

ERP ABC Solutions

Small Business Market Study

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Survey Objectives

Small business environment:

- Key business challenges and opportunities that small businesses (1-50 employees) in this segment are facing.
- Key trends in managing their businesses from a software perspective, challenges, obstacles and factors in decision-making.
- Key business decision-makers/influencers.

Adoption of business software:

- Use of business software by small businesses in targeted segments: what solutions they use, what role these solutions play in overall strategy, is business software considered a key strategic tool for the organization?
- Top business benefits that businesses get from business software solutions.
- Budgets for business management/accounting/ERP solutions.
- Added capabilities that could make a solution more attractive to users and non-users.

Current and Planned adoption:

- What solutions they use/plan to use; key decision making criteria.
- How long have they used their current solution; level of satisfaction; likelihood of switching brands?
- Understanding of cloud-based solutions, perceived issues and benefits.
- Understanding of the benefits and value of integrated “one version of the truth” suite solutions.
- Planned business management/accounting/ERP solutions (timeframe, brands considered, etc.)

Information and purchase sources:

- What are the best online channels to reach small Businesses - what are their online habits?
- Media/influencer sources that prompt company consideration/purchase of business management/accounting/ERP solutions.
- Purchase channels for business management/accounting/ERP solutions.

Survey Definitions

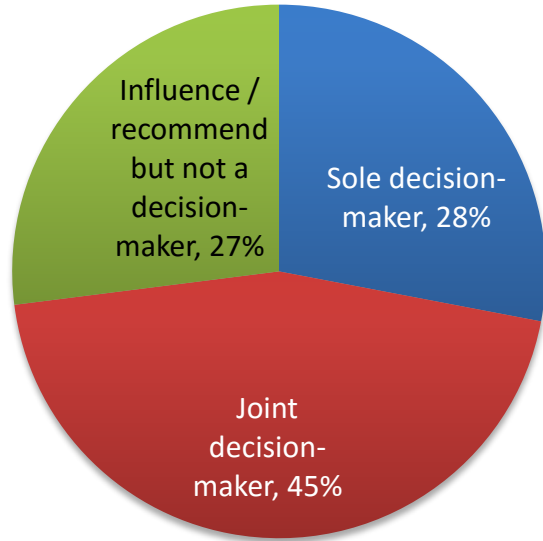
- **On-premises solution:** often abbreviated as on-premises software, this means that you install and run the software computers on your company's premises.
- **Cloud-based or software-as-a-service (SaaS) solutions:** Applications that you access from a service provider, over the Internet via a web browser.
- **Business management/enterprise resource planning (ERP)** solutions help you manage financial resources, human resources, logistics, distribution, purchasing, supplier and customer relationships, and/or other operational functions in your company.
- **Business intelligence and analytics:** solutions that help you access, view, organize and analyze data to gain insight and drive business planning.
- **Inventory planning:** including purchase advice, stock positions, purchase analysis.
- **Logistics:** managing the process of supply and demand.

Study Focus and Methodology

- Web-based survey
- Data collected in October 2013
- Random sample of small businesses
- 40 questions
- 399 respondents/completed interviews covering six segments:
 - Very small business (1-4, 5-9, 10-19 employees)
 - Small business (20-49 employees)
- Respondents are responsible for making/influencing company's strategy and plans for business solutions and services

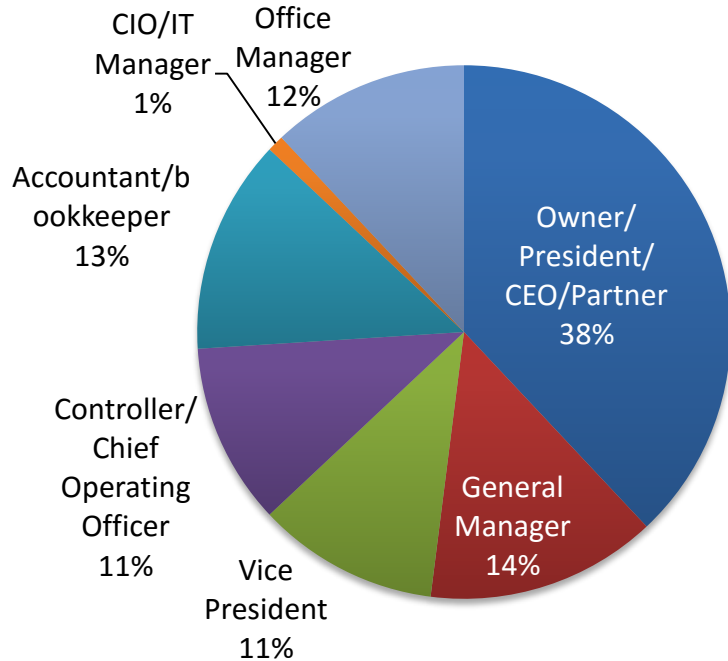
Role and Title of Respondents

Role



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Title

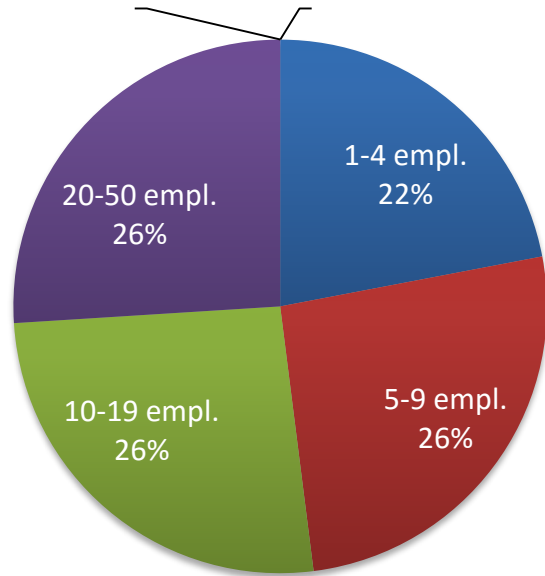


5) What is your job title?

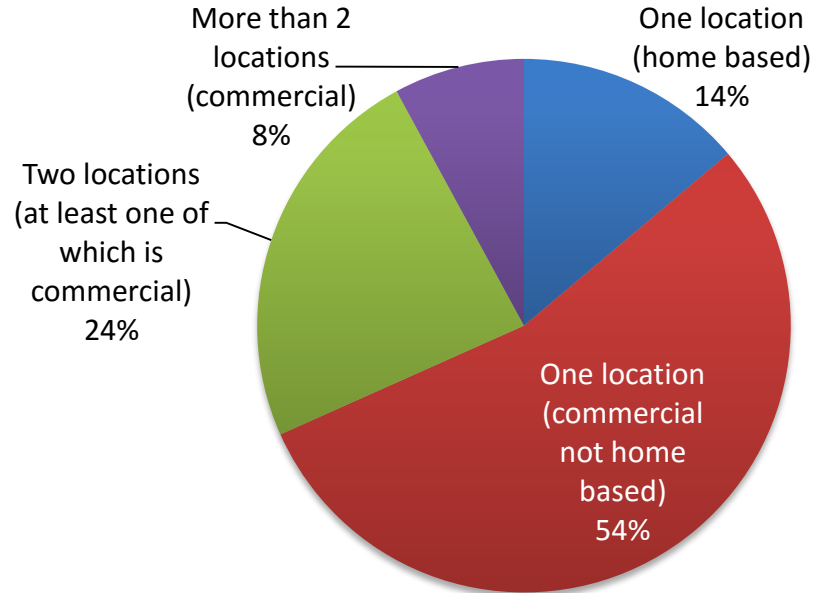
6) Which of the following best describes your job responsibilities with respect to determining your company's strategy and plans for business management solutions and services?

Employee Size and Number of Locations

Number of Employees



Number of Locations



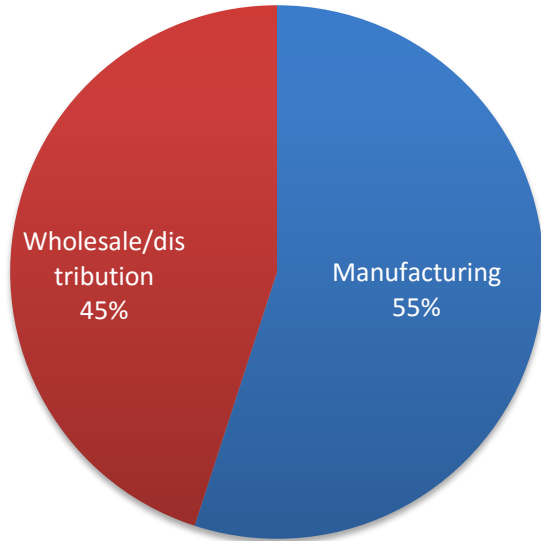
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2) How many full-time employees, including yourself, are in your company in total (not including contractors)?

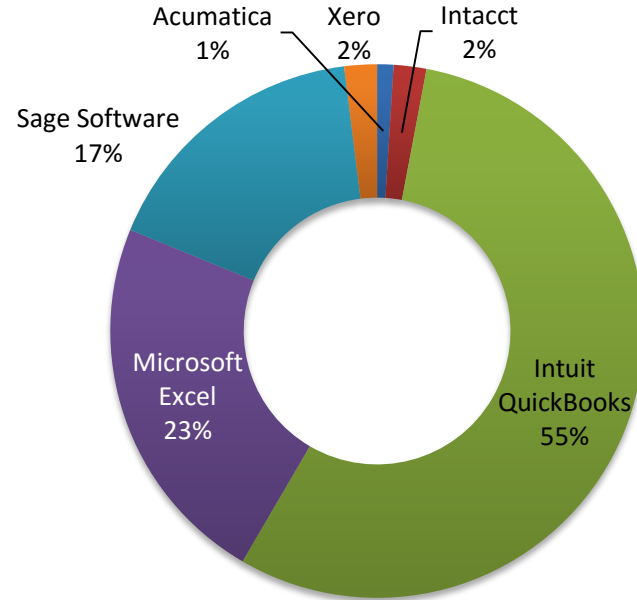
7) How many location or office sites does your company have?

Industry and Accounting/Financial Application Distribution

Industry



Accounting/financials currently used



Note: Acumatica, Intacct, and Xero have low sample size and should be used only for rough guidance purposes

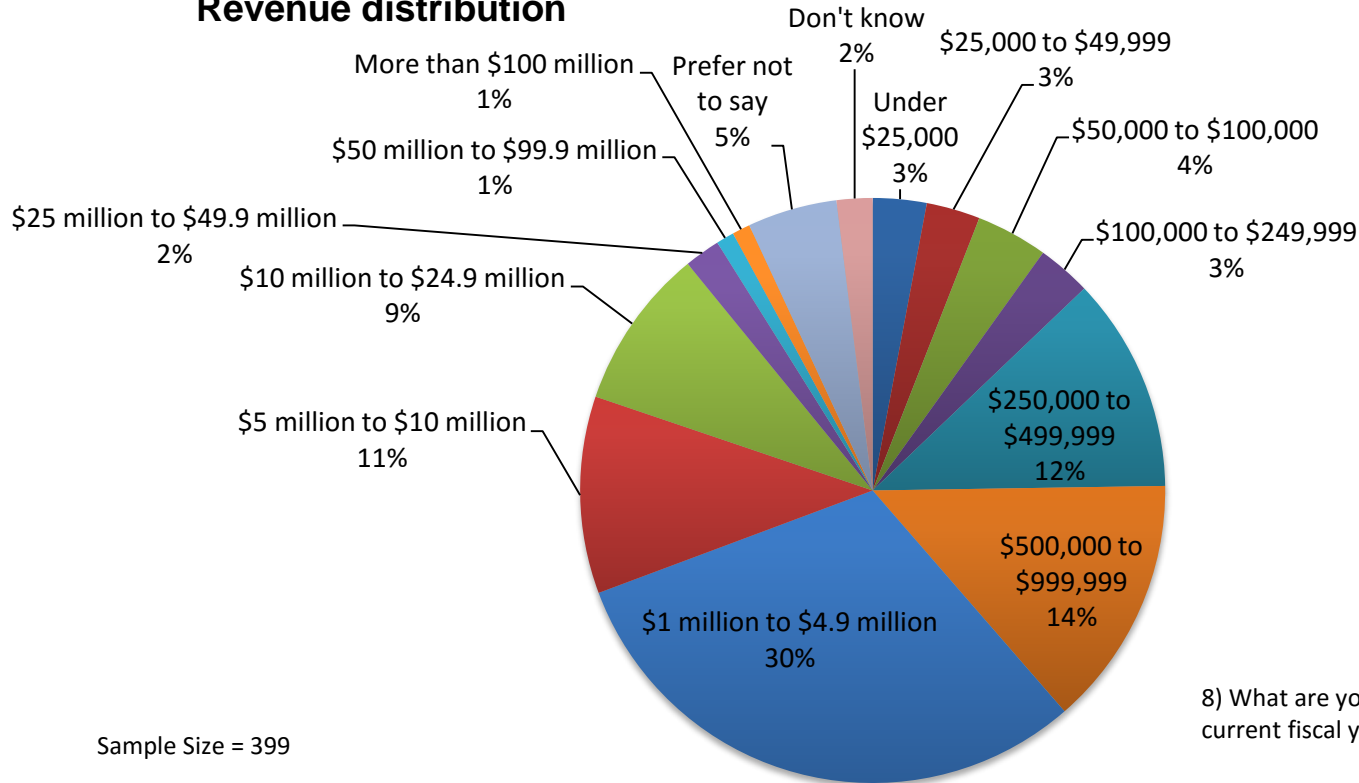
1) What industry is your company in?

