

## A Note From Stephanie Buscemi Salesforce Chief Marketing Officer



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#### Our worlds have been turned upside down.

The health and safety of our families, friends, and communities is top of mind, but most of us are also wondering, "Where do we go from here?" For marketers, that's a multifaceted question. As ambassadors to the public, we must ask ourselves how to best reposition our brands. As a line of communication to customers, we must ask ourselves how we can be more empathic and understanding. As partners to the business, we must ask ourselves how to best collaborate with our colleagues in sales, customer service, and beyond as we seek a return to growth.

Salesforce collected data from marketing leaders across the globe for this "State of Marketing" report just as the COVID-19 crisis emerged. When the scope of the crisis became clear, we asked ourselves, "Will this report provide relevance and value to our customers?". Ultimately, after carefully dissecting survey results, we deemed the answer to be "yes."

We made this decision because the report demonstrates the values that will remain critical as marketers and their businesses recover:

- · Relentless focus on the customer experience
- Unwavering commitment to helpfulness, relevancy, and trustworthiness
- Continuous pursuit of innovation

The insights in this report demonstrate the importance of these values and what top marketers do to live by them. As we look toward – and get to work building – better times ahead, I hope you find this year's "State of Marketing" to be a helpful guide.

Onward,

Stephanie Buscemi

## What You'll Find in This Report

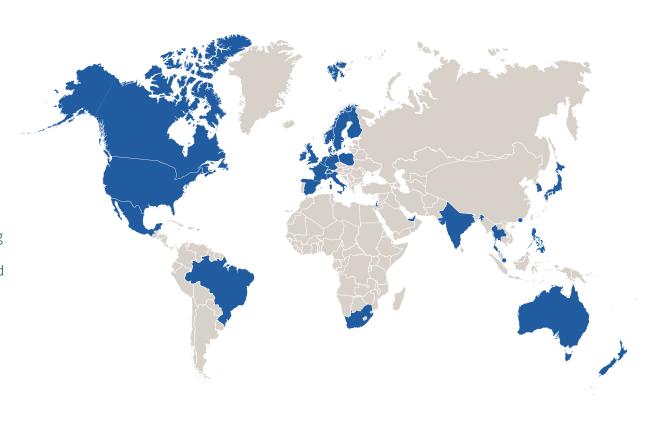
For the sixth edition of our "State of Marketing" report, Salesforce Research surveyed nearly 7,000 marketing leaders worldwide to discover:

- · Changing definitions of marketing success
- · Shifts in engagement standards and privacy practices
- Evolving marketing skill sets and processes
- · Unfolding data management strategies and tactics

Data in this report is from a double-blind survey conducted from January 8 through February 11, 2020, that generated 6,950 responses from full-time marketing leaders – those holding a manager or higher leadership role. Respondents include marketers from B2B, B2C, and B2B2C companies across North America, Latin America, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

All respondents are third-party panelists (not limited to Salesforce customers). For further survey demographics, see page 87.

Due to rounding, not all percentage totals in this report equal 100%. All comparison calculations are made from total numbers (not rounded numbers).

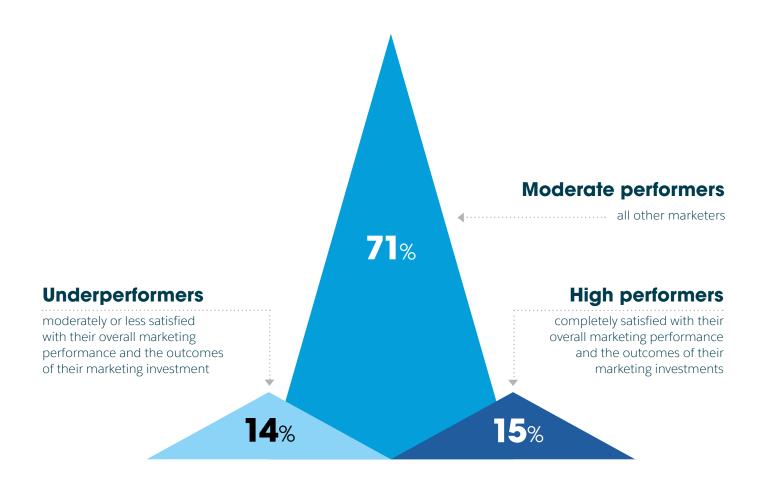




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#### **Distribution of Marketing Performance Levels**

Throughout this report, we classify survey respondents across the following three tiers of marketing performance.





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## **Executive Summary**

As technology drives customer expectations to new heights, marketers have emerged as not just messengers, but engagers who foster meaningful customer relationships well beyond the first purchase.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, standards of customer engagement are shifting yet again, and marketers are on the forefront of innovation.

#### 01

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

(See page 10)

The expectations and behaviors of consumers, businesses, and society at large are shifting with unprecedented speed and magnitude. Marketers are under tremendous pressure to overhaul their organizational models and use of technology to provide differentiated, digital-first customer engagement. **Innovation is marketing leaders' number one priority.** 

## 02

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

(See page 17)

As customers navigate a series of "new normals," personalized, empathetic engagement has never been more important. Delivering messages and offers that resonate with an individual's unique needs and expectations requires deep insights. Marketers are shifting how they source and manage customer data and ramping up use of technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) that help them make the most of it. Marketers report a 186% increase in AI adoption since 2018.

## 03

#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

(See page 22)

As businesses shift from crisis triage to recovery and adaptation, marketers have a unique opportunity to turn trusted customer relationships into business value. Marketers increasingly track metrics like customer satisfaction, digital engagement, and lifetime customer value to gain a holistic picture of what's working and what isn't across the customer journey. B2B marketers have a particularly strong role in business growth through account-based marketing (ABM). Ninety-two percent of B2B marketers have an ABM program.\*

\* Includes B2B2C marketers.

## Introduction

## Customer Experience and Innovation Put Marketers Under Pressure

As companies look to connect and build trust in uncertain times, customer experience has become more important than ever.

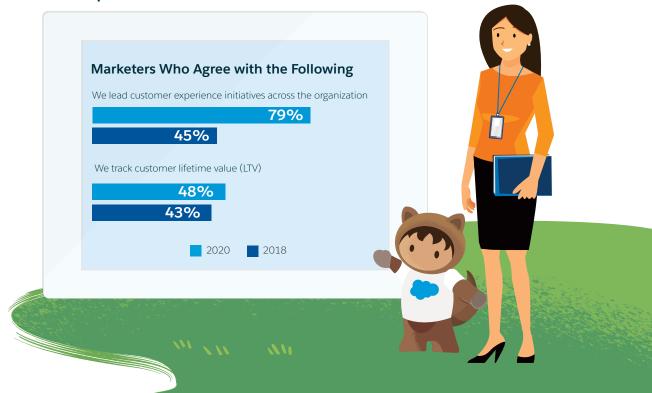
of customers say the experience a company provides is as important as its products and services – up from 80% in 2018.\*

The share of marketers leading the customer experience charge has skyrocketed over the past two years. Eighty-eight percent of high performers lead customer experience initiatives across their organizations, compared to 68% of underperformers.

But shifting mindsets and on-the-ground execution are two very different things, and many marketers struggle to match operations to aspirations. Fewer than half of marketing organizations track customer lifetime value (LTV).



## **Customer Experience Aspiration Is Rising Faster Than Operationalization**



<sup>\* &</sup>quot;State of the Connected Customer," Salesforce Research, June 2019.

## Introduction

## Customer Experience and Innovation Put Marketers Under Pressure

Innovation fundamentally means adaptation to change, making it nothing short of critical under current circumstances. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, marketers recognized innovation as their top priority. Given the speed of change today, real-time engagement is well-positioned as job number two.

Innovative, trusted, real-time engagement is no easy feat, and so improved tools and technologies round out the top five marketing priorities of 2020. However, marketers recognize that reaching their ambitious goals will be challenging. Unifying and operationalizing customer data to create the cohesive journeys that customers want is particularly daunting.

## Innovation, Real-Time Engagement, and Privacy Drive Marketing Agendas and Pain Points

#### **Marketers' Top Priorities**

- Innovating
- Engaging customers in real time
- Complying with privacy regulations
- Improved use of tools and technology
- Modernized tools and technology

#### **Marketers' Top Challenges**

- Engaging customers in real time
- 2 Innovating
- Creative cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices
- Unifying customer data sources
- Sharing a unified view of customer data across business units

New to top 5 for 2020 Carryover from top 5 in 2018

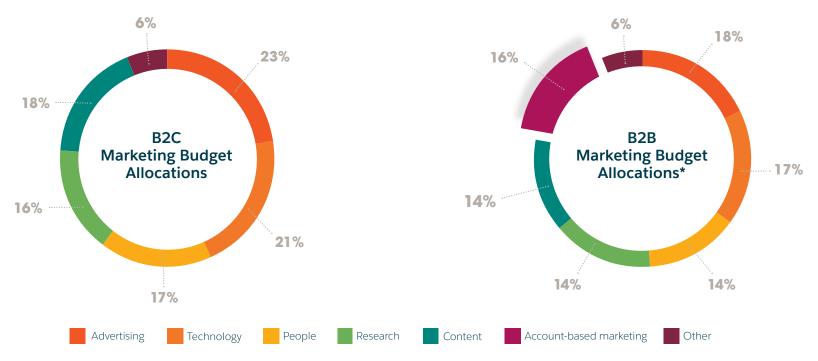
## **Practitioner Perspective** Marketers Re-Evaluate Budgets for a New Era

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, marketing budgets represented a diverse array of initiatives far beyond advertising. Like all business leaders, CMOs are now reevaluating where to spend.

"Now is the time to reaffirm your brand fundamentals to the consumers who trusted you prior to COVID-19. This is what should drive any budget strategy and adjustment decisions. Where time must be spent – and potential adjustments made – are in the messages you send and the channels through which you deliver them."

Doug Zarkin Chief Marketing Officer, Pearle Vision "Every leader must be adaptable in unprecedented times times like these when thinking about strategy and budget. As business buyers reevaluate their purchase and growth plans for the year, our focus has to reflect that and adjust to changing buying cycles. In the short-term, tactics like trade shows and some advertising might be reduced or paused, but investment in tactics like ABM, content marketing, and critical technology remains key."

Phil B. Clement Chief Marketing Officer, Johnson Controls



<sup>\*</sup> Includes B2B2C marketers. Data was collected prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and does not represent any changes in budget allocations that may result. Base: CMOs and VPs of marketing.

## 01

## 01 Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency

A lot of attention is placed on the changing role of technology. However, the people behind this technology remain the foundation of any marketing organization.

The definition of a good marketer in 2020 is expanding in a big way. In addition to their creativity and ways with words, today's top marketers are data-savvy collaborators who capture, organize, and activate insights that foster the connected journeys customers expect.

Marketers generally rate their teams as advanced across a wide array of skills, with particular confidence in their communication, creativity, and data analysis abilities. While coding and data science rank near the bottom of marketers' self-assessment, the most soft skill of all – emotional intelligence – needs the most work at a time when it is most needed.

#### Marketing Is Both a Science and an Art

#### Marketers Who Rate Their Team's Skills as Advanced



See page 71 for additional data segmentations.

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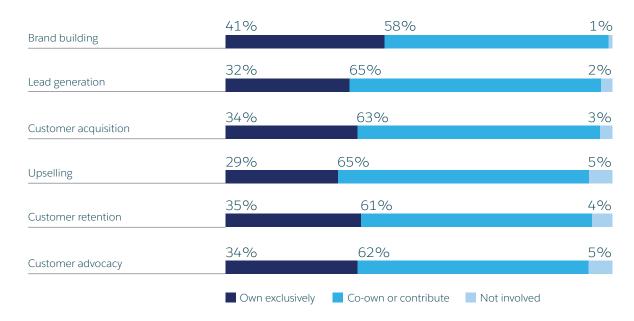
Now more than ever, it's critical for marketers to have a cohesive understanding of a customer's full journey. Today's marketers are applying their expertise at every stage from branding to acquisition to retention and advocacy. Traditional marketing roles focused on specific stages of the sales funnel, or on tactics like email or social media, are falling out of favor.

of marketers say traditional marketing roles limit customer engagement – up from 37% in 2018.

