

Socialism -- Theory, Practice and some Conclusions.

Although I initially studied natural sciences and was not very politically aware, I became somewhat aware of Socialism as a philosophy of life through the writings of progressive writers of that time. My five years in England, 1960-1965, was a hectic period when my research in chemistry co-existed with my struggle for existence. Later on when I migrated to Sweden and studied at the Stockholm University I got time and opportunity to study Socialism, its theory as well as practical application. What I found quite amazing about Socialism was that most of its exponents, from the East or West, who wrote so much about the workers and labourers, had never worked or laboured themselves as wage earners. And those who earned wages seldom wrote anything that we could discuss and take lessons from. Thus, in 1977 I made a very radical decision. As a theorist I had the needed tools*, what I lacked was extended experience. I gave up my job and started driving Taxi, initially for only five-six years but that has now stretched to 39 years.

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1. Would I, and my family, be able to live decently on mainly my income as a wage earner?
2. If yes, then what are the conditions that made it possible in Sweden to live decently on a taxi driver's salary, whereas in many parts of the world that was not the case?

There were two reasons I chose taxi from all other jobs. Firstly, this is the only job I know that puts one in contact with all kind of people where one can sit beside them and talk freely and exchange ideas. Also, it provides access to, any time of day or night, all kind of places – offices, institutes, restricted areas, private properties, clubs etc – for observation and study. And, secondly, I love driving new and fast marvels of human engineering. All in all I have ridden 37 brand new cars, each with its own personality and kick. One day I may write about it too!

I believe that now I am ready to discuss how socialism applies to society in general but particularly to the wage earners in industrial societies.

I would make a presentation of my study in Toronto, Canada on 10 July, 2016; in a meeting arranged by Family of the Heart. After an initial introduction I hope we could engage in some sort of discussion.

My paper would be posted on the internet (Facebook) day after that meeting, and available to friends for their critique.

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Some definitions of Socialism:

1. *1* : any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods
2. *2a* : a system of [society](#) or group living in which there is no private property *b* : a system or condition of society in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state
3. *3* : a stage of society in [Marxist](#) theory transitional between [capitalism](#) and [communism](#) and distinguished by unequal distribution of goods and pay according to work done

(Wikipedia/Merriam Webster)

Usage Discussion of *socialism*

In the many years since *socialism* entered English around 1830, it has acquired several different meanings. It refers to a system of social organization in which private property and the distribution of income are subject to social control, but the conception of that control has varied, and the term has been interpreted in widely diverging ways, ranging from statist to libertarian, from Marxist to liberal. In the modern era, “pure” socialism has been seen only rarely and usually briefly in a few Communist regimes. Far more common are systems of [social democracy](#), now often referred to as “democratic socialism,” in which extensive state regulation, with limited state ownership, has been employed by democratically elected governments (as in Sweden and Denmark) in the belief that it produces a fair distribution of income without impairing economic growth.

(Wikipedia)

The word Socialism was used first time in 1837 by [Pierre Leroux](#),^[45] and by [Marie Roch Louis Reybaud](#) in France.

"The word ‘socialism’ finds its root in the Latin *sociare*, which means to combine or to share.”

- **Types of Socialism**
- **Democratic Socialism** advocates Socialism as an **economic** principle (the means of production should be in the hands of ordinary working people), and democracy as a **governing** principle (political power should be in the hands of the people democratically through a co-operative commonwealth or republic). It attempts to bring about Socialism through **peaceful democratic means** as opposed to violent insurrection, and represents the **reformist** tradition of Socialism. It is **similar**, but not necessarily identical (although the two terms are sometimes used interchangeably), to **Social Democracy**. This refers to an ideology that is more **centrist** and supports a broadly [Capitalist](#) system, with some **social reforms** (such as the **welfare state**), intended to make it more **equitable** and **humane**. Democratic Socialism, by contrast, implies an ideology that is more **left-wing** and supportive

of a **fully socialist system**, established either by **gradually reforming** [Capitalism](#) from within, or by some form of **revolutionary** transformation.