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4) What brand of accounting/financials software does your company currently use?

Annual Revenues for Current Fiscal Year

Revenue distribution

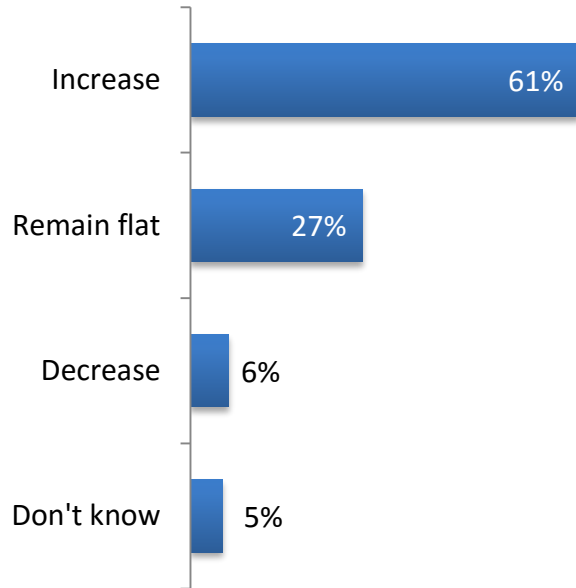


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8) What are your company's annual revenues for the current fiscal year?

Projected Revenue Change and Hiring Outlook

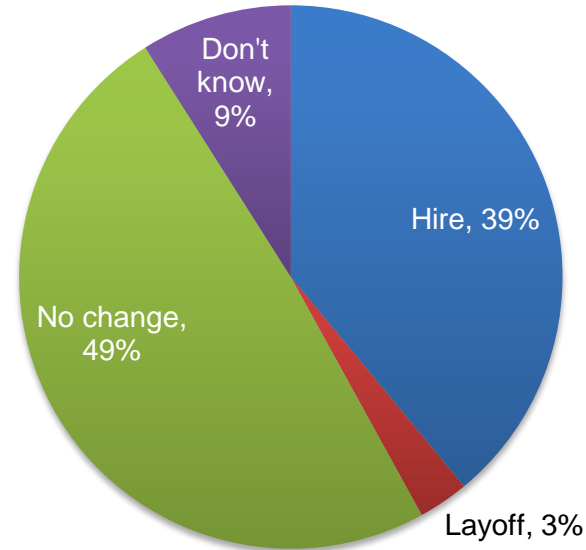
Projected revenue change next fiscal year



8_1) Projected change (in percentage) in revenues for next fiscal year

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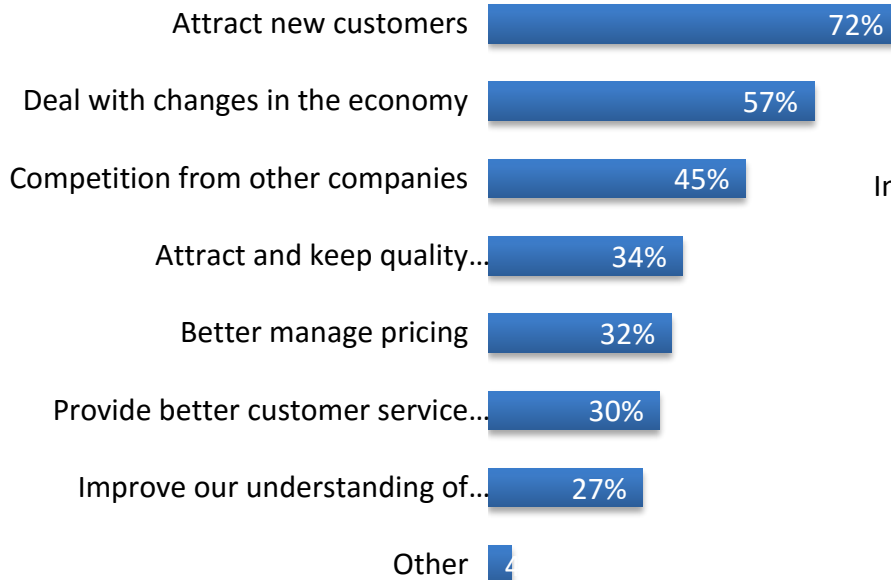
Hiring Outlook



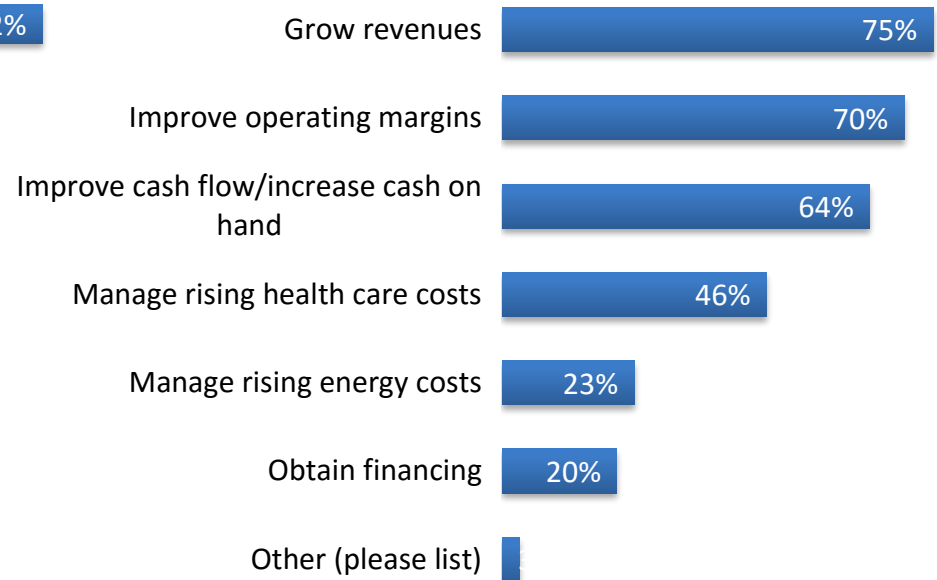
9) Does your company plan to hire or layoff additional salaried employees within the next 12 months?

Top Business/Market and Financial Challenges

Top Business/Market Challenges



Top Financial Challenges



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10) What do you view as the top 3 business/market challenges facing your company?

11) Please select the top 3 financial challenges facing your company?

Top Operational Challenges

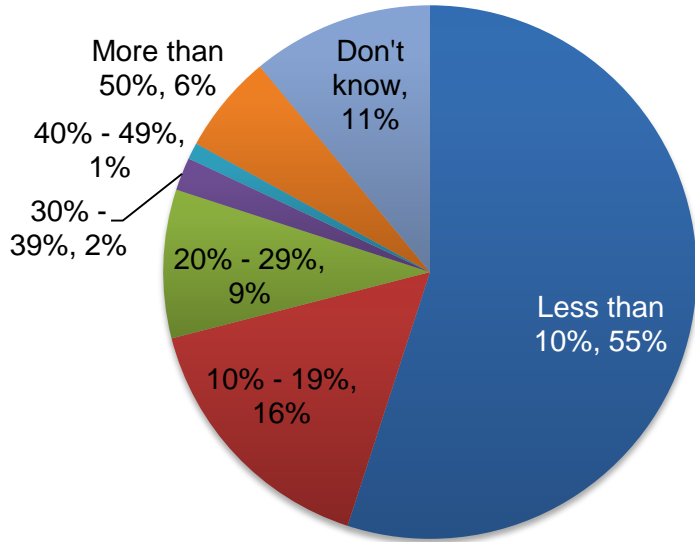


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12) Please select the top 3 operational challenges facing your company?

Percentage of Inaccurate Job Estimates and Invoices

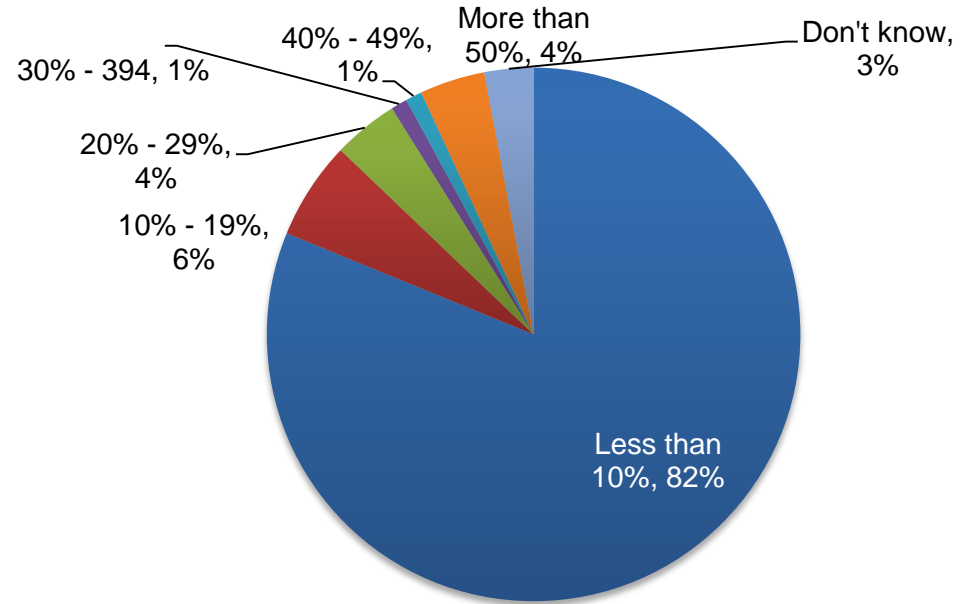
% Inaccurate Job Estimates



13) Approximately what percentage of your company's job estimates are inaccurate?