It's now the exception to the rule for marketers to "own" a given stage of the customer journey. Instead, most collaborate with peers on building cohesive experiences from the moment a prospect discovers their brand to when they post a rave review and beyond. Hardly any marketers describe themselves as detached from a given stage of the customer journey.

#### Marketing Is a Team Effort Across the Customer Journey

#### Extent to Which Individual Marketers Are Involved in the Following

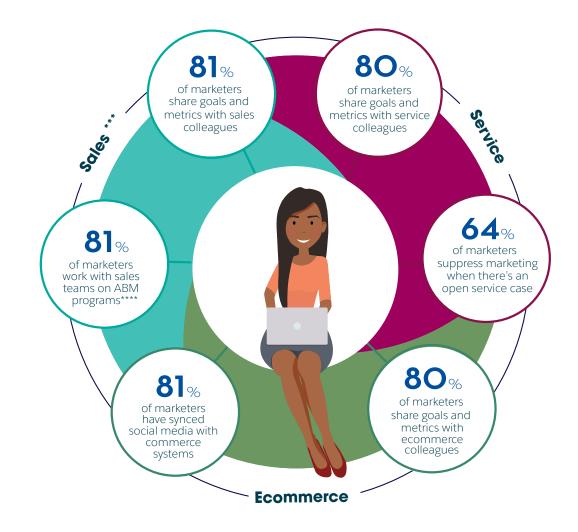


Today, customers seek more and new types of information from businesses through more and new types of channels. Marketers have forged new processes and relationships with cross-functional colleagues to take on this challenge. Sixty-nine percent of customers expect connected experiences.\*

63% of marketers use the same CRM system as sales and service departments.\*\*

The vast majority of marketing teams share common goals and metrics with colleagues in sales, ecommerce, and customer service. What's more, they collaborate through strategic initiatives like account-based marketing (ABM) programs, or through tactics like factoring a customer's unresolved service tickets when sending marketing communications.

#### **Cross-Functional Collaboration Is Table Stakes**



See page 72 for additional data segmentations.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;State of the Connected Customer," Salesforce Research, June 2019.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Base: Marketers who use a CRM system.

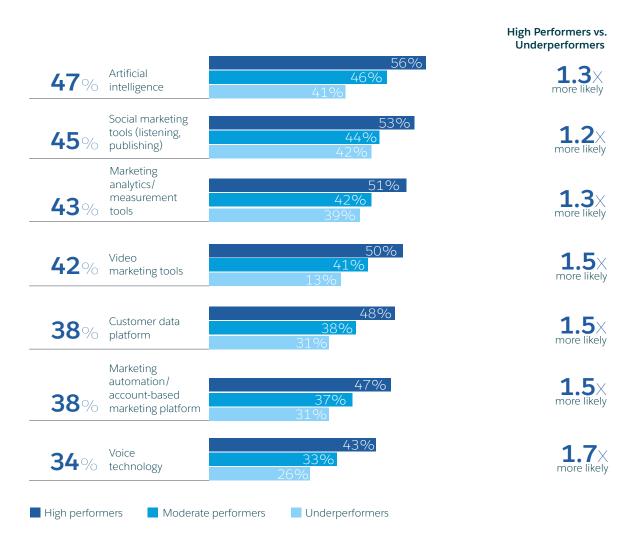
Many marketers – and high performers in particular – are increasingly turning to an array of digital tools and platforms to engage customers at precisely the right moment, on the right channel.

Marketers are particularly keen to expand their use of artificial intelligence (AI). Tools that optimize social media, mobile, and video marketing are also increasingly prominent as customers shift to digital channels. Analytics and measurement tools that let marketers gauge what's working and what isn't are also being used more heavily.

of marketers say they are aligned with their IT organizations, yet IT leaders rank insufficient business unit alignment as a top challenge.\*

#### AI, Social Tools, and Analytics Are Most Primed for Expanded Roles

Marketers Planning to Increase Use of the Following over the Next Year



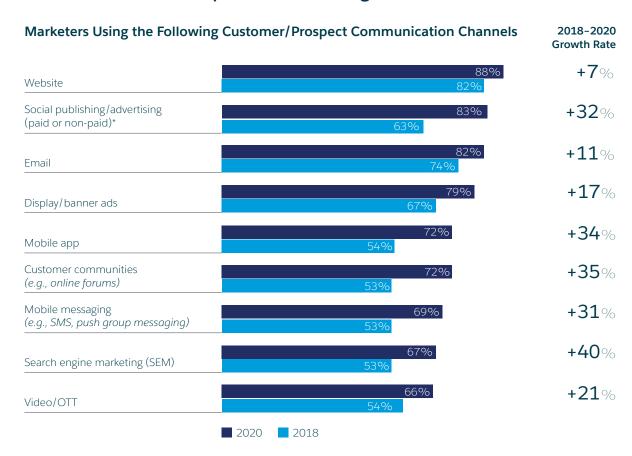
<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Enterprise Technology Trends," Salesforce Research, May 2019. See page 75 for additional data segmentations.

Omni-channel marketing is not new, but it's never been more relevant. Today's customers – whether buying for themselves or on behalf of their companies – hop from channel to channel throughout their days.

Marketers are meeting the challenge by increasing their adoption of various digital touchpoints. Search engine marketing, customer communities, and mobile apps are experiencing particularly dramatic increases in use.

# 57% of marketers use audio

#### **Marketers Continue Expansion Across Digital Channels**



<sup>\* 2018</sup> adoption rate is the average of social publishing and social advertising, which were distinct survey response options. See page 73 for additional data segmentations.

Customers expect companies to engage with them across channels in a dynamic manner – in which brand messages and content on one channel are tailored based on their actions on another channel. Case in point: 54% of customers say they get annoyed if they are targeted with an ad for something they've already bought. With 71% of customers having used multiple channels to start and complete a single transaction, marketers face a vexing challenge.\*

Over the past two years, marketers have made great strides in meeting customer expectations for dynamic content across channels. For the first time, more than half of marketers describe their cross-channel content as dynamic – up from less than a third in 2018. The share of marketers with siloed cross-channel content, in which channels have no coordination, dropped from 29% to 15%.

#### **Cross-Channel Marketing Is Catching Up with Customers**

Marketers Who Describe Their Cross-Channel Coordination as Follows



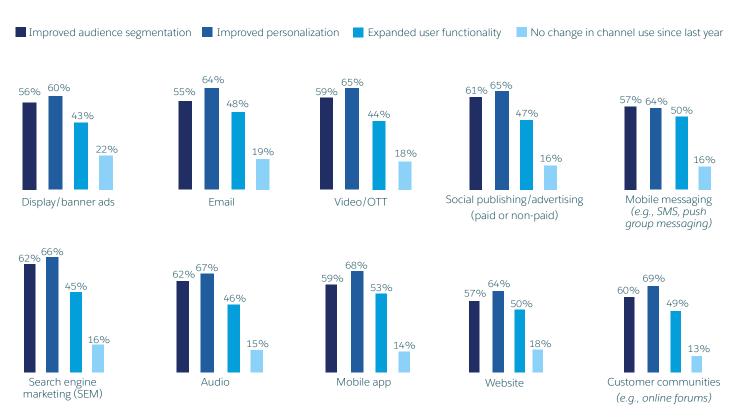


Dynamic Duplicated Siloed

Marketing transformation involves more than improved collaboration and additional ways to connect. Over the past year, marketers have taken steps to boost audience segmentation and personalization across their touchpoints. The channel-agnostic nature of today's customers has made full digital experiences the focus over individual touchpoints. It's logical, then, that marketers have spread these efforts across their websites, social channels, and mobile properties, among others. Improved in-channel user functionality initiatives, such as headless commerce, are also common. All in all, the majority of marketers are using their channels differently than they were a year ago.

#### Marketers Are Using Channels in More Sophisticated Ways

#### How Marketers Have Changed Their Use of Channels over the Past Year



## **02** Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing

Marketers have long recognized the importance of data in understanding and engaging customers as individuals. But as customers' circumstances and needs evolve rapidly, building a clear understanding of them is nothing short of essential. Seventy-eight percent of marketers describe their customer engagement as data-driven.

Marketers expect to turn to an increasing number of data sources moving forward. Transactional data, declared interests and preferences, and known digital identities are particularly popular.

#### **Median Number of Data Sources Used by Marketers**

| 2021<br>projected |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 2020              | 888888888 10 |
| 2019              | <b>8</b>     |

#### **Ranked Popularity of Customer Data Sources**

| 1 | Transactional data               | Second-party data              |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 | Declared interests/preferences 7 | Inferred interests/preferences |
| 3 | Known digital identities         | Non-transactional data         |
| 4 | Offline identities 9             | Third-party data               |





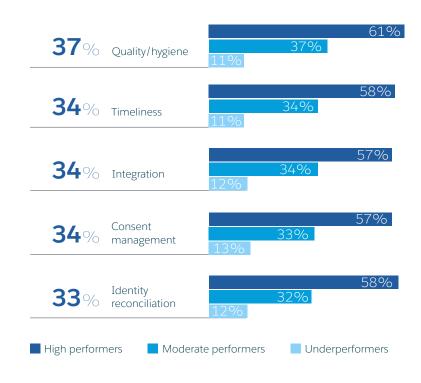
Data, in and of itself, isn't useful. Its impact is realized when the insights it holds are unlocked. And those insights are only valuable if the data is accurate, timely, and permissible to use in the desired manner.

Overall, few marketers are completely satisfied with their customer data, calling into question whether they can use it to its full potential. High-performing marketers – those most satisfied with their investments and outcomes – are far and away more satisfied with their customer data on multiple fronts.

The average enterprise has 900 different applications, an average of only 28% of which are integrated.\*

#### **Putting Marketing Data to Work Remains Challenging**

Marketers Who Are Completely Satisfied with the Following Aspects of Their Customer Data











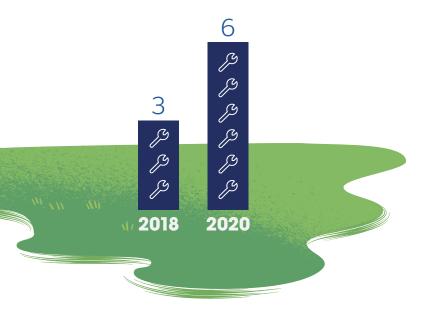


## **02** Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing

Marketers cite data unification and activation among their top five challenges. Their discontent may be tied to a fragmented data management technology landscape.

As we found in 2018, no clear winner among many competing solutions has emerged. Today, marketers are turning to even more complex combinations of data management technologies to build a cohesive understanding of their customers.

#### **Average Number of Data Management Tools Used**



## Marketers Continue Their Search for the Right Data Management Solution

**Ranked Popularity of Marketing Data Management Solutions** 

- Customer relationship management (CRM) platform
- 2 Email service provider (ESP)
- 3 Advertising platforms
- Data management platform (DMP)
- Customer data platform (CDP)
- Marketing automation platform
- Consent management platform
- Homegrown solution

See page 77 for additional data segmentations.

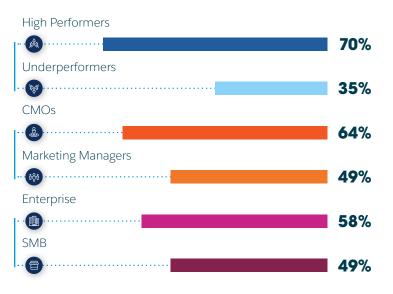
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## **02** Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing

Once data is sourced, integrated, and managed, it's time for it to go to work. Artificial intelligence (AI) is the rising star in this effort, with a whopping 84% of marketers reporting its use – up from 29% in 2018.

Whether this surge in marketers claiming AI use is due to net new adoption or increased knowledge of the role AI has played all along is unknown. In any event, marketers are turning to AI for various use cases, with personalization, segmentation, and deep data insights being particularly popular. Marketers with AI have an average of seven use cases, up from six in 2018.

