

[News Article]

Title: DFL leaders, Minneapolis announce deal on rideshare pay, but Lyft and Uber say they will leave

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Text: ST. PAUL, Minn. — Key lawmakers and DFL legislative leaders on Monday announced that they have a compromise on statewide rideshare regulations in Minnesota, but Uber and Lyft quickly rejected the plan and said that they will still exit the market if the proposal becomes law.

The amendment, which will be heard in a House committee Tuesday, includes a minimum wage pay rate of \$1.27 per mile and 49 cents per minute. Leaders said they worked with the Minneapolis City Council on finding compromise, but the companies were not included in the negotiations.

The proposal is lower than the Minneapolis rate of \$1.40 per mile and \$0.49 per minute, but higher than study done by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, which determined \$0.89 mile and \$0.49 for the Twin Cities metro would bring driver pay up to the city's minimum wage of \$15.57 an hour.

"This was a really big move for the Minneapolis City Council. This is coming down 13 cents from the rate that they passed. And this is consistent with the rates that Uber and Lyft are operating with and other states and other jurisdictions," House Majority Leader Jamie Long, DFL-Minneapolis, who was a key negotiator, told reporters. "We know that the companies have said the same thing in other states. They've said that they were going to leave at certain rates, and they've stayed and been able to operate profitably."

Uber and Lyft quickly responded that they will still plan to leave Minneapolis — as they said would happen on July 1, when the city's ordinance is effective — and the state if this becomes law.

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[Generated QA Pairs]

Question: What will be the response from Uber and Lyft if the proposed rideshare regulations become law in Minnesota by May 2024?

Answer: (a) They will plan to leave the market.

Misleading Choices:

- (b) They will stay and adjust their pricing to meet regulations.
- (c) They will collaborate to develop an alternative service model
- (d) They will reduce their services rather than exit.

[Closed-Book Setting]

- The question is asked directly to Mixtral-8x7B.
- Model response: (**wrong**) "(d) They will reduce their services rather than exit. This is because leaving the market entirely can be a drastic move and may not be the first response to new regulations. Reducing services is a more likely response, as it allows rideshare companies to comply with the new laws while still maintaining a presence in the market. Additionally, they may also try to negotiate or influence the regulations before they become law."

[Constraint-Open Book Setting]

- The RAG-cutoff refers to the latest accessible date for retrieving articles. With RAG-cutoff = 2024-03-01, we extracted the top 5 relevant articles (here, only the titles are displayed, but the articles are included in the evaluation prompt):
 - (2023-05-25) Uber Threatens To Cut Most Service In Minnesota If Minimum Pay Law Takes Effect
 - (2023-05-25) Minnesota Governor Vetoes Rideshare Minimum Pay Bill After Uber Threatens To Leave State
 - (2023-08-09) Minneapolis City Council moving towards minimum wage for rideshare drivers
 - (2024-02-27) Minneapolis City Council to consider rideshare minimum wage ordinance Tuesday
 - (2024-01-11) Some Lyft, Uber drivers to strike Thursday at MSP Airport
- Model response: (**correct**) "(a) They will plan to leave the market."

[Gold Article Setting]

- In the gold article setting, models are provided direct access to the gold article, from which the question is generated. The question then is treated as a reading comprehensive question rather than a forecasting question.
- Model response: (**correct**) "(a) They will plan to leave the market."

Figure 20. An example of evaluating Mixtral-8x7B across different settings.



Figure 21. Dataset size and closed-book evaluation accuracy over time on the forecasting market dataset.

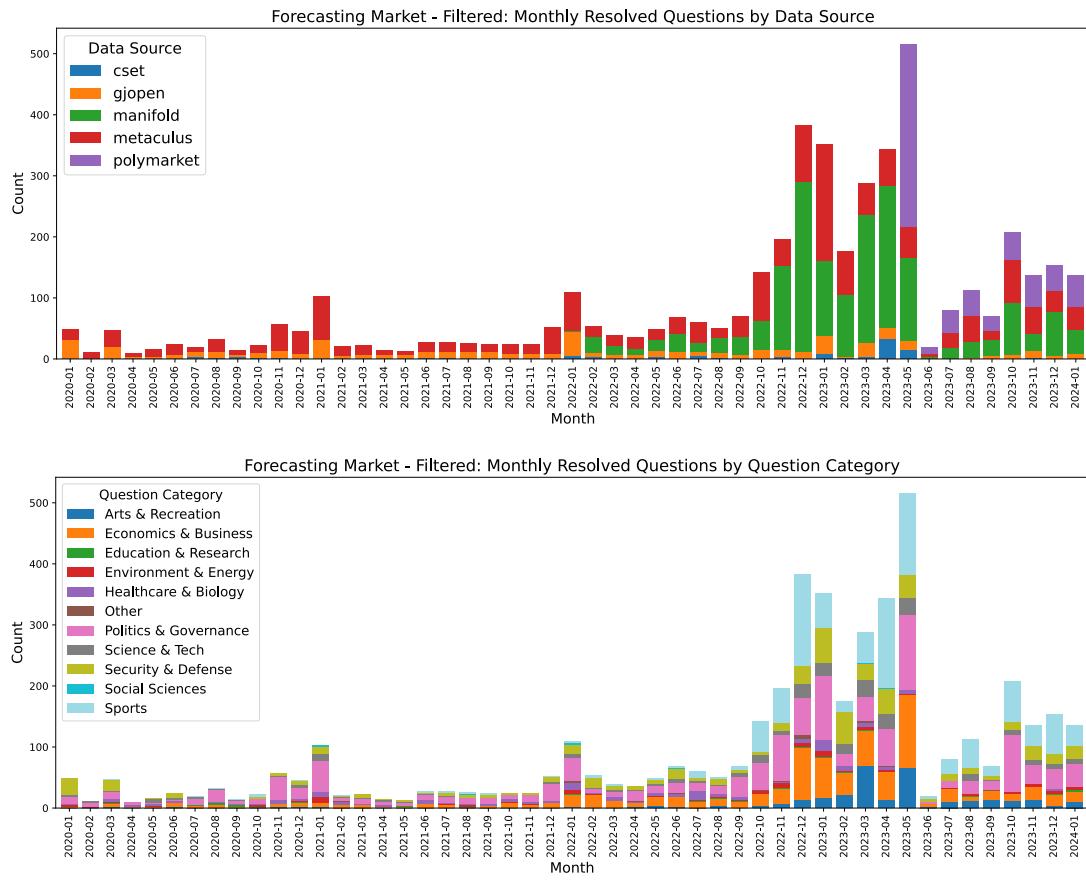


Figure 22. Distribution shift of the filtered forecasting market dataset.