RETHINKING MAIN STREET

STRATEGIES

IN THE AGE OF REMOTE WORK & E-COMMERCE

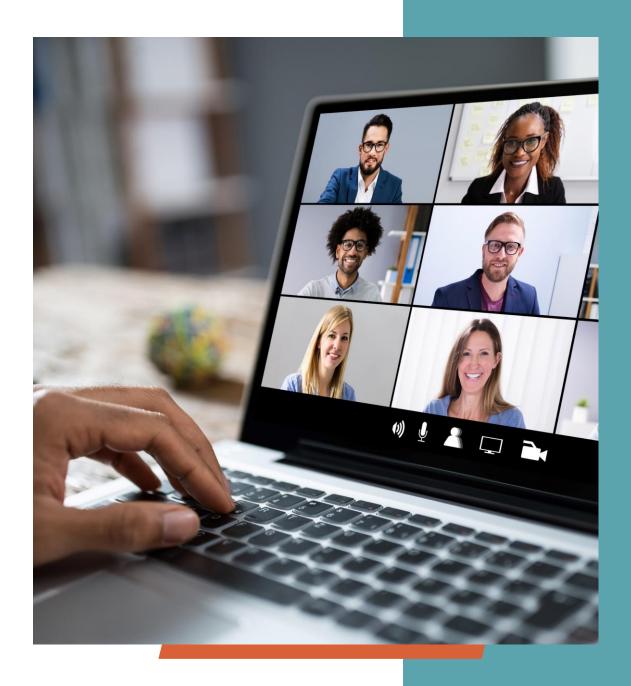
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AGENDA

- Introduction
- National Trends
- Opportunities



INTRODUCTION

THEORY INTO PRACTICE

Committed to **holistic thinking** and **sustainable development**.

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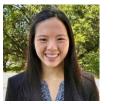
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NATIONAL TRENDS

NATIONAL REALITIES WE CAN'T ESCAPE





HEALTH The coronavirus **POLITICS** The November election



SOCIAL UNREST

ENVIRONMENT Climate change



ECONOMY Unemployment

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ACCELERATION OF EXISTING TRENDS

- Supply chain restructuring
- On-line retail sales
- Remote work
- Telehealth and medicine
- Composition of the workforce
- Social inequity

RISE OF THE REMOTE WORKERS

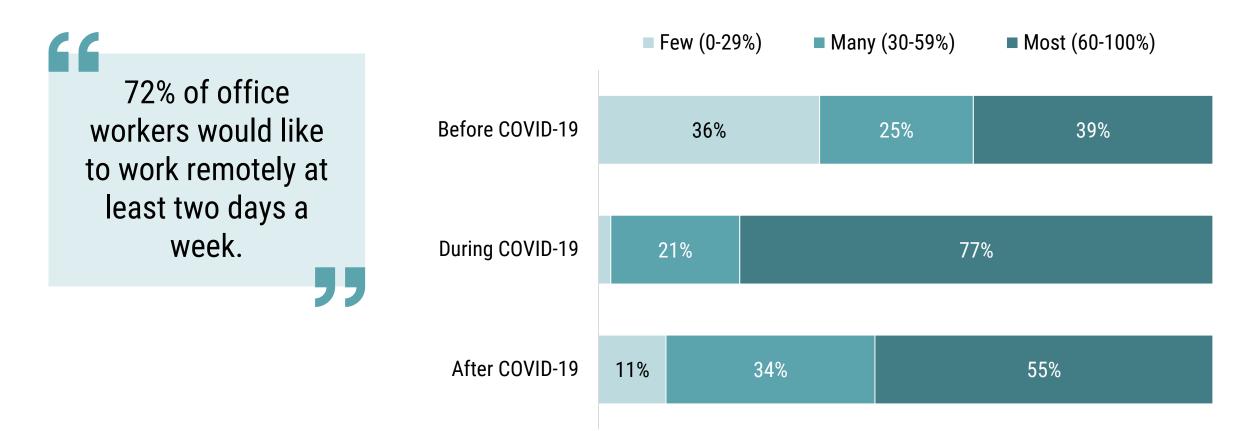


The dramatic events of 2020 have challenged us to reexamine and rethink every aspect of our business and many of the assumptions of the past.