#### Marketers Claiming a Fully Defined AI Strategy

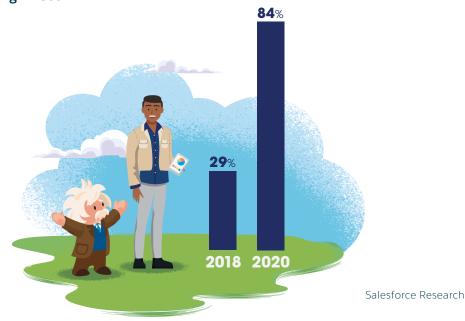


#### **Top AI Use Cases in Marketing**

- Personalized experiences in individual channels
- Improved customer segmentation/lookalike modeling
- Surfaced insights from data
- Drive next best actions (e.g., offers)
- Automated customer interactions

#### **Use of AI in Marketing Has Surged**

**Marketers Reporting AI Use** 



See pages 78 and 79 for additional data segmentations.

## **Spotlight**

# Privacy Initiatives Stem from More Than Regulations

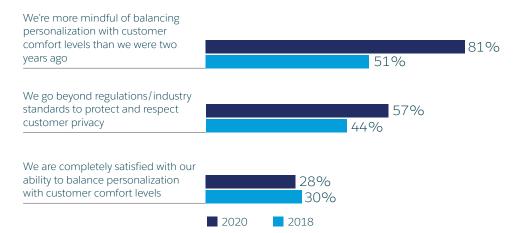
Today, customer trust is built in no small part through empathy, but privacy remains a critical part of the equation. As such, marketers are taking steps to not just comply with regulations like GDPR, but exceed them.

58% of customers are comfortable with their data being used transparently, but only 63% say companies are generally transparent about how their data is used.\*

As marketers raise their standards for data stewardship, their satisfaction in their performance has decreased slightly, and a divide between top marketers and the rest has emerged. Fifty-six percent of high performers are completely satisfied with their ability to balance personalization with customer comfort, versus 4% of underperformers.

#### **Marketers Take Stock of Rising Privacy Standards**

#### Marketers Who Agree with the Following





<sup>\* &</sup>quot;State of the Connected Customer," Salesforce Research, June 2019.

## **03** Marketers Double Down on Business Value

The definition of marketing success is evolving as customer experience, joins business value as the profession's north star. In addition to tried-and-true KPIs like revenue growth and sales effectiveness, marketers are increasingly embracing customer satisfaction metrics, as well as associated signs of success such as referral rates and customer lifetime value (LTV).

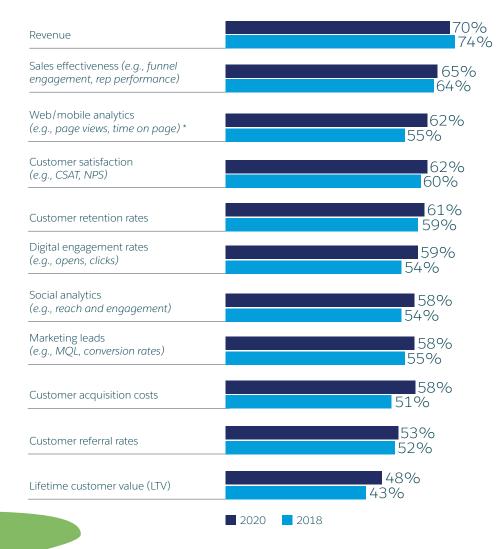
As touchpoints multiply and attention spans shorten, marketers are also delving deeper into web and mobile analytics, social analytics, and digital engagement metrics.

72% of high performers can analyze performance in real time, versus 49% of underperformers.



#### **Marketers Slowly Expand Their KPIs**

#### **Marketers Who Track the Following Metrics**



See pages 80, 81, and 82 for additional data segmentations.

<sup>\*</sup> Web analytics and mobile analytics were distinct categories in 2018.

## 03 Marketers Double Down on Business Value

Marketers aren't just tacking on metrics – they are being more strategic about where in the customer journey to scrutinize them. For branding building purposes, for example, marketers are less focused on generating leads and more concerned about showcasing customer satisfaction. Customer acquisition cost analysis is supplementing more traditional lead generation and acquisition metrics, and referrals play an outsized role in retention and advocacy.

#### Most Valuable Metrics by Customer Journey Stage **Brand Building Customer Acquisition Upselling Customer Retention Customer Advocacy Lead Generation** Customer Marketing Customer Sales Customer Customer ⇄ ⇄ ⇄ ⇄ ⇄ satisfaction leads acquisiton costs effectiveness retention satisfaction Sales Sales Customer Customer Customer ⇄ ⇄ ⇄ ⇄ ⇄ Revenue effectiveness effectiveness satisfaction satisfaction referrals Sales Social Customer Marketing Customer Customer 11 12 12 **1**3 **1**2 effectiveness referrals analytics acquisition costs leads retention Social Customer Customer Customer Social ⇄ **41 ↓1 ↓1** Revenue analytics referrals satisfaction lifetime value analytics Marketing Web/mobile Customer Customer Customer Campaign ⇄ **↓1 ↓**2 **↓1** 11 ROI acquisition costs leads analytics retention lifetime value

## 03 Marketers Double Down on Business Value

Similar to metrics, the relative value of engagement channels shifts as customers move across their journeys. Websites – the front door of any brand – are valued across each stage, as are traffic drivers such as email and social. Customer communities, either owned or third-party, continue as the favorite medium for acquisition, retention, and advocacy, and have also surged in popularity during the brand building stage. Despite their status as relative newcomers to the marketing world, influencers now make an appearance among the five most valuable channels for any stage.

#### Most Valuable Channels by Customer Journey Stage **Brand Building Customer Acquisition** Upselling **Customer Retention Customer Advocacy Lead Generation** Customer Customer Customer ⇄ Influencer ⇄ 2 Website ⇄ Website N/A communities communities communities Social publishing/ Social publishing/ ⇄ ₹ ⇄ Influencer 11 ⇄ Email Email Website advertising advertising Social publishing/ ⇄ 12 Website N/A Influencer N/A Influencer Website 11 Email advertising Social publishing/ Social publishing/ N/A Website Influencer Email 11 Email **J**2 **41** advertising advertising Customer Search engine Social publishing/ Customer **↓**2 ⇄ **41 ↓1 ↓1** Email Mobile app communities marketing (SEM) communities advertising

## **Spotlight**

## Account-Based Marketing Becomes Standard in B2B Organizations

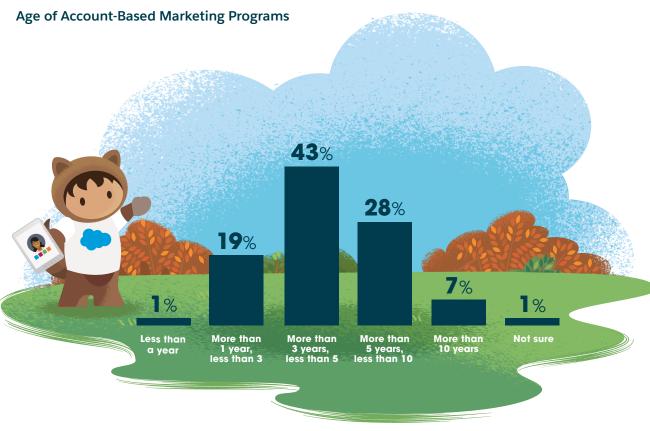
Customers expect empathy, tailored engagement, and value regardless of whether they're buying for themselves or on behalf of their employers. Eighty-two percent of high performers say B2B and B2C marketing tactics are converging, versus 67% of underperformers.

Account-based marketing (ABM) programs are B2B marketers' response to elevated business buyer expectations, and represent a new level of collaboration with sales teams. **Eighty-nine** percent of B2B marketers have an ABM program.\*

High-performing B2B marketers dedicate 18% of budgets to ABM, versus 14% for underperformers.

ABM programs are a relatively new phenomenon – 64% of them were started within the past five years – but have quickly grown more sophisticated. **Sixty-eight** percent of ABM programs use automation.\*





## Look Ahead

## The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

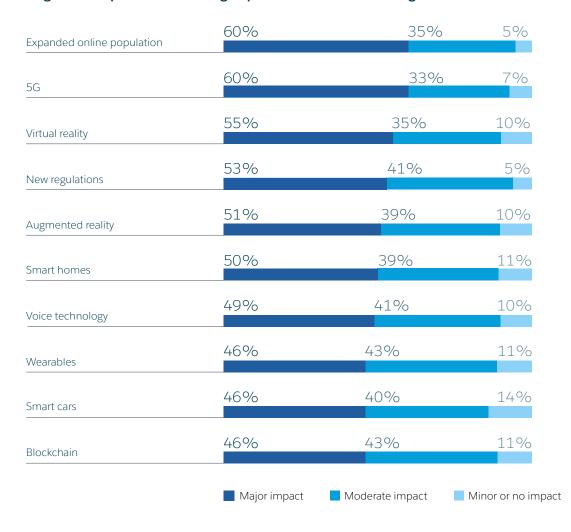
At the time of this writing, marketers – along with the rest of the world – are facing a crisis. But as time goes on, business will recover, confidence will increase, and a newfound appreciation for innovation will take root. Marketers expect the next 10 years to bring transformational impacts from new technologies and societal developments.

From a technological standpoint, marketers expect 5G wireless networks to have the greatest impact on their work over the next 10 years. However, nothing more is anticipated than the new customers and prospects brought online as digital life permeates the global population even more than now.

of high performers say they do a great job at innovating marketing technology, tactics, and strategies, versus 47% of underperformers.

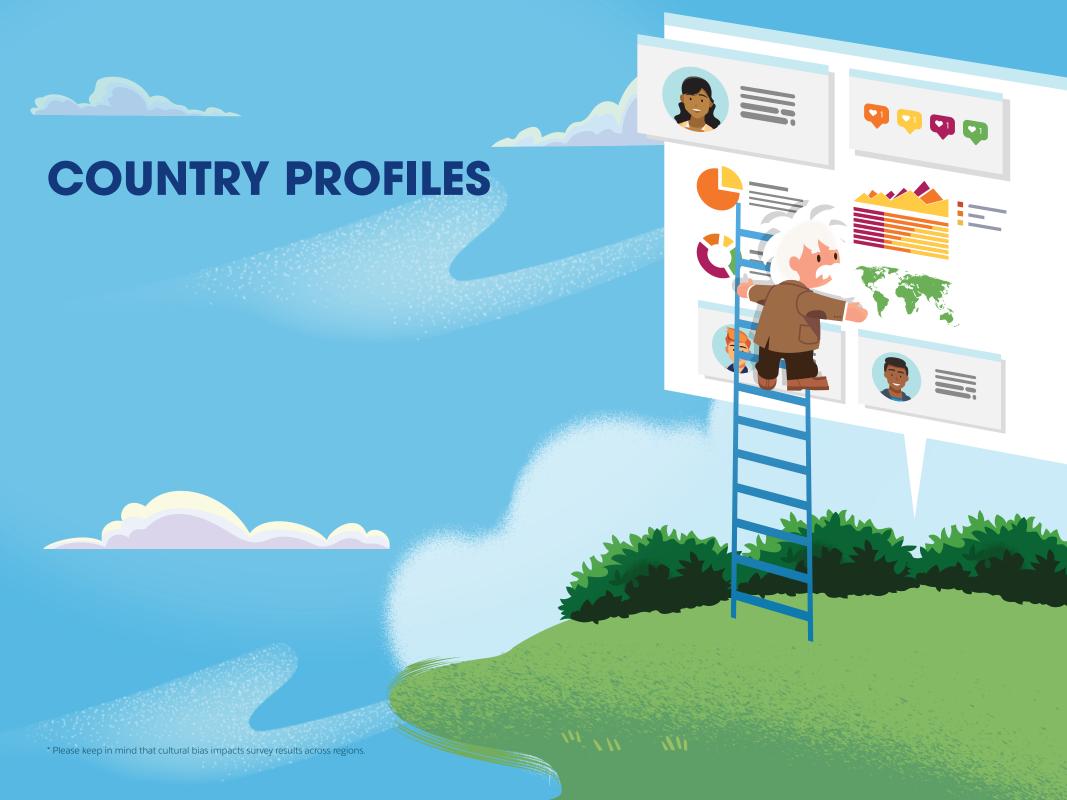
## Technology, Legislation, and Societal Shifts Set to Further Transform Marketing

#### Degree of Impact on Marketing Expected from the Following over the Next Decade



See page 83 for additional data segmentations.

