

COVID-19 and the Future of Remote Work

Research Prompt

"How has the COVID-19 pandemic influenced remote work trends and what are the implications for the future of work?"

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Benefits of remote work

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<p>With the current popularity of remote work and the high prevalence of high-speed internet, video conferencing technology, remote collaboration tools, email, and other technologies, remote work will likely remain common after the pandemic ends and offices fully reopen. There are many benefits of remote work, including increased productivity, better work-life balance, reduced commute time and traffic congestion, decreased emissions, and cost savings for employees and employers. However, access to the privilege of remote work is unevenly distributed across occupations and socioeconomic groups....</p>	<p>Expanding Access to and Ensuring Equity in the Benefits of Remote Work Following the COVID-19 Pandemic (semanticscholar.org)</p>
<p>... These give rise to remote working, also known as telework, hot desking, work from home, hoteling, and a flexible work plan through which a worker achieves his/her tasks in a place remote from the customary office. Studies have found that remote working brings several challenges and benefits to workers. People who practiced remote working have shown an increase in their job performance and job satisfaction....</p>	<p>Investigating the Impact of Remote Working on Employee Productivity and Work-life Balance: A Study on the Business Consultancy Industry in Dubai, UAE (semanticscholar.org)</p>
<p>... Freelancers have seen office colleagues join them in the freedom of having no one breathing down their neck checking their work, being able to manage their own schedules, and having time-saving remote meetings on the intranet platform. What are the benefits of remote working for employees? 1. Freedom and Flexibility Remote workers appreciate their freedom....</p>	<p>20 Benefits of Remote Working for Employees & Employers (lumapps.com)</p>
<p>The impact of remote work on productivity, employee satisfaction, communication and leadership is considered. The benefits of remote work are analyzed, such as increased flexibility and employee satisfaction, reduced office rental costs, and increased access to global talent. The challenges associated with managing remote teams are also considered, including problems of communication,</p>	<p>ORGANIZATION OF REMOTE WORK: BENEFITS AND</p>

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... This allows them to better balance their personal and professional lives, and can result in a better overall quality of life. Improved Productivity: Remote work can also lead to improved productivity. Without the distractions of a busy office, employees can often focus better on their work and get more done in less time....	Remote Work and its effects on Work-Life Balance - CEOWORLD ... (ceoworld.biz)

Challenges of remote work

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... sign up Please enter a valid email address Thank you for signing up Privacy Policy However, decentralized teams also face other, often unacknowledged challenges that can have damaging consequences for an organization if they aren't addressed: low-bandwidth communication, unnecessary meetings, and loss of passive knowledge sharing. Here's how to overcome the three biggest challenges of remote work. Challenge: Low-Bandwidth Communication Face-to-face communication is considered high bandwidth because you can transmit and receive the greatest amount of information in a given time period....	Overcoming Remote Work Challenges (mit.edu)
... This model of work offers immense opportunities for employers and employees, such as increased flexibility, improved work-life balance, and reduced commute time. However, the shift to remote work also comes with its own set of challenges and complexities. The paper describes the results of the research, which specifies data for the approbation of the method for calibrating the efficiency of remotely working employees and observing the dynamics of work productivity in an experimental environment developed during this research....	Monitoring and Calibrating the Efficiency of the Remote and Hybrid Remote Work (semanticscholar.org)
... This can lead to less stress and a better work-life balance. Challenges of Remote Work Social Isolation: One of the main challenges of remote work is social isolation. Without the regular interactions with colleagues and the social support of an office environment, employees can feel lonely and disconnected....	Remote Work and its effects on Work-Life Balance - CEOWORLD ... (ceoworld.biz)
... As the COVID-19 crisis begins to wane and vaccinations become more widespread, many people want to continue working remotely, at least on a part-time basis. There are both advantages and disadvantages to remote work. Here are some things for businesses to keep in mind as the world emerges from lockdowns and into a new working environment. Advantages of remote work Some organizations settled into a work-from-home routine quickly....	15 advantages and disadvantages of remote work (techtargget.com)
... Without the regular interactions with colleagues and the social support of an office environment, employees can feel lonely and disconnected. Difficulty Separating Work and Personal Life: Another challenge of remote work is difficulty separating work and personal life. When your workspace is also your home, it can be challenging to turn off work and focus on personal pursuits....	Remote Work and its effects on Work-Life Balance - CEOWORLD ... (ceoworld.biz)