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% Inaccurate Invoices

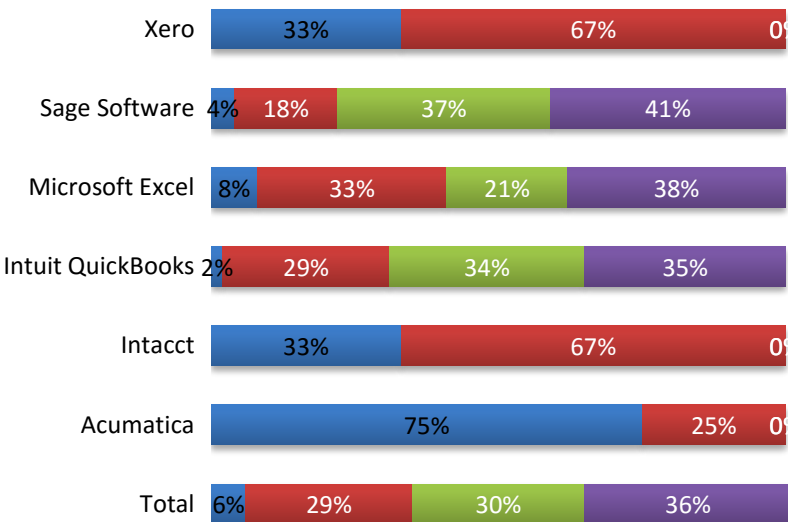


14) Approximately what percentage of your company's invoices are inaccurate?

Years Accounting Application Used and Deployment Method

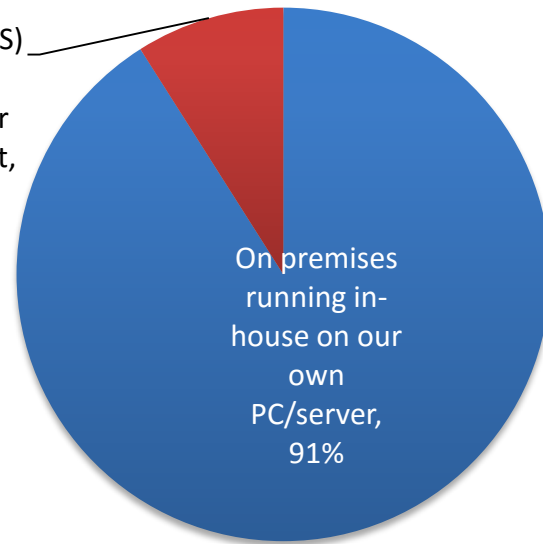
Years using application

■ Less than 1 year ■ 1 to 4 years ■ 5 to 9 years ■ More than 10 years



Deployment method

Cloud/software re-as-a-service (SaaS) that we access over the internet, 9%



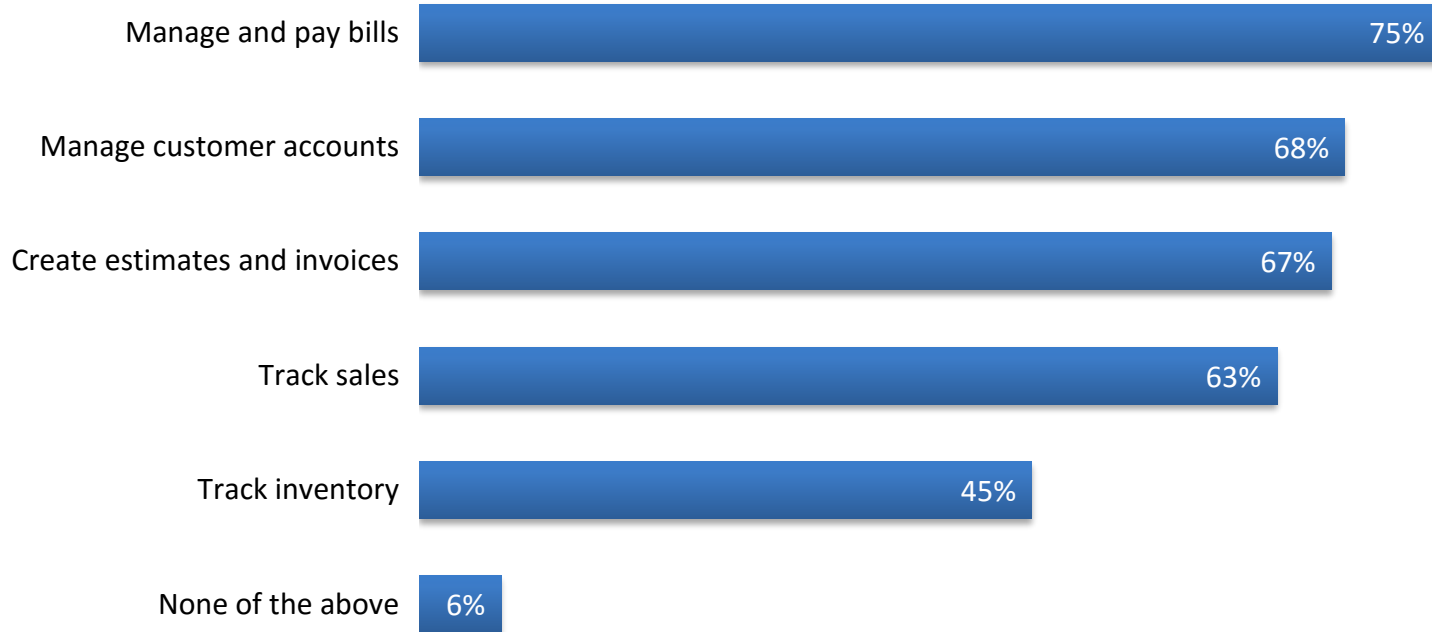
On premises running in-house on our own PC/server, 91%

15) How long has your company used this application?

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16) Which type of accounting/financial application deployment method does your company currently use?

Accounting Features Currently Used

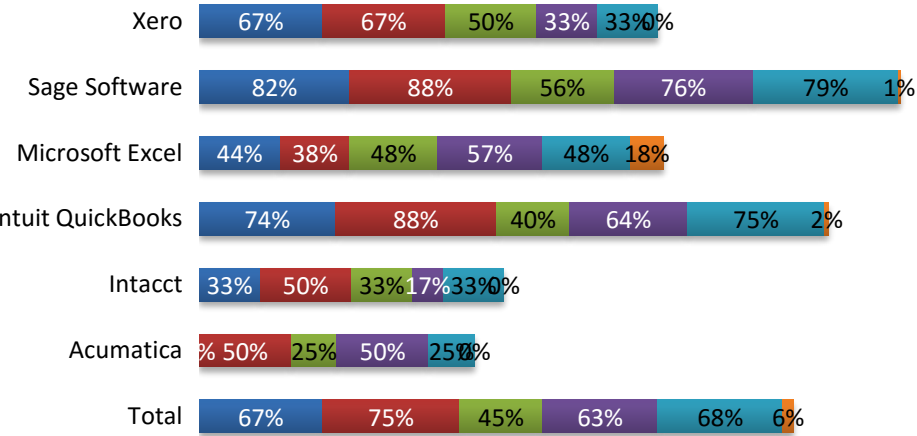
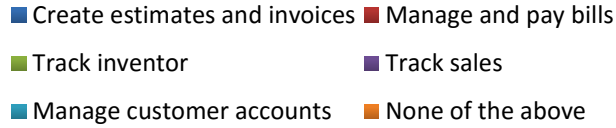


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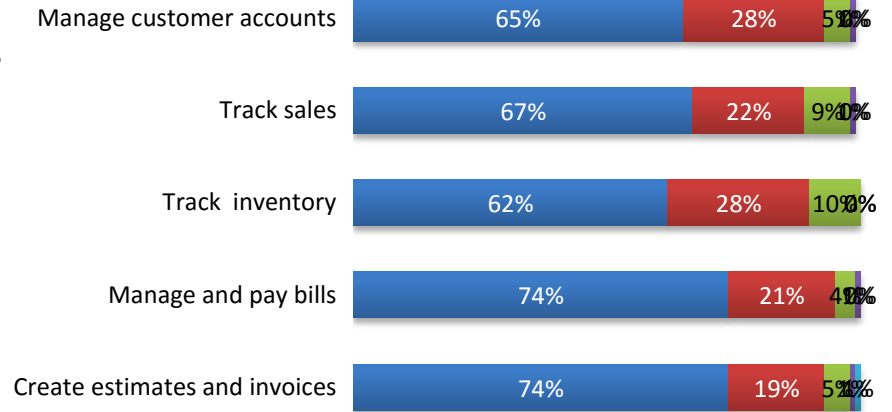
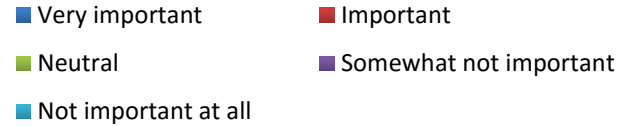
17) Which accounting features does your company currently use?

Features Used and Importance

Accounting features used?



Importance of Features

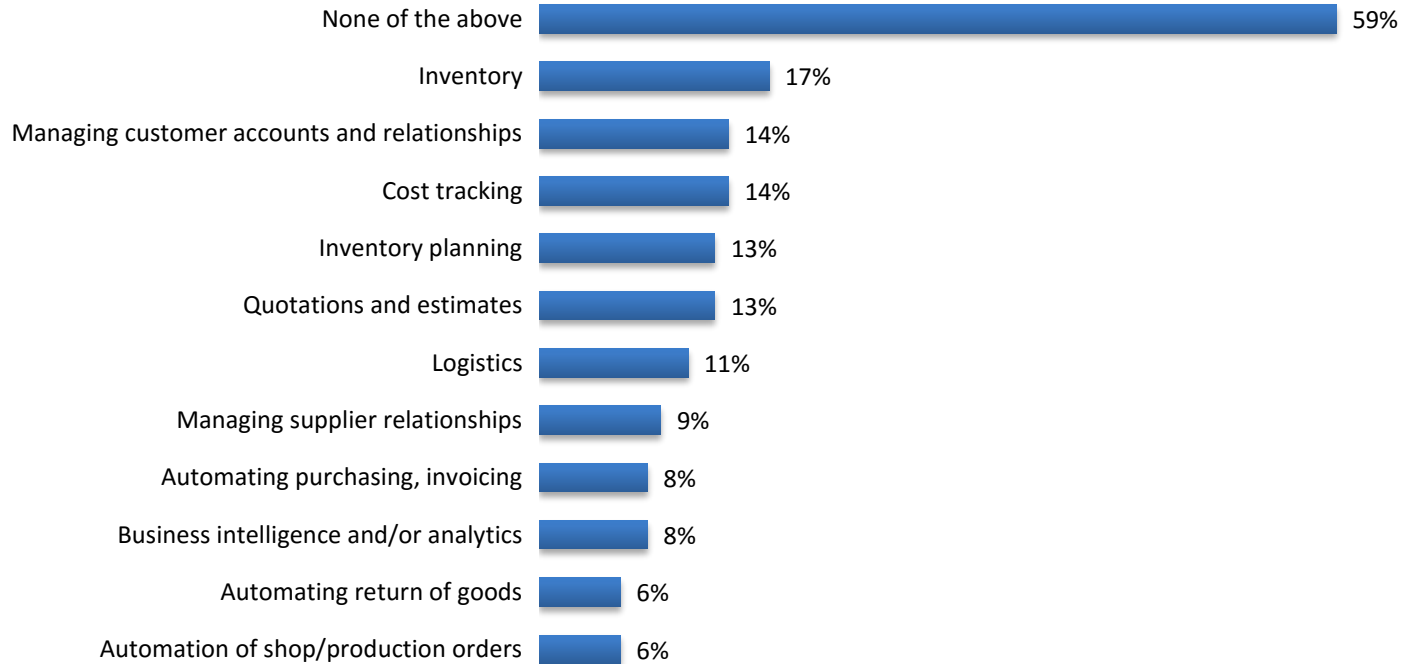


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17) Which application features does your company currently use?

17_A) How important are the accounting/financial application features that you currently use?

