

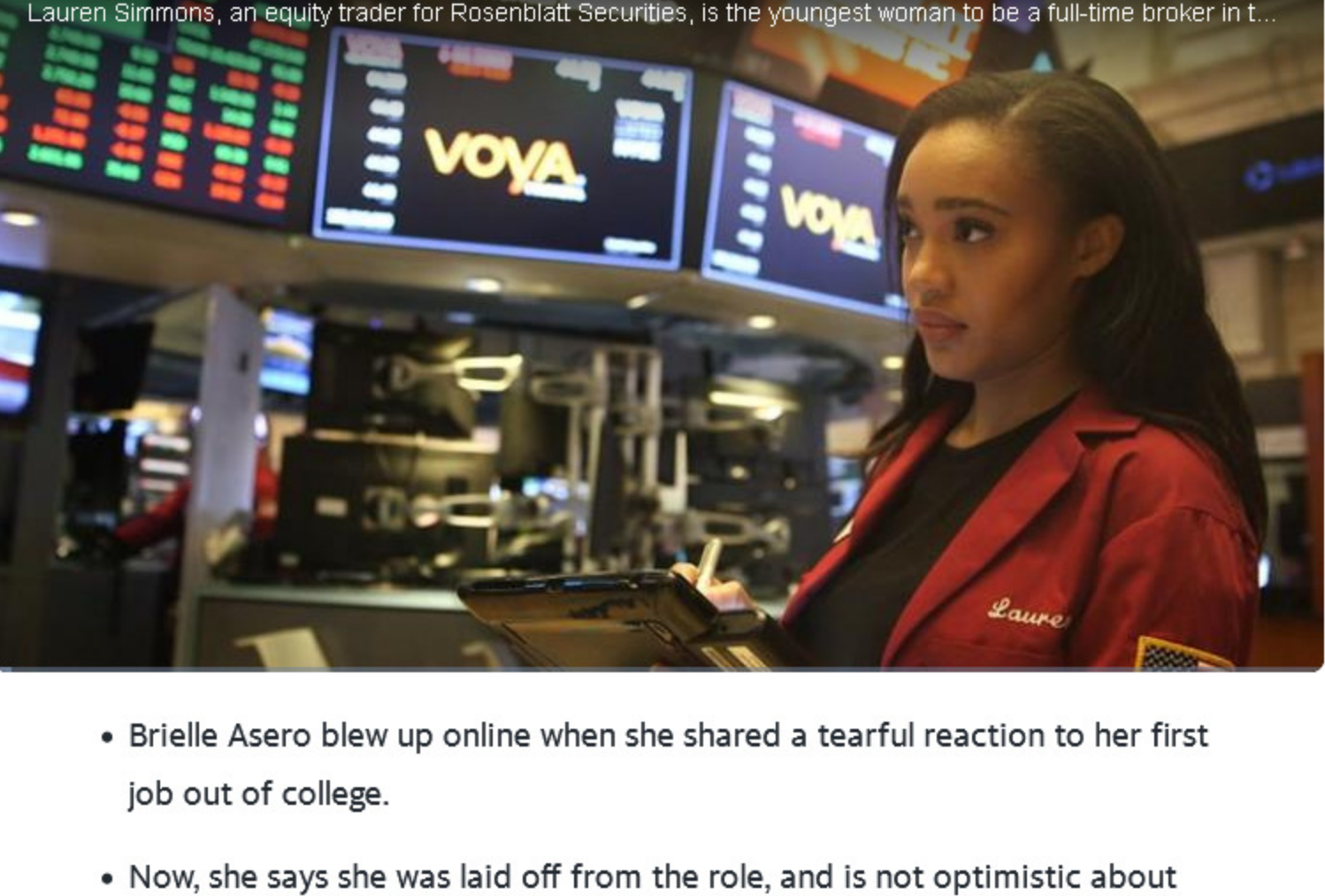
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## A graduate who went mega-viral with a tearful reaction to her first 9-to-5 job says she's been laid off

