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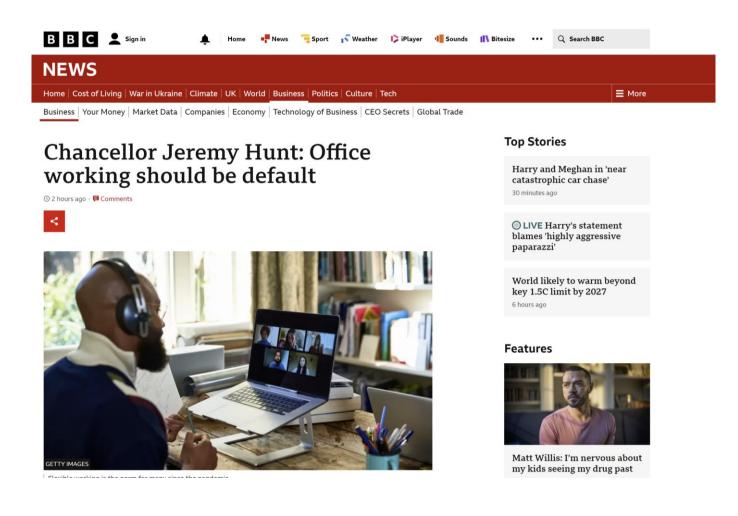




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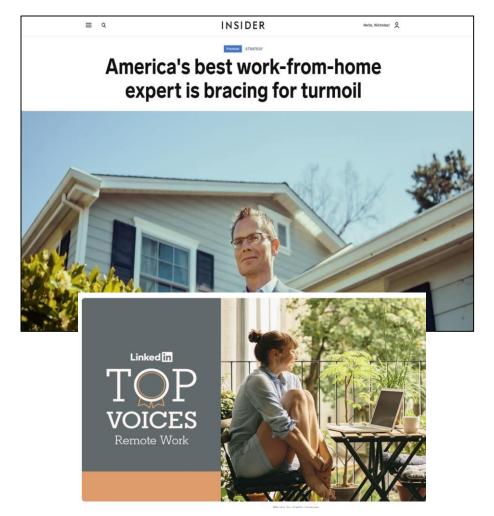


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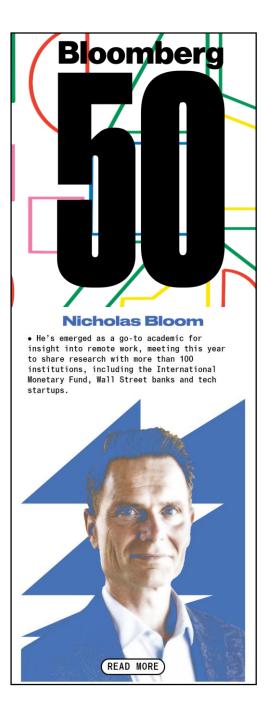


Background and Data on Working From Home

- Research on WFH starting in 2004
- Monthly surveys of 10,000 working age adults and 5,000 firms
- Discussions and consulting with 100s of organizations globally







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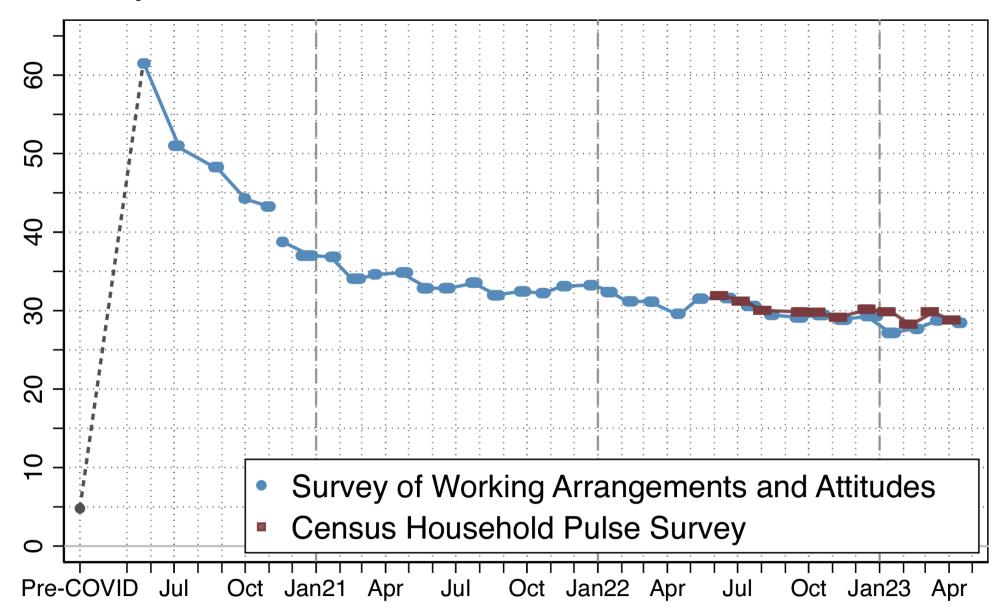
>>>> Current state of working from home

>>>> Thoughts on managing hybrid-WFH

>>>> Five impacts on the economy

WFH is stabilizing at about 25% of days: a 5-fold jump vs 2019

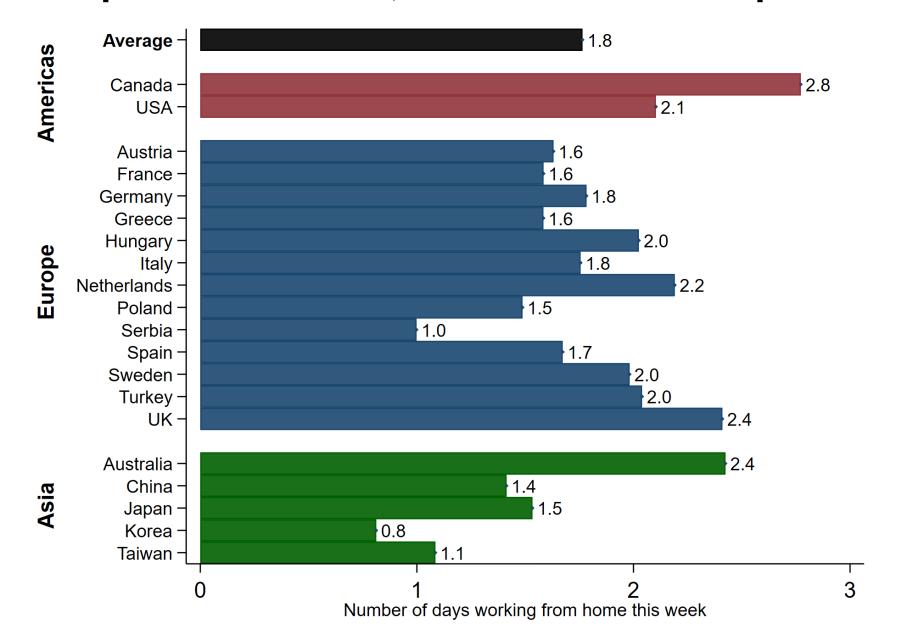
US full days worked from home, %



Source: N=131,225(SWAA) N=364,540(HHP). SWAA data from survey responses weighted to match the US population. Pre-covid data from the American Time Use Survey. CHPS respondents weighted to match the US population aged 20 to 64 in households with incomes above \$25,000.

Survey of Workplace Attitudes and Arrangements (Barrero, Bloom and Davis 2021) https://wfhresearch.com/

Globally (graduates): North America and UK highest, then Northern Europe and Australia, with Southern Europe lower and Asia lowest

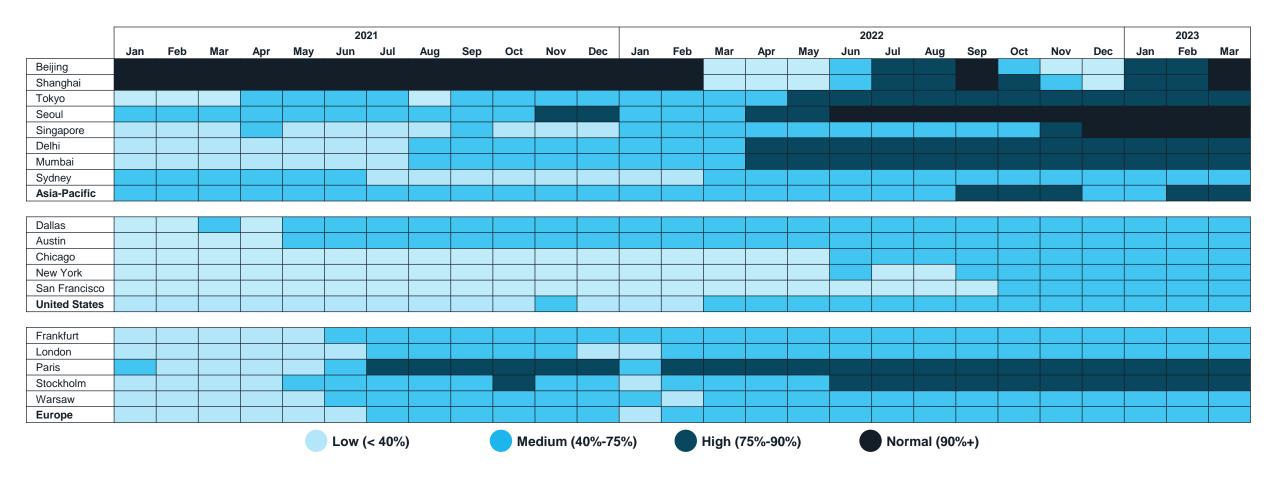


Source: Responses to the question "How many full paid days are you working from home this week?".

Only for university educated respondents that have worked for pay in the week of the interview.

