

Remote Work in Shasta County

Keep your big-city salary. Live in a place where your lunch break can be a hike to a waterfall.



Fiber

Internet Available



\$405K

Redding Median (May 2026)



3 hrs

To SF (When Needed)



Sunny

Among CA's Sunniest Cities

The pandemic changed everything. Suddenly, millions of knowledge workers realized they didn't need to live in expensive metros to do their jobs. If you're one of them—and you're still paying Bay Area rent for an apartment without a home office—it's time to rethink the equation.

The New Math

Here's what remote work unlocks: your income stays the same (or close to it), but your cost of living drops dramatically. Let's break down what that means:

- **Housing:** A \$3,500/month Bay Area apartment becomes a \$2,200/month mortgage on a house you own—with a yard, a garage, and a dedicated home office.
- **Space:** Instead of converting your bedroom corner into a "workspace," you get an actual room (or two) for your setup.
- **Quality of life:** Your commute becomes a walk down the hall. Your lunch break can be a walk to the river.

I've worked with several remote workers who made this move. The common refrain: "I wish I'd done it sooner."

Internet & Connectivity

Let's address the obvious question first: Yes, you can get good internet here. Four real options depending on where you land:

	WHERE IT'S AVAILABLE	TOP SPEED
FIBER	Most of Redding, expanding to surrounding areas	Up to 1 Gbps
CABLE	Spectrum, reliable throughout the region	High-speed; gigabit tiers available
DSL	More rural areas — backup option	Lower tiers
STARLINK	Rural properties — game-changer for off-fiber land	Satellite

Video calls work fine. Large file uploads work fine. Cloud-based workflows work fine. The infrastructure is here.



NATHAN'S NOTE · BEFORE YOU MAKE AN OFFER

Internet is the one thing I check on every remote-work buyer's shortlist **before** we write an offer — not after. Inside Redding city limits you're usually fine. The minute you push into Palo Cedro, Bella Vista, or the foothills, coverage gets parcel-specific — one driveway can have fiber and the next one over runs Starlink. Send me the address; I'll call the providers and pull the served-status on it the same day.

Pro tip: When [house hunting](#), I can help you verify internet options at specific properties before you make an offer. Some rural areas have better coverage than others.

Home Office Space

One of the biggest advantages of Shasta County real estate: you can actually afford dedicated workspace. Here's what different budgets get you:

- **\$350K-\$400K:** 3-bedroom homes where you can convert a room to a proper office
- **\$400K-\$500K:** 4+ bedroom homes with a dedicated office, often with bonus rooms
- **\$500K+:** Properties with detached workshops/studios, perfect for separating work and home life

Compare that to Bay Area prices where \$500K barely gets you a one-bedroom condo.

The Lifestyle Payoff

Remote work isn't just about where you work—it's about how you live when you're not working. Here's what Shasta County offers:

- **Outdoor access:** Lake Shasta is 15 minutes away. Hiking trails are everywhere. Skiing at Mt. Shasta is 90 minutes north.
- **No commute stress:** Your "commute" is walking to your home office. Use that saved time for morning runs or afternoon kayaking.

- **Space to breathe:** Actual yards. Actual privacy. The ability to step outside without hearing traffic.
- **Lower stress:** Less crowding, less competition for everything, more relaxed pace of life.

Many remote workers tell me their productivity actually increased after moving here. Turns out, a better quality of life makes for better work.

Coworking & Community

Working from home doesn't mean working in isolation:

- **Coworking spaces:** Redding has coworking options if you need a change of scenery or a professional meeting space.
 - **Coffee shops:** Plenty of local spots with good wifi if you like the café working vibe.
 - **Remote worker community:** You won't be alone—more remote workers are moving here every month. There's a growing community of people in the same situation.
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When You Need to Travel

If your remote job requires occasional travel or in-person meetings:

- **Redding Airport (RDD):** Direct flights to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and connecting flights to major hubs.
- **Sacramento Airport (SMF):** 2.5 hours south, larger airport with more flight options.
- **San Francisco (SFO/OAK):** 3-3.5 hours by car when you need a major hub.

Most remote workers find that quarterly trips to the office are manageable from here—and the rest of the time, they're living in paradise.

Best Areas for Remote Workers

Different neighborhoods offer different advantages:

- **Redding:** Best internet infrastructure, most amenities, urban conveniences
 - **Palo Cedro:** Rural feel with good connectivity, larger lots, peaceful setting
 - **Anderson:** Best value, good internet, easy I-5 access if you travel south
 - **Shasta Lake:** Affordable homes, lake lifestyle, improving connectivity
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Making the Transition

Here's the shape of how most remote workers approach the move. Detail underneath each card.

1



Clear it with HR

Verify your employer is fine with the relocation — most are, since you're staying in California



2



Check connectivity

Research internet options for areas you're considering



3



Test-drive a rental

Spend a few days working from an Airbnb to test the setup



4



Hire a local agent

Work with someone who understands remote-work needs (that's me)



5



Find the right space

Dedicated office, reliable connectivity, room for your setup

The whole process typically takes 30-60 days from initial search to closing.