

Successful in sweatpants? Remote work has pros, cons

Job seekers are enticed by work-from-home options but well aware of the pitfalls, suggests new research from global staffing firm Robert Half. Seventy-seven percent of professionals surveyed said they are more likely to accept a job offer if there's the possibility of telecommuting at least some of the time.

A key correlation: Daily drive time. People were most likely to want the chance to work from home in Los Angeles and San Francisco, cities with notoriously stressful commutes.

"Employees want the ability to telecommute for various reasons," said Paul McDonald, senior executive director for Robert Half. "For some it's flexibility in their schedule, for others it's about saving time and money."

As much as workers appreciate telecommuting opportunities, they're well aware that it's not all comfy athleisure wear and a purring cat in your lap.

Among the telecommuting downsides they identified:

Some co-workers abuse it: 22%

Feelings of isolation: 22%

Poor co-worker relationships: 17%

Less facetime with execs: 12%

No one to bounce ideas off: 7%

Source: Robert Half survey, June 2018