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## Australia/New Zealand (300 marketing professionals)

# Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers Balancing personalization



Innovating

Insufficient organizational structure and processes

Sharing a unified view of customer data across business units

Engaging with customers in real time

with customer comfort



channel experiences

data sources

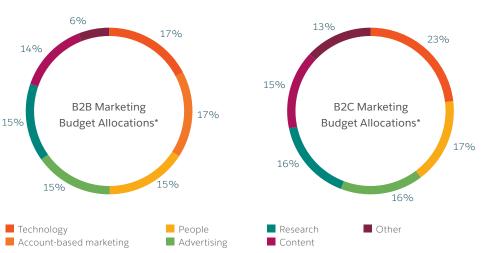
Programmatic advertising and media buying

data sources

Resolve customer identity

projected

data sources



Improving marketing ROI/



#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Sales effectiveness **AND** Customer referral rates (tie) 3 Marketing leads

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

5G

2 Augmented reality

Virtual reality AND Expanding online population (tie)

<sup>\*</sup> Data was collected prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and does not represent any changes in budget allocations that may result. B2B budget data includes B2B2C respondents.

## Belgium (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

Modernizing tools and technologies

Hiring or developing talent

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers







#### Marketers' Top Challenges



Engaging customers in

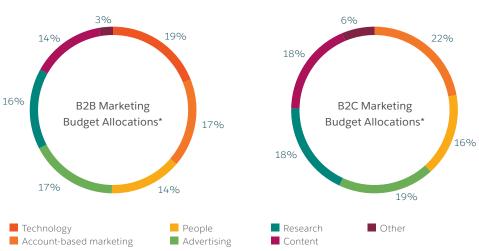
channels and devices

















#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Customer satisfaction

Web/mobile analytics AND Social analytics (tie)

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

New regulations

Expanding online population

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# Country Profile Brazil (300 marketin

## Brazil (300 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

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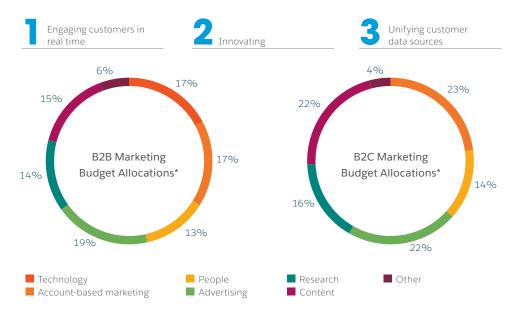
Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers







#### Marketers' Top Challenges



#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases













#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Revenue

2 Sales effectiveness

Web/mobile analytics

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

**1** 5G

2 Expanded online population

3 Wearables

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## Canada (300 marketing professionals)



#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

Marketers' Top Success Metrics



2 Digital engagement rates

3 Sales effectiveness

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Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030



**2** 5G

3 New regulations

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## France (300 marketing professionals)

## **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

Marketers' Top Priorities

Engaging customers in real time

Innovating

Modernizing tools and technologies

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers

data sources

**Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing** 

#### Marketers' Top Challenges



Innovating

Creating cohesive channels and devices



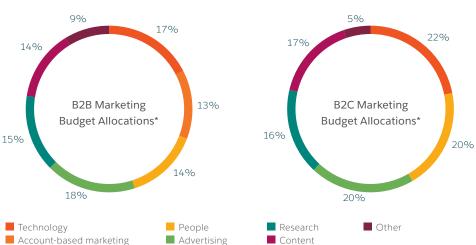




Marketers' Top AI Use Cases



Improve customer segmentation/lookalike modeling AND Personalize individual channel experiences (tie)









#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Sales effectiveness

Campaign ROI

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Voice technology

Smart homes

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## Germany (300 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Complying with privacy regulations Engaging customers in

Innovating

#### Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers

data sources

data sources

**Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing** 



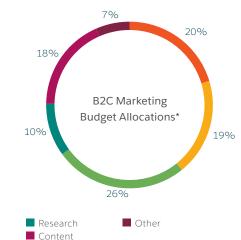
#### Marketers' Top Challenges



People

Advertising





#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases



Drive next best actions in real time AND Personalize the overall customer journey AND Programmatic advertising and media buying (tie)







#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Account-based marketing

Technology

Web/mobile analytics

Customer satisfaction

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Expanded online population

New regulations

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## Hong Kong (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Engaging customers in real time

Improving marketing ROI/attribution

Modernizing tools and technologies

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



data sources





#### Marketers' Top Challenges







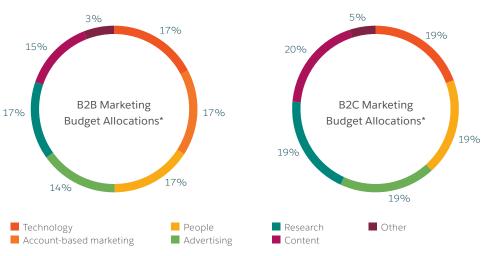




Marketers' Top AI Use Cases













#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Web/mobile analytics

Social analytics AND Sales effectiveness (tie)

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Augmented reality

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## India (300 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

Engaging customers in

Improving marketing ROI/attribution

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



Marketers' Top AI Use Cases





#### Marketers' Top Challenges

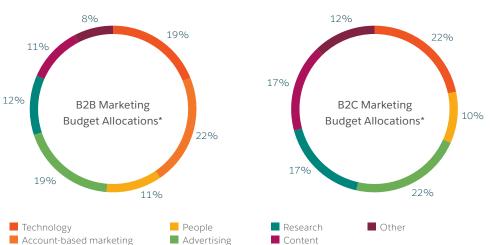


Sharing a unified view of customer data across business units

Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices



Bridge online and offline experiences Improve customer segmentation/lookalike audience modeling









#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Marketing leads

Sales effectiveness

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Expanded online population

Augmented reality

Voice technology

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# Country Profile Ireland (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices

2 Improving marketing ROI/attribution

Unifying customer data sources AND Innovating (tie)

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers







#### Marketers' Top Challenges



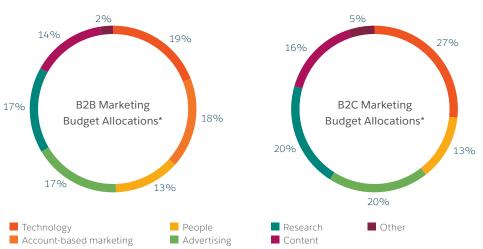






Marketers' Top AI Use Cases











#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Customer satisfaction

2 Digital engagement rates

3 Revenue

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Expanded online population

**2** 5G

3 Virtual reality

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## Country Profile Israel (150 marketing pr

### Israel (150 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Unifying customer data sources **AND**Innovating (tie)

3 Increasing budgets

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



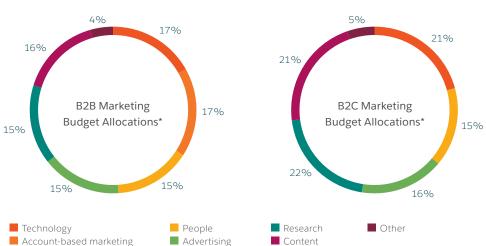




#### Marketers' Top Challenges



2 Engaging customers in real time AND Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices (tie)



#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases

Automate customer interactions over social channels or messaging apps

Bridge online and offline experiences

Drive next best actions in real time AND
Improve customer segmentation/lookalike audience modeling (tie)







#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Customer satisfaction

Digital engagement rates **AND**Customer referral rates (tie)

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Expanded online population

2 New regulations

3 Virtual reality

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## Italy (300 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

Complying with privacy regulations Improving our use of tools and technologies

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers

Marketers' Top AI Use Cases



#### Marketers' Top Challenges

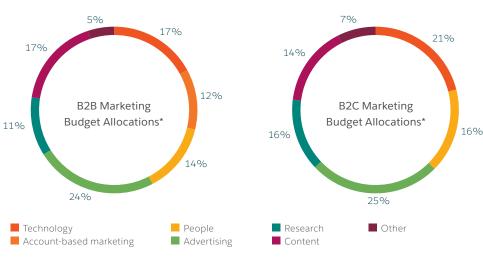


















#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Customer retention rates

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Expanded online

Virtual reality AND

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### Japan (300 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Hiring or developing talent

Sharing a unified view of customer data across

Innovating

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



Marketers' Top AI Use Cases



#### Marketers' Top Challenges



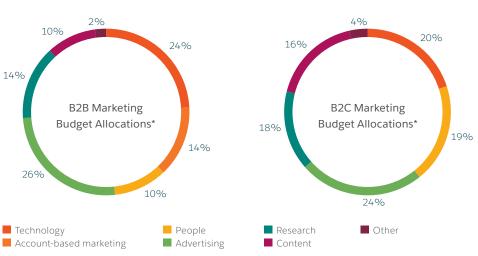
Balancing personalization with customer comfort levels (tie)





Drive next best actions in real time

Improve customer segmentation/lookalike audience modeling









#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Customer retention rates

Customer satisfaction

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Expanded online

Augmented reality

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### Mexico (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

Modernizing tools and technologies

Improving our use of tools and technologies **AND** Engaging customers in real time (tie)

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers

2019

data sources

Marketers' Top Challenges



Engaging customers in

ROI/attribution

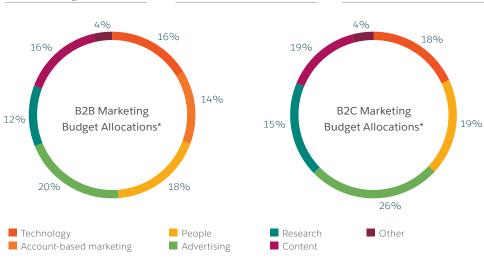


Drive next best actions in real time

Marketers' Top AI Use Cases

Improve customer segmentation/lookalike audience modeling

Programmatic advertising and media buying









#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Sales effectiveness

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Expanded online

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### Netherlands (300 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating **AND**Complying with privacy regulations (tie)

Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



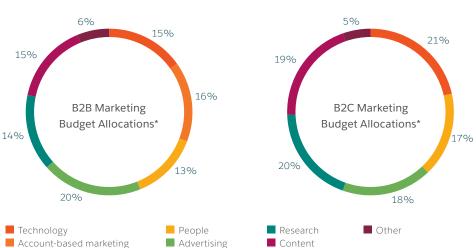




#### Marketers' Top Challenges

Engaging customers in real time AND Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices (tie)





#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases

Automate customer interactions over social channels or messaging apps

Improve customer segmentation/lookalike audience modeling

Personalize individual channel experiences







#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Revenue

2 Social analytics

3 Digital engagement rates

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Augmented reality

New regulations

3 Virtual reality

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### Nordics (300 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

Improving our use of tools and technologies

Balancing personalization with customer comfort

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers









#### Marketers' Top Challenges



Innovating

resources

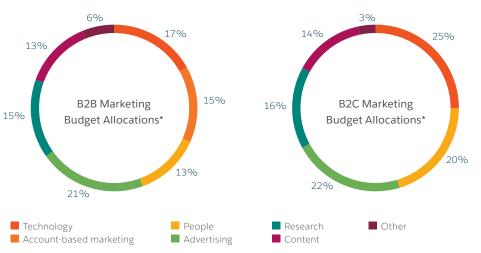






Personalize individual channel experiences











#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Digital engagement rates

Web/mobile analytics

Sales effectiveness

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

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Virtual reality

New regulations

Expanded online

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### Philippines (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Improving our use of tools and technologies

Increasing budgets

Revamping organizational structure and processes

data sources

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers

**Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing** 

data sources



projected data sources

#### Marketers' Top Challenges



Sharing a unified view of customer data across business units

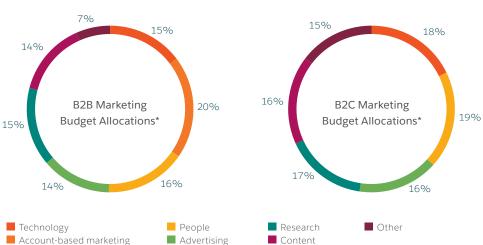




Marketers' Top AI Use Cases

Personalize the overall customer journey











#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Customer satisfaction

Customer retention rates

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Virtual reality

New regulations

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## Poland (300 marketing professionals)



