



Rideshare Drivers Consider Quitting Amid Rising Fuel Costs

Description

Tamira Moncur refrained from filling her tank at a gas station in the Atlanta area last month, fearing she could not afford the expense. The part-time teacher and Lyft driver is uncertain how long she can sustain her side job if fuel prices continue to increase.

Moncur expressed her concerns to CNN, stating, "I'm working now for rideshare, but I don't know what that's going to look like next week. Because if gas is \$4 a gallon, I'm done." She represents a significant number of Uber, Lyft, DoorDash, and Instacart drivers reliant on their vehicles for income. Following the US-Israeli conflict and subsequent tensions with Iran, gas prices have surged, leaving many drivers with no alternative but to absorb these costs to continue their work.

The national average price for a gallon of regular gas recently exceeded \$4 for the first time since 2022, having risen over a dollar in just one month. GasBuddy reported that Americans have spent upwards of \$8 billion more in the past month to fuel their vehicles. Leanne Hall, an Uber driver in Las Vegas for five years, expressed her concern about profitability, stating, "If gas prices keep going up, it'd be foolish to do it."

The rise in gas prices follows increased tensions in Iran, which disrupted 20% of the global oil supply, pushing crude prices above \$100 a barrel. In response to these challenges, rideshare and delivery platforms have introduced measures to assist drivers with fuel expenses. Uber announced a \$1 discount per gallon through the cash back platform, Upside, while Lyft and DoorDash have implemented their own cashback offers.

However, many drivers remain unaware of these initiatives. An Uber and Lyft driver in New York, Abdallah Lukman, stated that they had not been informed of any such offers. Unlike previous support provided by the companies during the 2022 gas price surge following the invasion of Ukraine, which included direct fuel surcharges, the current measures seem less effective.

In light of the ongoing difficulties, Moncur and her fellow drivers continue to search for viable financial solutions, with some suggesting that higher per-mile rates might be necessary. As the situation unfolds, support for drivers may evolve, though uncertainty remains prevalent.



Vocabulary List:

1. **refrained** //rɪ'freɪnd// (verb): stopped yourself from doing something on purpose
2. **sustain** //sə'steɪn// (verb): keep something going for a long time
3. **reliant** //rɪ'laɪənt// (adjective): needing something else to work or live
4. **surged** //sɜːdʒd// (verb): increased very quickly in amount or level
5. **absorb** //əb'zɔːrb// (verb): accept and pay for extra costs yourself
6. **implemented** //ɪm'pləməntɪd// (verb): started a plan or rule so it works

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is Tamira Moncur's occupation?

- Option: Full-time teacher
- Option: Part-time teacher
- Option: Gas station attendant
- Option: Delivery driver

2. How much did gas prices recently exceed for the first time since 2022?

- Option: \$3 a gallon
- Option: \$4 a gallon
- Option: \$5 a gallon
- Option: \$2 a gallon

3. Which platform introduced a \$1 discount per gallon through the cash back platform Upside?

- Option: Lyft
- Option: DoorDash
- Option: Uber
- Option: Instacart

4. How much have Americans spent more on fuel in the past month according to GasBuddy?

- Option: \$5 billion
- Option: \$7 billion
- Option: \$8 billion



Option: \$10 billion

5. What percentage of the global oil supply was disrupted due to increased tensions in Iran?

Option: 10%

Option: 15%

Option: 20%

Option: 25%

6. What is the current response of rideshare and delivery platforms to rising fuel expenses?

Option: Increasing ride fares

Option: Introducing cashback offers

Option: Offering less support

Option: Ending operations

True-False

7. Tamira Moncur is a full-time Uber driver.

8. Gas prices have decreased in the past month.

9. Many drivers are aware of the new cashback offers from Uber, Lyft, and DoorDash.

10. The surge in gas prices is linked to the US-Israeli conflict and tensions with Iran.

11. Leanne Hall has been an Uber driver for ten years.

12. Rideshare platforms have not introduced any new measures to assist drivers with fuel expenses.

Gap-Fill

13. Tamira Moncur is uncertain how long she can sustain her _____ job.

14. If gas is \$4 a gallon, Tamira Moncur said, 'I'm _____.'

15. The national average price for a gallon of regular gas recently _____ exceeded \$4.

16. Many drivers are reliant on their vehicles for _____.

17. Abdallah Lukman stated that they had not been informed of any such _____ from



Uber and Lyft.