Third Party Add-on Solution Use

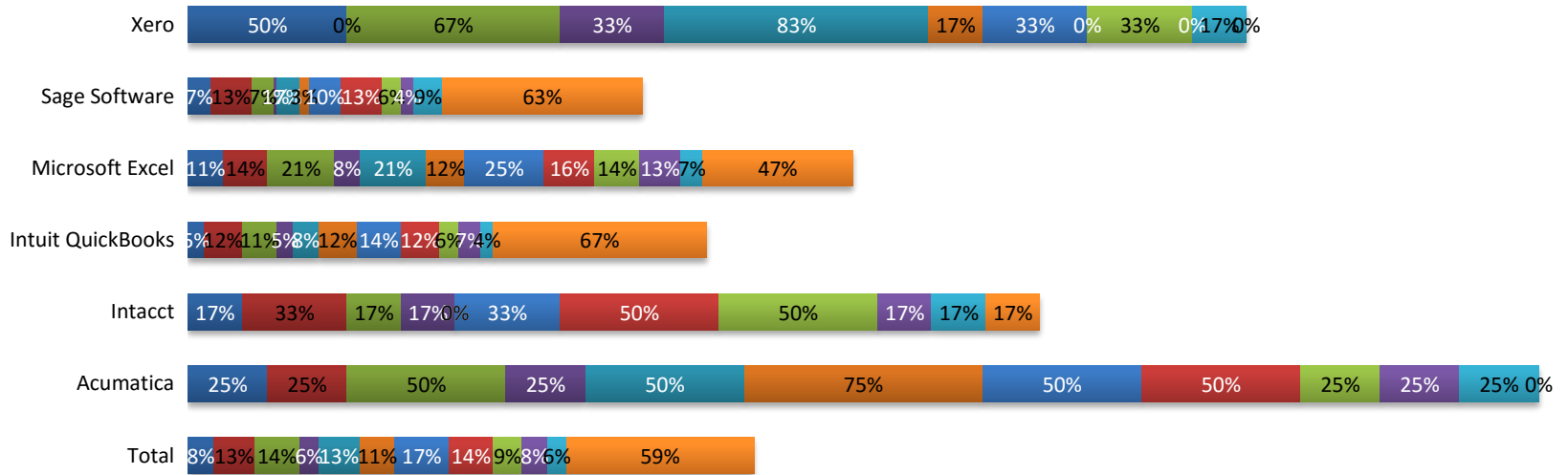


18) Do you use third-party, add-on solutions in addition to accounting/financial for any of the following functions:

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Third Party Add-on Solution Use

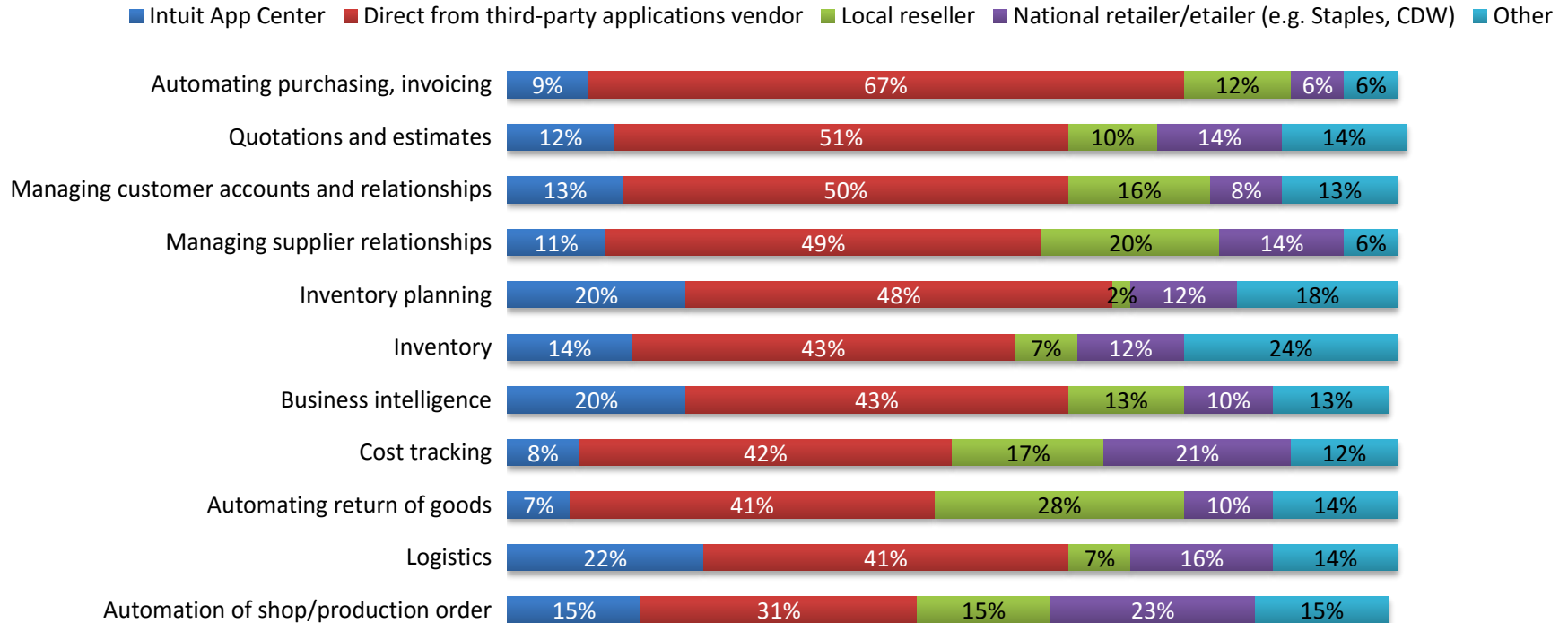
- Business intelligence and/or analytics
- Quotations and estimates
- Cost tracking
- Automation of shop/production orders
- Inventory planning
- Logistics
- Inventory
- Managing customer accounts and relationships
- Managing supplier relationships
- Automating purchasing, invoicing
- Automating return of goods
- None of the above



18) Do you use third-party, add-on solutions in addition to accounting/financial for any of the following functions:

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Purchase Channel for Add-on Applications

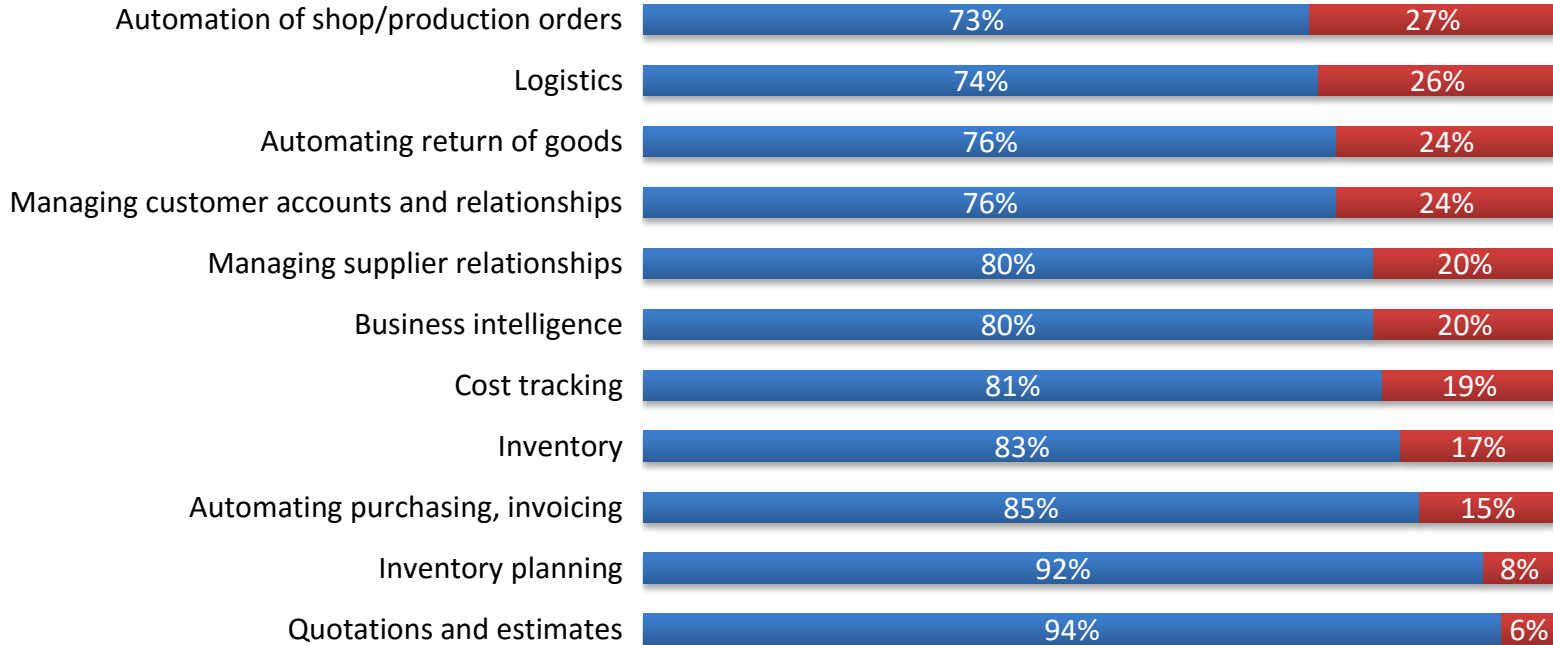


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18_A) Where did you purchase the solution?

Add-on Application Deployment Method

■ On premise ■ Cloud/SaaS

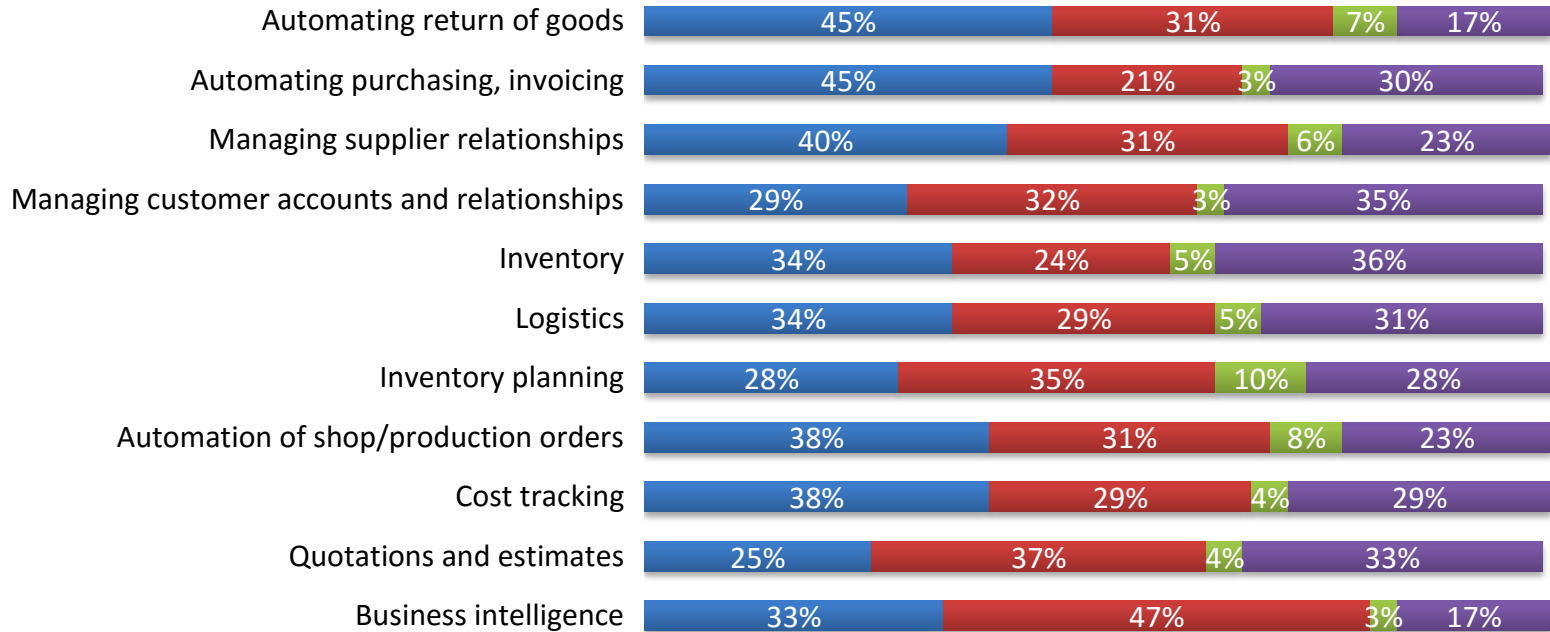


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18_B) How have you deployed these applications?

