, maintenance, depreciation, rideshare insurance, and unlimited mobile data.

Most Uber drivers work part-time, drawn by the flexibility and low barriers to entry rarely available in traditional jobs.

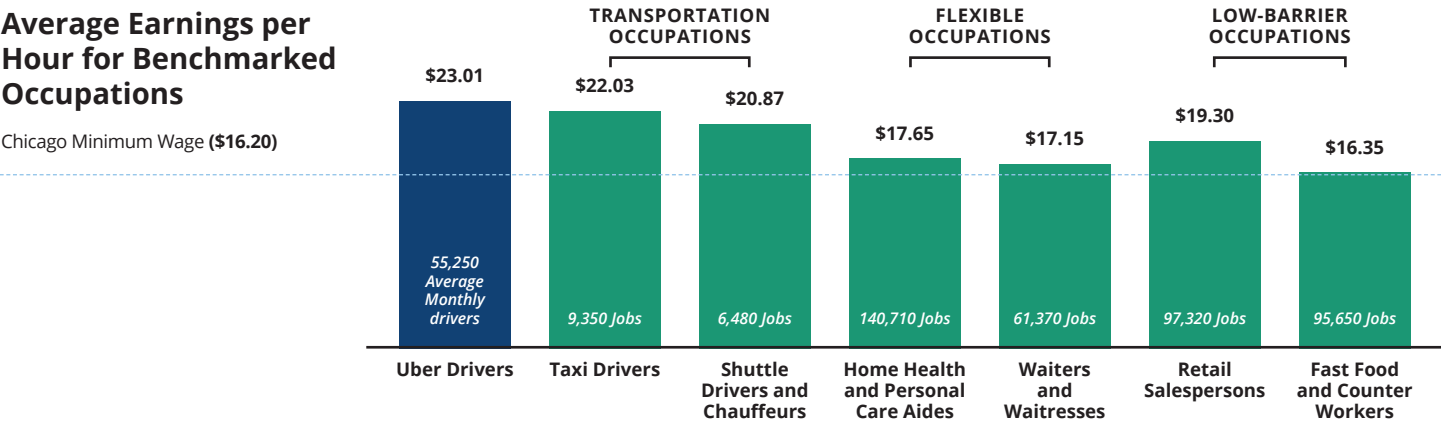
- 70%

Of drivers drove part-time or less than 30 hours a week
- 55,250

Average Monthly Uber Rideshare Drivers
- 120,950

Unique Annual Uber Drivers
- The large, mostly part-time driver base on Uber shows how many people demand flexible, independent work—often just a few hours a week or months a year.
 - Drivers on Uber have more control over when and how often to work compared to workers in occupations requiring similar levels of training.

Uber drivers’ net earnings are competitive compared to similar occupations.



Part-time pay remains strong on Uber while other comparable occupations penalize flexibility.

Compared to full-time workers, part-time workers make:

↓ \$1.25 per hour less on Uber

↓ \$4.36 per hour less as security guards

↓ \$5.44 per hour less as shuttle drivers and chauffeurs

↓ \$7.54 per hour less as retail salespersons

All analysis is based on data from 2024.

1 Net earnings per hour estimate takes into account P1 time preceding a trip and P2+3 active time, following industry standard practice. For more, see Cornell ILR School [Seattle Uber Lyft Project Report](#) (2020) and Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry [Driver Earnings Analysis and Pay Standard Options](#) (2024).