- **Revolutionary Socialism** advocates the need for **fundamental social change** through **revolution** or **insurrection** (rather than gradual reform) as a strategy to achieve a socialist society. The **Third International**, which was founded following the **Russian Revolution** of 1917, defined itself in terms of Revolutionary Socialism but also became widely identified with [Communism](#). **Trotskyism** is the theory of Revolutionary Socialism as advocated by **Leon Trotsky** (1879 - 1940), declaring the need for an **international proletarian revolution** (rather than Stalin's "socialism in one country") and unwavering support for a true **dictatorship of the proletariat** based on democratic principles. **Luxemburgism** is another Revolutionary Socialist tradition, based on the writings of **Rosa Luxemburg** (1870 - 1919). It is similar to Trotskyism in its **opposition** to the [Totalitarianism](#) of Stalin, while simultaneously avoiding the **reformist** politics of modern Social Democracy.
- **Utopian Socialism** is a term used to define the **first currents** of modern socialist thought in the first quarter of the 19th Century. In general, it was used by **later socialist thinkers** to describe **early socialist**, or **quasi-socialist**, intellectuals who created **hypothetical visions** of perfect **egalitarian** and **communist** societies without actually concerning themselves with the **manner** in which these societies could be created or sustained. They rejected all **political** (and especially all revolutionary) **action**, and wished to attain their ends by **peaceful means** and **small experiments**, which more practical socialists like [Karl Marx](#) saw as necessarily **doomed to failure**. But the early **theoretical work** of people like **Robert Owen** (1771-1858), **Charles Fourier** (1772-1837) and **Étienne Cabet** (1788–1856) gave much of the impetus to later socialist movements.
- **Libertarian Socialism** aims to create a society without political, economic or social **hierarchies**, in which every person would have **free, equal access** to tools of information and production. This would be achieved through the **abolition of authoritarian institutions** and **private property**, so that direct control of the **means of production** and resources will be gained by the **working class** and society as a whole. Most Libertarian Socialists advocate **abolishing the state** altogether, in much the same way as Utopian Socialists and many varieties of [Anarchism](#) (including Social Anarchism, Anarcho-Communism, Anarcho-Collectivism and Anarcho-Syndicalism).
- **Market Socialism** is a term used to define an economic system in which there is a **market economy** directed and guided by **socialist planners**, and where prices would be set through **trial and error** (making adjustments as shortages and surpluses occur) rather than relying on a **free price mechanism**. By contrast, a **Socialist Market Economy**, such as that practiced in the People's Republic of China, is one where major industries are owned by **state entities**, but compete with each other within a pricing system **set by the market** and the state does not routinely **intervene** in the setting of prices.
- **Eco-Socialism** (or **Green Socialism** or **Socialist Ecology**) is an ideology merging aspects of [Marxism](#), Socialism, **Green politics**, **ecology** and the **anti-globalization movement**. They advocate the **non-violent** dismantling of [Capitalism](#) and the State, focusing on **collective ownership** of the means of production, in order to mitigate the social exclusion, poverty and **environmental degradation** brought about (as they see it) by the [capitalist](#) system, **globalization** and **imperialism**.
- **Christian Socialism** generally refers to those on the **Christian left** whose politics are both **Christian** and **socialist**, and who see these two things as being **interconnected**. Christian socialists draw **parallels** between what some have characterized as the **egalitarian** and **anti-establishment** message of **Jesus**, and the messages of modern Socialism.

Put socialism under whatever heading its main content remains the same: The word 'socialism' finds its root in the Latin *sociare*, which means to combine or to share. This sharing may be the produce by a people, their earned money or their services. At the local level and very small village societies it could be merely a balanced barter of produced goods or food against other services. But as societies grow larger and complex money is unit that is used to balance all accounts between people. Thus, its mode of generation and subsequent distribution to all members of the society demand a very comprehensive, rigid and just taxation system that is practically applied to all people.