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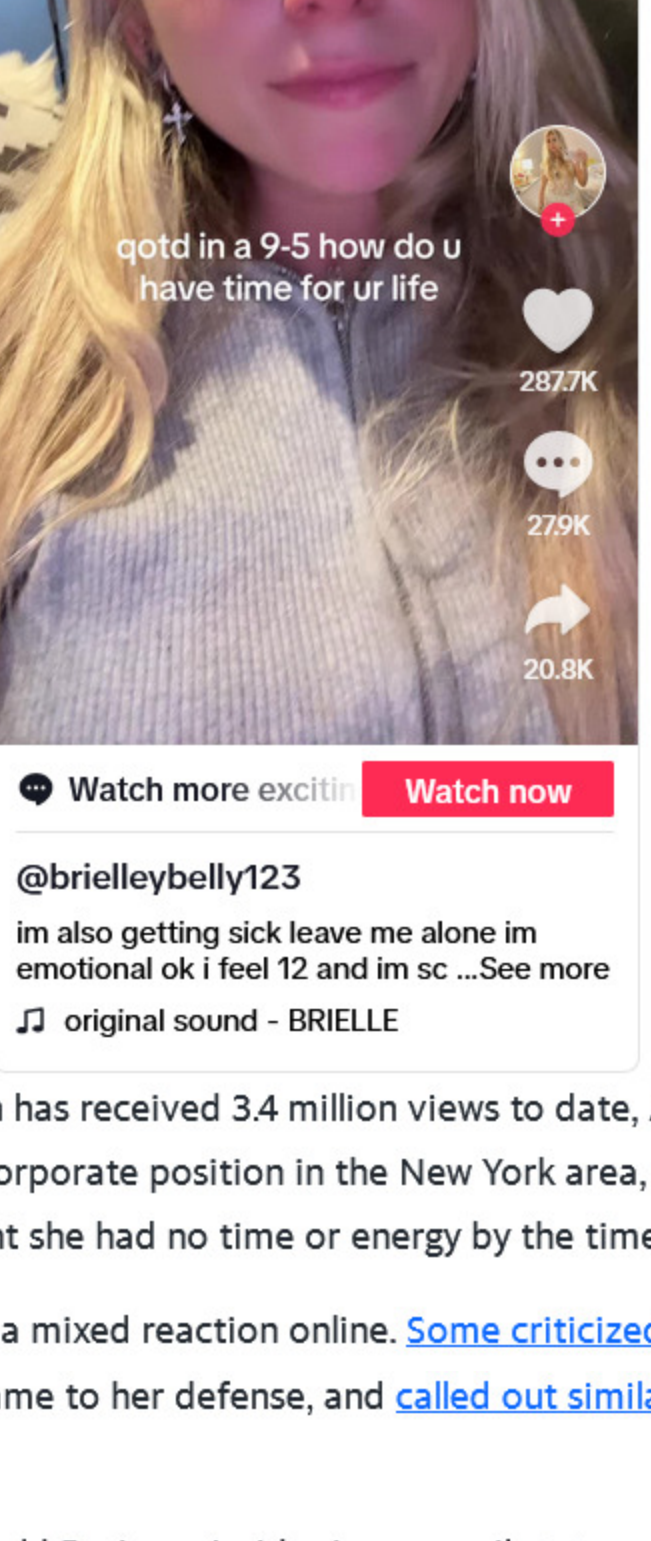
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- Brielle Asero blew up online when she shared a tearful reaction to her first job out of college.
- Now, she says she was laid off from the role, and is not optimistic about finding another.
- Asero said she did everything right, yet has no savings to fall back on.

A college graduate who blew up online after sharing her struggles with working life has announced on TikTok she was laid off.

In October, 21-year-old Brielle Asero went mega-viral and [made headlines](#) when she posted a tearful video calling out the struggles of the 9-to-5 work culture she was experiencing for the first time.



In the upload, which has received 3.4 million views to date, Asero, who had recently started a corporate position in the New York area, said the office life and commute meant she had no time or energy by the time she got home.

The video received a mixed reaction online. [Some criticized Asero's take](#), while [many more](#) came to her defense, and [called out similar issues](#) with the 40-hour workweek.

At the time, Asero told Business Insider in an email statement that she was very grateful to have a job, but that "it is discouraging and understandable why Americans are burnt out and mental illness levels are high."

On December 16, Asero [posted once again to TikTok](#) and said she had been laid off from her role, which she said had taken her five months to find and she had moved to New York City for.

Asero said she had been let go from the start-up as they "didn't have the workload or the bandwidth" to train her or give her the work she was hired to do.

In an email statement to BI, she said the layoff had "absolutely nothing to do" with her previous viral video, and said there were "no hard feelings."

In her video, she said her former boss had praised her performance and she expected a good reference.

Still, Asero told her followers she needed a new role by January 2, and she wasn't optimistic about her chances given many companies would pause recruiting over the holiday period.

