

Salesforce.com Customer Relationship Survey Results

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Salesforce.com (NYSE: CRM), the enterprise cloud computing company, has released the results of its biannual customer satisfaction survey of more than 5,200 global customers conducted by independent research firm Confirmit Inc. The Relationship survey assesses various aspects of the relationship between salesforce.com and its customers, including customer loyalty, customer satisfaction, and return on investment achieved.

A total of 5,288 responses to the survey were received from English, French, German, Japanese, and English UK speaking customers worldwide. A sample of this size is considered accurate at the 95 percent confidence level, +/- 1.35% margin of error. Response sizes per question vary. The respondents were randomly selected and represented organizations across the globe, of all sizes and from a diverse set of 23 industries.

Salesforce.com Customers are Extremely Loyal

The survey found that 93 percent of customers indicate they definitely or probably will continue to use Salesforce in the future, and 85 percent of customers indicate they definitely or probably will recommend Salesforce to others. In fact, 69 percent of those surveyed have actually recommended Salesforce to a colleague.

Executives Achieve Their Business Objectives with Salesforce

The survey found that business executives involved in the CRM purchase decision are achieving their business objectives with Salesforce¹.

The survey found that:

- 83% improved data quality and data management

- 86% improved sales pipeline visibility
- 83% standardized business processes
- 81% improved customer service/support
- 65% increased customer satisfaction
- 64% improved forecasting accuracy
- 64% increased marketing campaign effectiveness
- 63% reduced sales, service, marketing, or other operational costs
- 63% increased customer retention
- 62% acquired new customers
- 59% enhanced cross-sell and up-sell opportunities
- 56% increased sales revenues
- 53% increased customer loyalty

When executives² were asked about percentage improvements in performance metrics, the survey found these average improvement achievements:

Average Sales Metrics Achieved

- 45% increase in forecast accuracy
- 36% increase in sales productivity
- 35% faster new sales rep ramp up time
- 34% increase in sales productivity from Salesforce Mobile
- 33% decrease in sales cycle time
- 29% increase in sales' understanding of customers from social channels
- 29% increase in number of deals
- 28% increase in sales revenues
- 27% increase in sales cross sell/up sell revenue
- 26% increase in deal size
- 26% increase in win rate

Average Sales Performance Management Metrics Achieved

- 46% increase in ability to identify top sales talent

- 46% increase in real-time feedback given to sales reps
- 45% increase in recognizing sales achievements and sharing key wins
- 45% increase in goal-setting for sales team
- 39% decrease in time to complete performance reviews
- 38% increase in sales coaching
- 35% decrease in time to onboard new sales reps
- 34% increase in skill development for sales reps

Average Analytics/Reporting Metrics Achieved

- 59% improvement in ability to get information about your business
- 57% reduction in report generation time

Average Marketing Metrics Achieved

- 41% increase in lead volume
- 41% increase in marketing campaign effectiveness
- 41% increase in leads from social sources
- 38% increase in lead conversion rate

Average Service and Support Metrics Achieved

- 42% increase in publishing solutions to the knowledge base
- 41% increase in first call (or contact) resolution
- 40% increase in agent productivity
- 37% faster case resolution time
- 37% increase in customer satisfaction
- 36% increase in call deflection (via self-service)
- 35% decrease in service/support costs
- 35% increase in understanding of customer service issues from social channels
- 35% reduction in new agent onboarding/ramp-up time
- 34% increase in customer retention

- 34% increase in agent cross sell/up sell revenue

Average Collaboration Metrics Achieved

- 43% improvement in finding information and expertise quickly
- 38% increase in employee connections
- 36% improvement in employee productivity
- 36% increase in employee engagement
- 36% increase in employee satisfaction
- 34% increase in idea generation
- 31% reduction in email usage
- 31% reduction in meetings

Average Content Management Metrics Achieved

- 40% improvement in ability to get the right information to customers/prospects
- 39% improvement in time to find the right sales asset

Average Partner/Channel Management Metrics Achieved

- 51% increase in number of partners registered
- 43% decrease in new partner onboarding time
- 35% increase in collaboration with partners
- 35% increase in partner deal registration
- 33% increase in partner deal win rate

Average IT Metrics Achieved

- 58% faster deployment
- 55% faster configuration
- 52% faster design
- 52% faster system testing
- 46% decrease in IT costs (e.g., support/admin, development, integration, infrastructure mgt, user training, upgrades)
- 45% faster integration
- 43% increase in coding productivity

In fact, business executives report achieving an average return on investment (percentage of return for the money invested) of 60%. Executives report achieving ROI in 12 months of implementing Salesforce.