#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics



2 Sales effectiveness

3 Campaign ROI

#### **The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation**

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030



2 Virtual reality

**3** 50

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### Singapore (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

2 Unifying customer data sources

Sharing a unified view of customer data across business units

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



8 data sources



10 data sources

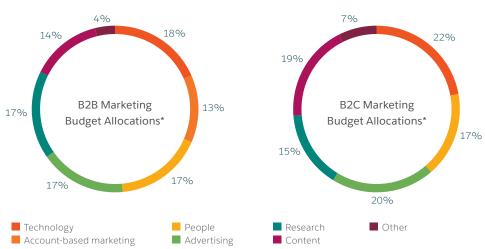


projected data source:

#### Marketers' Top Challenges



Unifying customer data sources AND Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices (tie)



#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases





Programmatic advertising and media buying







#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Revenue

2 Sales effectiveness

Customer retention rates AND Channel ROI (tie)

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

**5**G

2 Expanded online population

New regulations

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## South Africa (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating AND

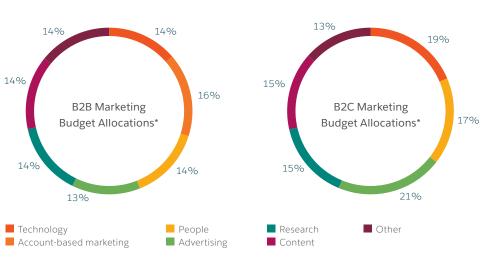
Sharing a unified view of customer data across business units AND Modernizing tools and technologies (tie)

#### Marketers' Top Challenges









#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Web/mobile analytics

Sales effectiveness

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers













#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases













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New regulations **AND** Expanded online population (tie)

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### South Korea (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

2 Engaging customers in real time

Improving marketing ROI/attribution

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



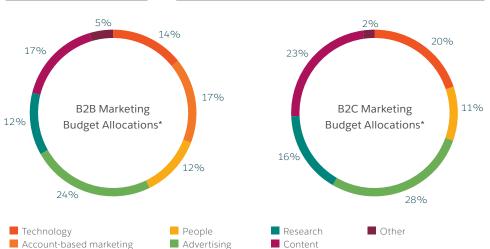




#### Marketers' Top Challenges

Balancing personalization with customer comfort levels

Innovating AND
Engaging customers in real time (tie)



#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases

Bridge online and offline experiences

Programmatic advertising and media buying AND Surface data insights (tie)







#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Customer retention rates

2 Revenue

Web/mobile analytics

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

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Virtual reality **AND**Expanded online population (tie)

**3**<sub>5</sub>

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## Country Profile Spain (300 marketing

## Spain (300 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Complying with privacy regulations

2 Innovating

Engaging customers in real time

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

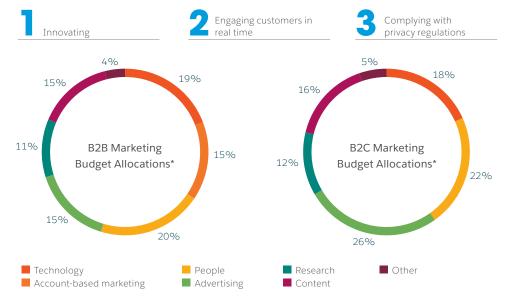
Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers







#### Marketers' Top Challenges



#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases













#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Revenue

2 Sales effectiveness

3 Campaign ROI

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

**1** 5G

2 Smart homes

3 Smart cars

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### Switzerland (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

Engaging customers in

Sharing a unified view of customer data across

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



Marketers' Top AI Use Cases





#### Marketers' Top Challenges

Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices

Engaging customers in

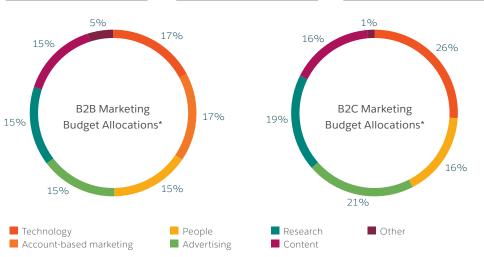
structure and processes





Automate customer interactions over social channels or messaging apps

Drive next best actions in real time









#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Customer retention rates

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Expanded online population

Voice technology AND Wearables **AND** Virtual reality (tie)

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### Thailand (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices

Improving our use of tools and technologies

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



Marketers' Top AI Use Cases





#### Marketers' Top Challenges



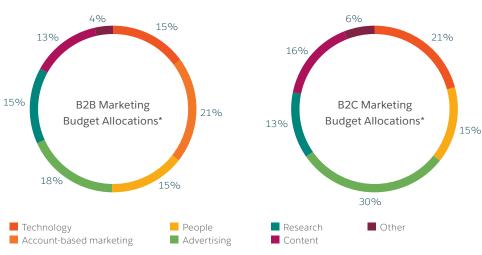


















#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Sales effectiveness

Web/mobile analytics

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Expanded online

Virtual reality

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### United Arab Emirates (200 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Hiring or developing talent **AND**Engaging customers in real time (tie)

Improving our use of tools and technologies AND Improving marketing ROI/attribution (tie)

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

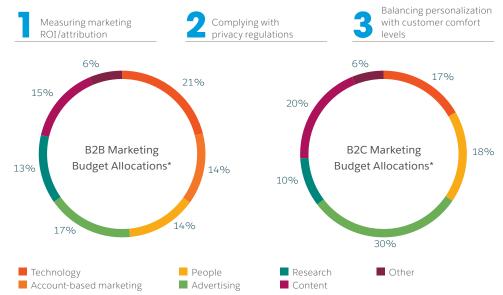
Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers







#### Marketers' Top Challenges



#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases













#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Revenue

2 Sales effectiveness AND Marketing leads (tie)

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Expanded online population

2 New regulations

3 Virtual reality

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## United Kingdom (300 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing** Marketers' Top Priorities Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers Complying with Engaging customers in projected privacy regulations Innovating data sources data sources data sources Automate customer Marketers' Top Challenges Marketers' Top AI Use Cases interactions over social channels or messaging apps AND Creating cohesive Improve customer Unifying customer customer journeys across Engaging customers in Personalize individual segmentation/lookalike Personalize the overall channels and devices channel experiences audience modeling customer journey (tie) data sources real time 7% 13% 19%

16%



13%

Research

Content

Marketers' Top Success Metrics

20%

Account-based marketing

Technology



**B2B** Marketing

**Budget Allocations\*** 

14%

Web/mobile analytics

3 Sales effectiveness

**B2C Marketing** 

**Budget Allocations\*** 

26%

Other

#### The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation

of marketers share

common goals and

metrics with

service teams

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030



of marketers share

common goals and

metrics with

sales teams

2 Expanded online population

3 New regulations

14%

15%

People

Advertising

of marketers share

common goals and

metrics with

ecommerce teams

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## United States (700 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

Complying with privacy regulations Engaging with customers in real time **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing** 

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers



data sources

Marketers' Top AI Use Cases





Marketers' Top Challenges



Innovating

Measuring marketing real time (tie.



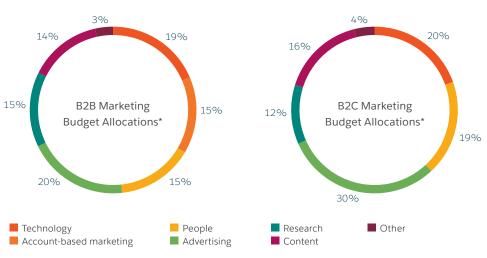


















#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

Marketers' Top Success Metrics



Web/mobile analytics

Digital engagement rates

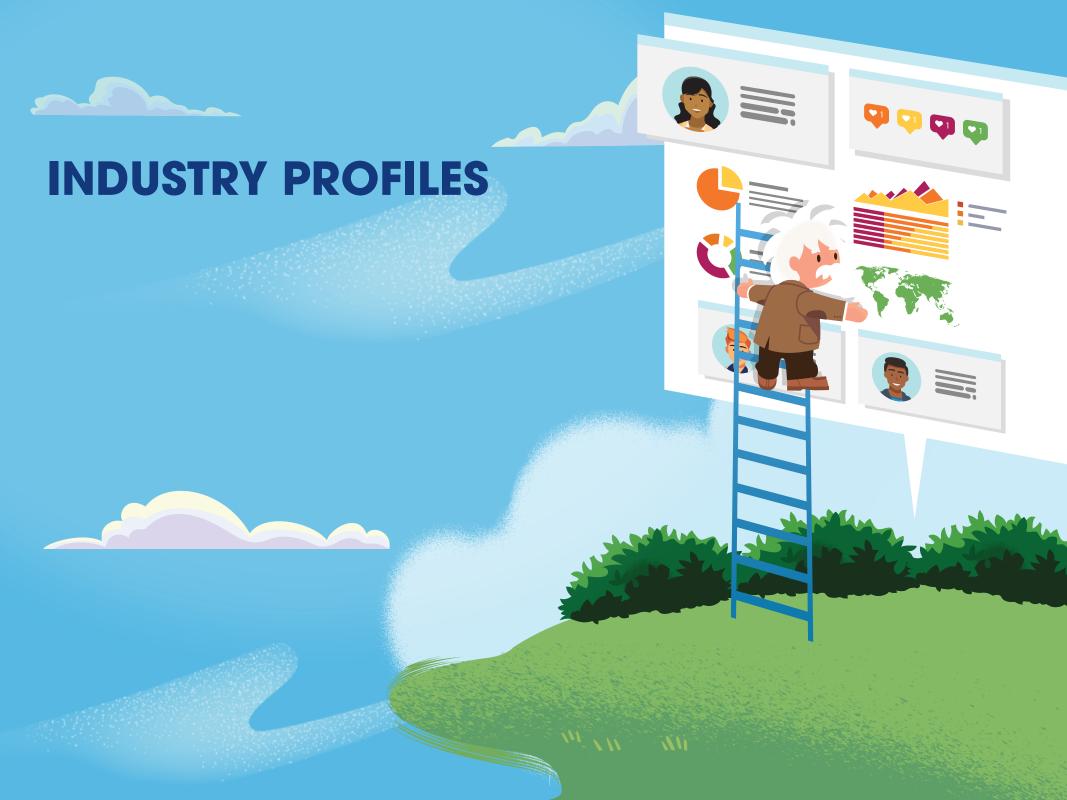
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New regulations

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### Automotive (464 marketing professionals)



#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics



2 Sales effectiveness

3 Customer satisfaction

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Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030



2 Expanded online population

Wirtual reality AND Smart homes (tie)

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### Communications (329 marketing professionals)



Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

2 Engaging customers in real time

Complying with privacy regulations

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Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers

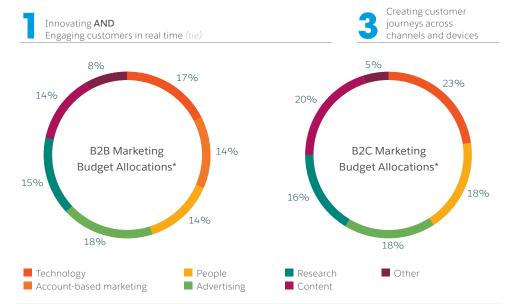




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Marketers Who Describe Their Cross-Channel Coordination as Follows



#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Customer satisfaction

2 Sales effectiveness

Revenue AND Web/mobile analytics (tie)

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Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

