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Reimagining work in the next normal

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The pandemic has accelerated on-going macro trends



Increased connectivity

Connectivity is undermining traditional power structures; people can now self-organize.

COVID forced a 100% virtual operating environment for many



Lower transaction costs

Falling transaction costs are enabling people to collaborate better outside large organizations.

COVID revealed new ways can be more efficient and effective



Unprecedented automation

Data and platforms are enabling companies to scale and fuelling automation.

COVID showed that every business is now be a technology business



Societal expectation shifts

The role of business and society is changing as a new generation rises.

COVID challenged business and society to solve problems together

Organizations have an opportunity to put these trends to work

However, people are tired, suffering from burnout, and "pandemic fatigue"

42% of women and 35% of men reported being often or almost always burned out¹

Reported that their wellbeing had declined²

more than before the crisis, employees rate their mental health as "very poor"³

Employees who are burned out are:

1.6x more likely than employees overall to have considered downshifting / leaving⁴

1.6x more likely to have considered taking a job at a different company with a better work culture⁴

McKinsey; https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/diversity-and-inclusion/women-in-the-workplace

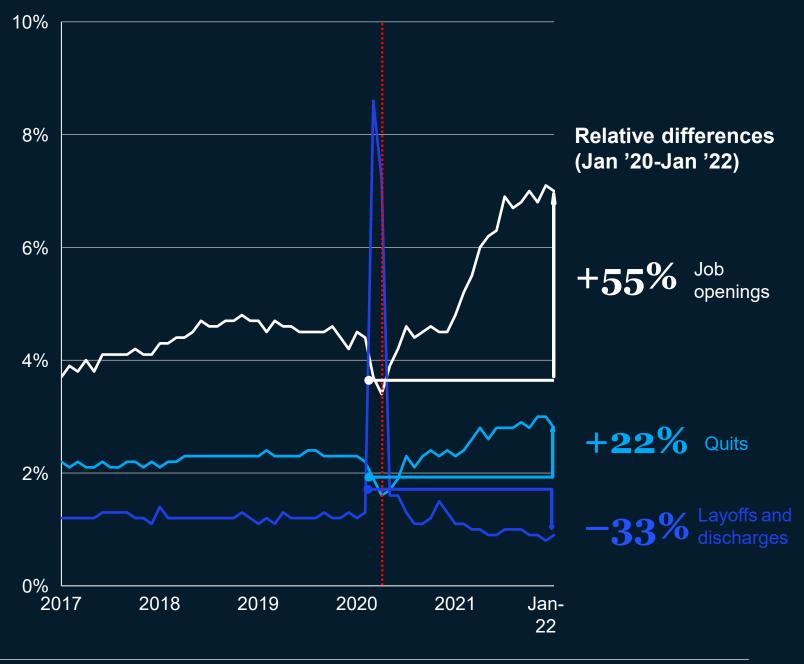
HBR: 2021, Beyond Burnout by Jennifer Moss

^{3.} Mental Health America Survey: Mental Health in the Workplace

^{4.} Women in the Workplace, 2021

Employees are quitting their jobs at a record pace

% of total employment in the US

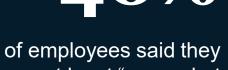


The Great Attrition is happening

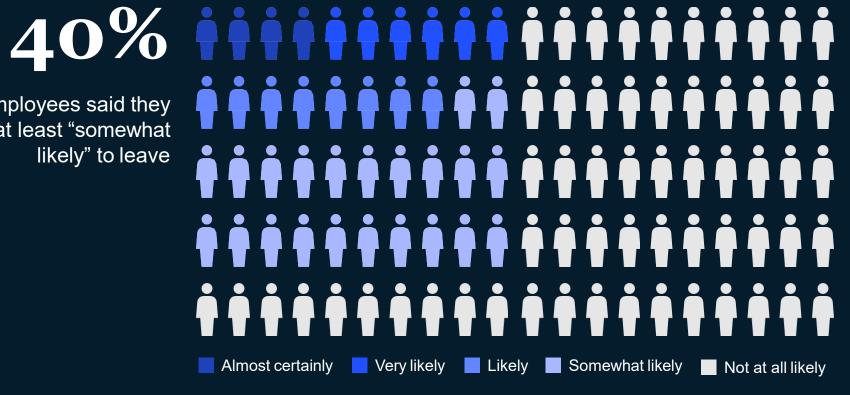
-and will probably continue

Likelihood that employees will leave their current job in the next 3 to 6 months

% of respondents



are at least "somewhat likely" to leave



People are willing to leave without having another job lined up

In the past 6 months,

36%

employees have quit without a job offer



In the next 3 to 6 months,

64%

employees are at least "somewhat likely" to quit without a job offer

And they're not rushing to return

Of those who quit without a job in hand...