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4. If yes, then what are the conditions that made it possible in Sweden to live decently on a taxi driver's salary, whereas in many parts of the world that was not the case?

Before I proceed with various details I would like to show how taxi worked in Sweden. I was employed by an owner who was an associate member of Taxi Stockholm. Taxi Stockholm is not a business company where persons are employed by the company. It is an association of taxi owners who use the same centre where people ring to order a cab. There were in 1977 some 1200 owners who were associated with the call centre – CC. They collectively shared the expenses of the running of the CC, but each owner had its own taxi car (s) that was driven by him and chuffer employed by him. Thus, whereas expenses of the CC were shared equally, the income and profit made by every owner depended upon the performance of each taxi and its drivers. Each owner was obliged to drive the taxi actively, and allowed to employ persons to work as a chuffer. Although it was permitted to have several taxis by each owner it was compulsory for the owner to be an active driver as well – one could not just buy taxi vehicles and employ people to drive them. As taxi service was provided round the clock, taxis were strictly regulated and scheduled to start and finish at specific time. That time table was provided by the district council.

Taxi owners covered all costs.

Taxi started from 4 am onwards with one hour interval for different batches, so that there were always a certain number of taxis on the road to cover the demand at each hour.

The salaries were calculated in a complex way where numbers of hours worked, kilometres driven with the customer, number of customers and time of day contributed. All that was later on changed to a straight % of the taxameter reading – normally 40%.

It was a tough job but also very rewarding. I have spent 4 years in Pakistan and 4 years in Sweden at the college and university level. They were great years for the theoretical learning, but the 39 years I have spent at the Taxi Stockholm's academy gave me chances to observe life that is not possible in any other job. One bounces between hospitals, train stations, airports, banquet halls, graveyards and schools, and drove people who were appropriately dressed for each occasion and place. I have driven people who are born in my cab, and the one who died there; People laughing merrily after a wedding ceremony, and women crying rivulets after coming out of a divorce court. Sometimes all in the same day!

And what about the shiver when the thermometer shows minus 30 °C, and the wind is strong enough to pick you up and then drop you wherever it chooses; or plus 30 °C and the customers say that they neither like AC nor open car windows. Great fun! Normally one drives a 9 hours pass, with one hour for lunch and rest; but on the *bad* days it was a 13 hour pass and many unwanted hours for the rest.

There is six weeks paid holidays in Sweden. In taxi 13% of earned income is paid as holiday salary. Most people take holidays in July – August period, but it is flexible and could be taken out on other occasions.

Thus on a 58000 thousand units the division of the money is as follows:

Driver's salary: 36% = 20880 units +13% holiday salary 2714.

Employer's tax: 31% = 6473 units.

FORA insurance: 5%= 1044 units = **31111 units**

Running costs for the owner for each employed driver: = 50% of actual cost when two persons share driving a cab.

BC 4100 + administration charges 1700 + fuel 4500 + Insurance 500 + Car payment & service 6000 + other 1000 = **17800 units**

Total expenditure: 48911 units

Employer's profit: 9089 units.

Employee's net income: $20880 - 30\% \text{ income tax } 6264 = 14616 + \text{tips ca } 2000 = 166161$ units.

That is division of money in an average month in Sweden. It varies greatly for the good months April – June and Sept–December, and the bad months, January – March and July–September.

Thus, although not a very well paid job the income of taxi driver supplement by that of his wife (husband) provides a reasonable living for a family. But the same job done by another taxi driver doing the same job in Delhi, Mexico or Singapore does not.

I must also point out the salary in any society is relevant to the total economical structure there. What is the standard of living in a particular country, its social structure, the money in circulation and the facilities for local transportation in a city.