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It seems simple enough. Remote work would appear to signify work done outside of an office. But there are so many different terms floating around regarding work flexibility that it's important to know what each means....	What's Your Company's Definition of Remote Work? (remote.co)
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Due to the confinement imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic situation, companies adopted remote work more than ever. The rapid rise of remote work also affected local life and many employers introduced or extended their telework activities because of the associated advantages....	Sickness Presenteeism in the Aftermath of COVID-19: Is Presenteeism Remote-Work Behavior the New (Ab)normal? (semanticscholar.org)
... "Future Trends in Remote Work Worldwide from 2020 to 2022." Statista , Statista Inc., 22 Jan 2022, https://www.statista.com/statistics/1199110/remote-work-trends-covid-survey-september-december/ Wikibon, Future trends in remote work worldwide from 2020 to 2022 Statista, https://www.statista.com/statistics/	State of telework COVID worldwide 2022

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For example, although Japan's unemployment rate did not remarkably rise during the pandemic, the number of employed individuals not at work temporarily increased, peaking in April 2020. The expansion of remote work was a characteristic phenomenon of the pandemic. The implementation rate of remote work increased remarkably in April 2020, when the national government declared its first state of emergency in response to the pandemic's first wave; however, remote work was often not continued after that declaration was lifted1–3)....	Remote work and well-being in the post-COVID-19 era (semanticscholar.org)
... Ragu Bhargava, CEO at Global Upside (c)Ben Krantz Studio "There's this clinging narrative of a 'return to normalcy' that many employers are holding onto, when in fact, the world of work will never truly return to the way it was before," Ragu said. "The pandemic revolutionized the workplace and expedited an already growing need for remote workers. The pandemic served as a massive wake-up call, teaching us not only that work was more than capable of being completed from home, but showing the need for flexibility for employees to take control of their own schedules-a necessity for those with long commutes, pricey childcare arrangements and those who simply wanted to spend more time with their families....	Remote Work Is Here To Stay And Will Increase Into 2023, Experts Say (forbes.com)
... Therefore, this type of work was not very popular. The COVID-19 pandemic period changed the attitude towards remote work, it became a necessity for many organizations. However, its use gave rise to many new problems, which both employers and employees had to face....	The Determinants of Remote Work in Poland – the Perspective of Employers (semanticscholar.org)
... Pre-pandemic, most acceleration in the work-from-home trend occurred in high-skilled white-collar occupations; rates among office and administrative workers were substantially lower. The pandemic, however, has seen administrative remote work climbing as well. The fastest growth in remote work has been in computer-related occupations, with business, financial, and management occupations also experiencing rapid growth in teleworking....	Remote Work: The Biggest Legacy Of Covid-19 (forbes.com)
... However, teleconferencing and telework technology have advanced to the point where some businesses thrive with completely remote teams. The mass transition to remote working came about in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Beyond preventing illness from spreading - a sick team can't be as productive - remote work has proven beneficial in a number of ways....	Current and Future Trends in Remote Work - businessnewsdaily.com (businessnewsdaily.com)

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Shift in employer attitudes towards remote work

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<p>... This is marginally better than Buffer's 2019 report, in which 75 percent said their employers would not pay for internet service. As the desire and expectation of working remotely increase significantly every year among the workforce, companies may be more likely to support remote-friendly policies. Adopting a remote working policy can also save companies money by removing the need for expensive office space (or satellite offices) while allowing workers the freedom to create their own schedules and work from wherever they please....</p>	<p>Current and Future Trends in Remote Work - businessnewsdaily.com (businessnewsdaily.com)</p>
<p>... Deep-pocketed employers may be trying to lure employees back to the office by offering higher quality office space. These shifts in office demand can be associated with remote working practices. Firms that have announced fully remote or even hybrid working plans have cut back on office space by more than firms that are expecting to be back fully in person....</p>	<p>Work from home and the office real estate apocalypse CEPR (cepr.org)</p>
<p>... These issues created significant barriers-barriers that were removed when pandemic lockdowns forced companies to address them. This may signal a massive shift to remote work for these jobs. Hiring of remote workers outside commuting zones Perhaps the biggest impact of the accelerated shift to remote work is the growing willingness of employers to hire workers outside office commuting zones....</p>	<p>Remote Work: The Biggest Legacy Of Covid-19 (forbes.com)</p>
<p>... Although the end of the COVID-19 pandemic has been officially announced in Poland, its impact on the labour market has been significant. The present study shows the popularisation of remote working and a change in attitude towards this form of performing professional duties.</p>	<p>The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Organisation of Remote Work in IT Companies (semanticscholar.org)</p>
<p>... The flywheel grows over time. Many proponents of remote work are elated about this tectonic shift that's happening. I'm cautiously optimistic....</p>	<p>The future of remote work is flexible work, here's why Friday.app (friday.app)</p>

