



Infographic

How Much Do Uber Drivers Make?

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The American Action Forum released an infographic that illustrates how much Uber drivers make per hour based upon self-reported figures. Across the United States, governments have begun to examine a tough question: are drivers on ridesharing platforms like Uber and Lyft employees or independent contractors? Regulators and policymakers should consider the degree of entrepreneurship in a job when deciding whether workers are classified as independent contractors or employees.

[Read the entire analysis here.](#)

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A CLASSIFICATION DILEMMA

This is a tough question that could have important policy ramifications. Pay variability can determine the government's decision on whether drivers on ridesharing platforms like Uber are:



Employees

OR



*Independent
CONTRACTORS*

Uber drivers make between:

Based on data collected from the uberdrivers subreddit
between July 2016 - June 2017 (159 instances)

\$2 / hr



\$472 / hr



Driver payouts can vary dramatically. This data suggests Uber drivers exhibit variation in skill and efficiency, both of which are important to **worker classification**.

CURRENT INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS



U.S. TAXICABS



LIMOUSINES



UBER DRIVERS (?)



Unfortunately, worker classification is notoriously unclear.

Changing the status of Uber drivers to **employee** would curtail their flexibility and freedom and put the brakes on this industry's growth.



But one thing is certain — varying take-home pay can suggest **entrepreneurism** which may ultimately determine how Uber drivers are classified.