Sample of N=30,169 Global WFH respondents, surveyed in August 2021 and February 2022. Source: "Working from home around the world" by Cevat Aksoy, Jose Barrero, Nick Bloom, Steve Davis, Mathias Dolls and Pablo Zarate. https://wfhresearch.com/gswadata/

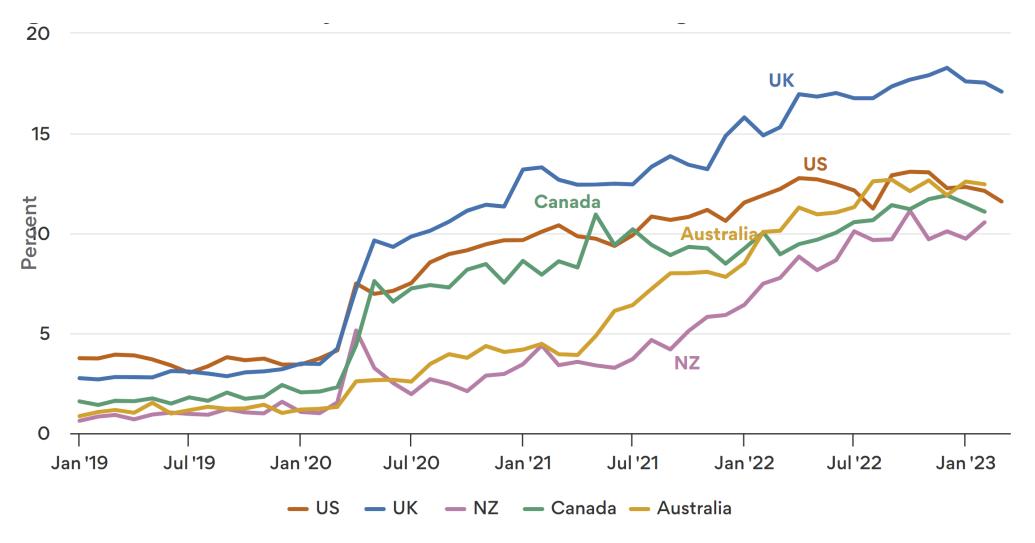
Similar Global Pattern in *Return to Office* – US and UK Lowest, Europe and Australia Middle, and Asia Highest





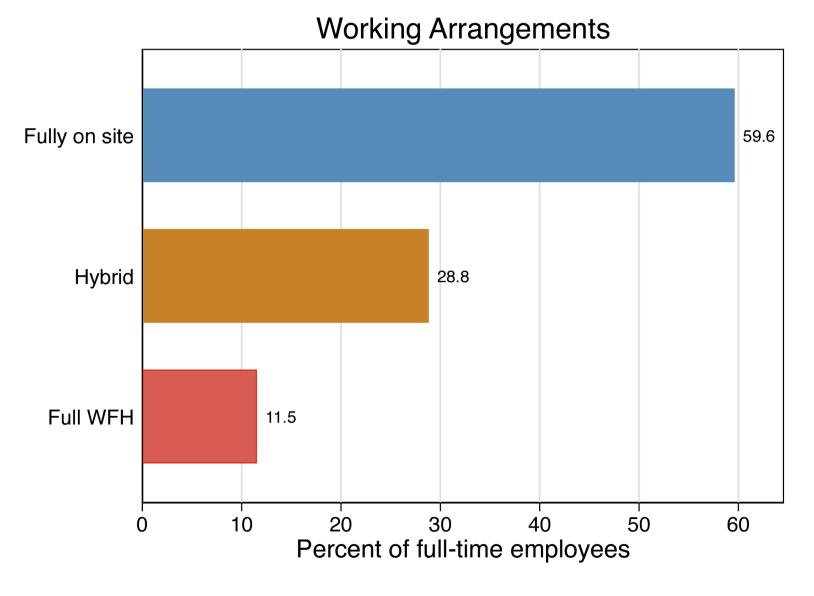
English Speaking Countries Job-Postings Data

Percent of job-postings offering hybrid or remote work



Notes: Share of vacancy postings that say a job allows one or days remote more working week, per covering fully remote hybrid. Natural and language processing of all online jobs in the US, around 43 million in 2022 from Lightcast. From the research "Remote work paper across jobs, companies and space" by Stephen Hansen, Peter **Nicholas** Lambert, Bloom, Steven Davis, Raffaella Sadun and Bledi Taska. Data from www.wfhmap.com

Employees are split into three groups – most firms have some of all



Front-line employees, mostly non-graduates, lower paid,

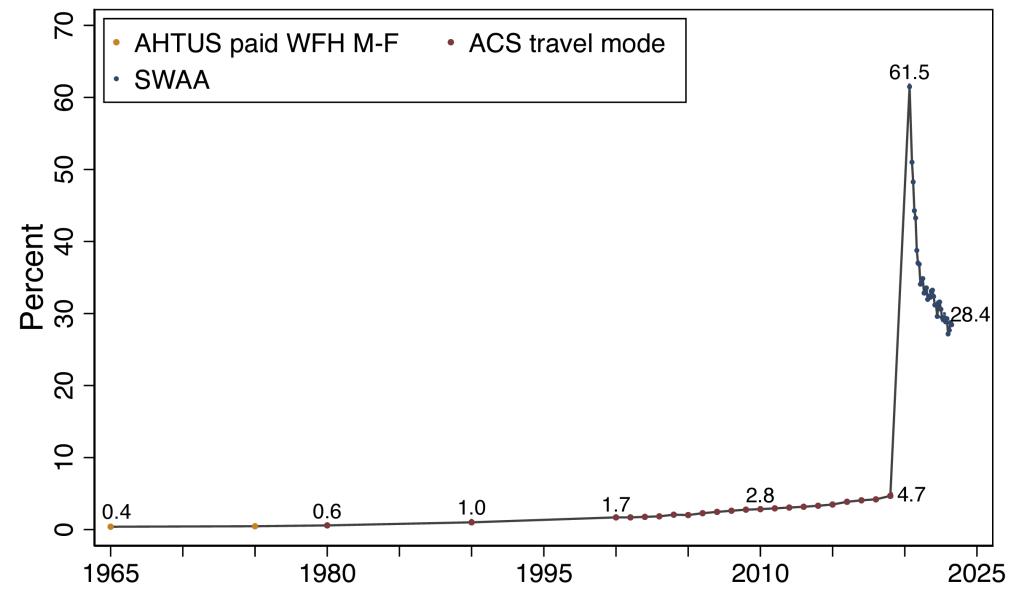
Professionals and managers, mostly graduates, higher paid

Specialized roles - IT support, payroll etc, often contractors

Source: The sample covers the January 2023 to April 2023 waves of the SWAA. Details on https://wfhresearch.com/

The graph back to 1965 shows the size of the pandemic-era WFH jump



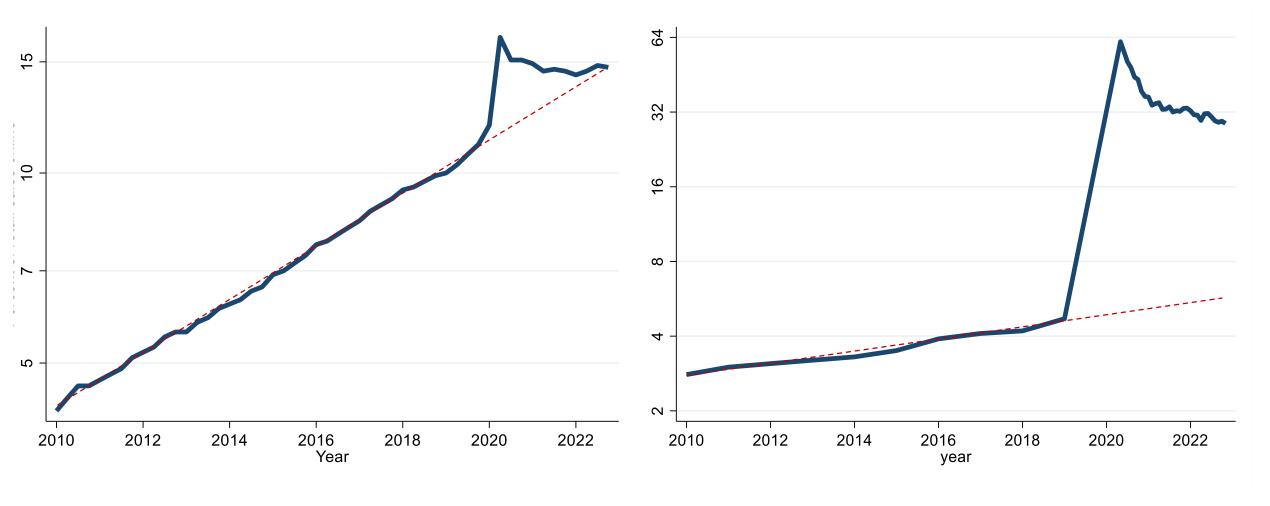


WFH days doubling every 15 years prepandemic, so the 6-fold pandemic increase is equal to 40 years of prepandemic growth.

This rise in WFH is permanent - online shopping is back to its pretrend, but WFH has stabilized at about 5x its pre-pandemic value



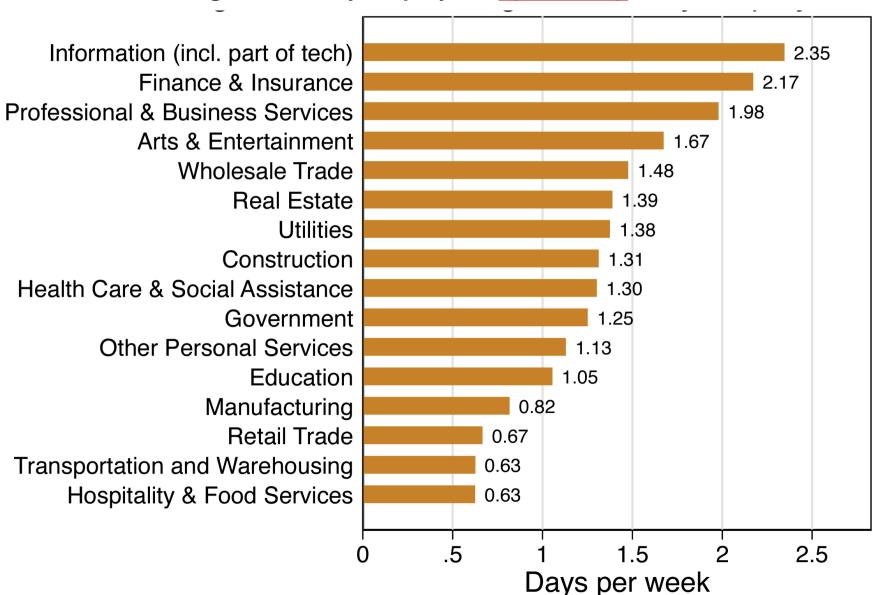
Share of days worked from home, %



Source: Retail data from the Census Bureau, quarterly seasonally adjusted https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/ECOMPCTSA to 2022Q4. WFH data from the Survey of Workplace Arrangements and Attitudes www.wfhresearch.com Both data cover the United States.

