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*Deliver Us from Crime? Online Platforms, Gig Jobs,
and Offending*

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Abstract. We investigate the impact of the rise of on-demand food delivery platforms on local employment and crime rates, leveraging the temporal and geographic disparities in their introduction in France. Our staggered difference-in-differences approach reveals that the arrival of a delivery platform in an employment area leads to a rise in the presence of registered riders, which concurrently leads to a large reduction in drug-related crimes. These results indicate that the gig economy fosters employment opportunities for low-skilled workers, youth, and migrants, facilitating their engagement in lawful economic activities.