

Comparison Table of 4 Working Options for Working Mothers

Pros and Cons of **Working Full-Time** vs **Part-Time** vs **Working at Home** vs **Minimalist Business**

	Option	Pros	Cons	Risks
1	Work full-time at a company	Stable full-time income	Feel exhausted	Risk to your health if you are working too much
		Paid leave	Can't pick up kids early from school (unless you work shortened hours)	
			High cost of after-school care	
			No time to make dinner for your family (unless you are a whiz in the kitchen or do batch cooking on the weekend)	
			Little control of your career (your career tends to be in the hands of your boss and company)	
			Feel guilty when have to take time off to look after kids when they are sick	
2	Work part-time	Stable part-time income	Not full-time income, so it's difficult to be fully independent (unless you are on a high wage, such as part-time contract or consultancy)	Risk of losing the job (unless it is permanent part-time position)
		Pick up kids early from school (if the part-time job is during the day)	No paid leave	
		Have time to make dinner for your family	Little control of your career (depending on the part-time job)	
		Reduced costs of after-school care		
3	Work from Home (e.g. Freelance writing)	Only work the hours that you need/able to	Can only make an income when you submit articles or complete freelance work	Risk of insufficient income if you are not working (you only make money when you write articles or get freelance gigs)
		Pick up kids early from school	No paid leave	
		Reduced costs of after-school care	May feel lonely if you are working on your own	
		Have time to make dinner for your family	Your writing contributes to another company/website (not your own)	
		Don't need to ask permission to take day off to look after kids when they are sick	May feel exhausted if you are working same hours as a full-time job, the only difference is that you are working at home!	
		Take holidays whenever you want, without having to ask for boss's approval	Little control over your career (as you may feel you are writing articles back to back to make an income but no time to develop your career)	
4	Minimalist Business (Automated online business, e.g. with information-based product)	Stable income (automated)	May feel lonely if you are working on your own (offset with fun collaborative projects!)	Risk of loss of income if your website is down (need to offset with multiple sources of income, such as combine with some freelance writing or part-time work)
		Paid leave (as your business will be automated, you continue to make an income even when you are on holiday)	Need to spend time on maintaining/building traffic to your website	
		Only work the hours that you need		
		Pick up kids early from school		
		Reduced costs of after-school care		
		Have time to make dinner for your family		
		Don't need to ask permission to take day off to look after kids when they are sick		
		Take holidays whenever you want, without having to ask for boss's approval		
		Control your own career (as you can develop your information-based product based on your own knowledge and skills)		

My recommendation: Option#4 Minimalist Business!

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