Here are some salaries of taxi drivers in different countries for a 40 hours week in Swedish kroner –

USA, 17216; UK, 17402; India, 10847 – daily costs.

The average expected cost for an Uber driver is as follows:

USA, 27766; UK, London, 41690; Stockholm, 32699, India, 10847.

But an Uber driver himself pays the cost for taxi, insurance, fuel, maintenance – ca 12000/month in Europe, and the local tax.

So, where lays the difference? I believe the difference lies in the taxation of the earned income and the social securities that are provided after the taxation.

In Sweden the daily needs for a working person are guaranteed by the social system. The education up to the university level is free; the health system is guaranteed at a nominal fee, covering from an ordinary visit to a doctor to most complex operations or treatment; the social security system, in case of unemployment or sickness, provides the funds for the running of a household up to a certain minimum standard; women under pregnancy are given paid leave and one of the parents can stay with their child up to two years; children are given an allowance up to the age of 18 for their needs with totally free medical and dental treatment. Add to that six weeks paid holiday and you have a standard of living most other countries of the world.

But if I were to point out one single factor that affects the whole society in a country and makes allowances for a balanced communal life then it is the taxation system of the country. The more comprehensive and effective the taxation system, and its understanding by the people who are taxed, makes all the difference. So long as taxation is considered a burden by the majority in a nation and it does not provide for their needs when in normal life and especially when things go wrong it does not work; but, when people have confidence that the tax paid by them is used efficiently to provide them security at all levels and is not wasted or consumed by the people in the government the situation changes for a healthy atmosphere.

Where does socialism fit in this description of Sweden that I have given above? The basic principle of socialism was and will always remain is – from each according to his capacity to each according to his need. Important is to realise that it is not only 'from each according to his capacity' but also 'to each according to his need.'

That capacity to give and take is applicable at all levels and phases of life. It is not a mere division of the economic funds that caters for 'to each according to his need' but permeates deep into social life that infra structure is constructed to look after people when they are not working – the number of free hours after work, paid holidays, rehabilitation centres in case of longer periods of sickness and assurance for the family of the sick, facilities for the children when parents are at work, opportunities for the retired how they could spend their time and live actively after they are no longer required in the work force etc.

Time and again I have been pointed out by the critics from the East that the Swedes, or Westerners, do not care for their aged parents, and in some cases the very old are abandoned in so called 'Terminal Stations'. I wish people in the other parts of the world knew that long time back Swedes were absolved from the individual care of the parents and children. That does not mean that fine family relations do not exist and each looks after one's own needs. No it is the other way round *that each working person collectively pays for the look after of his aged parents and up bringing of children, as well as all other aged persons and children in Sweden, irrespective of if one has living aged parents and children or not.* That also means that after paying their contribution through the taxation systems most Swedes do not have a bad conscience about not doing their duty to their parents. Obviously, it is impossible to determine how much an offspring is obliged to look after one's parents. It would differ from one family to another depending upon the economic structure of the family, emotional relationships between people, home and job locations, personal life of each person etc. But in general most Swedes are quite sociable and things run smoothly. The most difficult situation is that when parents become very old or sick that they become bed ridden. Then the communal help and care is the only practical answer though it gives guilt consciousness to some.

Thus, **166161 units** earned in Sweden after the tax are not the same as in another country where one has to pay for the education and after the school care of the children, doctor and medicinal bills, sickness insurance, nominal unemployment benefits, and for all those facilities that I have mentioned above. It means primarily the cover abode, food, clothing and other basic routine expenses, and that what is left over is for recreation.

Over here a wage earner, one like me for many years, does have the possibility of living a reasonable life. Life at the bottom of a society always leaves much to desire as compared to those who are at the top; still, the lesser the economic difference at the top and the bottom the greater is the chance that the society as whole would fare well.