Level of Integration Between Add-On Applications and Accounting

■ Seamlessly
 ■ Some of it works automatically
 ■ Not well we are looking to replace it
 ■ Not integrated

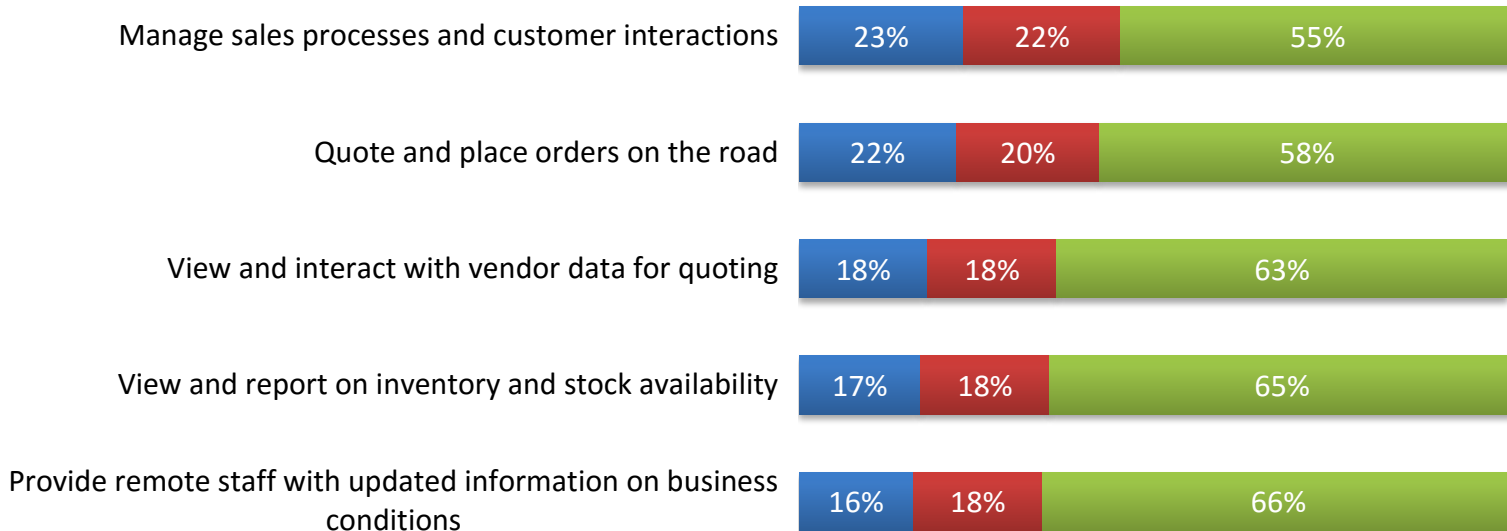


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18_C) Is this solution integrated with accounting/financial application and how well does the integration work?

Adoption of Mobile Solutions

- Currently equip staff with mobile solution
- Plan to equip staff with mobile solution
- No plans to equip staff with mobile solution



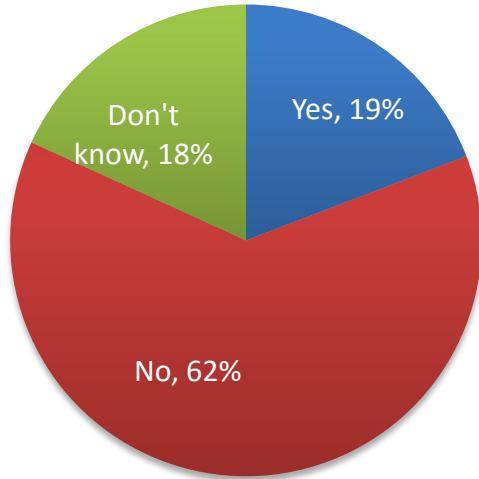
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19) Does your company currently equip/plan to equip staff to use mobile solutions (e.g. perform these functions on a mobile device, such as a smartphone or tablet) for any of the following functions/tasks?

Interest in Evaluating ERP and Integration Preferences

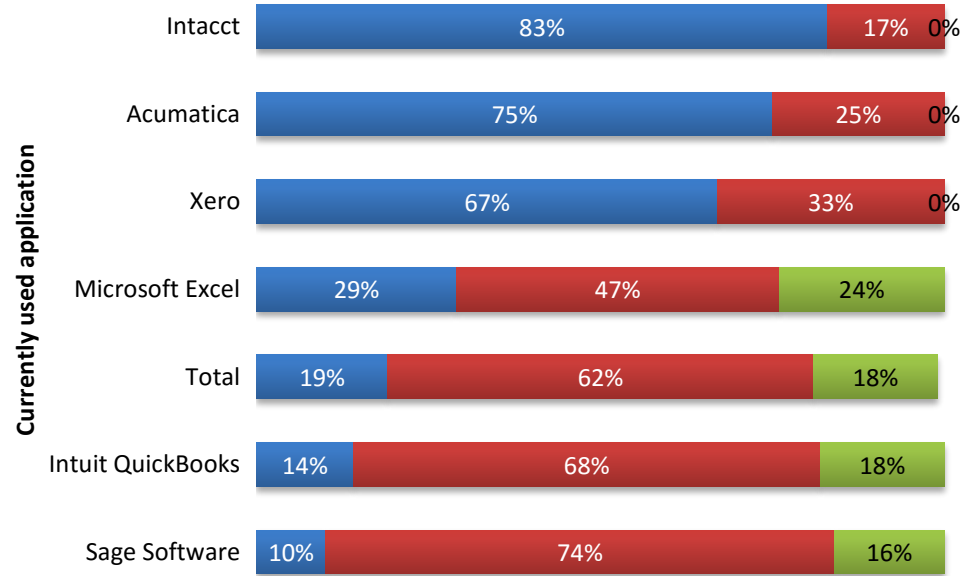
Evaluate ERP

■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know



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■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

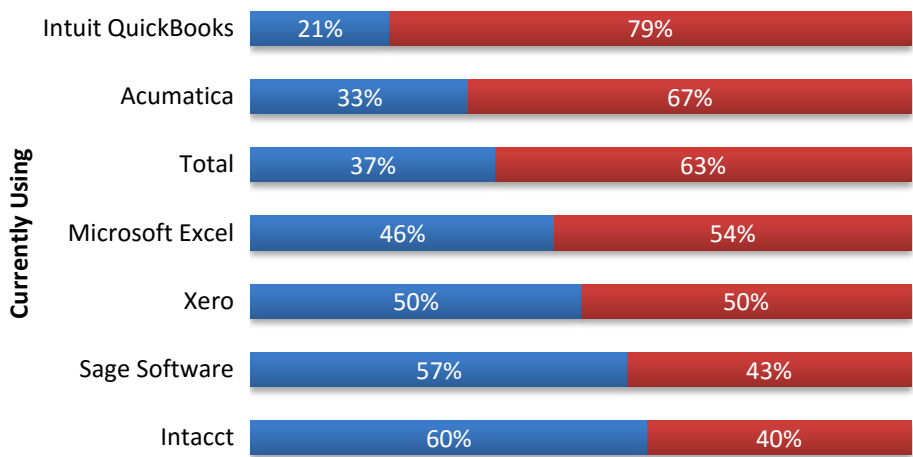


20) Is your company currently evaluating or planning to evaluate a business management/enterprise resource management (ERP) solution for deployment within the next 12 months?

Integration and Deployment Preferences (Respondents interested in evaluating ERP)

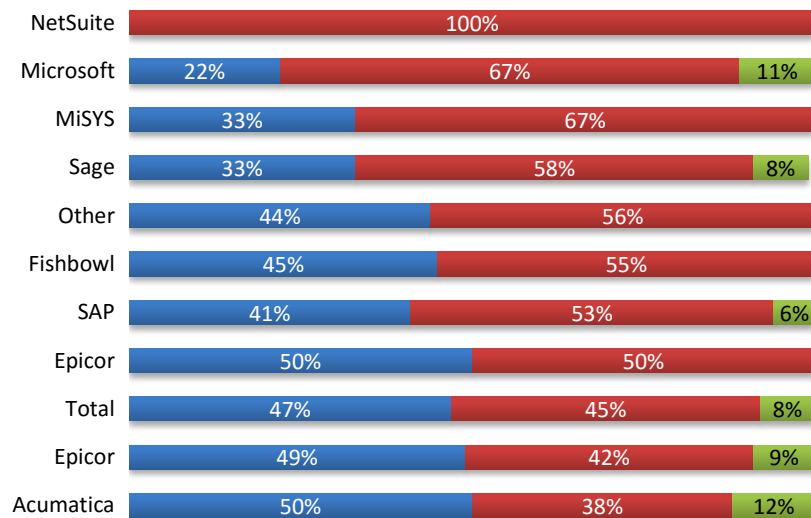
Integration preferences

- Prefer to integrate additional business management capabilities with the above application
- Prefer one solution that provides both accounting functionality and added business managements



Deployment preferences

- On-premises deployment
- Cloud/SaaS deployment
- Not sure



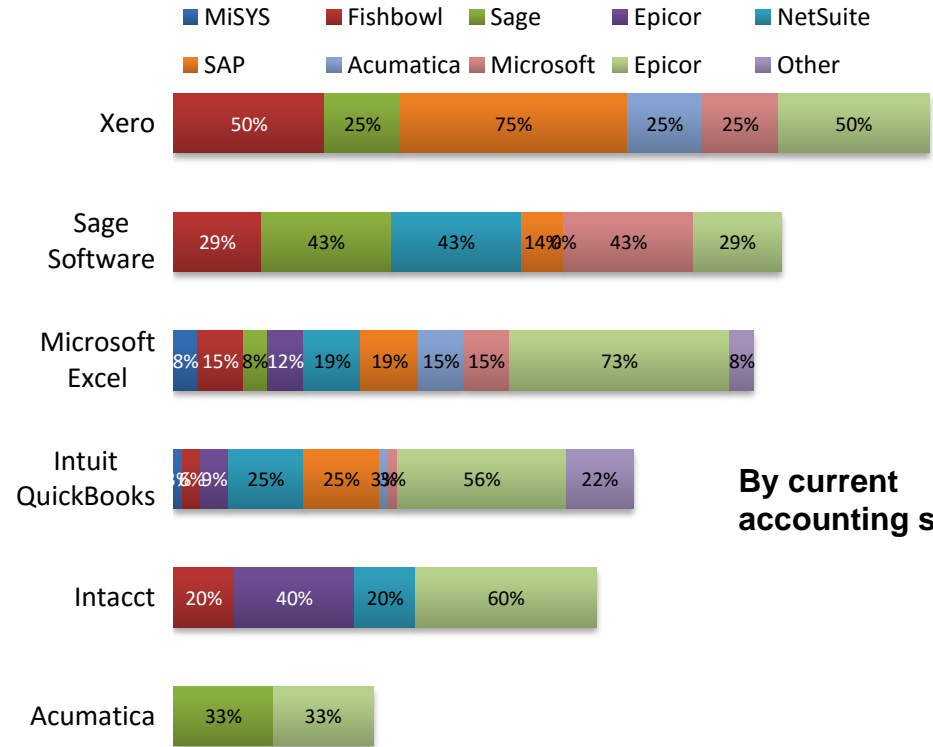
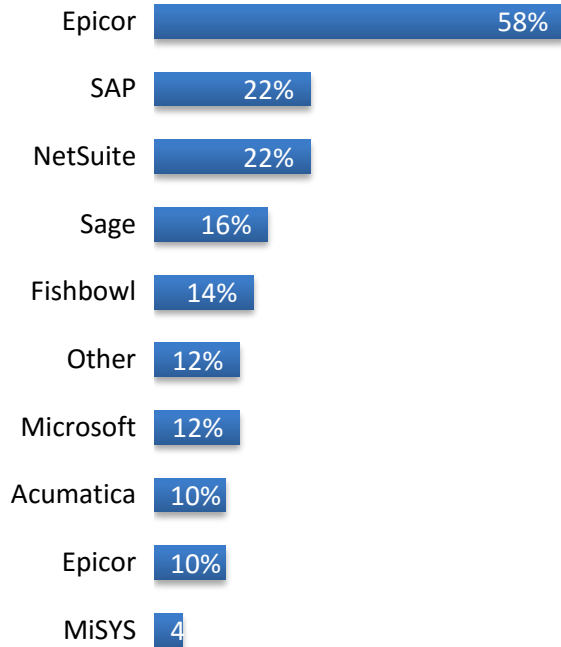
21) Given a choice, would you prefer to integrate additional business management capabilities with [accounting/financial application, or use one solution that provides both accounting functionality as well as added business managements?