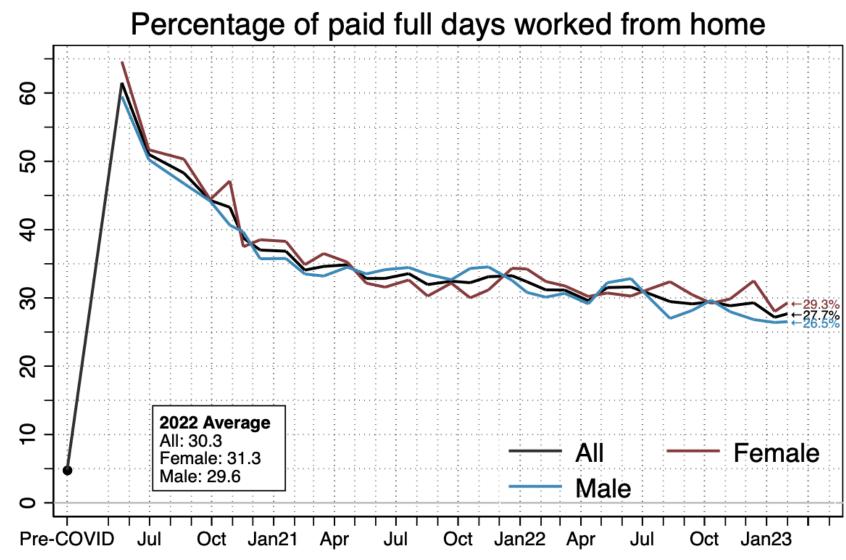
WFH particularly high in tech and (to a lesser extent) finance

Current WFH: all wage and salary employees by industry



Notes: Survey of Workplace Attitudes and Arrangements www.wfhresearch.com Sample from November 2022 to April 2023

WFH levels similar by gender (both are converging to 25%)



*Pre-COVID estimate taken from the 2017-2018 American Time Use Survey SWAA data from May 2020 to February 2023

Source: Responses to the questions:

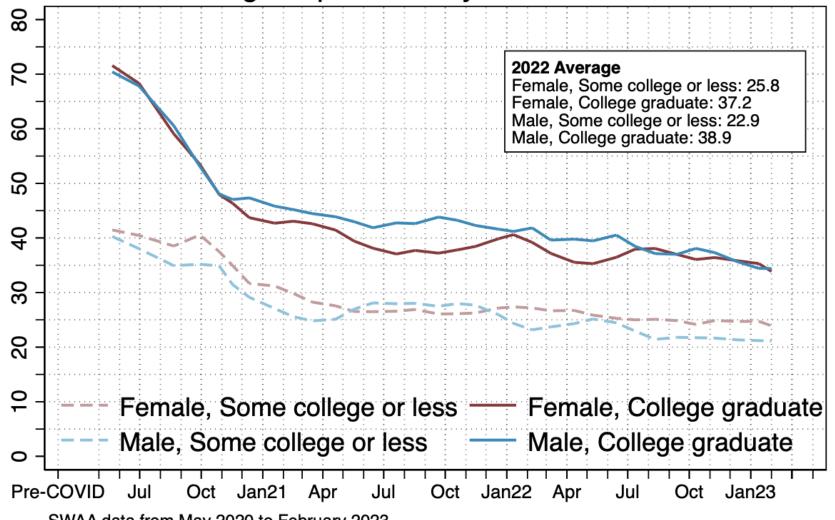
- Currently (this week) what is your work status?
- For each day last week, did you work a full day (6 or more hours), and if so where?

Notes: For each wave, we compute the percent of paid full days worked from home in the SWAA. The horizontal-axis location shows when the survey was in the field. The pre-COVID figure is from the 2017-2018 American Time Use Survey. Before November 2020, we asked the first question above. Since November 2021, we have asked the second question. From November 2020 to October 2021, we back-cast responses to the current question using a regression model based on current-question responses and question (not shown). We re-weight the sample of US residents aged 20 to 64 earning \$10,000 or more in 2019 or 2021 to match CPS shares by age-sex-education-earnings cells.

N = 119,797

The big WFH gap is in education: university grads have ≈2x non-grads

Percentage of paid full days worked from home



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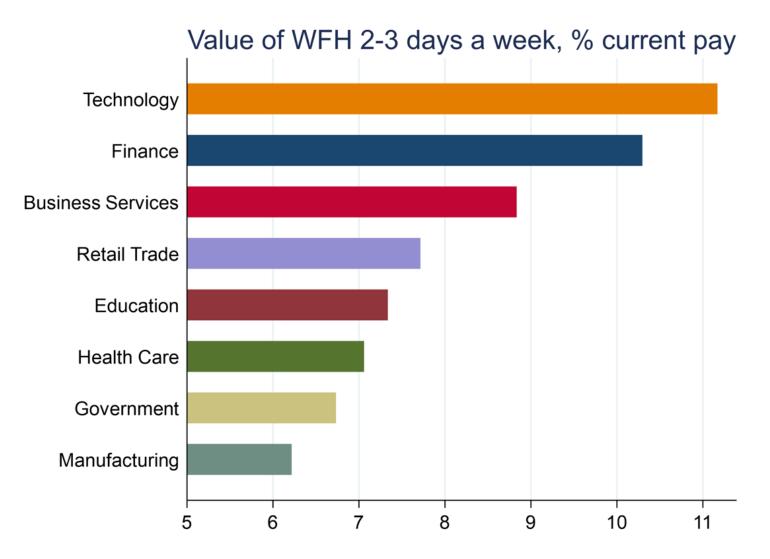
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SWAA data from May 2020 to February 2023 Smoothed with a 3 month centered moving average

Four key benefits of Hybrid why this is popular for professionals

- 1. Employees are happier
- 2. Productivity is increased (if well organized)
- 3. Supports diversity, equity and inclusion
- 4. Saves space (maybe)

Happier: Employees value hybrid-WFH as about an 8% pay increase



Source: Data from 17,087 responses through 2021, reweighted to match US population. Industries with 1000+ respondents. Details on https://wfhresearch.com/

Results for a recent RCT on 1612 engineers, marketing and finance professionals found WFH reduced quit rates 35%

Tweets & replies Media

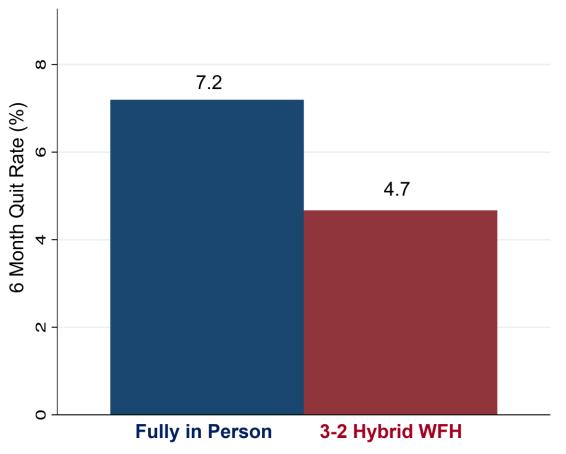


Nick Bloom @I_Am_NickBloom · Jul 25
New RCT on 1612 employees, finding hybrid #WFH

- 1) Reduced quit rates by 1/3
- 2) Shifted hours from WFH days to office days & weekends
- 3) Increased messaging and video calls (even in the office)
- 4) Generated a small productivity increase

Paper: bit.ly/3J4rL5l

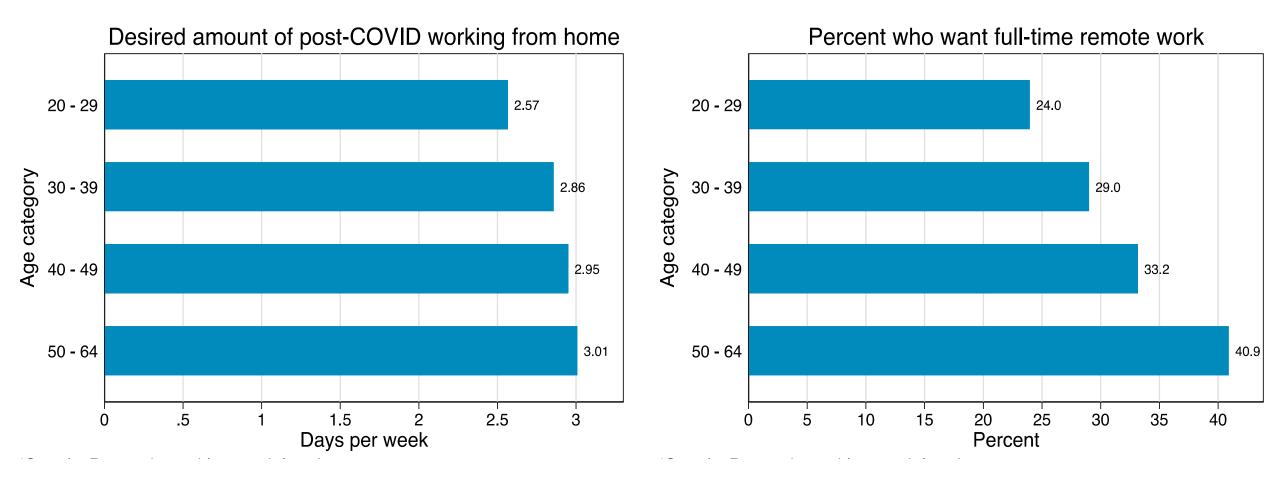
Hybrid WFH lowered employee quit rates by 35%



Source: Attrition rates for 1612 engineers, marketing and finance professionals of Trip.com who were randomized between September 2021 and February 2022 by even and odd birthdays into control (5-days a week in the office) and treatment (Mon, Tue and Thur in the office; Weds and Fri working from home). Difference statistically significant at the 5% level. Details in Bloom, Han and Liang (2022) "How Hybrid Work from Home Works Out".

Source: https://bit.ly/3J4rL5l

Note, most employees do not want to WFH every day

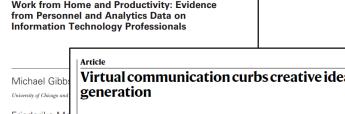


Responses to the question: As the pandemic ends, how often would you like to have paid workdays at home?

