

Backyard Office vs. The Alternatives

Why a backyard office from Indy Shed Co beats every other option.

When you need a real workspace at home, you have four options. Only one gives you a private, climate-controlled, move-in-ready building on your property in weeks — not months — that you own forever with no ongoing rent.

HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPARISON

	Rent Office Space	Home Addition	Spare Room Conversion	Indy Shed Co Backyard Office
Cost	\$200–500/mo forever	\$30k–60k+	\$5k–15k	\$24k–45k one-time
Timeline	1–2 weeks lease process	3–6 months construction	2–4 weeks	2–4 weeks build + finish
Commute	15–45 min each way	None (in your home)	None (in your home)	None (30 second walk)
Privacy	High separate space	Low–Medium shared walls	Low family noise	High separate building
Distractions	Low office setting	High household noise	High household noise	None your own building
Property Value	No impact	+\$15k–40k ROI varies	+\$2k–5k	+\$20k–50k high ROI
Ownership	Landlord's property	You own it	Part of home	You own it separate asset
Flexibility	Lease terms	Permanent	Reversible	Can repurpose anytime
Tax Benefits	Rent deduction	Home office deduction	Home office deduction	Home office deduction + asset
Climate Control	Included	Tied to home HVAC	Tied to home HVAC	Dedicated mini-split

THE REAL COST: 5-YEAR VIEW*What You Actually Spend Over 5 Years*

Option	Year 1	Year 3	Year 5	Own Anything?
Rent Office (\$350/mo)	\$4,200	\$12,600	\$21,000	No — nothing
Home Addition (\$45k)	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	Yes — room in home
Spare Room (\$10k)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Yes — converted room
Indy Shed Co (\$38k)	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	Yes — separate building

After just 2 years, renting office space costs more than a backyard office you own forever. At 5 years, you've spent \$21k on rent with nothing to show for it — or you own a \$38k building that added \$20–50k to your property value.

WHY THE BACKYARD OFFICE WINS

The Case for Building vs. Everything Else

vs. Renting Office Space

- ✓ No more monthly rent — one investment, you own it forever
- ✓ No commute — save 1–2 hours/day and gas money
- ✓ No lease terms — no landlord, no restrictions, no surprise rate hikes
- ✓ Adds \$20–50k in property value vs. rent that adds nothing
- ✓ Tax deduction — same home office deduction applies

vs. Home Addition

- ✓ 2–4 weeks vs. 3–6 months of construction disruption
- ✓ No tearing into your existing home — no drywall dust everywhere
- ✓ Completely separate building — real privacy, no shared walls
- ✓ Dedicated HVAC — you control temperature independently
- ✓ Can repurpose later — gym, studio, guest house, rental
- ✓ Often less expensive — \$24–45k vs. \$30–60k+ for an addition

vs. Converting a Spare Room

- ✓ Zero household distractions — kids, TV, kitchen, doorbell
- ✓ Mental separation — walking to a separate building = work mode
- ✓ Keep the spare room — guest bedroom, playroom, storage
- ✓ Dedicated climate control — not fighting the house thermostat
- ✓ Sound isolation — take calls, play music, record content
- ✗ Higher upfront cost than a room conversion (\$24k+ vs. \$5–15k)

THE BOTTOM LINE

A backyard office from Indy Shed Co is the only option that gives you:

Private, distraction-free workspace • Climate-controlled year-round
No commute • No ongoing rent • 2–4 week build time
\$20–50k in added property value • Tax deductible

Financing from ~\$600–\$750/month through Wisetack

READY TO BUILD YOUR BACKYARD OFFICE?

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