

Is this delivery offer worth it?

Does this delivery or rideshare offer actually pay enough once car costs are counted?

How it works

- 1. Count the whole trip: the drive to the pickup, the wait, the delivery and the drive back to a busy area.
- 2. Multiply the total miles by your car's cost per mile (gas plus wear; many drivers land around 30–45¢).
- 3. Subtract that from the offer pay, then divide by the total time to get real pay per hour. Divide the pay by the miles for pay per mile.
- 4. Take the offer only if it meets both of your minimums: dollars per hour and dollars per mile.

Worked example

A \$14.00 offer for 7 total miles and 25 minutes costs about \$2.45 in car costs at 35¢ a mile. You keep \$11.55, which is **\$27.72 an hour** and \$2.00 a mile. With minimums of \$20 an hour and \$1.50 a mile, it's a yes.

2026 figures used

FIGURE	2026	SOURCE
IRS business mileage rate (for taxes, not your real cost)	72.5¢ a mile	IRS 2026 mileage rates



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