One of the greatest socialistic experiments, Soviet Union and its satellite nations, failed because the centre was not aligned with the periphery; and the elite in Kremlin, who were far detached from the working people, never developed the infra structure that was required for the proper transportation of the goods and distribution of resources, nor did they succeed in making people believe that their hard labour would be rewarded in their life time. The promise of a classless society and its benefits in an indefinite future is not much different than an illusion of a paradise after death. Both might appease the people to start with, but when the stomach protests and body aches people require much ready solutions than mere expectations. Among recent events countries like Greece, Spain, Italy and Ireland also failed with their socialist efforts because they failed to develop a taxation system that included all money makers in those countries. One thing is for certain that Socialism and Corruption cannot co-exist. As said earlier Socialism is not a formula that could be applied hurriedly to society – it requires gradual transformation from *each for oneself* to *all for that benefit of all*.

I think the modified version of Socialism applied in the Scandinavian countries, that is a mixture of individual enterprise and collective responsibility by the government both at the local communal level and the country as a whole, is an answer that could lead us to societies where people of different physical and intellectual effectiveness could co-exist with mutual care and well being. Those who are more gifted in all societies, physically or mentally, would always have access to higher benefits, but that does not have to cost much to those who are not so well provided.

Another thing, although it is not directly connected with my experiment, is that over the years I have been told and asked by many how different religions also recommend sharing and mutual help, so where Socialism becomes different from religion? My answer is that first and foremost, other than life itself, there is nothing holy in Socialism. Depending upon the circumstances different models can be built that satisfy the needs of people according to the situation prevalent there, both in short and long term perspective. Then, the most important difference is that there is no partial Deity – Yahweh, God, Allah or Bhagwan – that makes special concession for certain people and mistreats the other. No Yahweh making a covenant to the Jews; a God who has created Hell and Paradise, and who had a son who came to Earth to redeem His lost people and got himself crucified in that process, and now all redemption is for the people who believe that and through the sacrifice of His son; no Allah who gives to those he pleases and punish all others who are destined to Hell by His will; or Bhagwan who has divided its worshipers into five castes where each is privileged according to Bhagwan's wish. No, in Socialism all equalities and disparities in human societies are humanly fixed, and are manageable by human effort and cooperation. There is no place for kings, chiefs or despots who draw their sanction from an invisible God and then treat various members of a society differently.

Humane thinking and a wish to share, inborn or learnt at an early age, is a way that eliminates the promises and dreams for a paradise after death. Once we realise that all reasonable wishes could be fulfilled by proper planning of the society and proportional reward for a person's labour then praying, without personal effort, becomes irrelevant.

Only a century ago Sweden was not a rich country. Between 1840 and 1930 about 1.5 million Swedes emigrated to USA. It was in early nineteen thirties that they started teaching social democratic value in Sweden and emphasis was lifted from class struggle to economic growth and its just distribution among the people. In 1932 the Social Democrats was the biggest political party that reigned for almost forty years. That is when social awareness was brought from the large cities to small towns and villages that later on became a part of the people's psyche. What I want to say is that Socialism is not something one introduces through revolution and hope that the people of all aged would get the gist of socialist idea. It is a relatively slow process that starts at home and school, and then subsequently seeps into the society as a whole. The day a tax payer considers his subscription as a mutual assistance to the society and, also, a guarantee to his own needs if the circumstances require so that day we are a long way into a successful socialistic society.

I have worked 39 years as a taxi driver, 18 years as an employee and 19 years as an owner, raised my family with three children on a taxi driver's salary, which was supplemented by Farida's 40% job as a teacher. I could have finished driving taxi a long time ago and find an alternative job as an academician but I did not do that. I had intended to drive taxi only five

years, but after that period I realised that I need much longer study – during periods when things went well in Sweden and those periods when all was not well. That extended period became 39 years during which the seventies and forties were flourishing times, but soon afterwards the international economy hit the bottom twice that effected Sweden very adversely too. I survived both. Despite lots of ups and downs in world economy in the recent years Sweden's Krona has been stable and presently it is one of the most reliable currencies. Also, the exceptional freedom of movement in my job and other visual benefits with it kept me away from all enticement from any other profession. It mixed so beautifully with my other passion – reading and writing – that instead of a hinder it provided me with those insights in life that would be impossible in any other routine job.