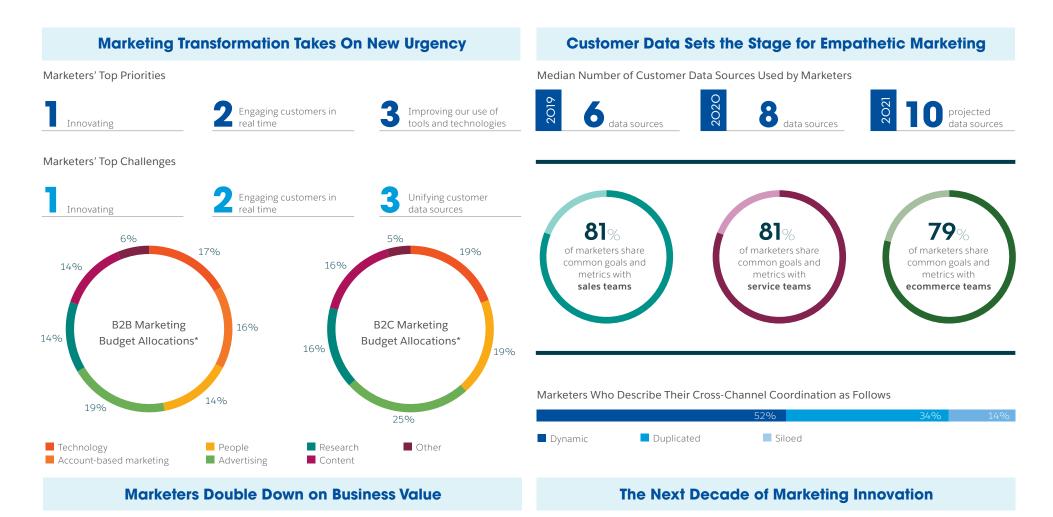
Expanded online population

**2** 5G

3 Smart homes

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## Consumer Goods (882 marketing professionals)



Web/mobile analytics

Expanded online

population

Marketers' Top Success Metrics

Virtual reality

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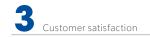
### Energy and Utilities (395 marketing professionals)



#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics





#### **The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation**

Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030



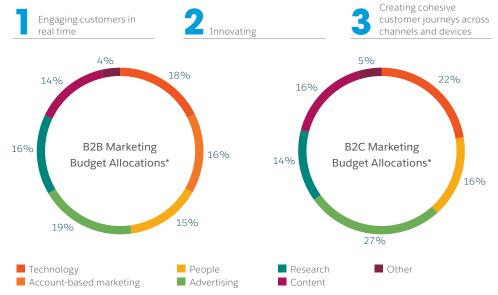
3 Augmented reality

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### Financial Services (764 marketing professionals)

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#### Marketers' Top Challenges





sales teams





#### Marketers Who Describe Their Cross-Channel Coordination as Follows



#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics







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3 New regulations

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### Government (93 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

#### Marketers' Top Priorities

Complying with privacy regulations

Hiring or developing talent

Innovating AND Engaging customers in

Sharing a unified view of customer data across business units

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

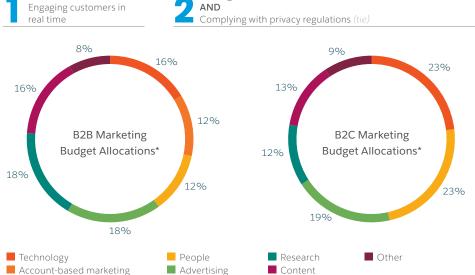
Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers







#### Marketers' Top Challenges









#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

#### Marketers' Top Success Metrics



Web/mobile analytics

Marketers Who Describe Their Cross-Channel Coordination as Follows



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New regulations

Expanded online population

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### Healthcare (469 marketing professionals)

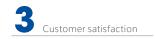


#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics







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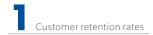
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### Life Sciences or Biotechnology (231 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing** Marketers' Top Priorities Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers Unifying customer Complying with privacy regulations Innovating data sources data sources Marketers' Top Challenges Creating cohesive Sharing a unified view of customer data across busines units AND customer journeys across Engaging customers in real time (tie) channels and devices 81% **76**% 5% of marketers share of marketers share of marketers share 20% 13% common goals and common goals and common goals and 19% metrics with metrics with metrics with sales teams service teams ecommerce teams **B2B** Marketing **B2C Marketing** 14% **Budget Allocations\* Budget Allocations\*** 17% 19% 20% Marketers Who Describe Their Cross-Channel Coordination as Follows 16% 15% 18% Duplicated Siloed Dynamic Other Technology People Research Account-based marketing Advertising Content

#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics



2 Revenue

Sales effectiveness AND
Customer satisfaction
AND
Channel ROI (tie)

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2 Virtual reality

3 Augmented reality

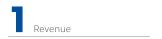
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### Manufacturing (1,010 marketing professionals)

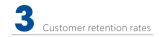


#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics







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### Media and Entertainment (337 marketing professionals)



#### Marketers Double Down on Business Value

Marketers' Top Success Metrics







Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030





Virtual reality

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## Nonprofit (52 marketing professionals)

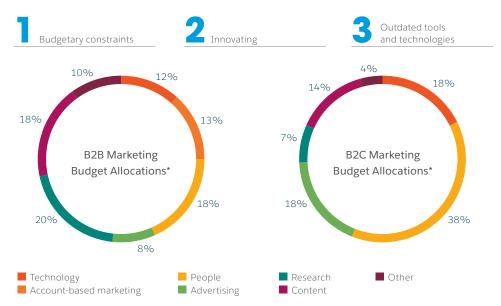
#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

Marketers' Top Priorities

Engaging customers in real time

Innovating AND Complying with privacy regulations (tie)

#### Marketers' Top Challenges



#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics



2 Web/mobile analytics

3 Social analytics

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers





6 data sources



8 projected data sources







Marketers Who Describe Their Cross-Channel Coordination as Follows



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2 New regulations

3 Voice technology

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## Retail (926 marketing professionals)



Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

2 Engaging customers in real time

Complying with privacy regulations

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Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers

2019

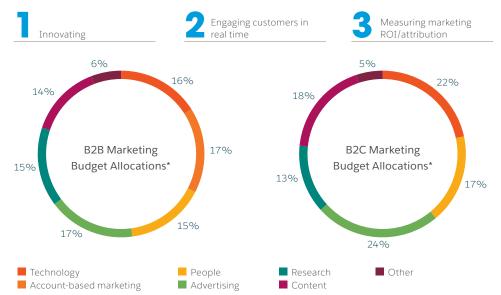
7 data sources

2020

8 data sources

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#### Marketers Who Describe Their Cross-Channel Coordination as Follows



#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics



2 Customer satisfaction

Web/mobile analytics

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Technologies/Developments Expected to Have the Greatest Impact on Marketing by 2030

Expanded online population

**2** 5G

3 Augmented reality

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### Technology (687 marketing professionals)

#### **Marketing Transformation Takes On New Urgency**

Marketers' Top Priorities

Innovating

2 Complying with privacy regulations

Improving our use of tools and technologies

#### **Customer Data Sets the Stage for Empathetic Marketing**

Median Number of Customer Data Sources Used by Marketers

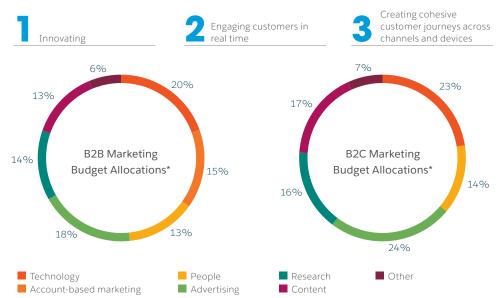




16 data source













#### Marketers Who Describe Their Cross-Channel Coordination as Follows



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Marketers' Top Success Metrics







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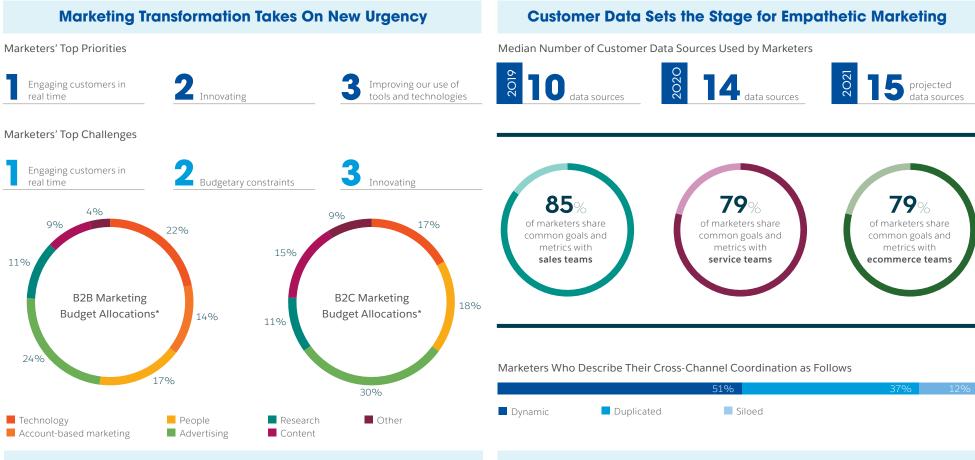


<sup>2</sup> Expanded online population

3 Virtual reality

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### Transportation and Hospitality (202 marketing professionals)

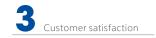


#### **Marketers Double Down on Business Value**

Marketers' Top Success Metrics







#### **The Next Decade of Marketing Innovation**

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New regulations

**<sup>2</sup>** 5G

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## **Appendix**Priorities and Ch

## Priorities and Challenges

#### **High Performers**

- Innovating
- 2 Improving our use of tools and technologies
- Complying with privacy regulations

  AND Engaging customers in real time (tie)
- 5 Improving marketing ROI/attribution

#### **Moderate Performers**

- Innovating
- 2 Engaging customers in real time
- 3 Complying with privacy regulations
- Improving our use of tools and technologies
- Modernizing tools and technologies

## Underperformers

**Marketers' Top Priorities** 

- Complying with privacy regulations
- 2 Innovating
- Modernizing tools and technologies
- Improving our use of tools and technologies
- 5 Engaging customers in real time

#### **B2B**\*

- Innovating
- 2 Complying with privacy regulations
- Engaging customers in real time
- Improving our use of tools and technologies
- 5 Improving marketing ROI/attribution

#### B<sub>2</sub>C

- Innovating
- 2 Engaging customers in real time
- Complying with privacy regulations
- Modernizing tools and technologies
- 5 Improving our use of tools and technologies

#### **Marketers' Top Challenges**

#### **High Performers**

- Engaging customers in real time
- Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices
- 3 Innovating
- Unifying customer data sources
- 5 Insufficient organizational structure and processes

#### **Moderate Performers**

- Engaging customers in real time
- 2 Innovating
- Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices
- 4 Unifying customer data sources
- 5 Sharing a unified view of customer data across business units

#### **Underperformers**

- Budgetary constraints
- 2 Innovating
- Insufficient human resources
- Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices
- Measuring marketing ROI/attribution

#### **B2B**\*

- Engaging customers in real time
- 2 Innovating
- Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices
- Insufficient organizational structure and processes
- 5 Unifying customer data sources
- \* Includes B2B2C marketers

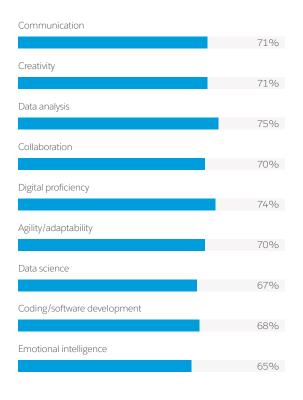
#### B<sub>2</sub>C

- Innovating
- 2 Engaging customers in real time
- Budgetary constraints
- Creating cohesive customer journeys across channels and devices
- Balancing personalization with customer comfort levels

