

# Returning to the office: May update

NAREIM members outline their return to office, vaccination, benefits and annual meeting strategies

Real estate investment management best practices and NAREIM member survey.

May 2021.



### RETURN: Date earmarked for a partial or full return to office

2 | % June 26.4% **July or August** 3 | % September/ **Labor Day+** 

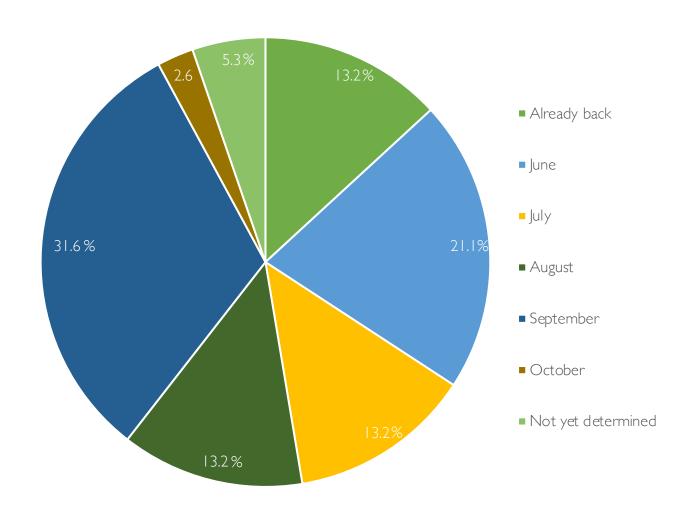
More than half of NAREIM members said they were planning a partial or full return to the office for July, August or September – a similar percentage when the survey was last conducted in March.

The results though highlight that NAREIM members have become more certain in their plans, with just 2% still considering their return timelines, compared to 18% in March, and an increasing number of firms saying 2021 was the year to target a majority or full return to the office.



## RETURN: Date earmarked for a partial or full return to office

A third of NAREIM members said they were planning for a majority return to the office for September or after Labor Day, with another quarter earmarking July and August for a significant return to the workplace. One in five managers are getting the majority of their teams back in person in June.



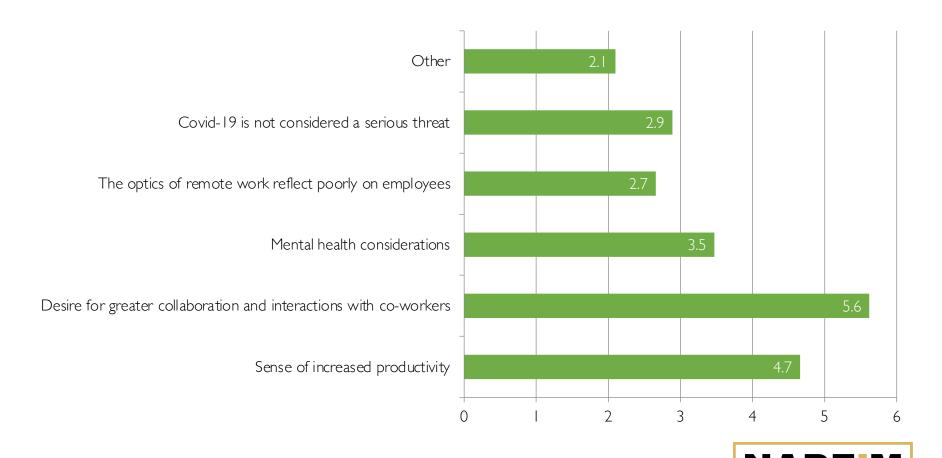
# of employees within your company, real estate employees only

Total #: 10,992 Median #: 140



# EMPLOYEE METRICS: Drivers of return Top drivers for employees returning to the office

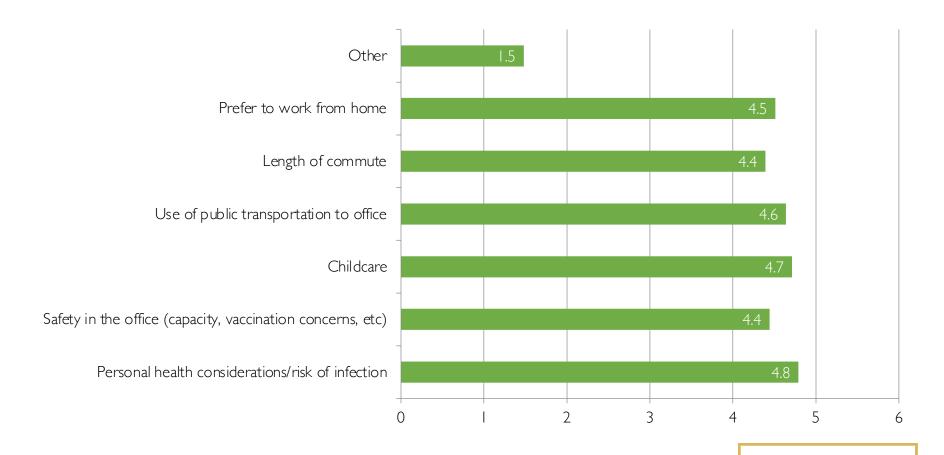
NAREIM members were asked to rank the drivers for employees returning to the workplace in priority order. The higher the score, the more important the issue was deemed to be to employees when considering a partial or full return to the office



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# EMPLOYEE METRICS: Concerns amid return Top employee concerns for returning to the office

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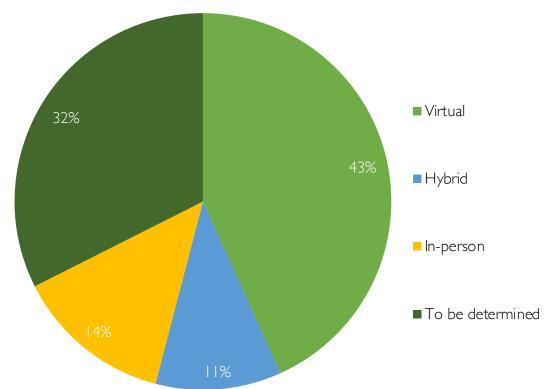


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## **Annual meetings**

As part of the return to office survey, NAREIM members were also about whether they would hold their annual investor meeting virtually, in-person or as a hybrid

Is your 2021 annual investor meeting being held virtually, in-person or hybrid?





#### **NAREIM**

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#### **NAREIM** member surveys

NAREIM members often reach out to ask their peers about pressing concerns impacting their business. Return to the office is one such challenge facing the real estate investment management industry today and we invited members to share their best practices regarding return strategies between May 14 and 17, 2021.

A total of 38 member organizations submitted data with total real estate employee count of 10,992 and a median employee count of 140.

All survey answers are provided anonymously - to both fellow members and NAREIM. For more information on the surveys please contact Zoe Hughes, CEO, <u>zhughes@nareim.org</u>.