Technological advancements and remote work

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... "The biggest single predictor of whether someone gets to work from home is education, with college graduates doing more than twice as much as workers who only have a high school degree," according to the report. But as technology advances, researchers anticipate "work-friendly innovations" will fuel a new phase of remote work adoption in the next two decades. During that time, workers can expect to spend 30% to 40% of their weeks working from home....	Remote work will skyrocket in next 2 decades Fortune (fortune.com)
Thanks to innovations in information and computer-mediated communication technologies that support remote work and make it possible, more and more companies adhere to it to some extent. The growth of this movement "a true revolution in the way we work and its practicalities" stems from the assumption that remote work can guarantee a winwin situation for employers and employees....	Remote Work Revolution: Current Opportunities and Challenges for Organizations (semanticscholar.org)
... As the pandemic continues, remote work options allow workers to protect public health and be part of resilient teams. The current state of remote work Because of these advances in communication technology and internet access, teleworking has become an accepted practice in many offices, both in the U.S. and globally. This type of work isn't done entirely from home: Remote workers often turn to coffee shops or coworking spaces, and some even travel the world while maintaining their career goals....	Current and Future Trends in Remote Work - businessnewsdaily.com (businessnewsdaily.com)
This comes despite the pandemic leading to an acceleration in the adoption of information and communication technologies at the workplace and the promise that remote working would distribute work opportunities more evenly across space. In a new research paper, 'The global polarisation of remote work' published in leading journal PLOS ONE, Oxford Internet Institute academics examine the global geography of remote work mediated by online labour platforms....	New Oxford study reveals remote work failing to bridge the urban ... (ox.ac.uk)
Until the COVID-19 crisis the share of remote workers was relatively low and empirical investigations show inconsistent results. The recent work has highlighted a dramatic shift toward working from home The objective of this contribution is to empirically analyze the relationship between working remotely and job satisfaction on the one hand, as well as between working remotely and work-life balance on the other hand, based on three waves of the German Linked Personnel Panel....	Job Satisfaction and Work-Life Balance: Differences between ... (iza.org)

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Flexibility in remote work

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... What are the benefits of remote working for employees? 1. Freedom and Flexibility Remote workers appreciate their freedom. They can plan their day to suit both their work and home life, as long as they do the set hours at the right time....	20 Benefits of Remote Working for Employees & Employers (lumapps.com)
... Working remotely doesn't always mean "from home," either; it can apply anytime an employee works off-site-whether that's at a coffee shop or a flexible workspace. Ultimately, working remotely allows for increased flexibility and autonomy for employees. According to Inc., nine out of 10 workers who currently work remotely plan to do so for the rest of their careers....	The benefits of remote work—for both employees and managers (wework.com)
... For example, Microsoft research indicates that managers are sending 115% more messages. Flexible work is what makes remote work powerful The power of remote work is the flexibility that it can provide if implemented correctly. The more a team or company works remotely, the more they start to realize that if they evolved operating procedures, they could unlock a way of working that is not filled with Zoom fatigue, constant chatter, or social isolation....	The future of remote work is flexible work, here's why Friday.app (friday.app)

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... In conclusion, remote work has its benefits and challenges when it comes to work-life balance. On the one hand, remote work offers increased flexibility and the opportunity to better manage personal and professional lives. On the other hand, it can lead to social isolation, difficulty separating work and personal life, and communication and collaboration issues....	Remote Work and its effects on Work-Life Balance - CEOWORLD ... (ceoworld.biz)

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... Without the ability to easily interact with colleagues in person, misunderstandings can occur, and it can be difficult to build and maintain relationships. Effects of Remote Work on Work-Life Balance Remote work can have significant effects on an individual's work-life balance. On the positive side, remote work can provide employees with more time for family and personal pursuits....	Remote Work and its effects on Work-Life Balance - CEOWORLD ... (ceoworld.biz)
... The present study attempts to answer the following questions: What type of loyalty does predominate among employees working remotely? What factors affect the work-life balance of the employees during remote working? Is there any correlation between personnel loyalty and work-life balance during remote working?...	PERSONNEL LOYALTY, WORK-LIFE BALANCE DURING REMOTE WORK (semanticscholar.org)
... Whether it's taking a short walk, listening to music, or practicing mindfulness, taking regular breaks can help employees feel more refreshed and focused when they return to work. In conclusion, remote work has its benefits and challenges when it comes to work-life balance. On the one hand, remote work offers increased flexibility and the opportunity to better manage personal and professional lives....	Remote Work and its effects on Work-Life Balance - CEOWORLD ... (ceoworld.biz)
... As the renowned author Sullivan once said, "It's not about balancing work and life, but about integrating work with life. " The transition to remote work has had a profound impact on work-life balance. Research conducted on the impact of working from home highlights both the benefits and challenges that come with this new work arrangement....	Finding Harmony: The Impact of Remote Work on Work-Life Balance (linkedin.com)
... Remote work can also improve physical and mental health by allowing employees to create their own schedules and incorporate healthy habits into their daily routines. However, remote work can also have negative effects on work-life balance. Blurred boundaries between work and personal life can be a significant challenge, making it difficult for employees to disconnect and fully engage in personal activities....	Remote Work and its effects on Work-Life Balance - CEOWORLD ... (ceoworld.biz)