-Eric Artz, president and CEO, REI

EXECUTIVES AND WORKERS EMBRACE REMOTE WORK MODELS

PERCENT OF OFFICE EMPLOYEES EXECUTIVES ANTICIPATED WILL WORK REMOTELY AT LEAST ONE DAY PER WEEK



Source: PwC US Remote Work Survey, June 25, 2020. Note: PwC surveyed 120 US company executives and 1,200 US office workers between May 29 and June 4, 2020, to see how effective remote work has been.

RIPPLE EFFECTS OF REMOTE WORK

- Commercial office construction and leasing
- Transportation
- Urban design
 - Parking
 - Residential
 - Green space
- Demographic shifts
 - Urban
 - Suburban
 - University towns



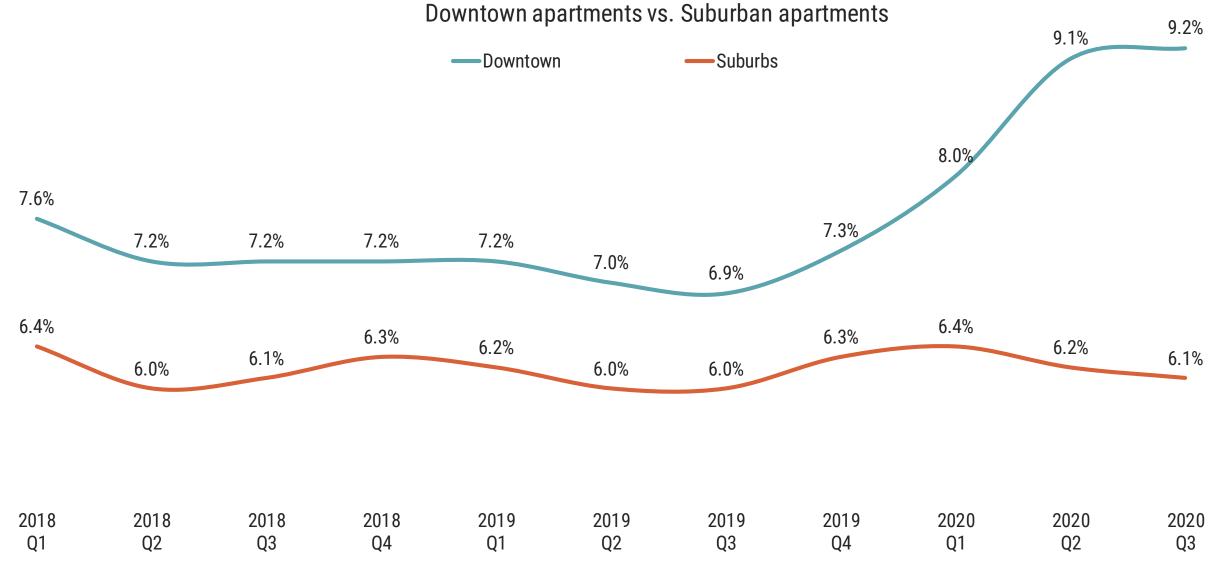
The last 10 years were the decade of downtown.

