# Chart Book on Wages, Operating Costs, and Cost of Living for TAXICAB Drivers in New York City 

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## Current and Proposed Hourly Wages for Taxi Workers, and Other Wage Benchmarks, in 2002 dollars



Notes:

- Estimates for current and proposed taxi worker wages are based on average lease rates, average bookings per shift, and average fuel costs.
- The minimum wage is the current state minimum hourly wage.
- The median hourly wage for New York City is taken from Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) and adjusted using the CPI-All Urban Consumers Series for NY-NJ-CT-PA.
- The self-sufficiency wage is taken from: D. Pearce and J. Brooks. (2000). The Self-Sufficiency Standard for the City of New York. New York, NY: Women's Center for Education and Career Advancement.

Current and Proposed Taxi Worker Wages,
As a Percent of Self-Sufficiency Wage


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Driver's Operating Costs, As Percent of Total Bookings


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Typical Taxicab Fares for Major Metropolitan Areas, 2003


Taxi cab fare is cost of a 5-mile trip with 2 minute delay, as reported by TLC Magazine, March 2003, p. 4.

Cost of Living for Major Metropolitan Areas, End of 2002


Cost of living is indexed to U.S. average $=100$, taken from ACCRA, 2002, fourth quarter (value for New York is average of Manhattan and Queens)

## Increase in the Cost of Living, Gasoline, and Average Taxicab Fare in New York



Consumer Price Index (CPI) is for NY-NJ-CT-PA region, All Urban Consumers. Average fare is for New York City, based on average trip of 2.47 miles with 4.6 minutes of wait time.

Percentage Increase in the Cost of Living, Gasoline and Average Taxicab Fare, 1979-2002


Consumer Price Index (CPI) is for NY-NJ-CT-PA region, All Urban Consumers. Average fare is for New York City, based on average trip of 2.47 miles with 4.6 minutes of wait time.

## Percentage Increase in the Cost of Living, Gasoline and Average Taxicab Fare, 1996-2002



Consumer Price Index (CPI) is for NY-NJ-CT-PA region, All Urban Consumers. Average fare is for New York City, based on average trip of 2.47 miles with 4.6 minutes of wait time.