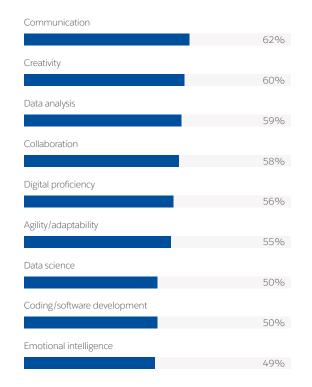


#### Marketers Who Rate Their Team's Skills as Advanced, by Company Performance

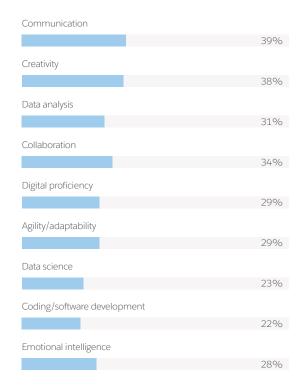
#### **High Performers**



#### **Moderate Performers**



#### **Underperformers**



## Appendix Cross-Functional Collaboration

#### **High Performers**



85% of marketers share common goals and metrics with service teams

85% of marketers share common goals and metrics with ecommerce teams

#### **Moderate Performers**



80% of marketers share common goals and metrics with service teams

80% of marketers share common goals and metrics with ecommerce teams

#### **Underperformers**

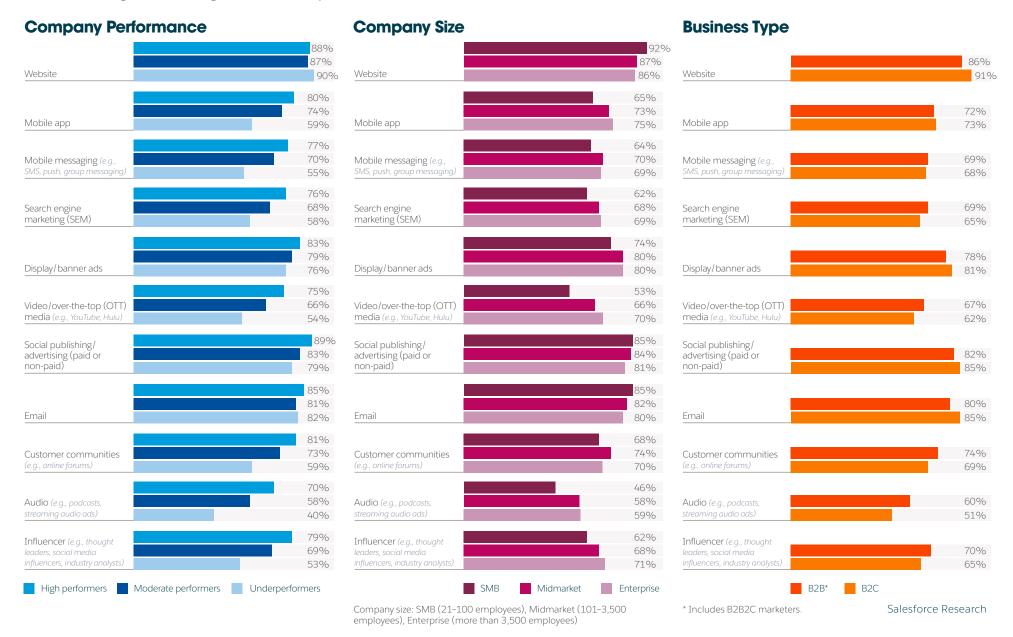






## Appendix Channel Adoption

#### Marketers Using the Following Customer/Prospect Communication Channels



# Appendix Channel Coordination

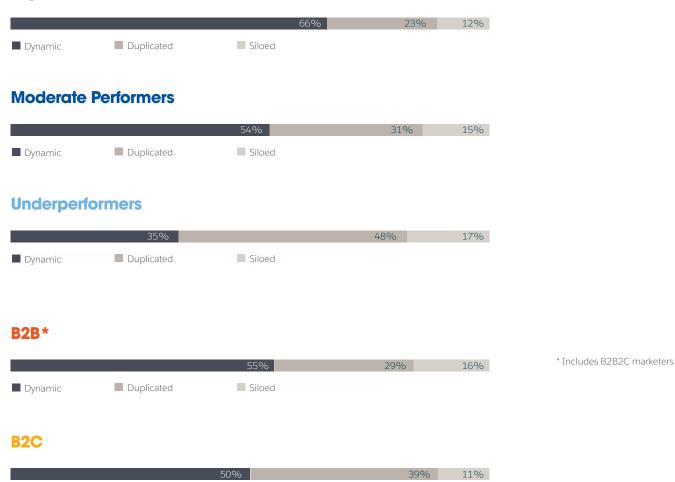
Marketers Who Describe Their Cross-Channel Coordination as Follows, by Company Performance and Business Type

## **High Performers**

Dynamic

Duplicated

Siloed

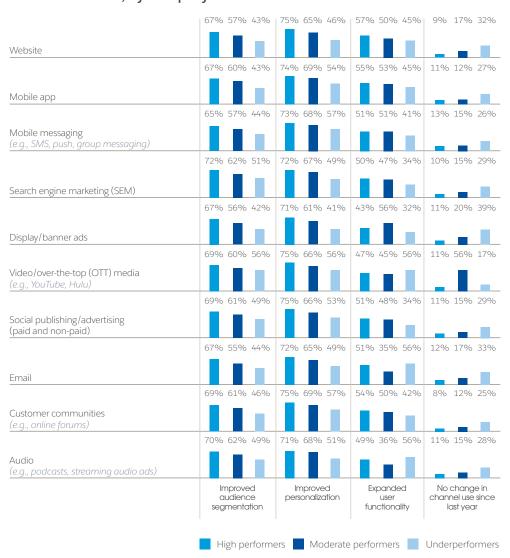


## Appendix Changes in Technology and Channel Use

## Marketers Planning to Increase Use of the Following Technologies over the Next Year, by Company Performance



## How Marketers Have Changed Their Use of Channels over the Past Year, by Company Performance



Base: Marketers using the indicated channel.

Salesforce Research



#### Median Number of Data Sources Used by Marketers

## **High Performers**

- 6 data sources
- 10 data sources
- projected data source:

## Moderate Performers

- 8 data sources
- 10 data sources
- 72 projected data sources

## Underperformers





## SMB

## 8 data sources



Company size: SMB (21–100 employees), Midmarket (101–3,500 employees), Enterprise (more than 3,500 employees)

## Midmarket

## 6 0

## **Enterprise**

**B2B**\*

data source

2 10 data source

72 projected data sources

\* Includes B2B2C marketers.

B2C





## Ranking of Most Common Technologies for Marketing Data Management, by Company Performance

| High Performers  | <b>Moderate Performers</b>                                  | Underperformers   |
|--|---|---|
| Customer relationship management (CRM) system                  | Customer relationship management (CRM) system               | Customer relationship management (CRM) system                   |
| 2 Customer data platform (CDP)                                 | Email service provider (ESP)                                | Email service provider (ESP)                                    |
|  | 3 Advertising platforms                                     | 3 Advertising platforms   |
| Advertising platforms AND Data management platform (DMP) (tie) | Data management platform (DMP)                              | Data management platform (DMP)                                  |
| Marketing automation/ account-based marketing (ABM) platform   | Customer data platform (CDP)                                | Homegrown solution  |
| Email service provider (ESP)                                   | Marketing automation/account-based marketing (ABM) platform | Customer data platform (CDP)                                    |
| Consent management platform                                    | Consent management platform                                 | Marketing automation/<br>account-based marketing (ABM) platform |
| 8 Homegrown solution   | 8 Homegrown solution  | Consent management platform                                     |

## Appendix

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) Adoption and Use Cases

#### Marketers Reporting AI Use This Year, by Company Performance

## **High Performers**

## 52% 32% 9% ■ Increase use ■ Maintain use ■ Decrease use

### **Moderate Performers**



## **Underperformers**

| 28%          | 28%            | 11%          |  |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| Increase use | ■ Maintain use | Decrease use |  |

## **High Performers**

Average number of ways a high-performing company uses Al

7

#### **Moderate Performers**

Average number of ways a moderate-performing company uses Al 7

## **Underperformers**

Average number of ways an underperforming company uses AI

6

#### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases, by Company Performance

## **High Performers**

- Improve customer segmentation/ lookalike audience modeling
- Personalize individual channel experiences
- Automate customer interactions over social channels or messaging apps
- Bridge online and offline experiences
- Drive next best actions in real time

## **Moderate Performers**

- Personalize individual channel experiences
- 2 Surface data insights
- 3 Drive next best actions in real time
- Improve customer segmentation/ lookalike audience modeling
- 4 Automate customer interactions over social channels or messaging apps

## **Underperformers**

- Personalize individual channel experiences
- Surface data insights
- Improve customer segmentation/lookalike audience modeling
- Personalize the overall customer journey
- Drive next best actions in real time

Base: Marketers who use artificial intelligence (AI).

## **Appendix**

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) Adoption and Use Cases

### Marketers Reporting AI Use This Year, by Business Type

B2B\* B2C



**B2B**\*

Average number of ways a B2B company uses AI

7

B<sub>2</sub>C

Average number of ways a B2C company uses AI 7

### Marketers' Top AI Use Cases, by Business Type

B2B\* B2C

- Improve customer segmentation/ lookalike audience modeling
- Personalize individual channel experiences
- 3 Surface data insights
- Drive next best actions in real time
- Personalize the overall customer journey

Personalize individual channel experiences

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Drive next best actions in real time

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Surface data insights

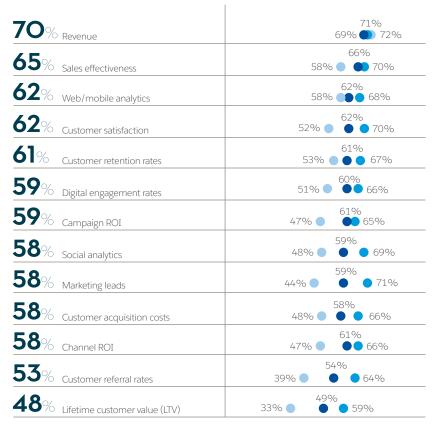
Automate customer interactions over social channels or messaging apps

Improve customer segmentation/lookalike audience modeling (tie)

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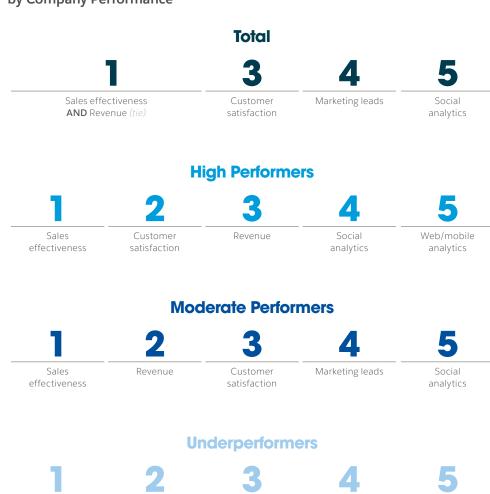
# Appendix Metrics Across the Journey

### Metrics Currently Tracked, by Company Performance



- High performers
- Moderate performers
- Underperformers

## Top-Ranked Overall Marketing Program Success Metrics, by Company Performance



Marketing leads

Campaign

ROI

Revenue

Sales

effectiveness

Customer

satisfaction

# Appendix Metrics Across the Journey

#### Metrics Currently Tracked, by Business Type

| 70                                     |              |
|--|--------------|
| 70% Revenue                            | 73% •• 77%   |
| 65% Sales effectiveness                | 65% 66%      |
| 62% Web/mobile analytics               | 61% 64%      |
| 62% Customer satisfaction              | 61% 62%      |
| 61% Customer retention rates           | 60% 62%      |
| 59% Digital engagement rates           | 58% 61%      |
| 59% Campaign ROI                       | 60% 59%      |
| <b>58</b> % Social analytics           | 58% 6 59%    |
| <b>58</b> % Marketing leads            | 57% 🚺 59%    |
| <b>58</b> % Customer acquisition costs | 57% 🌖 58%    |
| 58% Channel ROI                        | 57% ( 58%    |
| 53% Customer referral rates            | 52% 🥠 54%    |
| 48% Lifetime customer value (LTV)      | 45% • 50%    |
|  | ● B2B* ● B2C |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes B2B2C marketers.

