

# ShiftTracker Mileage Log

2026 IRS-Compliant Template — Standard Rate: \$0.725 per business mile

## How to use this template (the 60-second version):

1. Print one page per week (52 pages cover the full year), or per month (use the table to log each day).
2. **At shift start:** write the date, platform (DoorDash, Uber, Uber Eats, Instacart, Spark, Lyft, etc.), and your starting odometer reading.
3. **At shift end:** write your ending odometer reading. Business Miles = End – Start (calculate at end of week).
4. **Business Purpose:** short phrase: "DoorDash dinner shift, downtown Boise" or "Uber Eats lunch zone". This is what IRS Publication 463 asks for.
5. **Earnings (optional but useful):** log gross earnings per shift if you want to compute your true hourly rate alongside the mileage.

## Why odometer-based logging (not GPS auto-tracking)?

IRS Publication 463 specifically asks for odometer readings as the canonical mileage log format. Odometer logs are the most audit-defensible record the IRS recognizes — the data is read directly off your vehicle, not generated by software. Plus: no battery drain from a second GPS tracker stacked on top of the gig apps already running.

## 2026 IRS Standard Mileage Rate: \$0.725/mile (= 72.5¢)

Multiply your total annual business miles by 0.725 to get your mileage deduction. Examples:

- 10,000 miles × \$0.725 = **\$7,250 deduction**
- 15,000 miles × \$0.725 = **\$10,875 deduction**
- 20,000 miles × \$0.725 = **\$14,500 deduction**
- 25,000 miles × \$0.725 = **\$18,125 deduction**

(Source: IRS Publication 463 — Travel, Gift, and Car Expenses, 2026 revenue procedure.)

## Want to skip the manual entry?

ShiftTracker logs miles from your odometer at shift start and end automatically, saves you the worksheet, and generates IRS-ready Schedule C reports at tax time. Download free at [shiftrackerapp.com/download](https://shiftrackerapp.com/download).

























# 2026 Annual Summary

Compile your monthly totals here at year-end for Schedule C filing.

Month	Business Miles	Mileage Deduction (\$)	Notes
January 2026			
February 2026			
March 2026			
April 2026			
May 2026			
June 2026			
July 2026			
August 2026			
September 2026			
October 2026			
November 2026			
December 2026			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>(File on Schedule C, Line 9)</b>

**Important:** Keep this log with your tax records for at least 3 years (IRS audit window). If you also deduct actual expenses (gas, maintenance, insurance, etc.) instead of standard mileage, you cannot use both methods on the same vehicle in the same year.

Built by ShiftTracker — the IRS Publication 463-compliant mileage app for gig workers. Track every shift's odometer, calculate deductions, and generate Schedule C reports automatically at [shiftrackerapp.com](https://shiftrackerapp.com).