Sample: Data are from the April to June 2022 SWAA waves from www.wfhresearch.com. The sample includes respondents who have work-from-home experience during the pandemic and pass the attention-check questions. We re-weight the sample of US residents aged 20 to 64 earning \$10,000 or more in 2019 or 2021 to match Current Population Survey on age, sex, education, and earnings. N = 8,788 (both figures)

Productivity: For professionals *fully remote* typically lowers productivity (but cuts costs) while organized hybrid raises productivity a little (1% to 3%)

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Virtual communication curbs creative idea

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In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, millions of emp mandated to work from home indefinitely and virtua using videoconferencing technologies. This unprece full-time remote employment demonstrated the viabil work at a large scale, further legitimizing the growing workmovement of the last decade. In a 2021 survey, 75% of U day a week, and 40% of employees indicated they would required full-time in-person work! In response leading various sectors, including Google, Microsoft, IPMorgan Increased the flexibility of their post-pandemic work-from cles, and research estimates that 20% of all US workday

ducted remotely once the pandemic ends2. workplace tasks. In particular, collaborative idea gen the heart of scientific and commercial progress 3.8. From symposium to Lennon and McCartney, collaborations h some of the most important ideas in human history, U these collaborations have largely required the same ph because the existing communication technologies (su email and phone calls) limited the extent of info able to communicators and reduced the synchronicity tion exchange (media richness theory, social presence synchronicity theory 4-6). However, recent advances in nei and display resolution have ushered in a synchronous

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COVID-19 accelerated a decade-long shift to remote work by normalizing working

human behaviour

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The effects of remote work on collaboration among information workers

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The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic caused a rapid shift to full-time remote work for many information work-ers. Viewing this shift as a natural experiment in which some workers were already working remotely before the pandemic enables us to separate the effects of firm-wide remote work from other pandemic-related confounding factors. Here, we use rich data on the emails, calendars, instant messages, video/audio calls and workweek hours of 61,182 US Microsoft employee
over the first six months of 2020 to estimate the causal effects of firm-wide remote work on collaboration and communication or results show that firm-wide remote work caused the collaboration network of workers to become more static and silood, th fewer bridges between disparate parts. Furthermore, there was a decrease in synchronous communication and an increase asynchronous communication. Together, these effects may make it harder for employees to acquire and share new inferoma-

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Organized Hybrid (e.g WFH Mon & Fri)

DOES WORKING FROM HOME WORK? EVIDENCE FROM A CHINESE EXPERIMENTS

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A rising share of employees now regularly engage in working from home (WFH), but there are concerns this can lead to "shirking from home." We report the results of a WFH experiment at Ctrip, a 16,000-employee, NASDAQ-listed Chinese travel agency. Call center employees who volunteered to WFH were randomly assigned either to work from home or in the office for nine months Home working led to a 13% performance increase, of which 9% was from working more minutes per shift (fewer breaks and sick days) and 4% from more calls per minute (attributed to a quieter and more convenient working environment). Home workers also reported improved work satisfaction, and their attrition rate

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"WORKING" REMOTELY?

SELECTION, TREATMENT, AND THE MARKET FOR REMOTE WORK

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Abstract: How does remote work affect productivity and how productive are workers who choose remote jobs? We decompose these effects using data from the call-centers of a US Fortune 500 retailer. The retailer employed both remote and on-site workers prior to Covid-19 and went entirely remote during the lockdown. In a difference-in-difference design around the Covid-19 lockdown, formerly on-site workers became 6-10% more productive after going remote relative to already-remote workers. However, during the lockdown, workers who originally chose remote jobs answered 18-21% fewer calls than those who originally chose on-site ones, indicating adverse selection into remote work. Our results suggest that adverse selection made remote work the exception rather than the rule in call-center jobs prior to the pandemic. We discuss implications of the Covid-19 lockdown for adverse selection and the consequent future of remote work.

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HOW HYBRID WORKING FROM HOME WORKS OUT

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An emerging form of remote work allows employees to work-from-anywhen, so that the worker can choose to live in a preferred geographic location. While traditional work-from-home (WFH) program offer the worker temporal flexibility, work-from-anywhere (WFA) programs offer bub temporal and geographic flexibility. WFA should be viewed as a nonnecuniary benefit likely to be preferred by workers who would derive greater utility by moving from their current geographic location to their preferred location. We study the effects of WFA on productivity at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and exploit a natural experiment in which the implementation of WFA was driven by negotiations between managers and the patent examiners' union, leading to exogeneity in the timing of individual examiners' transition from a work-from-home to a work-from-anywhere program. This transition resulted in a 4.4 percent increase in output without affecting the incidence of rework. We also report results related to a plausible mechanism: an increase in observable effort as the worker transitions from a WFH to a WFA program. We employ illustrative field interviews, micro data on locations, and machine learning analysis to shed further light on geographic flexibility, and summarize worker, firm, and economy-wide implications of provisioning WFA.

Running Head: Work-From-Anywhere: Productivity Effects

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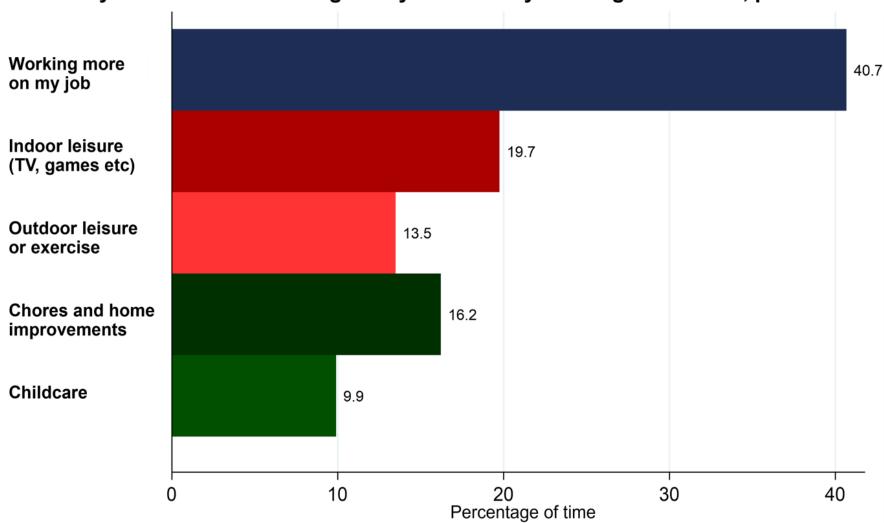
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The two drivers of higher <u>organized hybrid</u> WFH productivity are: (i) quiet for concentration "deep" work, and (ii) time saved commuting

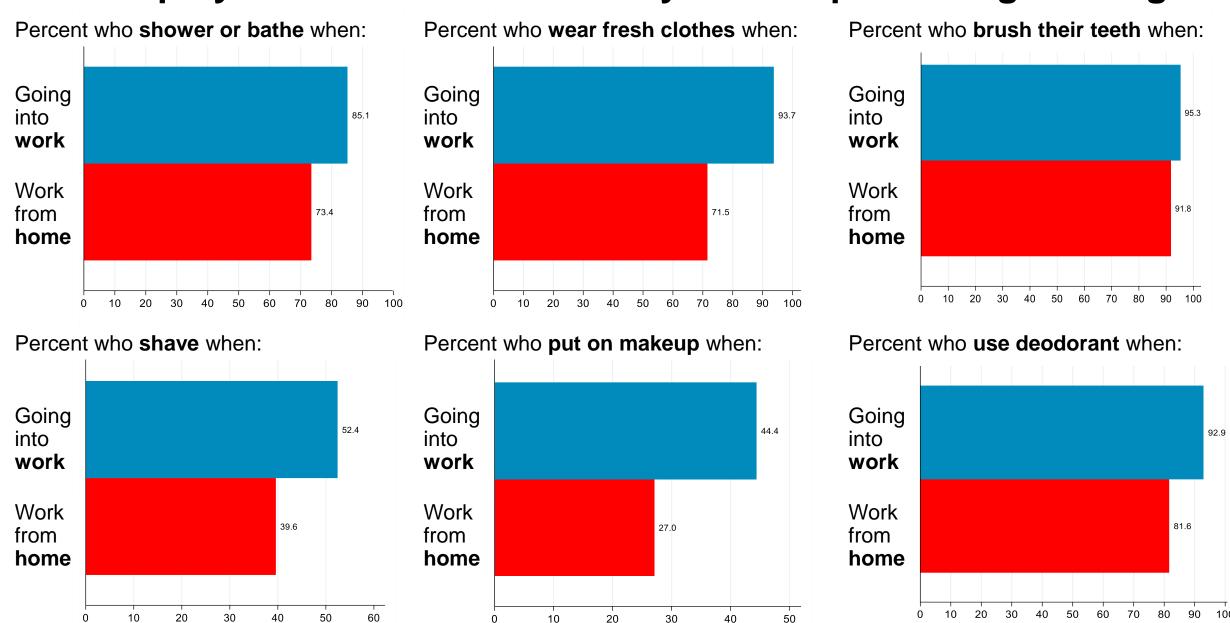
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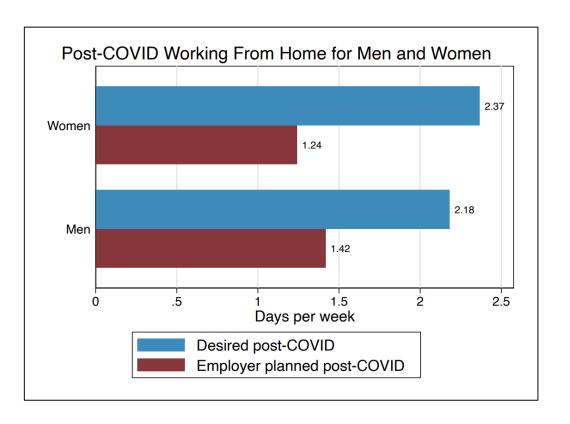
Source: Data from 32,461 respondees who can work from home, reweighted to match the US population. Details on https://wfhresearch.com/

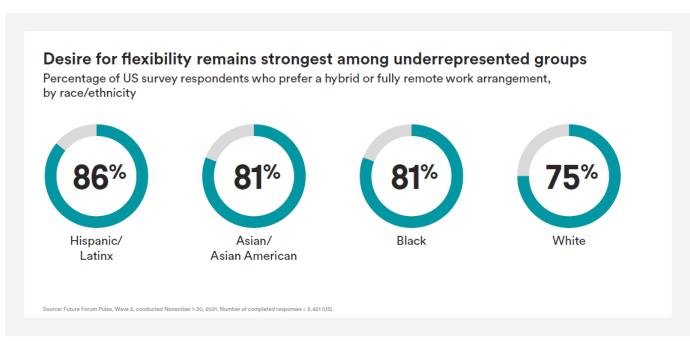
WFH employees save 9 minutes a day on less personal grooming



Source: Data from 3,997 respondees who can work from home in January 2022, reweighted to match the US population. Details on https://wfhresearch.com/

<u>Diversity</u>: Data suggests Hybrid-WFH can help support diversity in various dimensions (race, gender, age, politics and religion)





Source: Data from 10,000 US responses in through 2021, reweighted to match the US population. Details on https://wfhresearch.com/

Source: Survey of 10737 knowledge workers in US, Australia, France, Germany, Japan and the US conducted November 1-30, 2021. Details on https://futureforum.com/

Space saving: So far not that much..... I'll come back to this later...