23) Are planning to deploy ERP on premises at your site, or using a cloud-based software-as-a-service solution?

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ERP Solutions Being Considered

For all respondents considering ERP

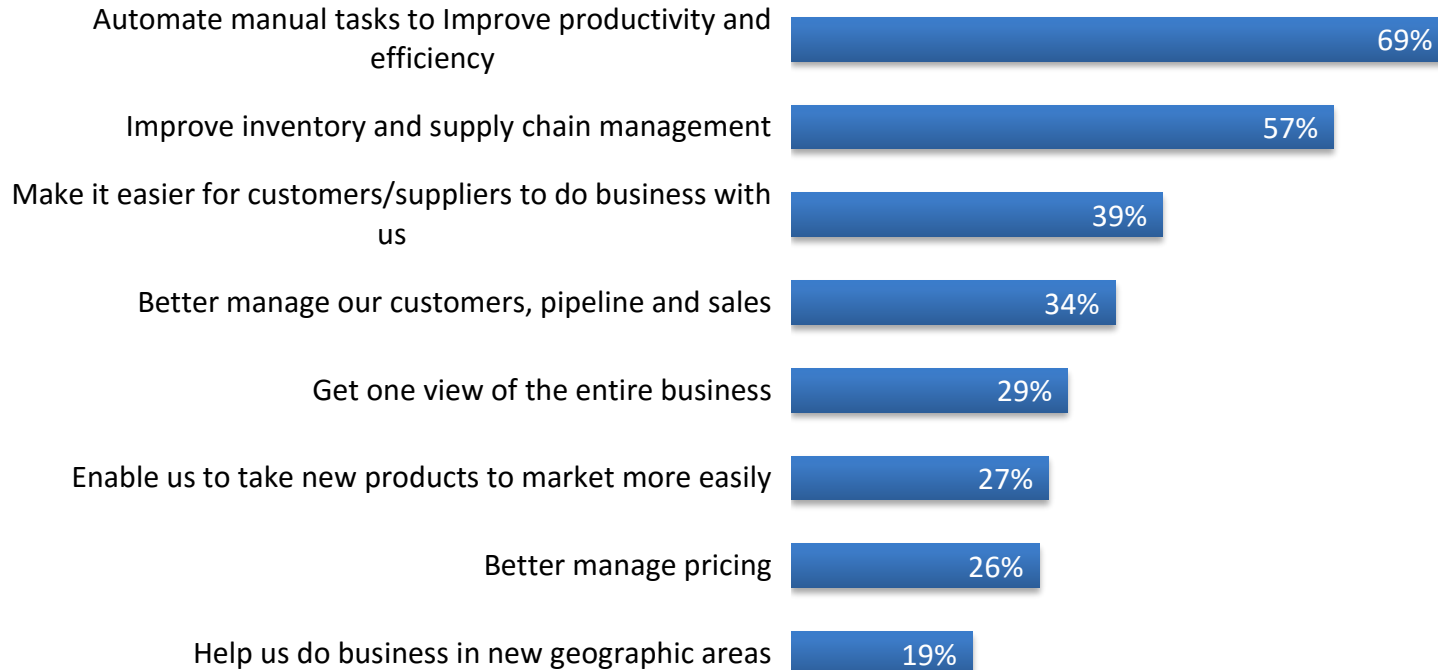


By current accounting solution

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22) Which ERP solution brand(s) are you considering?

Top Benefits Expected From ERP Solutions



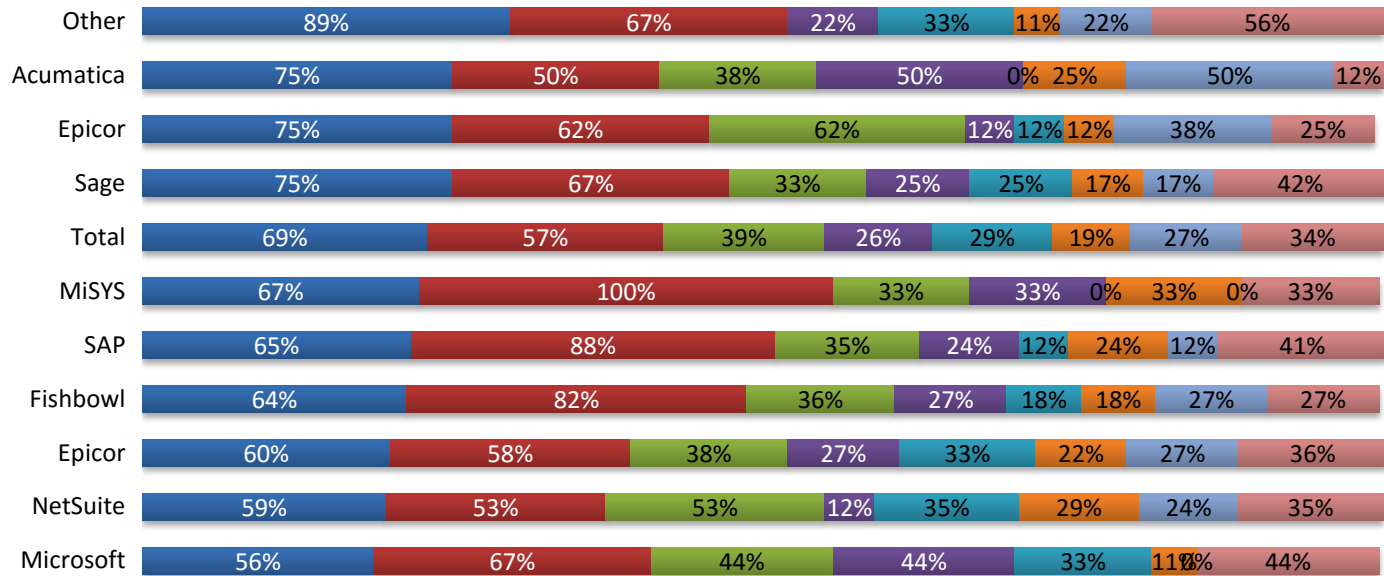
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24) What are the top 3 business benefits that you expect business software to deliver?

ERP Solution Being Considered

Top Benefits Expected

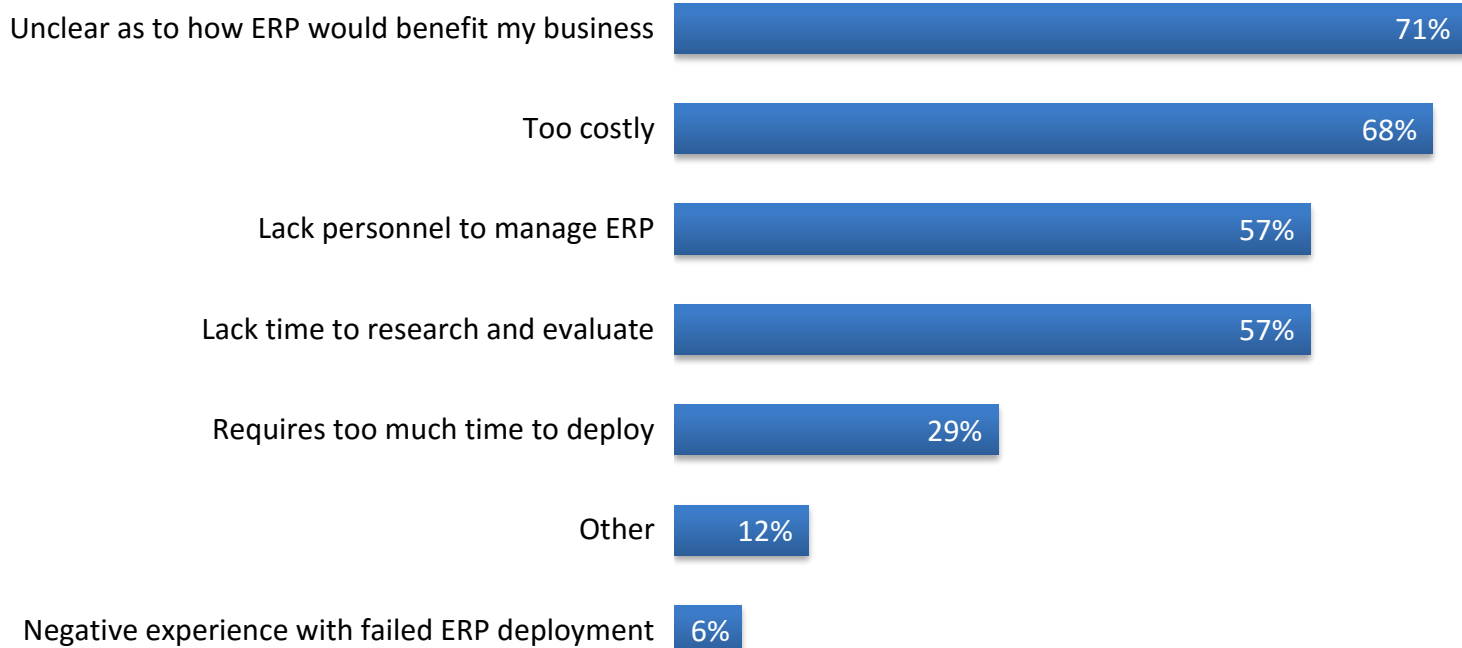
- Automate manual tasks to improve productivity and efficiency
- Improve inventory and supply chain management
- Make it easier for customers/suppliers to do business with us
- Better manage pricing
- Get one view of the entire business
- Help us do business in new geographic areas
- Enable us to take new products to market more easily
- Better manage our customers, pipeline and sales



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24) What are the top 3 business benefits that you expect business software to deliver?

Top Reasons for Not Considering an ERP Solution



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25) What are the top 3 reasons that you are NOT considering using an ERP solution?

