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# Delivery drivers face different conditions



UPS drivers, who have been members of the Teamsters union for decades, are employees with legal protections and a collective-bargaining contract. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Diverging business models offer insights into the future of work

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American households have become dependent on Amazon. • The numbers say it all: In 2024, 83% of U.S. households received deliveries from Amazon, representing over 1 million packages delivered each day and 9 billion individual items delivered same-day or next-day every year. In remarkably short order, the company has transformed from an online bookseller into a juggernaut that has reshaped retailing. But its impact isn't limited to how we shop.

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Using nonemployee drivers contributed to the exponential growth of Amazon as a package delivery company. In 2023, Amazon for the first time delivered more packages than UPS. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Summit explores school bus safety

Stop-arm cameras could help deter illegal passing

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WASHINGTON — At a packed conference room in the nation's capital, dozens of people gasped as they watched a video monitor playing a terrifying, yet common scene: Cars speeding past kids as they approached their school bus.

"Horrible," one person said as the screen showed clips of children who were struck by vehicles but avoided serious injuries. Some turned their eyes from the screen. Others seemed to hold back tears.

The clips were played during the first National School Bus Safety Summit on Dec. 10, which brought together hundreds of federal, state and local leaders, as well as safety and transportation experts, to discuss reckless drivers endangering children across the country.

Each day, according to officials, thousands of drivers illegally pass school buses despite their flashing lights and deployed stop arms. And with more than 500,000 school buses on the road, millions of violations occur each year. Some illegal maneuvers have ended in tragedy.

In 2018, a driver in Rochester, Indiana, passed a stopped school bus and fatally struck a 9-year-old girl and her 6-year-old twin brothers. The incident led to reforms and calls for harsher penalties for violators.

Recent attention has been centered around autonomous vehicles, especially after driverless Waymo taxis in Austin, Texas, were caught maneuvering around stopped school buses at least 20 times, prompting a federal investigation and calls to halt the taxi service.

Over the one-day summit, policy leaders and safety experts discussed some of the enforcement tactics gaining traction, and ways to improve education around school bus safety.

The most popular enforcement tool: security cameras and artificial intelligence. An increasing number of

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