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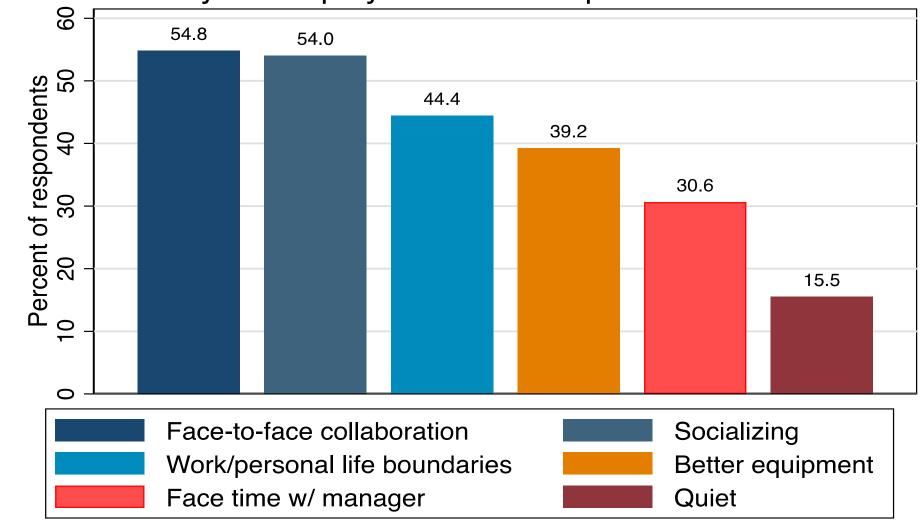
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Coordination matters - the benefit of the office is being with colleagues

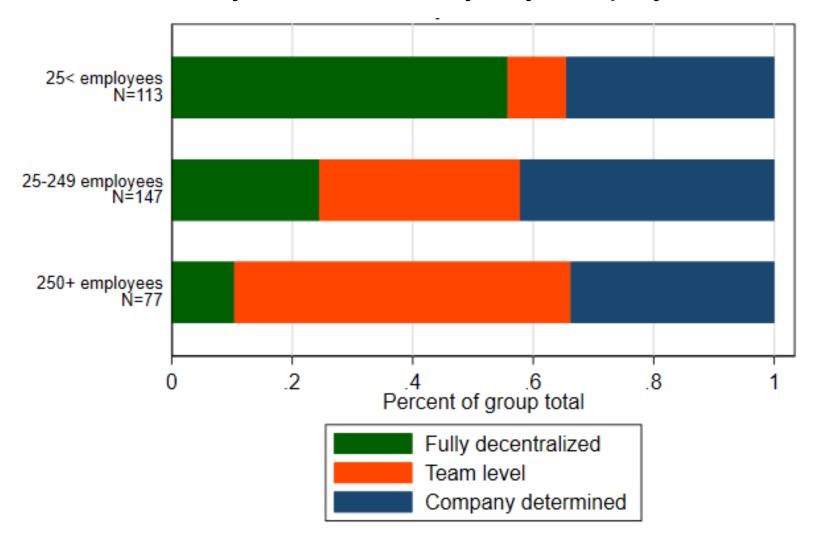
What are the top 3 benefits of working on your employer's business premises?



Notes: The sample includes respondents to the February 2022 SWAA who passed the attention check questions and worked from home at some point since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The SWAA samples US residents aged 20 to 64 who earned \$10,000 or more in 2019. **N** = **2,973**.

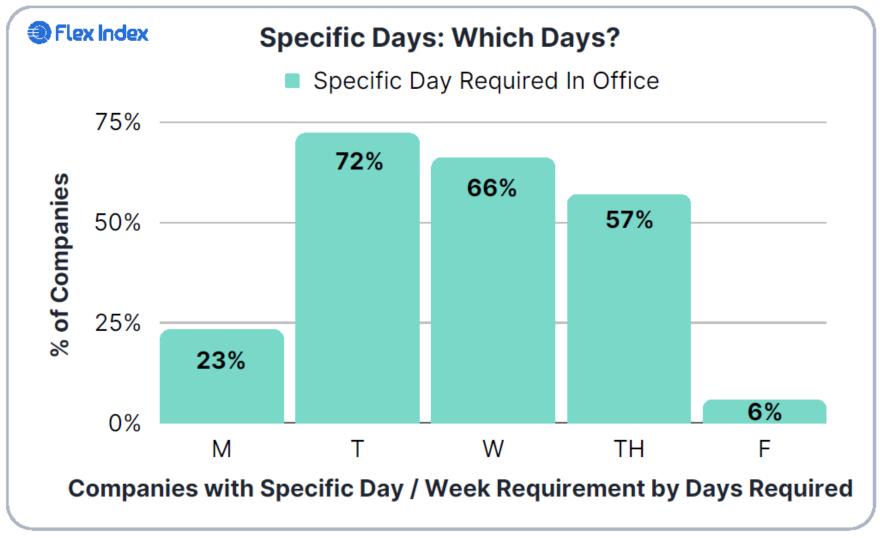
So large firms mostly planning team or company coordinated hybrid

Qu: "Who decides which days and how many days employees work remotely?"



Source: Survey of Business Uncertainty conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Stanford University, and the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

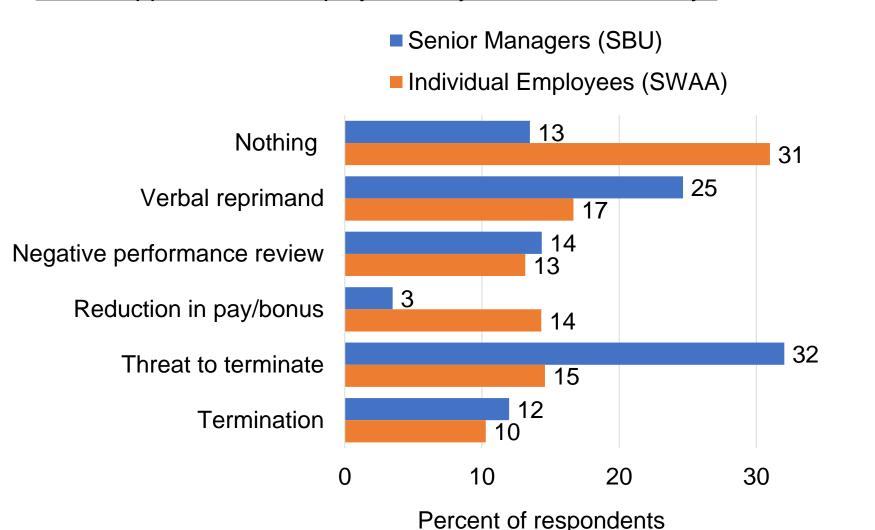
If you pick WFH days I would suggest Monday and Friday...



Source: <u>Flex Index</u> (flex.scoopforwork.com) employee surveys and publicly available data on companies with a specific day / week office requirement. N = 229 companies. The Flex Index is presented by <u>Scoop</u> (scoopforwork.com).

...but worth noting enforcement is not always easy

What happens when employees stay home on office days



SWAA participants Notes: "How asked your employer responded to work on employees who business premises fewer days than requested?" over June to September 2022 re-weighted match US working population 20 to 64. N= 17,875. www.wfhresearch.com SBU participants asked "Currently, how does your firm deal with employees who work days business fewer on premises than required by policy?" company September 2022 reweighted to match US firms. N= 335. www.atlantafed.org/SBU

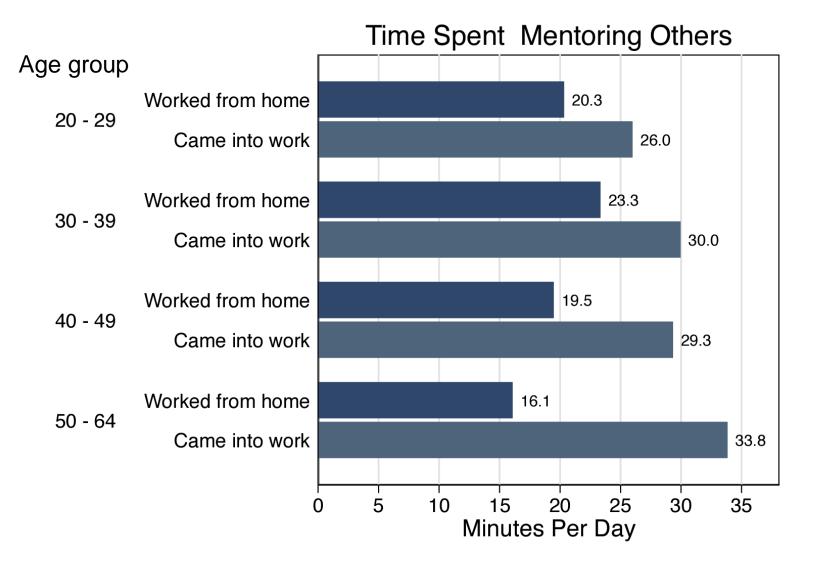
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So, how Leaders Can Make the Most of Hybrid WFH

- 1) Coordinate your team to come in on the same 2 or 3 days each week (eg T, W & Th)
- 2) Promote in person meetings, events, coffee, training, lunches on those office days
- 3) Suggest cross-office zoom meetings and reading, writing, data etc on home days
- 4) Treat anchor day attendance like 2019 in person attendance exemptions only for emergencies like a sick child, burst water pipe or illness.
- 5) For new hires (< 1 or 2 years) add an extra day in the office for mentoring

Indeed, appears more mentoring happens on in person days





Responses to the question: How many *minutes* of your working day did you spend on each of the following activities *last*Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday?

