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INTERACTIVE: Can You Make it as an Uber Driver?

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| Interactive: [The Financial Times’ The Uber Game](https://ig.ft.com/uber-game/) |

There are some clear perks of working in the gig economy, such as being your own boss and working flexible hours. But it might not be as easy as it seems. 2

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| *You’re a full-time Uber driver with two kids to support and a $1000 mortgage payment due in a week. Can you earn enough to pay the bill -- and make more than other players?* |

**Part I: Play the Game!**

Open [The Uber Game](https://ig.ft.com/uber-game/). As you go through the game, write down the important decisions you make along the way. At the end of the game, you’ll see a button that says “See how you did.” Push it to collect the stats you’ll need below.

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| **ONCE YOU GET TO THE STATS, RECORD THEM BELOW BEFORE PUSHING THE ARROW TO CONTINUE. YOU CANNOT GO BACK!!!** |

Select the **Easier** Method as the first Option: you have good credit and you live in San Francisco:

1. Choose a Car: You can select each and read details to help you decide, Pruis or Van.

Which did you choose

Explain why you made this choice:

1. On the next page list your purchases, the costs of everything you purchase along with how much money you earn daily. If you earn the bonus payments, enter those as well (2nd to last row of the table).

We will play the game two times. First round based on the vehicle you choose. The second round, change to the other vehicle. You can change any of your decisions you want in the second round such as spending time with friends, surge pricing etc.

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|  | **1st Time you Played** | **Cost for choices 1st round** | **2nd Time You play Choose different car…** | **Cost for choices 2nd round** |
| Car Name/Cost  Insurance Cost |  |  |  |  |
| Purchases made: Unlimited data plan, cleaning supplies, Phone mount, Business license, etc. List what was purchased and the cost |  |  |  |  |

Results:

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| Day | Results 1st Time | Results Second Time |
| Day 1 Results | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day:  Did you do Surge Pricing? | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day:  Did you do Surge Pricing? |
| Day 2 Results | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: |
| Day 3 Results | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: |
| Day 4 Results | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: |
| Day 5 Results | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: |
| Day 6 Results | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: |
| Day 7 Results | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: | Hrs worked  # of Rides  Fare for the day: |
|  | Bonus Amount:  Bonus Amount: | Bonus Amount:  Bonus Amount: |

1. Record your final stats from the screens and choices that are reported at the end of the game. Use the “down arrow” to access all of them.

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|  | Final Numbers Round 1 | Final Number Round 2 |
| Hours Driven: |  |  |
| Rides Completed: |  |  |
| Driver Rating: |  |  |
| Your Income (Gross): |  |  |
| Minus Costs (Net): |  |  |
| How much did you make per hour? |  |  |

**First Round Questions:**

How did your decisions in round one impact your…

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| 1. personal life? | 1. ability to make money? |

At the end of round 1, do you feel you made good choices? Why or why not?

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Throughout the game, there were opportunities to choose **work** or your **friends and family**.

* 1. How did you make these decisions?

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**Round 2 Questions:**

Were the results considerably different between round 1 and round two. Explain how they were different.

Why were the results different?

Reflect on the number of days and hours you worked for both rounds and what your hourly rate was by the end of the week. Do you feel you were fairly compensated for the amount of work you did? Why or why not?

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On a scale of 1 to 10 describe your quality of life as a full-time Uber driver with a family and this is your primary source of income.

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| 1  This life is miserable | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  This life is awesome |

If you were in college, sharing rent with roommates, and this was your source of income, do you think you could/would be an uber driver? Why or why not?

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