



Small Space Logic Addresses Home Office Planning Following New Federal Remote Work Data

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New federal data confirming that home-based work remains a standard part of the American working week has prompted Small Space Logic to caution that compact home offices are too often fitted with the smallest desk available rather than planned as functional workstations.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in its 2025 American Time Use Survey released on June 25, 2026, reported that 35 percent of employed people did some or all of their work at home on days they worked. Among employed people holding a bachelor's degree or higher, that figure reached 51.4 percent. Gallup's May 2026 figures for employees in remote-capable jobs reinforced the trend, showing 52 percent working hybrid schedules, 26 percent working exclusively remote and only 22 percent fully on-site.

Small Space Logic notes that these figures point to a practical planning question for residents of compact homes. With millions of Americans spending meaningful working hours at home, the company argues that workspaces are frequently selected by how little floor area a desk occupies rather than by whether the

surface can support the actual work being done.

"The common starting question is what is the smallest desk that will fit in a corner, and that is the wrong place to begin," said Oded Feigin, founder of Small Space Logic. "The better sequence starts with the work itself. Determine what tasks happen at the desk, establish the working surface and clearances that work requires, and only then decide where that footprint can fit without compromising the rest of the room."

The distinction between desk depth and desk width sits at the center of the company's guidance. Because many people measure available wall width first, depth is often overlooked, yet depth governs monitor distance, keyboard placement and working posture. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends placing a computer monitor at least 20 inches away, with a preferred viewing distance of roughly 20 to 40 inches, and states that the work surface should provide enough depth to achieve appropriate monitor placement. The Small Space Logic Guide to Choosing a Desk for Small Spaces develops this depth-versus-width distinction in detail, including surface dimensions for laptop-only, single-monitor and dual-monitor setups.

Multipurpose rooms introduce a further consideration, since a bedroom, living room or studio must stop functioning as an office once the working day ends. The Small Space Logic Folding Desk Guide compares wall-mounted fold-down desks, cabinet fold-down units and freestanding foldable desks, weighing trade-offs among working depth, stability, mounting requirements and how quickly a room can reset.

"A desk can fit the room and still fail to fit the work once a chair, monitor, notebook and cables are added," Feigin said. "Planning around the daily routine prevents that mismatch."

These resources form part of the broader Small Space Logic Small Home Office Guide, which treats room placement, layout clearances, ergonomics, storage, lighting and shared-room constraints as a single integrated planning system.

Small Space Logic is an educational, engineering-informed resource focused on optimizing compact living spaces. The company publishes planning guides that help residents of small homes make measured decisions about furniture, layout and workspace design.

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