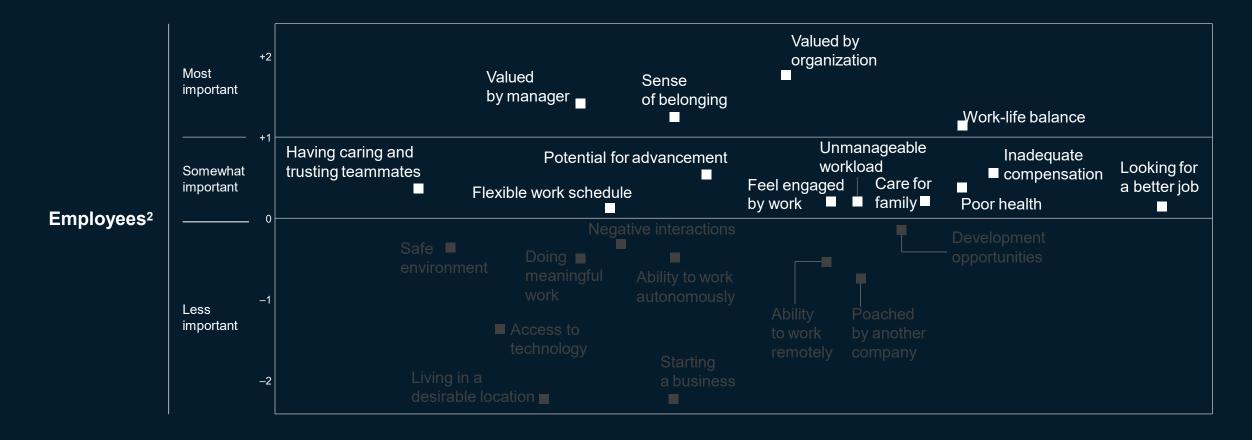
29% have returned to traditional full-time employment

have no plans to return to traditional employment in the next 6 months



And we can't solve a problem that we don't understand

Relational aspects of work are primary factors driving employees to stay or leave ¹



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Employers are focused on more transactional elements as drivers of employee attrition¹



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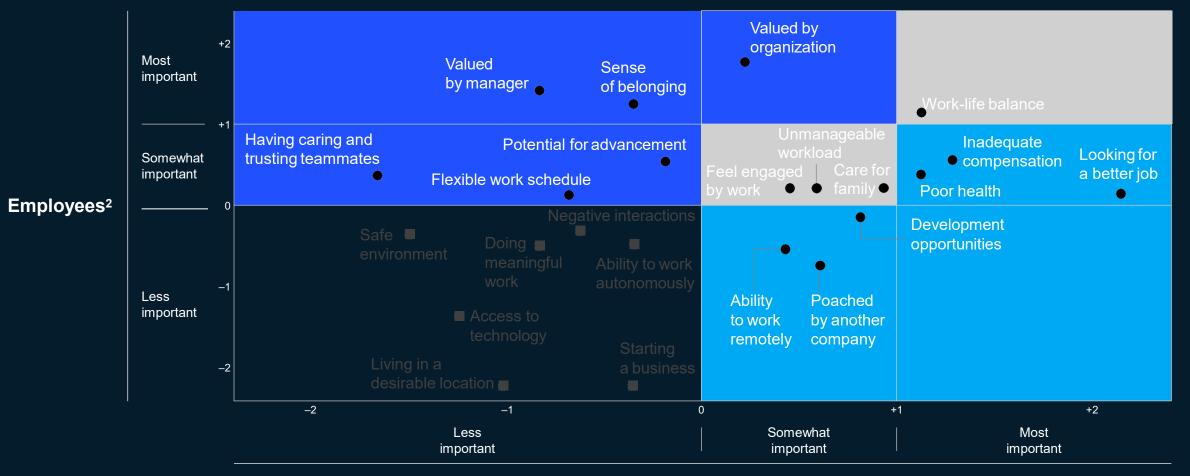
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There is a fundamental mismatch in what employees and employers think is important¹

More important to employees than employers think

As important to employees as employers think

Less important to employees than employers think



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Listen to your employees

and focus on what's most important to them



Anchor in flexibility

- Embrace a model of purposeful presence, but think beyond location
- Set & role model clear guidelines and expectations

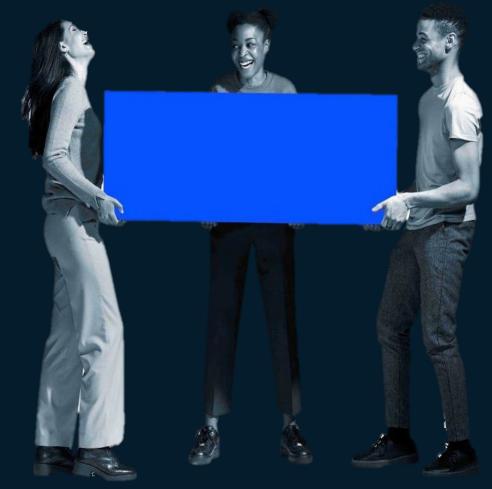




Strengthen your culture

- Focus on the relational aspects of work that people have missed the most
- Build a sense of community





Value employees as whole people

- Align benefits with employee priorities
- Recognize who they are and what they do inside and outside of work



Ensure people (especially managers) have the skills and resources to lead

 Provide career paths and development opportunities

Invest in capability building



Q&A