## Top-Ranked Overall Marketing Program Success Metrics, by Business Type



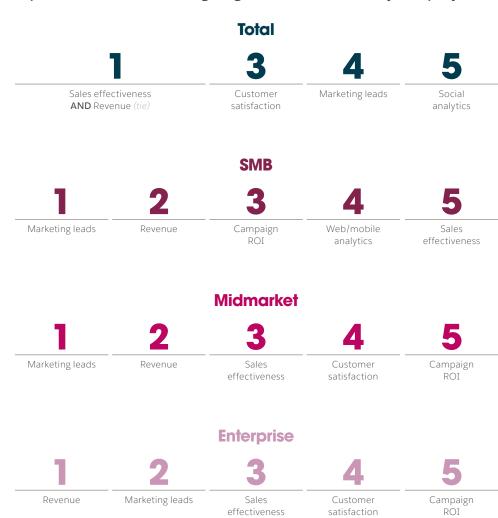
## Appendix Metrics Across the Journey

#### Metrics Currently Tracked, by Company Size

| 70% Revenue                            | 69% <b>6</b> 70%                   |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 65% Sales effectiveness                | 65% <b>6</b> 6%                    |
| 62% Web/mobile analytics               | 61% <b>●</b><br>61% <b>●</b> ○ 64% |
| 52% Customer satisfaction              | 61%<br>60% 64%                     |
| Customer retention rates               | 61%<br>58% <b>(1)</b> 62%          |
| 59% Digital engagement rates           | ○ 60%<br>59% <b>○</b> 60%          |
| <b>59</b> % Campaign ROI               | 60%<br>53% <b>●(</b> ) 61%         |
| 58% Social analytics                   | 59%<br>54% <b>●①</b> 60%           |
| <b>58</b> % Marketing leads            | 49% 59%<br>● <b>()</b> 61%         |
| <b>58</b> % Customer acquisition costs | 58%<br>52% <b>● ①</b> 59%          |
| 58% Channel ROI                        | 58%<br>52% <b>● (</b> ) 59%        |
| Customer referral rates                | 53%<br>50% <b>(1)</b> 54%          |
| 48% Lifetime customer value (LTV)      | 49%<br>39% <b>• ()</b> 51%         |

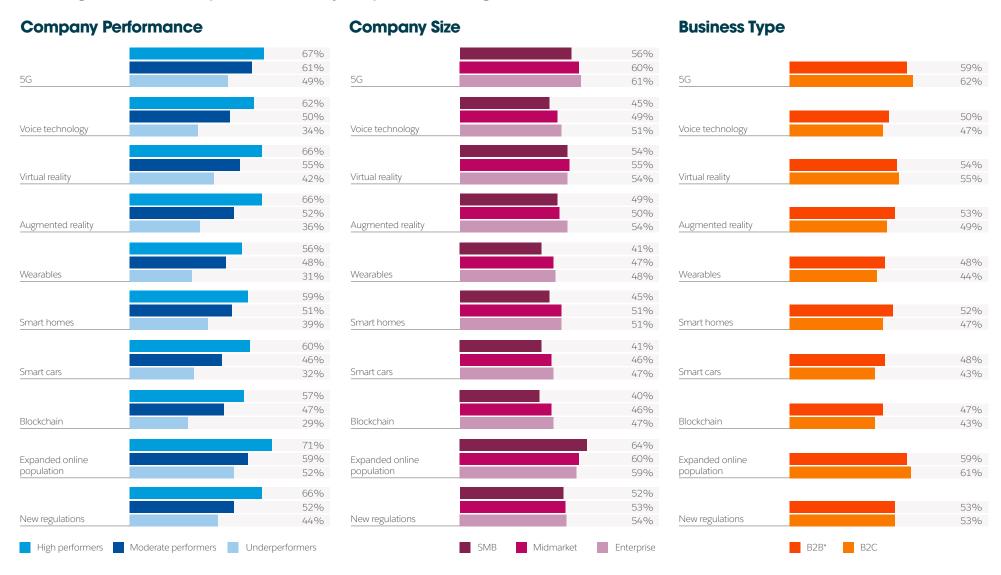
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#### Top-Ranked Overall Marketing Program Success Metrics, by Company Size



# Appendix The Next Decade of Marketing

#### Technologies and More Anticipated to Have a Major Impact on Marketing over the Next Decade

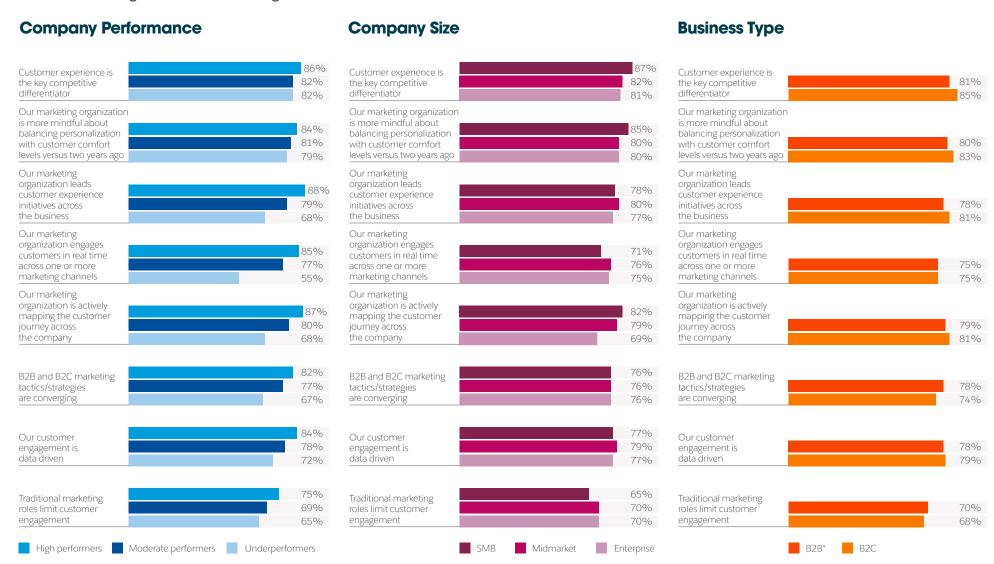


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## Appendix Agreement

#### Marketers Who Agree with the Following Statements



Company size: SMB (21–100 employees), Midmarket (101–3,500 employees), Enterprise (more than 3,500 employees)

<sup>\*</sup> Includes B2B2C marketers.



the same CRM system

High performers Moderate performers Underperformers

#### Marketers Who Agree with the Following Statements

#### **Company Performance Company Size Business Type** 67% 58% 64% 62% 61% Measurement/attribution Measurement/attribution Measurement/attribution is an automated process is an automated process 49% is an automated process 63% We go beyond We go beyond We go beyond 63% 60% regulations/industry regulations/industry regulations/industry standards to protect and 57% 57% 55% standards to protect and standards to protect and respect customer privacy respect customer privacy respect customer privacy 51% 55% 60% 49% 70% 59% We have a fully defined We have a fully defined 58% We have a fully defined 58% AI strategy AI strategy AI strategy 35% 58% 56% 72% 67% We can analyze We can analyze We can analyze 68% 66% 64% marketing performance marketing performance marketing performance in real time in real time in real time 49% 64% 68% We do a great job at We do a great job at We do a great job at 76% 63% innovating our marketing innovating our marketing innovating our marketing 68% 66% 67% technology, tactics, technology, tactics, technology, tactics, and strategies 47% and strategies 69% and strategies 65% 73% 68% Our marketing team Our marketing team Our marketing team 68% 69% 68% conducts its ABM conducts its ABM conducts its ABM program with automation 59% program with automation program with automation 65% 64% 62% Sales, service, and Sales, service, and Sales, service, and 63% 64% 62% marketing teams use marketing teams use marketing teams use

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SMB

Midmarket

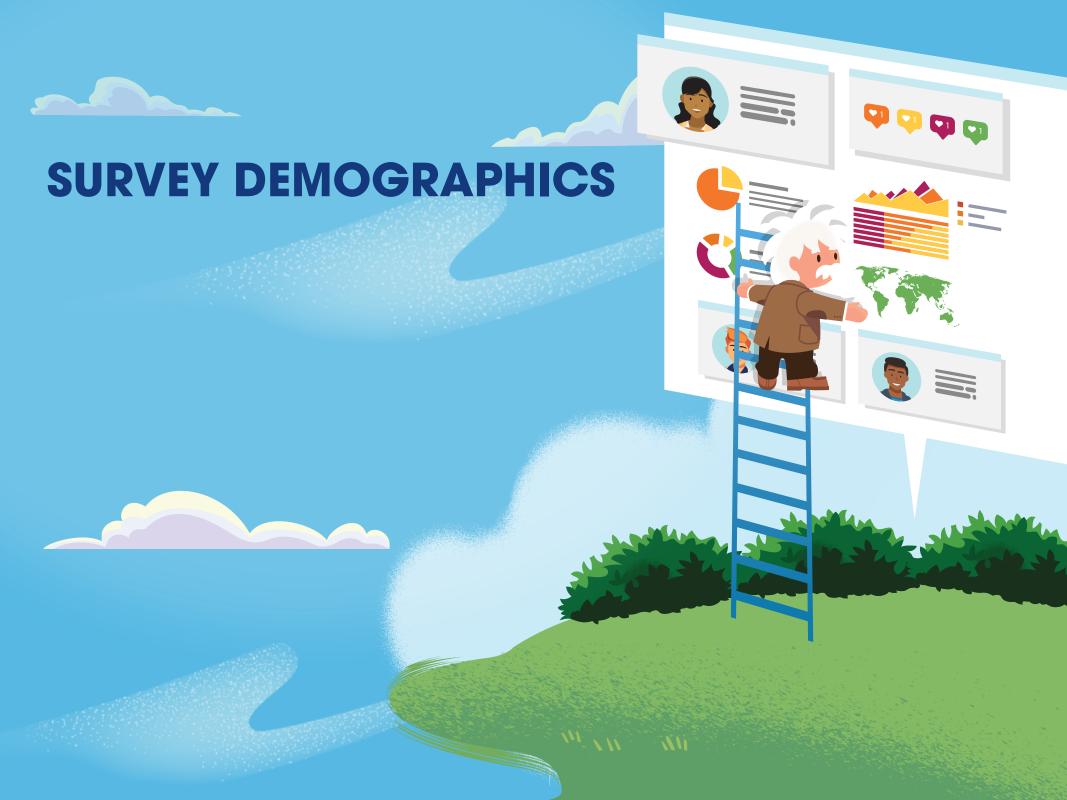
Enterprise

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B2C

<sup>\*</sup> Includes B2B2C marketers.



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## **Survey Demographics**

## **INDUSTRY**

| 7%  |
|-----|
| 5%  |
| 13% |
| 6%  |
| 11% |
| 1%  |
| 7%  |
| 3%  |
| 15% |
| 5%  |
| 1%  |
| 13% |
| 10% |
| 3%  |
| 2%  |
|     |

## **COMPANY TYPE**

| Business-to-business (B2B)               | .25% |
|--|------|
| Business-to-consumer (B2C)               | .35% |
| Business-to-business-to-consumer (B2B2C) | .40% |

## **COMPANY SIZE**

| SMB (1-100 employees)           | 11% |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Midmarket (101-3,500 employees) |     |
| Enterprise (3,501+ employees)   | 26% |

## **GENERATION**

| Baby Boomers         | 4%  |
|----------------------|-----|
| Gen Xers             | 44% |
| Millennials/Gen Zers | 52% |

## **ROLE WITHIN MARKETING**

| CMO                | 26% |
|--------------------|-----|
| Marketing VP       |     |
| Marketing director |     |
| Marketing manager  |     |

## **REGION**

| Europe, Middle East, and Africa | 51% |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Asia Pacific                    |     |
| U.S. & Canada                   | 14% |
| Latin America                   | 7%  |

## **COUNTRY**

| Australia/New Zealand                      | 4% |
|--|----|
| Belgium                                    | 3% |
| Brazil                                     |    |
| Canada                                     | 4% |
| France                                     |    |
| Germany                                    |    |
| Hong Kong                                  |    |
| India                                      |    |
| Ireland                                    |    |
| Israel                                     |    |
| Italy                                      |    |
| Japan                                      |    |
| Mexico                                     |    |
| Netherlands                                |    |
| Nordics (Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden) | 4% |
| Philippines                                |    |
| Poland                                     |    |
| Singapore                                  | 3% |
| South Africa                               |    |
| South Korea                                | 3% |
| Spain                                      | 4% |
| Switzerland                                |    |
| Thailand                                   | 3% |
| United Arab Emirates                       | 3% |
| United Kingdom                             |    |
| United States                              |    |

