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## Crisis sees more working from home

THE recession is leading to a change in employment patterns, with more staff working from home, according to a new report this week.

A survey of 250 adults by telecoms giant BT showed that just over half were working from home more often since the financial crisis began.

The need to save money was the main reason for most of those spending more time working from their front room or garden shed.

Two-thirds of those working from home said they were financially better off, with half saving up to £20 a day on travel as well as saving on buying food and drinks.

Bill Murphy, managing director of BT Business, said: "Anything employers can do to help their staff save money in the current climate is not only great for morale but can also have a big impact on performance."

"We are seeing more and more businesses offering staff the opportunity to work remotely and this flexible approach is proving to be a double win for employers and their employees."

The report was published to coincide with Work From Home Day yesterday.