Will the next 10 be the **decade of the suburbs?**



REMOTE WORK FUELS A SHIFT TO THE SUBURBS

RENTAL APARTMENTS VACANCY RATES, Q1 2018 to Q3 2020

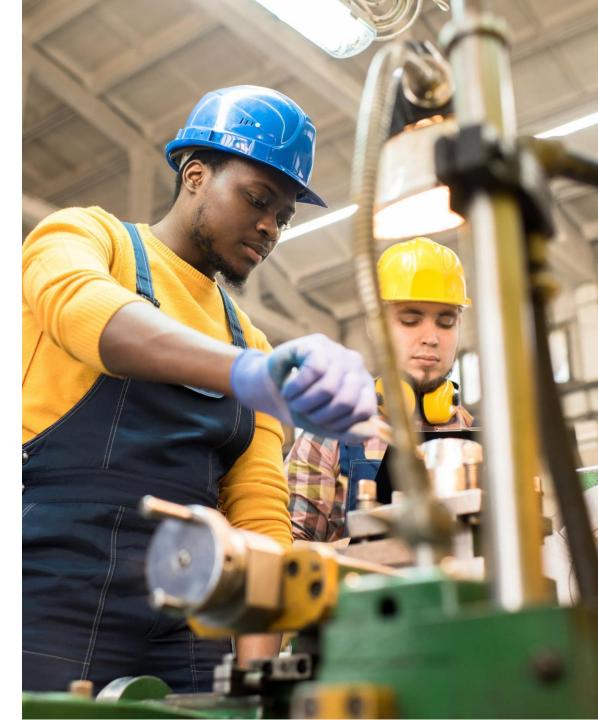


Sources: CoStar Group; Wall Street Journal.

NOT EVERYONE CAN WORK FROM HOME

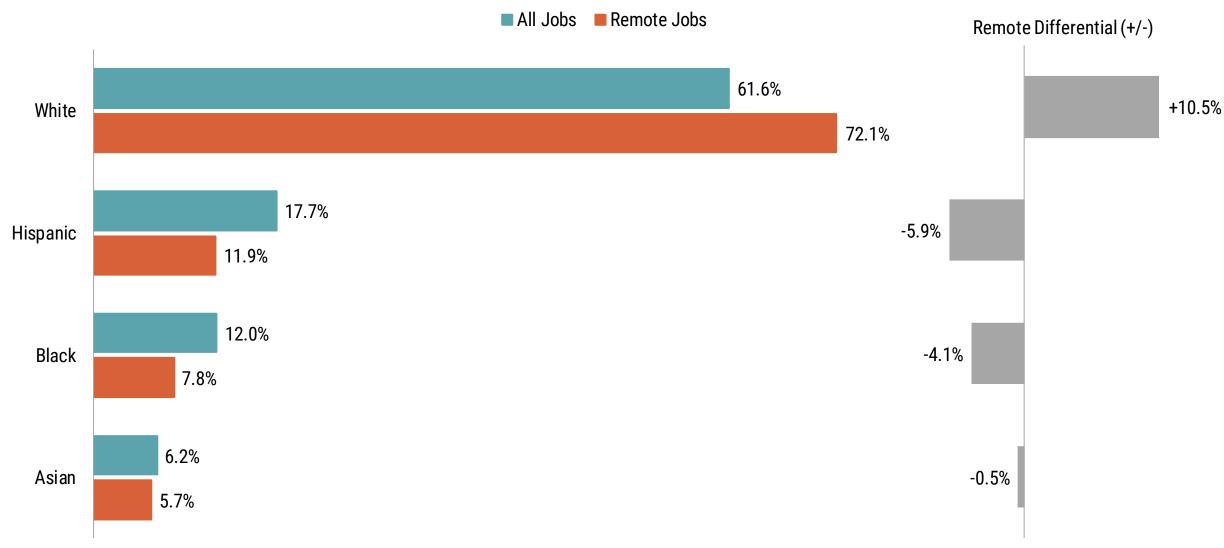
- Less than one in five Black workers and roughly one in six Hispanic workers work from home.
- Higher-wage workers are six times as likely to be able to work from home as lower-wage workers.
- Workers in leisure and hospitality are least able to work from home.
- Workers with children must balance childcare with their careers.





RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN REMOTE WORK

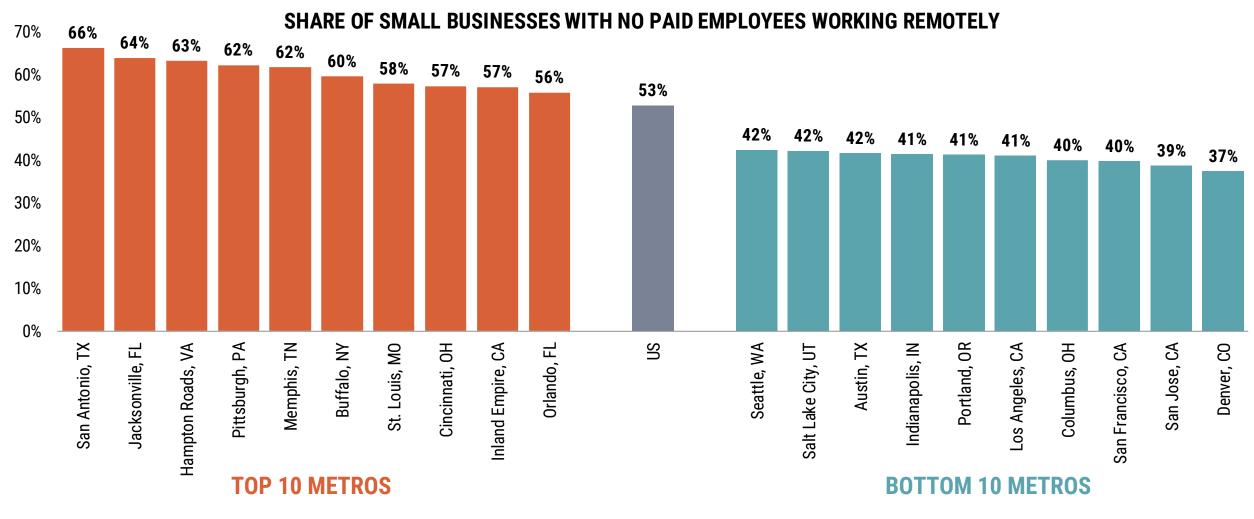
RACE & ETHNICITY MIX IN REMOTE JOB OCCUPATIONS IN THE US



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019, 1-Year, Tables B08301, B08105B, B08105D, B08105H, B08105I Notes: White as defined here excludes those of Hispanic descent

GEOGRAPHIC DISPARITIES IN REMOTE WORK

For the hidden majority, working from home is not an option



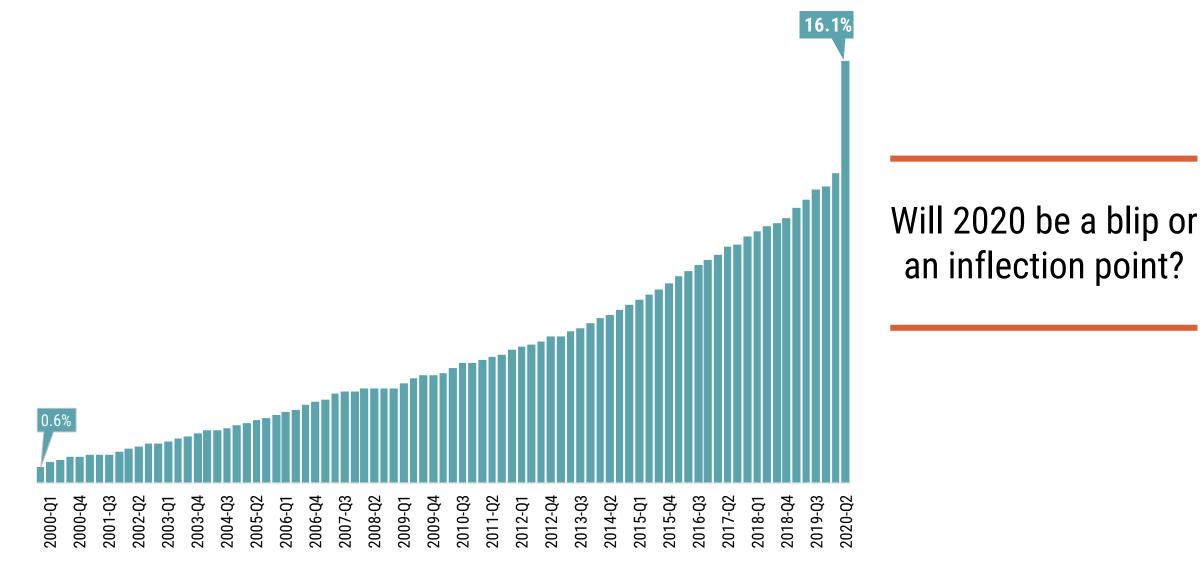
Source: US Census Bureau, Small Business Pulse Survey, week of August 23, 2020 through August 29, 2020

Notes: The survey includes the 50 largest MSAs in the US; this chart includes only the 10 highest and lowest of those 50. The survey includes all nonfarm, single-location employer businesses with fewer than 500 employees and receipts of \$1,000 or more in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It includes all industries except agricultural production, railroads, religious organizations, private households, and government activities, including postal services and central banking.