Notes: We randomized respondents across days of the week. Each figure shows the average number of minutes for the activity in question among respondents who either worked from home or worked on business premises. The sample includes persons who were asked about Monday thru Friday, who are able to work from home, and participated in the March 2023 SWAA. We re-weight the sample of US residents aged 20 to 64 earning \$10,000 or more in 2019 or 2021 to match CPS shares by age-sex-education-earnings cells. **N** = **2,418**

Three other tips for managing a hybrid office

1) Performance reviews



2) Cameras on



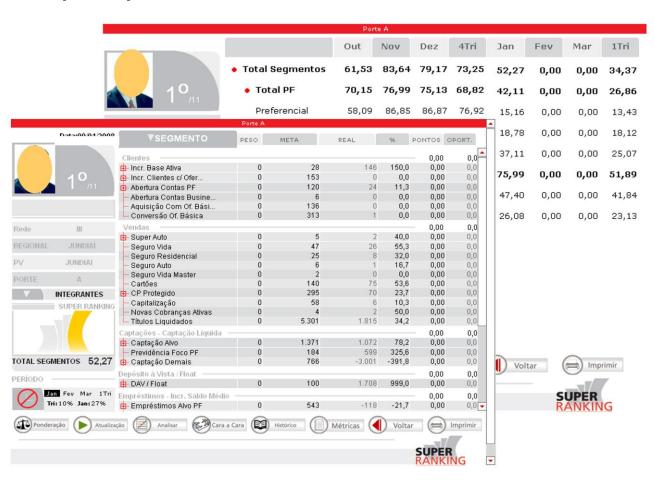
3) Offices designed for socializing



(A) strong performance reviews for managing WFH

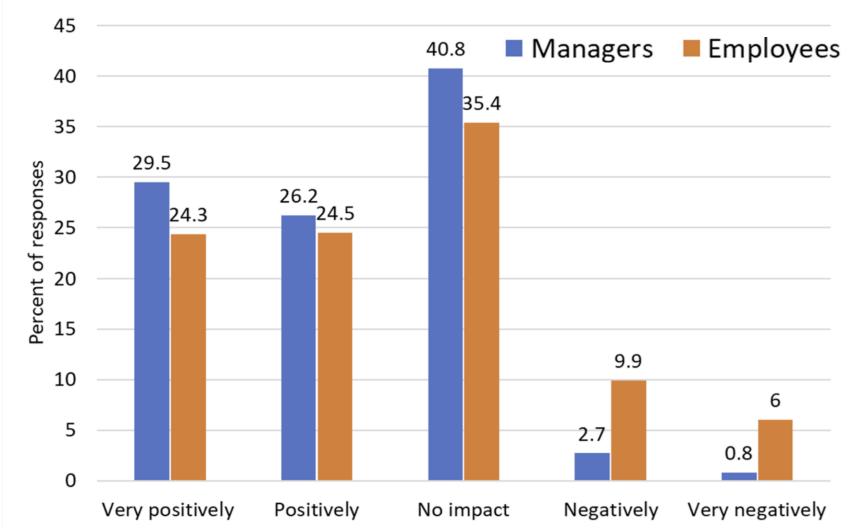
- Office employees can be (partly) evaluated by observing inputs hours & activity
- WFH employees instead need output evaluation data, evaluations & discussion
- Importantly this is not surveillance, but "output" performance reviews





(B) Encourage cameras on in video zoom meetings

During work meetings on Teams/Zoom/Webex how does having your camera on impact your engagement?





Respondents Notes: to the January 2023 SWAA and April who worked during SBU previous week or who worked from home at some point since of the COVID-19 the start We pandemic. re-weight SWAA sample to match the Current Population Survey age, sex, education, and earnings.

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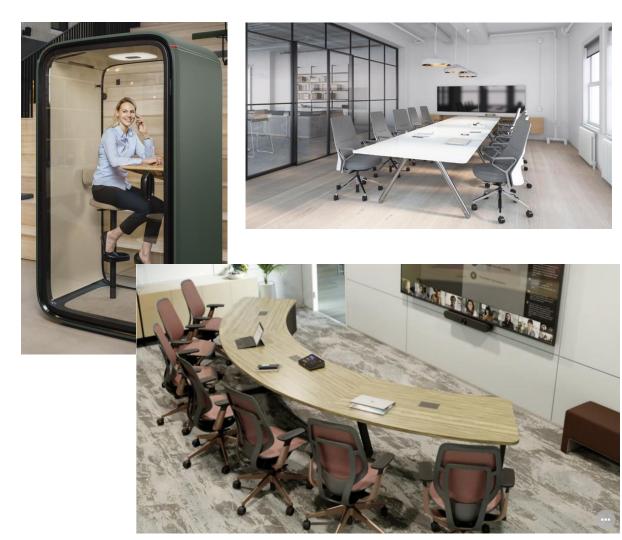
(C) More meeting rooms, Teams/Zoom rooms and lounge seating, less cubicles and small offices

Massed offices and desks are out





Video-cubicles, meeting rooms and virtual conference rooms are **in**



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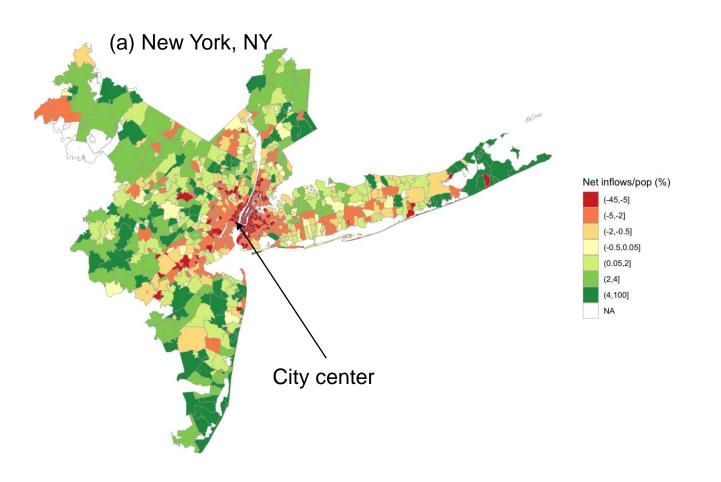
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>>> Five impacts on the economy

1) The "Donut Effect" – people have left city centers

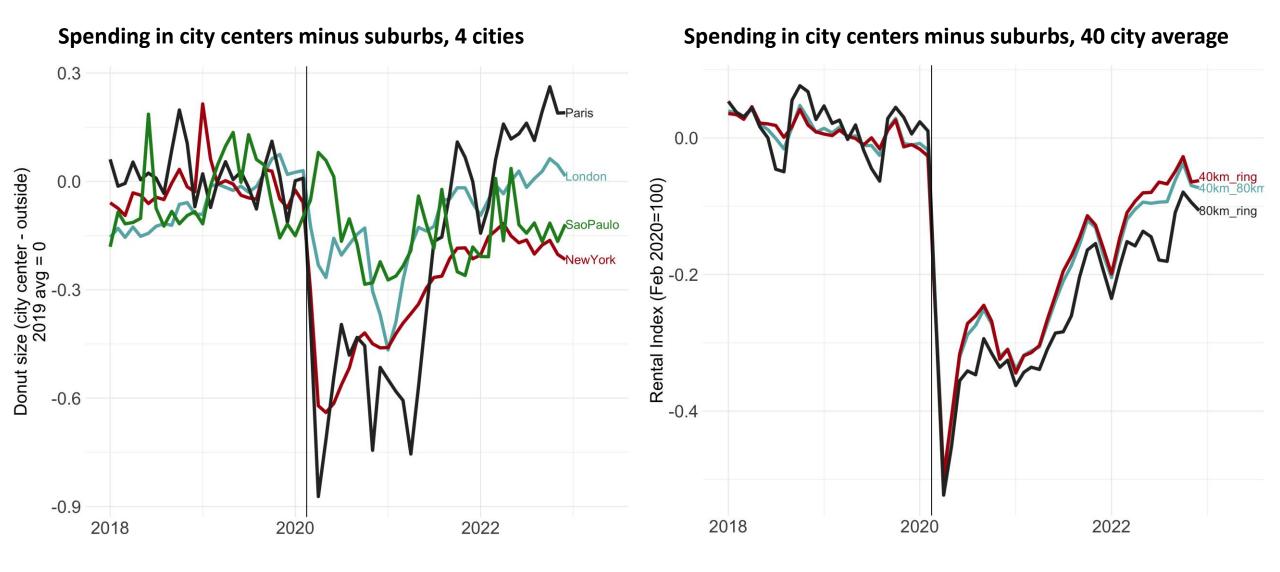
Cumulative net flows Feb 2020 - November 2022 as % of population





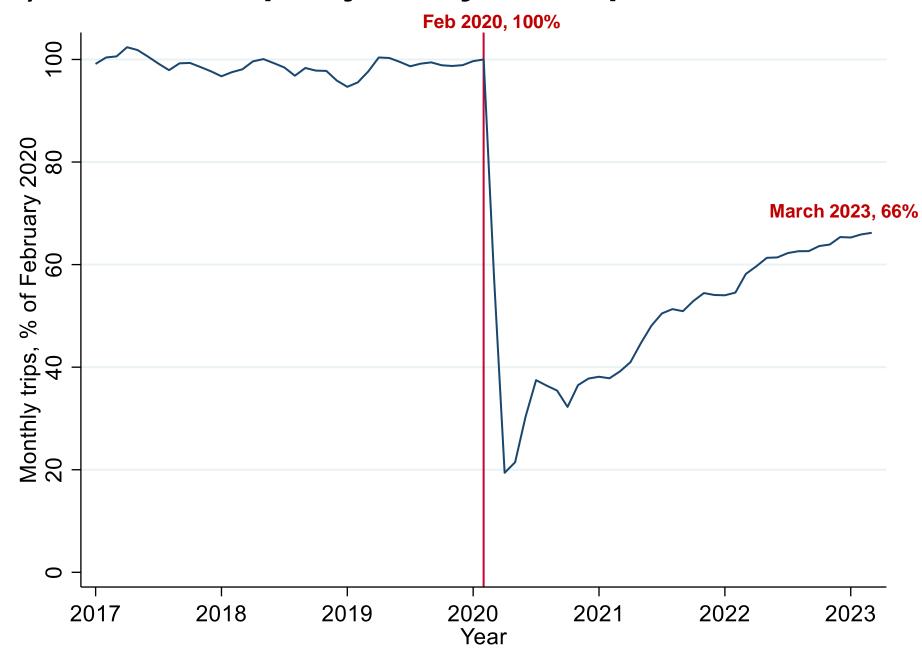
Source: Arjun Ramani and Nicholas Bloom "The Donut Effect", NBER Working Paper 2021 (updated 2023) using US Postal Service Change of Address Data https://nbloom.people.stanford.edu/sites/g/files/sbiybj4746/f/w28876.pdf

"Donut Effect" is shifting spending from city centers to the suburbs



Notes: Current Mastercard data covers 48 global cities; donut represents monthly transaction value plotted as a difference in growth from the 2019 average (Central Business District – Suburbs). CBDs defined by pulling coordinates of "city hall"/"city center" from Google Maps.