Thus, my short answer about practical Socialism is that it works very well in environments where people have succeeded planting its seeds at an early age in the minds of youth and cooperative thinking co-exists with individual venture.

Tables average monthly gross and net incomes in Europe.

National sources

State	net (est.)	gross	ex.rate to €	date	net €
 Albania ^{[1][2]}	ALL 49130	ALL 53025 ^[3]	0.0071 ^[4]	2015-Q1	357
 Andorra ^[5]	€2230	€2230	1	2012-12	2230
 Armenia ^{[6][7][8]}	֏166300	֏190500	0.001912 ^[9]	2015-07	315
 Austria ^{[10][11]}	€2124	€2854	1	2012	2124
 Azerbaijan ^[12]	AZN 379.9	AZN 457,2	0.5975 ^[13]	2015-06	227
 Belarus ^[14]	BYR 6027438	BYR 7008649	0.000044 ^[15]	2015-07	269
 Belgium ^[16]	€2091	€3261	1	2013	2091
 Bosnia and Herzegovina ^[17]	BAM 832	BAM 1293	0.511292 ^[18]	2015-06	425
 Bulgaria	BGN 746 ^[19]	BGN 952 ^[20]	0.51199 ^[21]	2016-03	382
 Croatia ^[22]	HRK 5720	HRK 8076	0.12987 ^[23]	2015-10	742
 Cyprus ^[24]	€1574	€2292	1	2013-Q3	1574
 Czech Republic ^{[25][26]}	CZK 21455	CZK 28152	0.037 ^[27]	2015-Q4	793
 Denmark ^[28]	DKK 23045 ^[28]	DKK 38854 ^[28]	0.135 ^[29]	2015	3100
 Estonia ^{[30][31]}	€903	€1105	1	2015-Q4	903
 Finland ^{[32][33]}	€2300	€3315	1	2014-Q3	2300
 France ^[34]	€2157	€2874	1	2014 Q-2	2180
 Georgia ^[35]	₾794	₾934	0.38 ^[36]	2015-Q2	300
 Germany ^{[37][38]}	€2225	€3612	1	2015	2225
 Greece ^{[39][40]}	€1069	€1265	1	2015	1069
 Hungary ^[41]	HUF 177600	HUF 267000	0.0032 ^[42]	2016-06	570
 Iceland ^[43]	ISK 292894	ISK 488000	0.00688 ^[44]	2014	2015
 Ireland ^[45]	€2129	€2700	1	2013-Q3	2129
 Italy ^[46]	€1560	€2227	1	2014-1	1560
 Kazakhstan ^[47]	₸96629	₸124 227	0.00266 ^[48]	2015-Q2	257
 Kosovo ^{[49][50]}	€360	€441	1	2014-09	360
 Latvia ^[51]	€664	€900	1	2015-12	664
 Liechtenstein ^[52]	CHF 6530	CHF 8144	0.9 ^[53]	2015	5981
 Lithuania ^[54]	€585	€757	1	2015-Q4	585
 Luxembourg ^{[55][56]}	€3149	€4274	1	2010	3149
 Macedonia ^{[57][58]}	MKD 22053	MKD 32392	0.0163 ^[59]	2016-03	358
 Malta ^[60]	€1021	€1253	1	2013-Q2	1021
 Moldova ^[61]	MDL 3909	MDL 4750	0,0450513 ^[62]	2016-03	176
 Monaco	€3436	€4436	1	2012	3436
 Montenegro ^[63]	€488	€734	1	2016-03	488
 Netherlands ^{[64][65]}	€2158	€3073	1	2012-Q3	2158
 Norway ^[66]	NOK 31000	NOK 42300	0.108 ^[67]	2014	3347
 Poland ^{[68][69]}	PLN 3211.89	PLN 4514.41	0.234827 ^[70]	2016-02	756