ACCELERATION OF E-COMMERCE

A NEAR-LINEAR TRAJECTORY OVER 20 YEARS

US online sales as a percent of total retail sales



Source: US Census Bureau.



The worry is that what we saw with **Covid** could set us back at least a **generation**. -Patricia Frey, CEO of National Main Street Center

OPPORTUNITIES

The future is uncertain... but this uncertainty is at the very heart of human creativity.

- Ilya Prigogine, Nobel laureate and author of "The End of Certainty"



EAT, DRINK, AND BE SCARY

Halloween (10/31) VIA 313 Pizza Pre-order now!



Sunday, 11/1 Chuy's Tex-Mex Pre-order now!







VIA 313 Pizza Halloween

Sat, Oct 31 | Sweetwater G...



Chuy's Sunday Funday Sun, Nov 01 | Sweetwater ...



Torchy's Tacos Fri, Nov 13 | Sweetwater Gl...



The Peached Tortilla Thu, Nov 19 | Sweetwater ...



VIA 313 Pizza

Fri, Dec 04 | Sweetwater ...



Garbo's Fresh Maine Lobster

Fri, Dec 18 | Sweetwater Gl...



Taco Deli Fri, Jan 08 | Sweetwater G...



Chi'Lantro Korean Inspired BBQ

Fri, Feb 05 | Sweetwater G...



New ideas must use old buildings.

- Jane Jacobs

DOWNTOWN COWORKING, STARTUPS, & INNOVATION



Urban Hub: Green Bay, WI (Joint venture of Chamber & developer)

Prairie Den: Fargo, ND (Launched by Emerging Prairie e-ship support org.) The Collider: Asheville, NC (Coworking space & accelerator for climate data)



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WHAT IS THE VALUE OF REMOTE WORKERS TO YOUR ECONOMY?

Having remote workers in your community provides several economic benefits...



Solve critical workforce needs for your employers



Networking and new business creation



Purchase or rent homes in your city



Contribute to placemaking



Spend money at local businesses



New connections outside your region









REALESTATE | PROPERTY REPORT

Uber Founder Turns Real-Estate Mogul for Ghost Kitchen Startup

By <u>Konrad Putzier</u> Updated Oct. 20, 2020 4:28 pm ET WSJ analysis shows entities tied to Travis Kalanick spent more than \$130 million on property acquisitions for CloudKitchens



Kroger, one of America's largest grocery chains, experiments with ghost kitchens and delivery in the Midwest

Jonathan Shieber @jshieber / 7:51 am CDT • October 8, 2020

DECEMBER 5, 2019



Everything You Need to Know About Cloud Kitchens (aka. Ghost Kitchens) in 2020

Ashley Colpaart

PARTING THOUGHTS...

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- Turn your attention back to the basics:
 - Support the small businesses that are the backbone of your community
 - Make quality of place investments (parks, trails, amenities) that attract residents, workers, and visitors to your Main Street
- Rethink your infrastructure & regulatory needs:
 - Pay attention to broadband
 - Examine your ordinances (limits on running a business from home?) to make sure you aren't putting up extra barriers
- Rethink your industry targets:
 - E-commerce supply chain (warehousing, distribution, data centers)
 - Remote workers (tech talent, professional employees, entrepreneurs)
- Use your community's size to your advantage:
 - Fewer layers & easier to get found
 - Better access to decision makers & influencers
- Leverage outside resources:
 - Participate in regional (HGAC, GHP) & state initiatives that benefit your community
 - Tap into federal funding sources (USDA Rural Development, EDA)
 - Engage with member associations (TEDC, IEDC, NREDA, NADO) & philanthropic organizations



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