She also listed all of her achievements including obtaining a degree, working internships, and building a portfolio, but said she still found the idea of re-entering the job application process daunting.

"I have done everything I possibly could have, and it's still not enough," she said.



Asero said she was considering getting a job as a nanny or a server while she waited to see if she could find a new marketing role. She said she barely had enough money to live on in her past 9-to-5 job, which meant she had no savings to fall back on.

She's not alone — over [50% of Gen Zers don't have enough emergency savings to last them three months](#), according to a survey conducted by Bank of America earlier this year.

Asero's upload received 440,000 views and over 1,580 comments, many of which sympathized with her position, including some who wrote they had also been the subject of [layoffs that impacted various industries](#) this year, and encouraged the TikTok user to keep trying for a new position.

She told BI she made the video to connect with other people who had a similar experience. "There's so many college graduates being laid off and it's upsetting," she said.

The company Asero was listed as working for on her LinkedIn profile did not immediately respond to BI's request for comment.

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Just because you collect [Social Security benefits](#) doesn't mean you have to stop working. In fact, plenty of Social Security recipients still earn income from work — but for many, their [benefits are reduced](#) depending on their age and how much they earn.

[These 5 Cities Are Becoming Popular With Baby Boomers: Should You Consider Them for Your Retirement Years?](#)

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As previously reported by [GOBankingRates](#), the Social Security Administration considers you "retired" when you start receiving retirement benefits. If you are younger than full retirement age and earn more than the SSA's yearly earnings limit, your benefits might be reduced. The full retirement age is [either 66 or 67 years old](#), depending on if you were born before or after 1960.

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Working from home has transformed from an occasional privilege to something that can't even be questioned — *Boytroy/Stock*

Mondays and Fridays went first. And then going into the office at all. And after that, it turned out that you couldn't really be expected to be in the same country as the company you work for, and your boss certainly couldn't contact you out of hours. Now, it is claimed that graduates are refusing to come into the office for job interviews. Seriously?

In reality, [the WFL virus is mutating](#), and like many viruses, growing more troublesome all the time. A culture of industry and hard work that has taken centuries to create is being trashed before our very eyes — and sadly it will be very hard to ever restore.

It was probably too optimistic to expect the traditional job interview to survive the onslaught on traditional working cultures. The days when you might buy a new suit, polish your shoes, and arrive twenty minutes early, all to make sure you made the right first impression on a prospective employer are now consigned to the past.

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## 15 Best Places in Arizona for a Couple To Live on Only a Social Security Check

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When the workdays are over and the retirement chapter begins, many retired couples find themselves relying on their [Social Security checks](#) as their main sources of income.

[Social Security: No Matter Your Age, Do Not Claim Benefits Until You Reach This Milestone](#)

[Find Out: 3 Ways To Recession-Proof Your Retirement](#)

In fact, according to the Social Security Administration, the average monthly check as of June 2023 is around \$1,702. So for couples looking to stretch their dollars and make the most of their well-earned retirement, finding an affordable place to live in Arizona is a smart move.

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## Toyota Motor North America buyout offer to workers includes 2 years in pay: Who's eligible

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Some Toyota Motor North America employees are currently reviewing a bountiful, out-of-the-box buyout that will trigger a what-the-heaven double take from anyone offered a voluntary separation package recently at Stellantis, Ford Motor or [General Motors](#).

We're talking about very rich lump-sum payments as part of a Toyota reorganization plan, known as the REV plan, that could entice many Toyota employees, including those in Michigan, to voluntarily leave their jobs in 2024.

Why will Detroit? Three white-collar workers get jealous when they hear about the Toyota deal? Unlike other automakers that offered up to one year's pay as severance, some longer-term Toyota employees will get a lump sum payout that amounts to two years in pay if they volunteer to leave.