Views on Technology IT Support Responsibilities

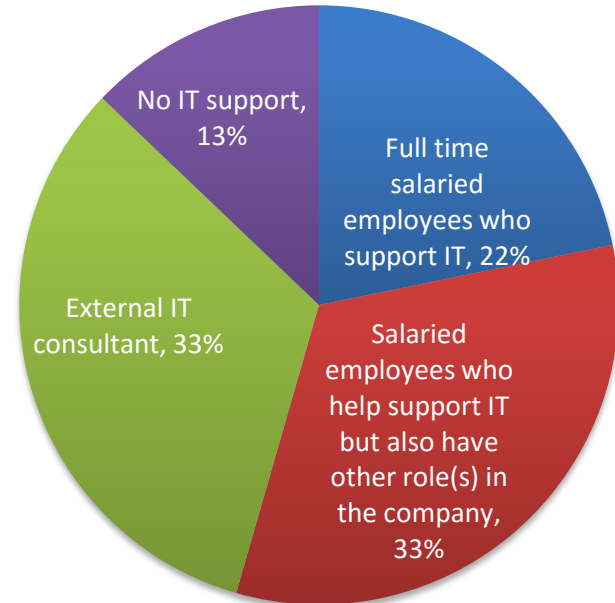
Technology views



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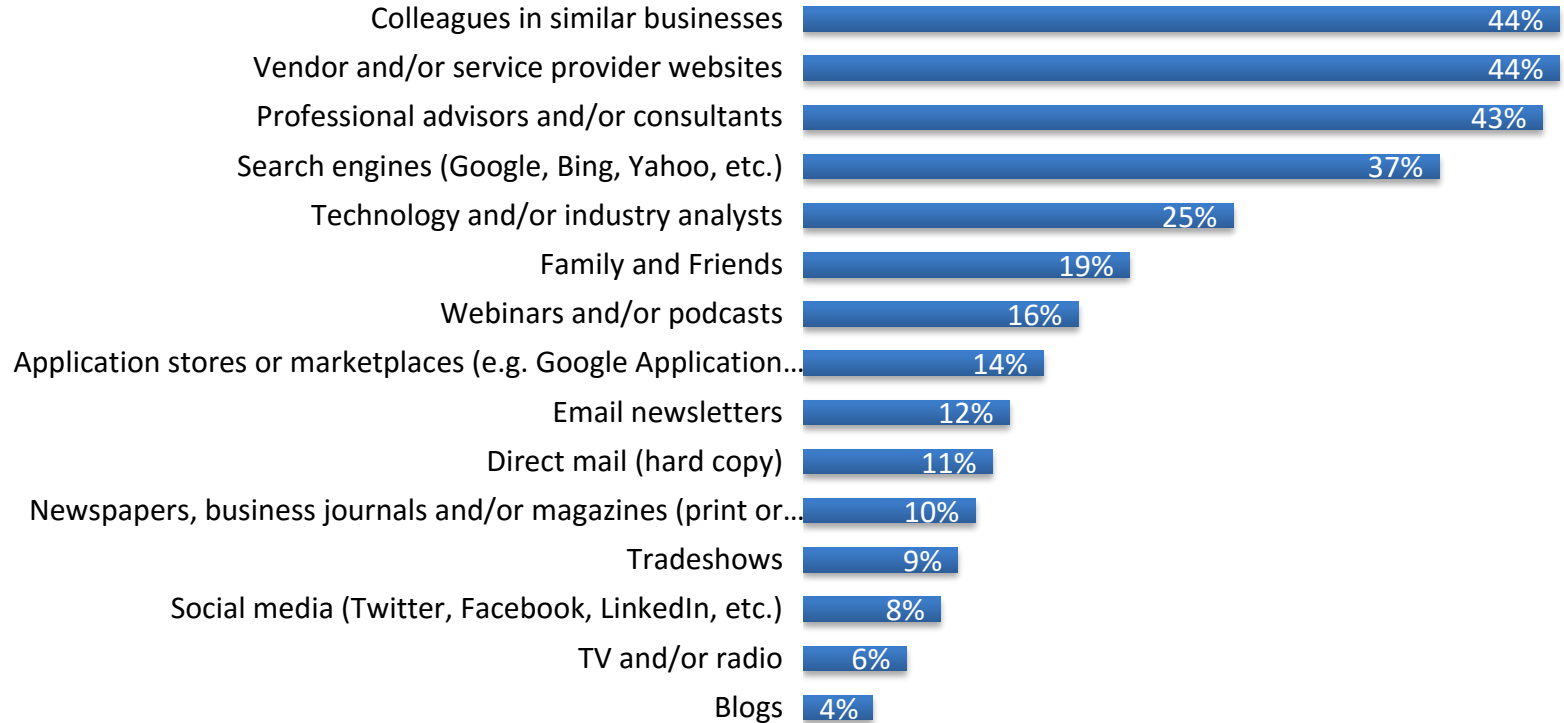
26) Which statement most closely reflects your company's view of how technology relates to your business?

Principally responsible for technical support



29) Who is principally responsible for supporting technology solutions used at your company?

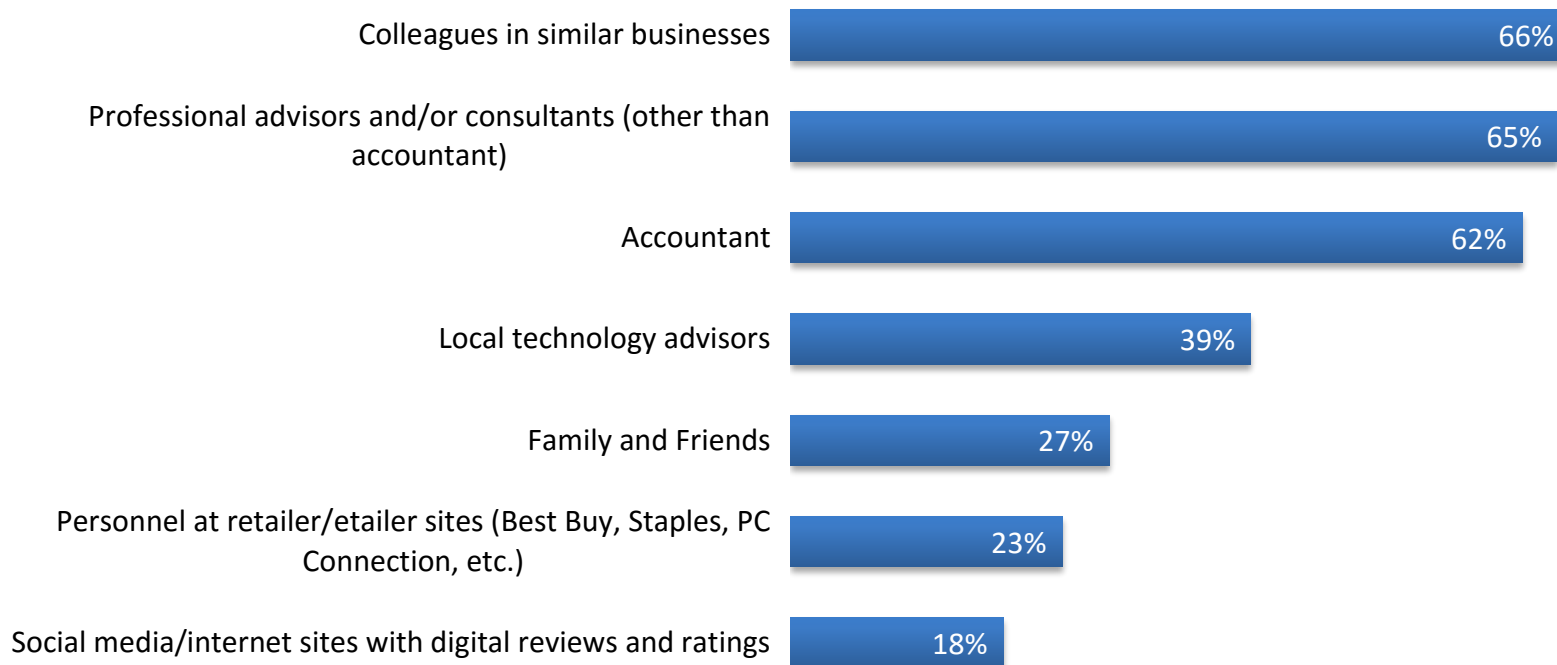
Top Sources of Information for Learning About Business Solutions and Services



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30) What are the top three most important information sources for learning about business solutions and services?

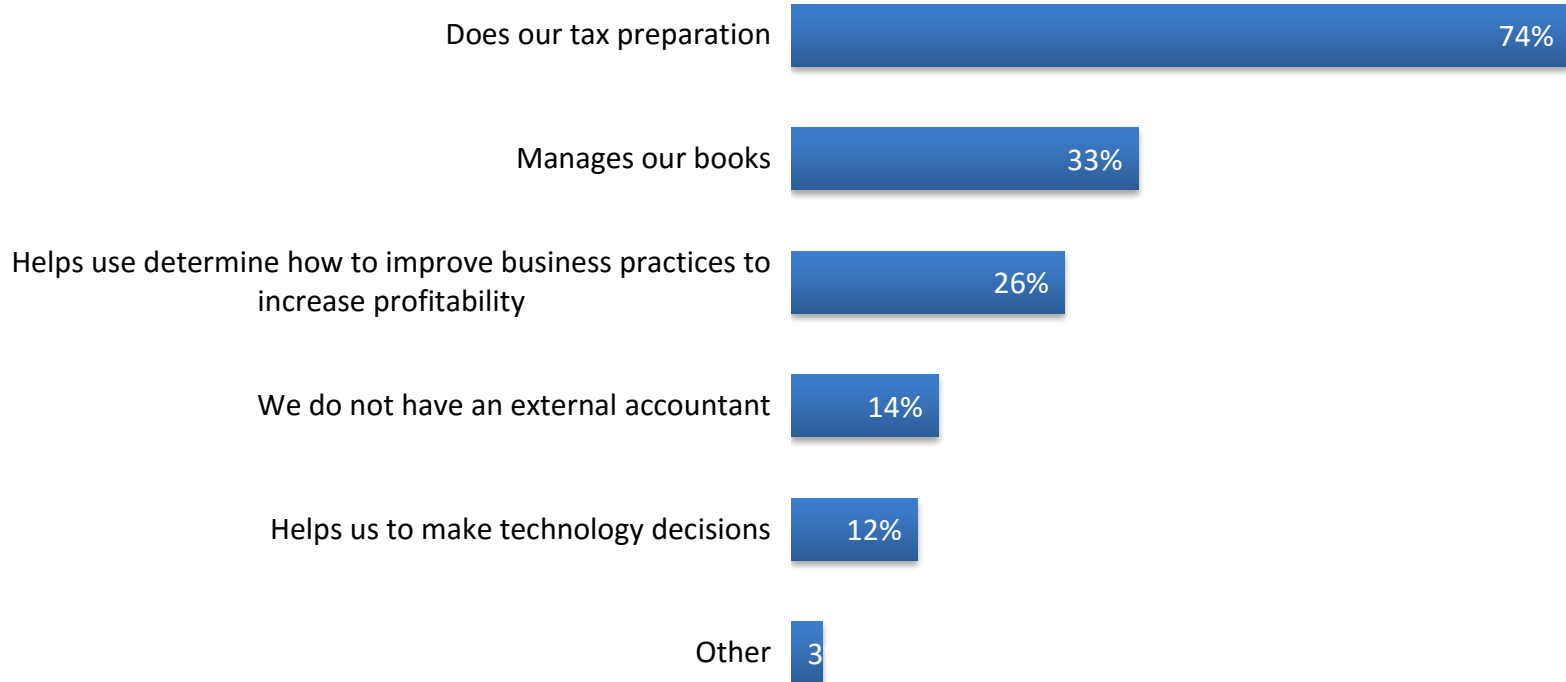
Top Advisors For Evaluating Business Solutions and Services



33) Who are the top three most important advisors to you when evaluating business solutions and services?