Key Drivers of Satisfaction

Reliability is the number one driver of satisfaction. The remaining top 9 drivers of satisfaction with Salesforce are: security, user interface consistency, user interface readability, ease of managing users, breadth of CRM features, performance/speed, ease of use, depth of CRM features, and ease of administration.

About Conconfirm

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About Salesforce.com

Founded in 1999, salesforce.com is the enterprise cloud computing leader. Using salesforce.com's social and mobile cloud technologies, companies can connect with customers, partners and employees in entirely new ways. Based on salesforce.com's real-time, multitenant architecture, the company's platform and apps give customers the tools to create a social front office and revolutionize the way they sell, service, market, collaborate, work, and innovate.

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- Deliver amazing customer service with the award-winning [Salesforce Service Cloud](#).
- Listen, engage, advertise, and measure social media marketing with the [Salesforce Marketing Cloud](#).
- Achieve breakthrough collaboration and productivity with [Salesforce Chatter](#).

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Salesforce.com has headquarters in San Francisco, with offices in Europe and Asia, and trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "CRM." For more information please visit <http://salesforce.com>, or call 1-800-NO-SOFTWARE.

¹ Respondents to this question completed our March 2013 survey wave. They were business executives/sponsors/system administrators involved in the CRM purchase decision, from all size companies worldwide, randomly selected. Sample size for improved sales pipeline visibility = 764, improved data quality and data management = 789, improved customer service/support = 541, increased customer satisfaction = 399, standardized business processes = 786, reduced sales, service, marketing, or other operational costs = 309, increased marketing campaign effectiveness = 442, improved forecasting accuracy = 487, acquired new customers = 493, increased customer retention = 385, enhanced cross-sell and up-sell opportunities = 305, increased sales revenues = 570, and increased customer loyalty = 243.

² Respondents to this question completed our March 2013 survey wave. They were business executives/sponsors/system administrators involved in the CRM purchase decision, from all size companies worldwide, randomly selected. Sample size for decrease in report generation time = 834, increase in forecast accuracy = 351, increase in sales productivity = 500, increase in lead conversion rate = 240, increase in sales rep productivity from using Salesforce Mobile = 265, decrease in sales cycle time = 200, increase in sales revenues = 316, increase in deal size = 148, increase in win rate = 249, increase in # of deals = 256, increase in lead volume = 306, increase in sales understanding of customers from social channels = 130, faster new sales rep ramp-up time = 219, increase in sales up-sell/cross-sell revenue = 173, increase in marketing campaign effectiveness = 358, increase in service and support agent productivity = 234, increase in customer satisfaction = 287, increase in first call (or contact) resolution = 188, reduction in case resolution time = 175, increase in customer retention = 189, increase in call deflection (via self-service) = 83, decrease in service/support costs = 127, reduction in agent training/ramp-up time = 110, increase in agent cross sell/up sell revenue = 78, increase in publishing solutions to the knowledge base = 110, increase in understanding of customer service issues from social channels = 66, improvement in sales and marketing alignment = 329, increase in leads from social sources = 118, improvement in ability to get information about your business = 904, improvement in finding information and expertise quickly = 375, improvement in time to find the right sales asset = 232, improvement in ability to get the right information to customers/prospects = 270, improvement in employee productivity = 428, reduction in email usage = 289, reduction in meetings = 189, increase in employee engagement = 321, increase in employee satisfaction = 285, increase in employee connections = 246, increase in innovation/idea generation = 220, increase in number of partners registered = 91, decrease in new partner onboarding time = 72, increase in partner deal registration = 54, increase in partner deal win rate = 51, increase in coding productivity = 128, faster design = 185, faster integration = 162, faster configuration = 202, faster system testing = 154, faster deployment = 182, and decrease in IT costs (e.g., support/admin, development, integration, infrastructure management, user training, upgrades) = 173. Average ROI = 249. Time to achieve ROI = 349.

Note: Intended as a guideline based upon historical results from a sample set of customers. Results are dependent upon many different factors that are customer-specific. Therefore, actual results will vary.