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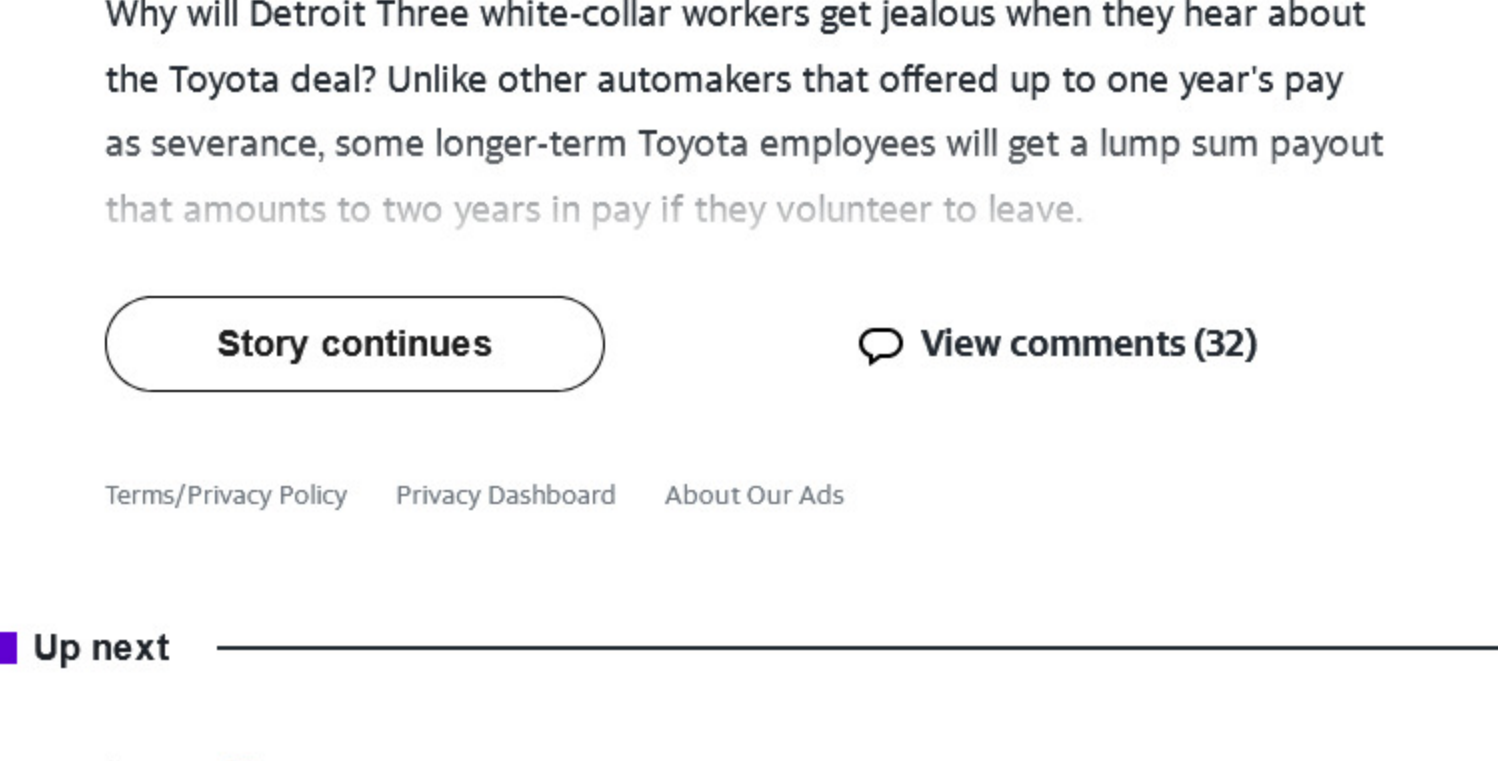
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## \$4 Million Bucks Will Buy You This Type of Retirement If You Stop Working at 55

Mark Henricks

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Is \$4 Million Enough to Retire on at 55?

A \$4 million nest egg will likely allow you to [retire](#) comfortably at age 55. The major challenge will be accumulating that much capital by 55 — about a decade before most people stop working. Other issues include the need to pay for private health insurance, a wait of at least seven years for [Social Security](#) benefits and penalties on early withdrawals from tax-advantaged retirement accounts. A [financial advisor](#) can help you design a plan to pay for a secure retirement.

[Is Retiring at 55 with \\$4 Million Possible?](#)

The average age at which most people retire is 62, according to a [2021 Gallup Poll](#). But if you have \$4 million in savings, it's entirely possible to retire by age 55.