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Remote work and urban-rural divide

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... Can digitally enabled remote workspaces change this trend and distribute work opportunities more evenly? The reality of remote work To understand the effects of remote work on the urban-rural divide, we need data on the location of people working remotely. So-called 'online labour platforms', such as Fiverr, Freelancer and UpWork, provide the right data as they can be considered prototypes of a fully remote labour market....	Can remote work bridge the urban-rural divide? fDi Intelligence ... (fdiintelligence.com)
... On the contrary, as digital interactions allow specialists to benefit from increased demand online, it could actually lead to a situation where urban specialists benefit disproportionately from increased visibility on online platforms while people in rural areas increasingly fall behind. Despite these urban-centric dynamics, remote work can become an instrument of economic empowerment and growth for rural areas. For this to happen, remote work needs to be embedded in broader economic and labour market development schemes....	Can remote work bridge the urban-rural divide? fDi Intelligence ... (fdiintelligence.com)
... The least populated and least educated rural regions with the least internet connectivity are least likely to participate in the online labour market. Thus, we find that remote work is unlikely to bridge the urban-rural divide. The reason for the unequal distribution of remote work is the unequal distribution of enabling institutions across space....	Can remote work bridge the urban-rural divide? fDi Intelligence ... (fdiintelligence.com)
... The economic tale of the "booming metropolis" and the "broken provincial city" plays out fully in the platform economy. Credit: Shutterstock Rather than heralding a new era of prosperity for rural and remote regions, remote working, inspired by the pandemic, is exacerbating the global urban-rural divide in the digital platform labor market, according to new analysis from the Oxford Internet Institute. COVID-19 saw the rapid acceleration of workplace information and communication technologies, and the promise of remote work leading to work opportunities more evenly distributed between country and city and internationally....	Remote digital platform working may be exacerbating the global ... (phys.org)
... The report states, "The data shows that most countries in the Global South are only marginally connected to the global web of remote work in the platform labor market. Within countries, we find that remote work flows to urban centers. These are the places where highly skilled labor is concentrated....	Remote digital platform working may be exacerbating the global ... (phys.org)

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Challenged by the effects of flexible workplace strategies, tenants are increasingly seeking flexibility and functional efficiency in their physical office space and its layouts. For landlords, having the right type of space which can accommodate changing tenant layout requirements is paramount to the success of their office portfolio....	Addressing changes in office tenant space requirements: A landlord perspective (semanticscholar.org)
... The need for many jobs to work out of physical office spaces is no longer a real need. In this changing scenario, businesses that have their own office spaces or ones that rent or lease are reconsidering how they want to use them. The need for larger office space no longer seems to make sense....	How remote work is changing the real estate industry (wishup.co)

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... We show that the pandemic has had large effects on both current and expected future cash flows for office buildings. Remote work also changes the risk premium on office real estate. We revalue the stock of New York City commercial office buildings taking into account pandemic-induced cash flow and discount rate effects....	Work From Home and the Office Real Estate Apocalypse (semanticscholar.org)

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remotely at least some of the time, according to the latest workplace statistics from Gallup . Remote work may be more common than it used to be, but it still comes with its challenges-especially if you're one of the few WFH'ers at your company and the rest of the team is in the office. Here are a few common remote-work pitfalls and how to sidestep them....	(and How to Deal) The Muse (themuse.com)
Remote work poses unique security challenges for companies including data privacy assurance challenges. In this paper, current statistics of national and international expert communities demonstrates recent trends and practices in personal data privacy assurance....	Data privacy assurance for remote work (semanticscholar.org)
... Productivity Issues While working remotely can be liberating, you're most likely to face productivity issues if you're not used to working without supervision or someone around. It's normal for experienced remote workers as well to face such challenges over time. Productivity issues can result in failing to plan your tasks during the day, time management issues, difficulty managing your work/life balance, and more. To overcome it, inculcate proactive habits around the day, which include right from planning your tasks during the day to encouraging self-care at the end of the day....	7 Remote Work Challenges and How to Overcome Them (makeuseof.com)
The ability to work from home or any location outside of the traditional office setting has given employees the freedom to better manage their personal and professional lives. However, while remote work offers many benefits, it also presents unique challenges, especially in terms of maintaining a healthy work-life balance. In this article, we will explore the effects of remote work on work-life balance, and provide tips for how employees can maintain balance while working remotely. Benefits and challenges of remote work Remote work has many benefits, but it also presents unique challenges....	Remote Work and its effects on Work-Life Balance - CEOWORLD ... (ceoworld.biz)
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