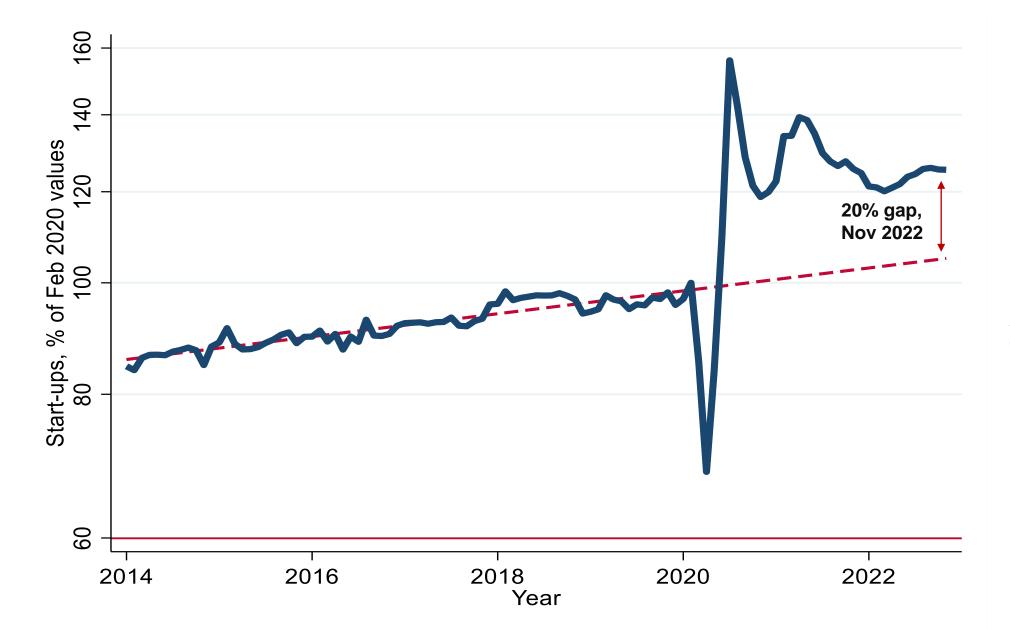
2) Public transport journeys have plummeted → 1/3 down



Notes: US Passenger trips in the National Transit Database, covering around 8m passenger trips per month in February 2020. Data de-seasonalized and on a 3-month moving average (except from 2020/2-2020/9 due to the rapid impact of the pandemic).

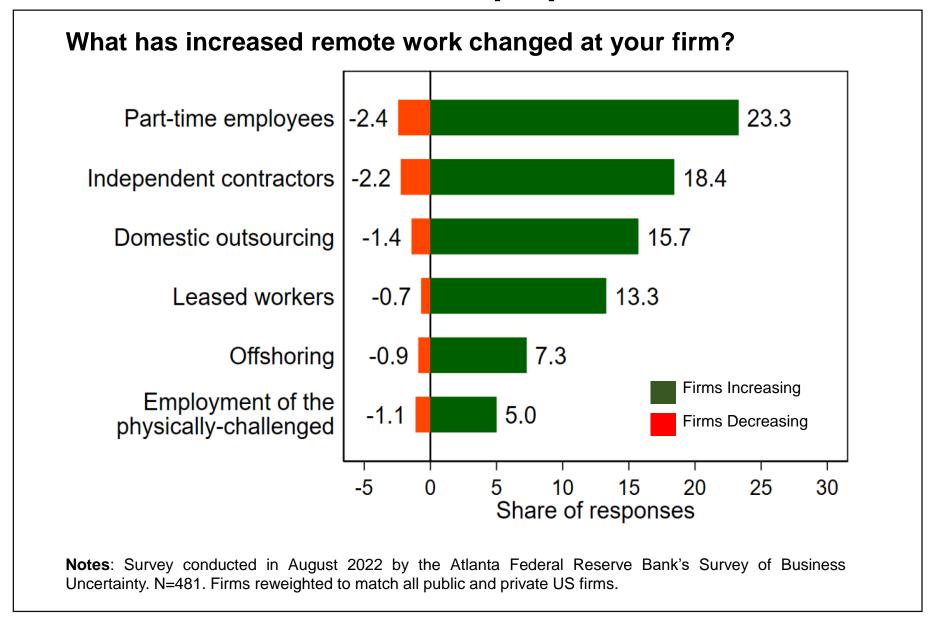
https://www.transit.dot.gov/ntd

3) Start-up rates are surging - WFH provides a cheaper way to start a new company (no rent, do this on the side of your main WFH job....)

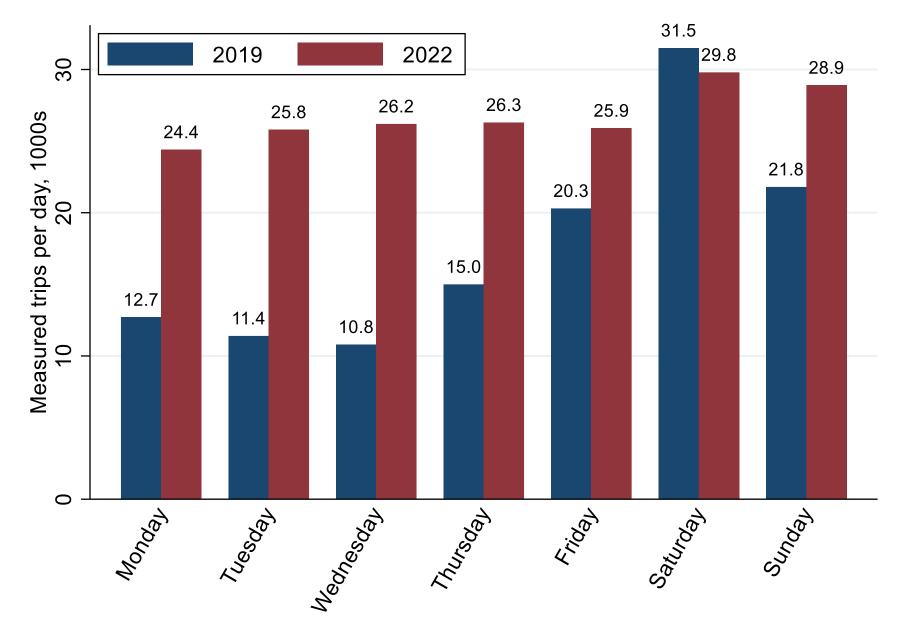


Source: US Census Bureau: Business Applications with a high-propensity of turning into payroll businesses. 3-month moving average (except from 2020/2-2020/9 due to the rapid impact of the pandemic). https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/BAHBATOTALSAUS

4) Firms increasing outsourcing/offshoring of IT, HR and finance to access talent, save costs and free up space



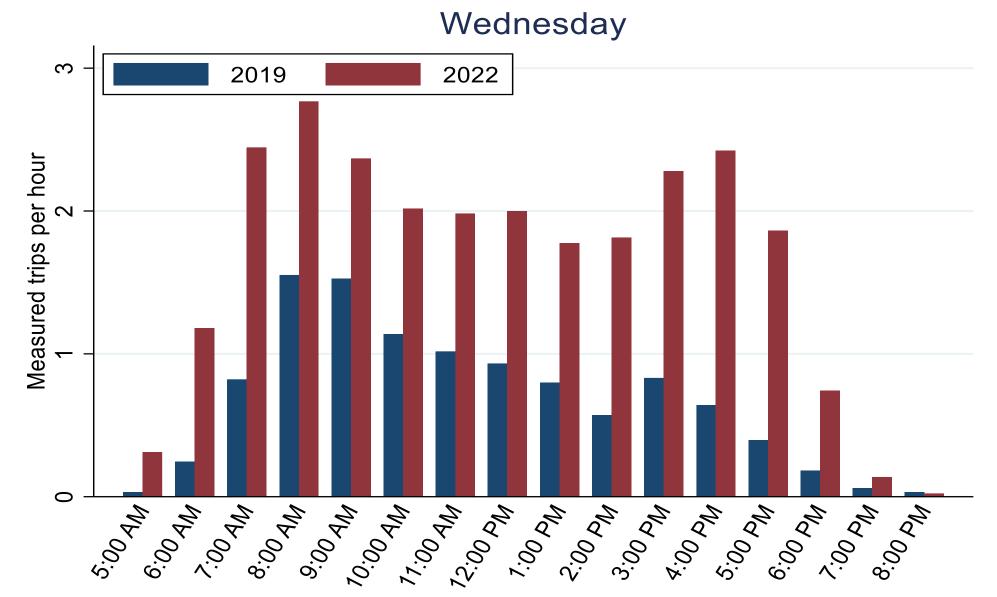
5) Golf has increased 52% since 2019, almost all on weekdays...



Note: Data for August 2019 and August 2022 for a sample of trips. Those included are trips in the INRIX database, which includes trips in vehicles with GPS and phones with location tracking turned-on. The trip needs to be to one of the 3,400 satellite identified gold courses and to have lasted more than two hours. We estimate we sample about 5% of total golf trips.



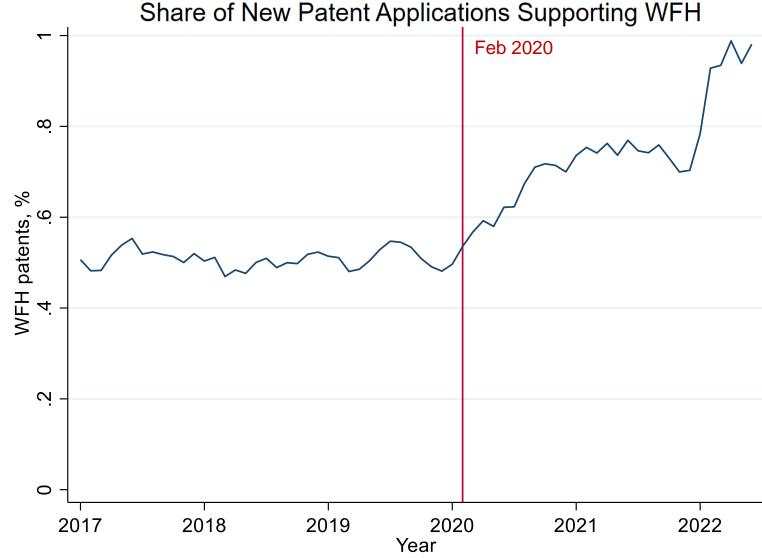
...the weekday increase happened throughout the day - for example a 178% increase at 3pm on Wednesday



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Longer run technology will continue to build WFH momentum

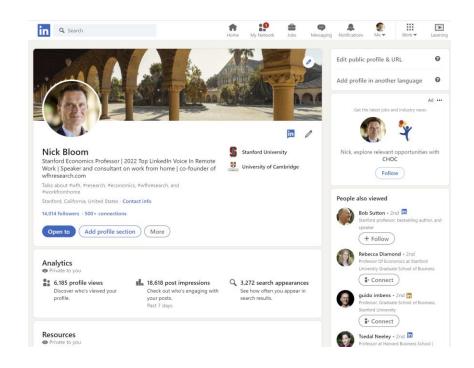


- New WFH technologies are being rapidly developed as the market for WFH products has increased 5x
- For example, scheduling software, better AV, virtual reality and holograms
- Should make WFH more appealing and space scheduling easier

Source: US Patent and Trademark Office new patent application files. Details in Bloom, Nicholas, Steven J. Davis, and Yulia Zhestkova. 2021. "COVID-19 Shifted Patent Applications toward Technologies that Support Working from Home."

