Approaches to Implementing Location–Based Pay

The increase in remote working provides organizations with an opportunity to rethink their location strategy. Whether it is accommodating long-term virtual work, entering new markets or determining an optimal new production site, location-based pay is a key component of a firm's location strategy. **Two in five companies tell us they have, or are considering, adjusting geographic pay differentials.** In doing so, many are re-examining rates using new market data. Here's a snapshot of what nearly 1,500 global respondents told us in May 2021.

How Have Your Approaches to Geographic Pay Changed?

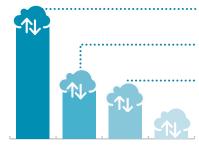
Geographic Pay



32%

of companies **used geographic differentials** to adjust pay for
remote employees prior to COVID-19.
Only **5%** have adopted this strategy
since the pandemic, but **22%** are
actively considering it.

Methods for adjusting pay for remote workers



34% adjustment based on actual (or home) location

14% decisions are made on a case-by-case basis

11% adjust based on closest office location to the employee's home

5% adjust on national scale for remote employees

Actions Taken When Employee Moves to Lower-Cost Market



30%

of firms make their pay decisions for both salary and business travel to the office on a case-by-case basis, if an employee chooses to.

Other approaches include:



Leave salary unchanged and manage merit increases normally going forward

Adjust salary to new location immediately based on market data Leave salary unchanged and manage merit increases normally going forward until alignment with local pay level Adjust salary to new location immediately based on COLA and taxation

2%