18. Measures to assist drivers with fuel expenses have been introduced in _____ of rising prices.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Part-time teacher 2. \$4 a gallon 3. Uber 4. \$8 billion 5. 20% 6. Introducing cashback offers

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. side 14. done 15. exceeded 16. income 17. offers 18. response

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which of the following means to hold back from doing something?

- Option: Refrained
- Option: Sustained
- Option: Surged
- Option: Absorbed

2. What is the best way to describe the act of maintaining or prolonging something?

- Option: Absorb
- Option: Neglect
- Option: Sustain
- Option: Recuse

3. Which term describes someone or something dependent on another?

- Option: Surged
- Option: Pertinent
- Option: Reliable
- Option: Reliant

4. What word means critical observation or examination?

- Option: Negotiator
- Option: Registration
- Option: Transaction



Option: Scrutiny

5. What term refers to claims made without proof?

- Option: Exemptions
- Option: Allegations
- Option: Verdicts
- Option: Breaches

6. What term is used for violations of law or agreements?

- Option: Vulnerabilities
- Option: Surged
- Option: Breaches
- Option: Implemented

7. What action is taken to request a higher court to review a decision?

- Option: Verdict
- Option: Allegation
- Option: Neglecting
- Option: Appeal

8. Which term is associated with making laws?

- Option: Legislative
- Option: Addictive
- Option: Reliant
- Option: Sustain

9. What field focuses on protecting computers and networks from attacks?

- Option: Transparency
- Option: Cybersecurity
- Option: Reassign
- Option: Domestic

10. What term is used for the act of conducting business or trade?

- Option: Registration
- Option: Dealership
- Option: Transaction
- Option: Motion

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The new policy was successfully _____ to enhance security measures.



12. The team _____ its efforts to improve customer satisfaction.
13. The manager decided to _____ the employee to a different role for better productivity.
14. The lawyer presented _____ evidence during the trial.
15. Neglecting this issue could lead to serious consequences for the organization.
16. Some video games can be quite _____, causing players to spend hours in front of screens.
17. Certain _____ were made in the new law to accommodate small businesses.
18. The company conducted assessments to identify potential _____ in their system.
19. Sales _____ during the holiday season, resulting in record profits.
20. The firm specializes in _____ trade to boost the local economy.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The judge had to recuse himself from the case due to a conflict of interest.
22. The organization is committed to maintaining transparency in its financial dealings.
23. The car dealership offered a wide range of vehicles and financing options.
24. The process of verification is essential to ensure the accuracy of the information provided.
25. The board put forth a motion to approve the new budget for the fiscal year.
26. The jurors delivered their verdicts after hours of deliberation in the courtroom.
27. The company was found liable for the damages caused by their product.
28. The neglect of safety protocols led to a serious workplace incident.
29. The new legislative measures were put in place to enhance data protection.



30. Investing in cybersecurity is crucial for protecting sensitive information.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Refrained 2. Sustain 3. Reliant 4. Scrutiny 5. Allegations 6. Breaches 7. Appeal 8. Legislative 9. Cybersecurity 10. Transaction

Gap-Fill: 11. implemented 12. sustained 13. reassign 14. pertinent 15. neglecting 16. addictive 17. exemptions 18. vulnerabilities 19. surged 20. domestic

Matching sentence: 1. recuse 2. transparency 3. dealership 4. verification 5. motion 6. verdicts 7. liable 8. neglect 9. legislative 10. cybersecurity

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