State	net (est.)	gross	ex.rate to €	date	net €
Portugal ^[71]	€1001	€1187	1	2014-08	1001
Romania ^[72]	RON 2086	RON 2879	0.223398789 ^[73]	2016-04	463
Russia ^{[74][74]}	RUB 27946	RUB 32122	0.0133 ^[75]	2016-01	372
San Marino	€2390	€2390	1	2013	2390
Serbia ^[76]	RSD 49249	RSD 67464	0.00811833 ^[77]	2016-04	402
Slovakia ^{[78][79][80]}	€708	€924	1	2015-08	708
Slovenia ^[81]	€1092	€1550	1	2015-3	1092
Spain ^{[82][83]}	€1734	€2169	1	2013	1734
Sweden	SEK 23946 ^[84]	SEK 31400 ^[85]	0.1070 ^[86]	2014	2578
Switzerland ^{[87][88][89]}	CHF 4428	CHF 6439	0.9 ^[90]	2012	4056
Turkey ^[91]	TRY 1682	-	0.317 ^[92]	2015	584
Ukraine ^{[93][94]}	UAH 3938	UAH 4895	0.03515 ^[95]	2016-04	139
United Kingdom ^[96]	£1816	£2292	1.27 ^[97]	2015-11	2312

Taxi Driver Salary

A Taxi Driver earns an average salary of £17,455 per year. Most people with this job move on to other positions after 20 years in this career. Pay for this job rises steadily for more experienced workers, but goes down significantly for the few employees with more than 20 years' experience.

£10K

£12K

£17K

£24K

£35K

MEDIAN: £17,454

10%

25%

50%

75%

90%

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	National Salary Data (?)	£0	£12K	£24K	£36K
Salary	£10,014 - £35,234				
Bonus	£0.00 - £306.39				
Total Pay (?)	£10,417 - £31,206				

Country: United Kingdom | Currency: GBP | Updated: 17 Mar 2016 | Individuals Reporting: 74

Taxi Driver Salaries in New York, New York

Alternate Job Titles: Cab Driver, Taxi Driver

- What is the average Taxi Driver salary for New York, NY?

How much does a Taxi Driver in New York, NY make? The median annual Taxi Driver salary in New York, NY is \$39,435, as of May 31, 2016, with a range usually between \$32,755-\$48,129 not including bonus and benefit information and other factors that impact base pay. However, the salary for someone with the title Taxi Driver may vary depending on a number of factors including industry, company size, location, years of experience and level of education. Our team of Certified Compensation Professionals has analyzed survey data collected from thousands of HR departments at companies of all sizes and industries to present this range of annual salaries for people with the job title Taxi Driver in New York, NY.

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This chart describes the expected percentage of people who perform the job of Taxi Driver in the United States that make less than that annual salary. For example the median expected annual pay for a typical Taxi Driver in the United States is \$39,435 so 50% of the people who perform the job of Taxi Driver in the United States are expected to make less than \$39,435.

Source: HR Reported data as of June 2016

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Median \$39,435

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10%\$26,674

25%\$32,755

75%\$48,129

90%\$56,045

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4 Answers



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I will answer your question in three parts: How Uber works, How the Uber driver gets paid and How much Uber drivers make in New Delhi, India.

1. How Uber Works

Uber connects passengers with Uber drivers using Smartphones. (Both the Uber driver, and Uber passenger are equipped with Smartphones). An Uber passenger requests an Uber ride using his/her Smartphone and is automatically paired with the closest available Uber driver.

An Uber transaction is a cashless transaction (in most cities), where the Uber passenger doesn't have to hand over any cash to the Uber driver. Money is paid by the Uber passenger automatically to Uber via the payatm wallet/credit card.