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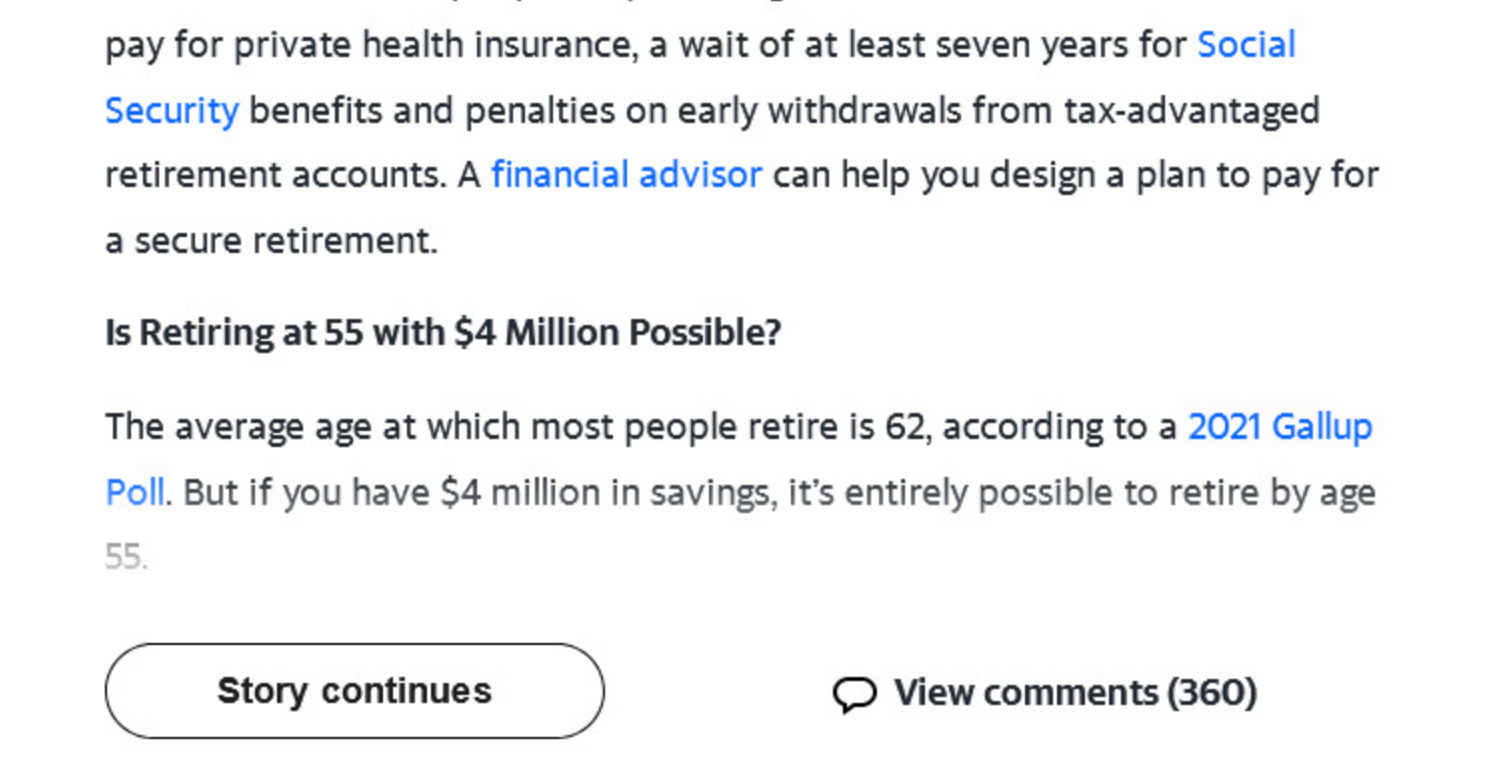
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## I'm 60 With \$1.2 Million in an IRA. Should I Convert \$120,000 Per Year to a (((Roth))) to Avoid RMDs?

Mark Henricks

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If you're 60 years old with \$1.2 million saved for retirement in a [traditional IRA](#), you may be starting to think about required minimum distributions (RMDs) and the hefty annual tax bill they can create once you turn 73. Converting a portion of your IRA to a [\(\(\(Roth\)\)\) IRA](#) each year can help you reduce or avoid RMDs and take control of your tax bill — but also comes at a cost. Discuss your [\(\(\(Roth\)\)\) IRA](#) conversion questions with a [financial advisor](#) to determine if this strategy aligns with your broader financial plan.

[RMD Rules: The Basics](#)

Once you turn 73, the IRS requires that you start taking annual distributions called [required minimum distributions \(RMDs\)](#) from traditional IRAs, 401(k)s and similar tax-deferred accounts. RMDs are calculated by dividing your account balance by your life expectancy factor, a value that is set by the IRS based on your age.

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