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Toiling in the Cold

Chilly, messy and bland: That's how many of us think of our offices.

The biggest problem with the space we spend so much time in is the temperature, according to a survey of 500 workers for Blumberg Office Properties, which owns and manages buildings in [Texas](#) and [Florida](#).

Almost half of 500 office workers from around the country surveyed online cited extreme temperatures as an issue in the last year. Other big complaints were dirty restrooms and decor dating back decades. One-fifth of the workers said they have experienced rodents or crime in the last year. A similar share voiced complaints about windows or ceilings that leak.

Yet most of the respondents said their workplace is adequate in cleanliness and maintenance, and almost one in five called it impeccable. Less than one-fourth said they find their office marginal or appalling.

Workers were most likely to describe their office as bland, the descriptor chosen by 36 percent of the respondents. About one in 11 termed it dumpily or stodgy, while one in five called their workplace warm. No word on whether they meant the heat was set too high.

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