For more information on the various Uber services, and how to become an Uber driver in India see our blog post here - [How to Become an Uber Driver in India](#)

2. How Uber Drivers Get Paid

At the end of a trip, Uber charges its passengers per logged mile, and per minute using the GPS of the Uber driver's phone:

- The longer the route, the more money an Uber driver makes
- The more time it takes to drop off a passenger, the more money an Uber driver makes (i.e. In the event of traffic)

Once a week, via direct deposit, the Uber driver gets paid by Uber.

3. How Much do Uber drivers make in New Delhi, India

In developed Uber markets in India (i.e. – where there is a healthy supply and demand for Uber rides), a driver can expect to make up to 1 Lakh per month.

In New Delhi specifically a driver can expect to make **1,047,258 Rupees per year**. The assumption here is

- The driver is driving 40hrs a week
- The driver understands demand/supply patterns in his/her city
- The driver also is available during peak periods of demand.

Note – The earnings above are just revenue, and don't take into account costs like fuel costs, depreciation etc.

For information on how much Uber drivers earn, see our blog post here –

[How much do Uber drivers make? -Uberkit.net Blog](#)

Taxi Driver Salary United States

The average salary for a Taxi Driver is \$24,820 per year. Pay for this job does not change much between less experienced and more experienced workers. People in this job generally don't have more than 20 years' experience.

\$13K
\$19K
\$25K
\$38K
\$61K
MEDIAN: \$24,820
10%
25%
50%
75%
90%

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	National Salary Data (?)	\$0	\$21K	\$42K	\$63K
Salary	\$12,539 - \$60,820				
Bonus	\$0.00 - \$6,000				
Total Pay (?)	\$14,661 - \$55,752				

Country: United States | Currency: USD | Updated: 12 Jan 2016 | Individuals Reporting: 83

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Job Description for Taxi Driver

Taxi drivers transport passengers to requested locations via taxi, generally within a defined area of service. For most positions, drivers use company cabs, though there are some services that require the taxi driver to use their personal car. These professionals must have excellent verbal communication skills, as they must interact with passengers, make conversation, and comprehend their directions. The taxi driver also must be proficient in arithmetic, as counting change for passengers is an important part of the job. The taxi driver must keep the car clean and may need some mechanical experience, as pre-driving inspections might be necessary.

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Taxi Driver Tasks

- Maintain vehicle, including communication equipment.
- Communicate with central base about clients, routes, and schedule.
- Drive to and from locations to pick up and deliver clients.
- Collect and document payments and make change.

3. ESTIMATED EARNINGS IN 24 CITIES AROUND THE GLOBE

City	Estimated Earnings in \$ - per year	Estimated Earnings in Local Currency - per year
Atlanta, US	\$39,929	
Boston, US	\$46,032	
Chicago, US	\$42,358	
Dallas, TX US	\$39,602	
Houston, TX US	\$43,965	
Johannesburg, South Africa	\$38,892	R 540,172
Lagos, Nigeria	\$19,498	3,899, 670 Naira
London, UK	\$60,058	38,999 Pounds
Los Angeles, US	\$43,266	
Mexico City, Mexico	\$15,596	Mex \$ 264,343
Miami Florida, US	\$42,184	
Minneapolis, US	\$47,037	
New Delhi, India	\$15,708	1,047,258 Rupees
New York, US	\$63,127	
Rome, Italy	\$65,571	58,545 Euros
San Diego, US	\$45,011	
San Francisco, US	\$48,920	
Seattle, US	\$49,165	
Singapore	\$26,281	37,015 SGD
Stockholm, Sweden	\$47,087	392,397 KR
Sydney, Australia	\$53,763	A\$ 76,805
Tijuana, Mexico	\$16,721	Mex \$ 283,414
Toronto, Canada	\$41,868	55,824 CAD
Washington DC, US	\$43,950	