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Some Remote Work Improves Productivity

The Bureau of Labor Statistics [reported](#) that the average weekly hours worked dropped in July compared to July last year. Economists watch this number because it is a leading indicator of recessions.

The problem is the number is nearly the same as the hours worked in 2019, before the pandemic. There was little talk of a recession at the time. Washington University in St. Louis published a [paper](#) this year showing that people choose to work fewer hours. GenZ may be less willing to work as many hours as prior generations did at the same age. Life balance is more important than ever.

Employers are accommodating because the unemployment rate is too low. Keeping employees is at a premium, creating resistance to layoffs. Without layoffs, a recession may not be recognizable.

It leaves employers in a bind. Some steps can help.

Last week The Wall Street Journal [reported](#) that allowing as little as one day a week for remote work gives you a significant hiring advantage.

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