Conclusions

- 1. WFH is here to stay typically 2 days a week for the average office worker
- 2. Key to succeed is coordinate so employees in together to work socially
- 3. Offices are being designed to focus on social working together





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Back-Up

Surge in start-ups post pandemic – four firms I am working with:

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https://www.takescoop.com/

https://ro.am/

http://projectpair.org/

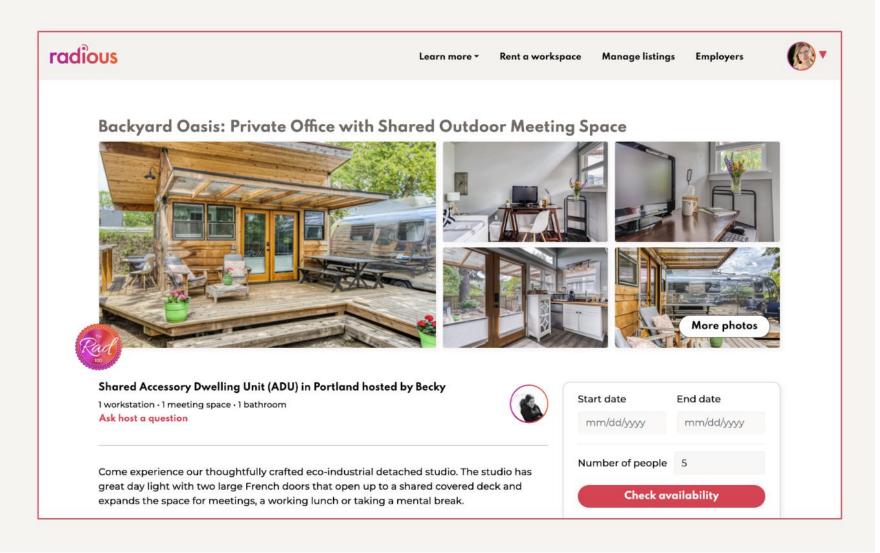
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- 3. Homeowners earn cash;
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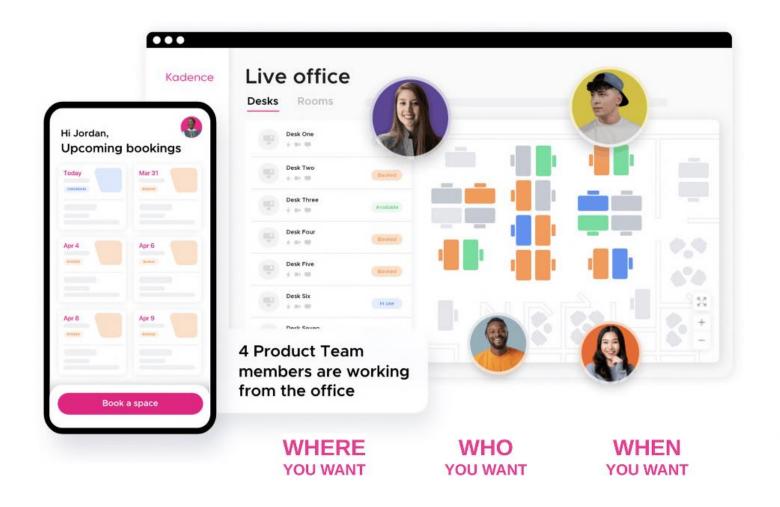
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"Hybrid work represents the biggest shift to how we work in our generation - it will require a new operating model, spanning people, places, and processes."

- Satya Nadella, CEO - Microsoft

Supercharging employee's hybrid experience

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Aaron Levie Box

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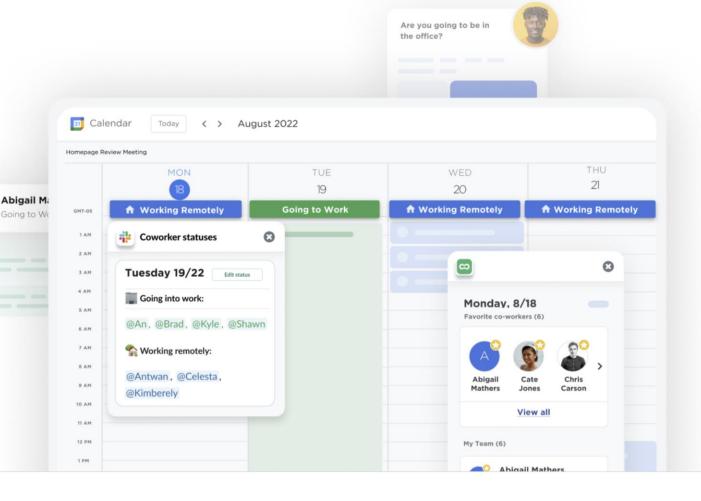
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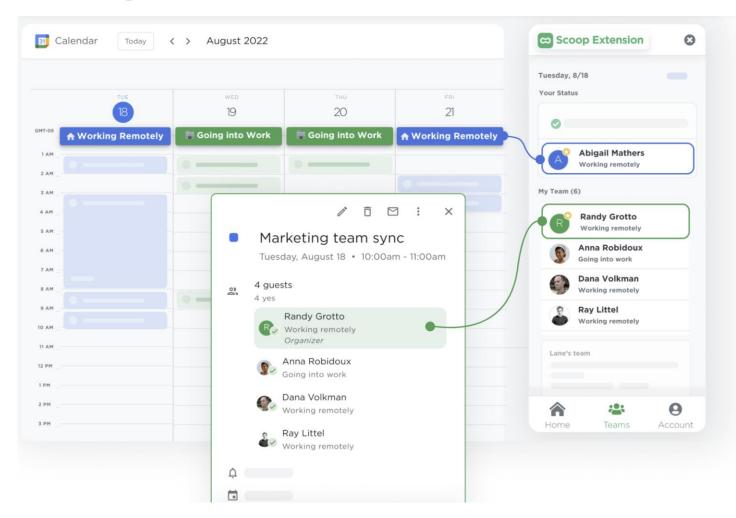
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We need to get back to technology that supports the workflow, not the reverse.

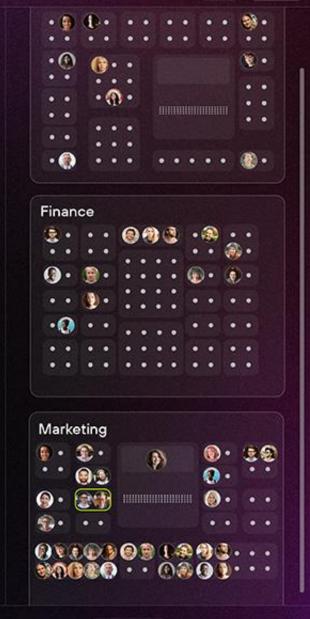
Roam is an all-in-one Cloud HQ designed to bring a whole distributed company together in one headquarters.

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- more *productive* with shorter meetings
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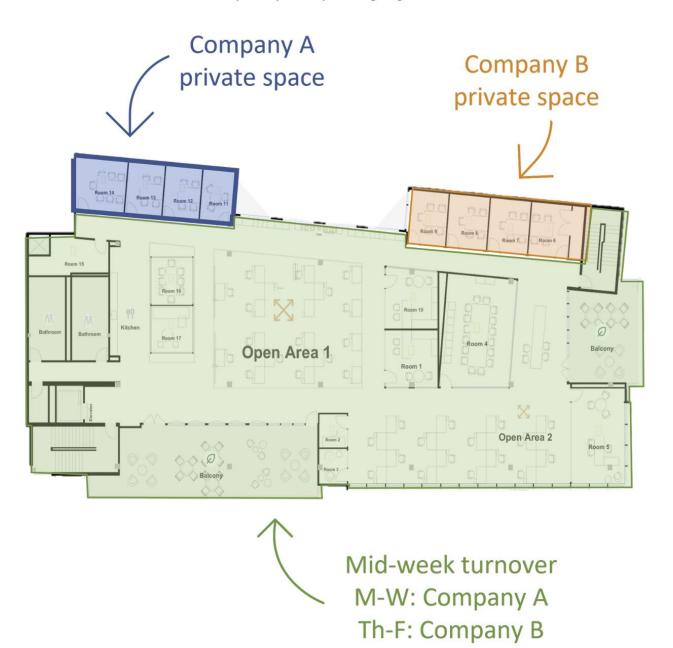
Stanford team piloting the future of hybrid work

Helping match Bay Area companies to split office space

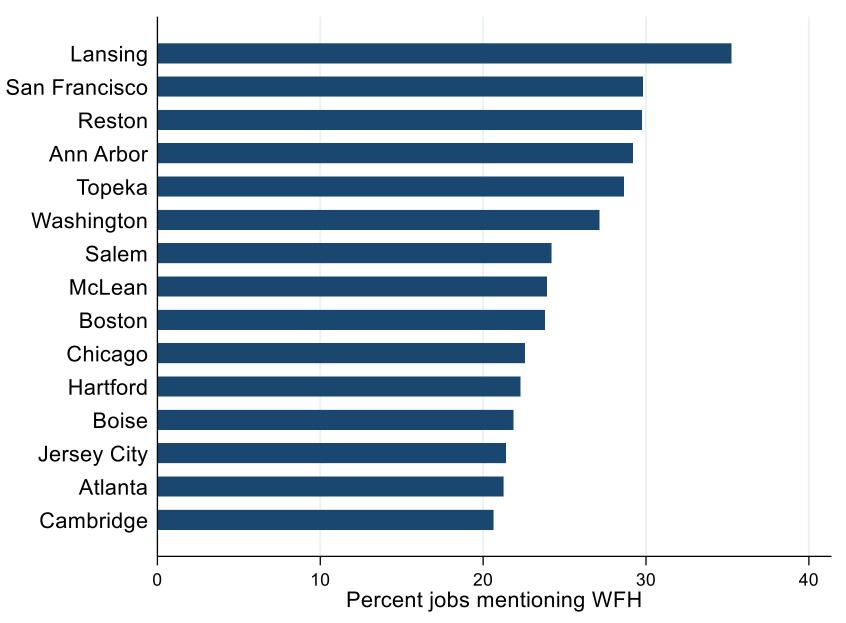
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Example space pairing agreement:



WFH highest in large cities and university towns



Notes: Share of vacancy postings offering a job that allows 1+ days remote working per week. From 7 million online US jobs from January and February 2023. Lightcast.

Source www.wfhmap.com