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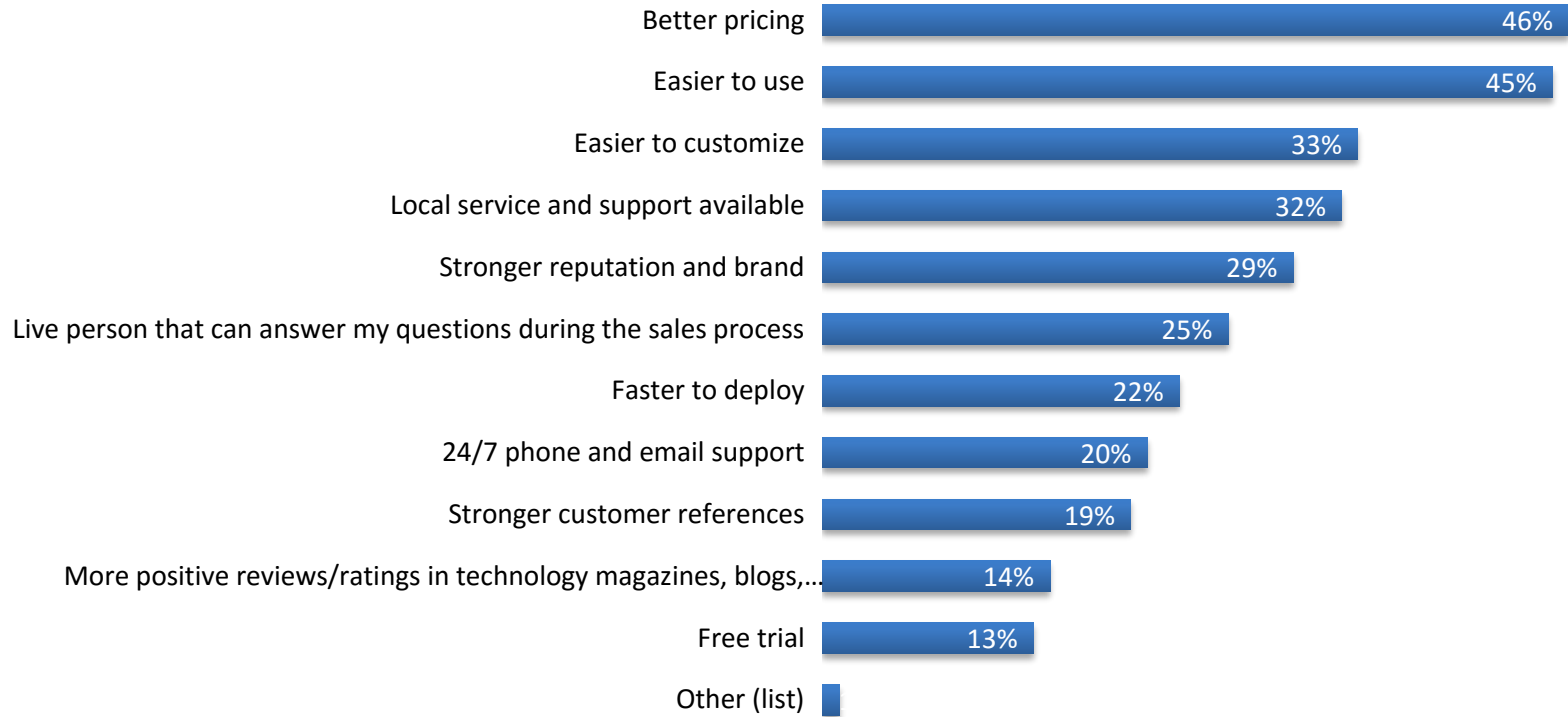
Role of Accountant in the Business



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34) What role does your external accountant play in your business?

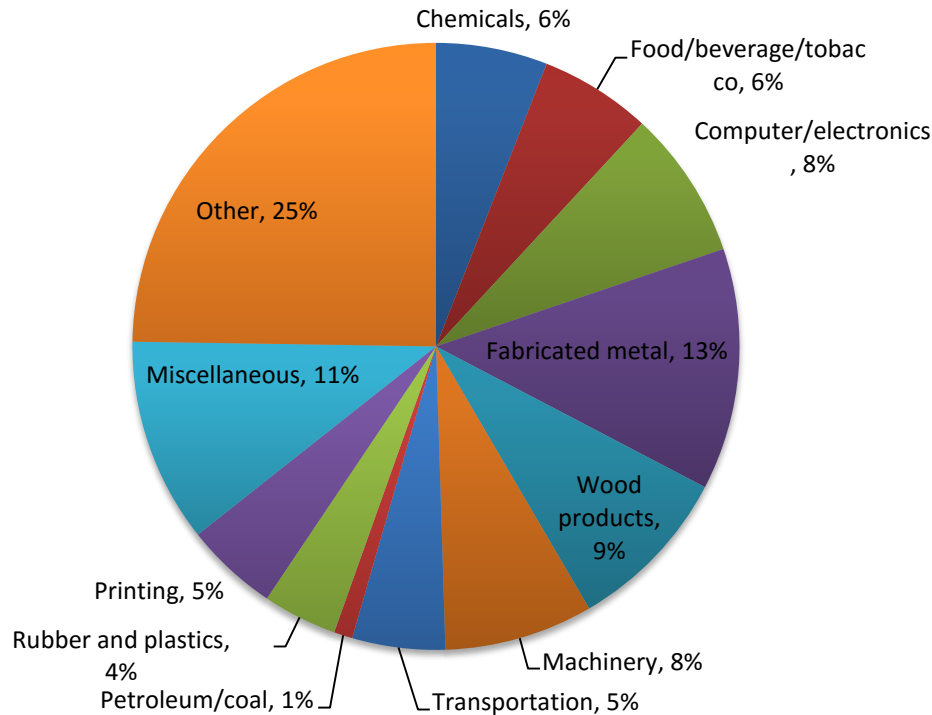
Top Reasons Solutions Get On the “Short List”



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35) What are the top 3 reasons a specific solution typically gets to your "short list" over other competing solutions?

Manufacturing Industry Micro-Verticals



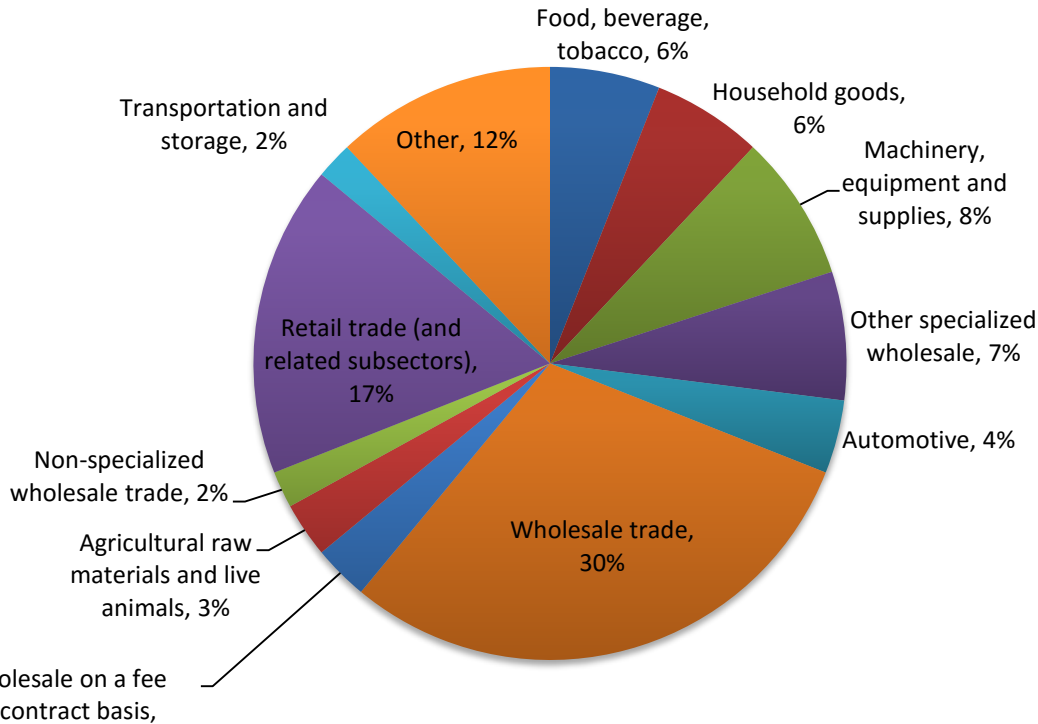
Other (list)

2: Manufacturing sub-industry - Other (list)

home decorators	frame construction
PCBs	Defense/Aerospace
fasteners	Skylights
Gift Shops	Energy
Medical	Electrical equipment
Automotive	housewares
Medical	technology
government	hotels
furniture	Marine Dredging
Technology	funeral
scenery, staging	wastewater treatment
Pet Products	Pet Products
custom homes	crafts
Home Goods	clothing
Rental	Military
jewelry	steel and aluminum products
Ceramics	cards
natural fiber	Rodeo Equipment
autobody painters	safety
Any manufacturing facility	Sports Nutrition
public safety, fire, police etc	glass sculpture
Municipal	HEADSET/INTERCOM
Pumps	stones and gems
AUTOMOTIVE	Hair-Care Production
Paint	textile
Sporting Goods	Yacht builder
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Wholesale/distribution Micro-Verticals



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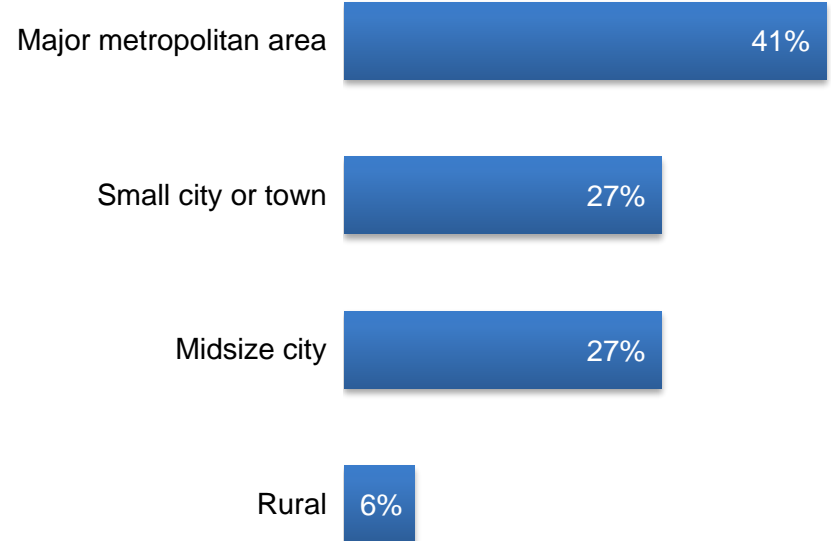
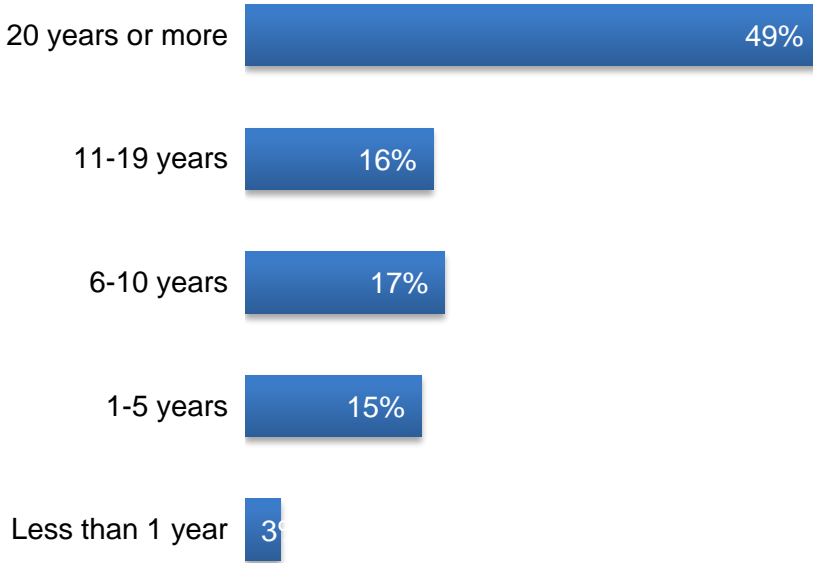
Other (list)

Diamonds
ski industry
Textile
all industries
healthcare
mining
landscaping
Racing electronics & Access
Construction
hospitality
Construction Aggregates
sports
Graphic arts
industrial electronics
Fastening and Packaging
Nutrition
aerospace export
herbalife products
Custom made Products

Years in Business and Location

Years in business

Location

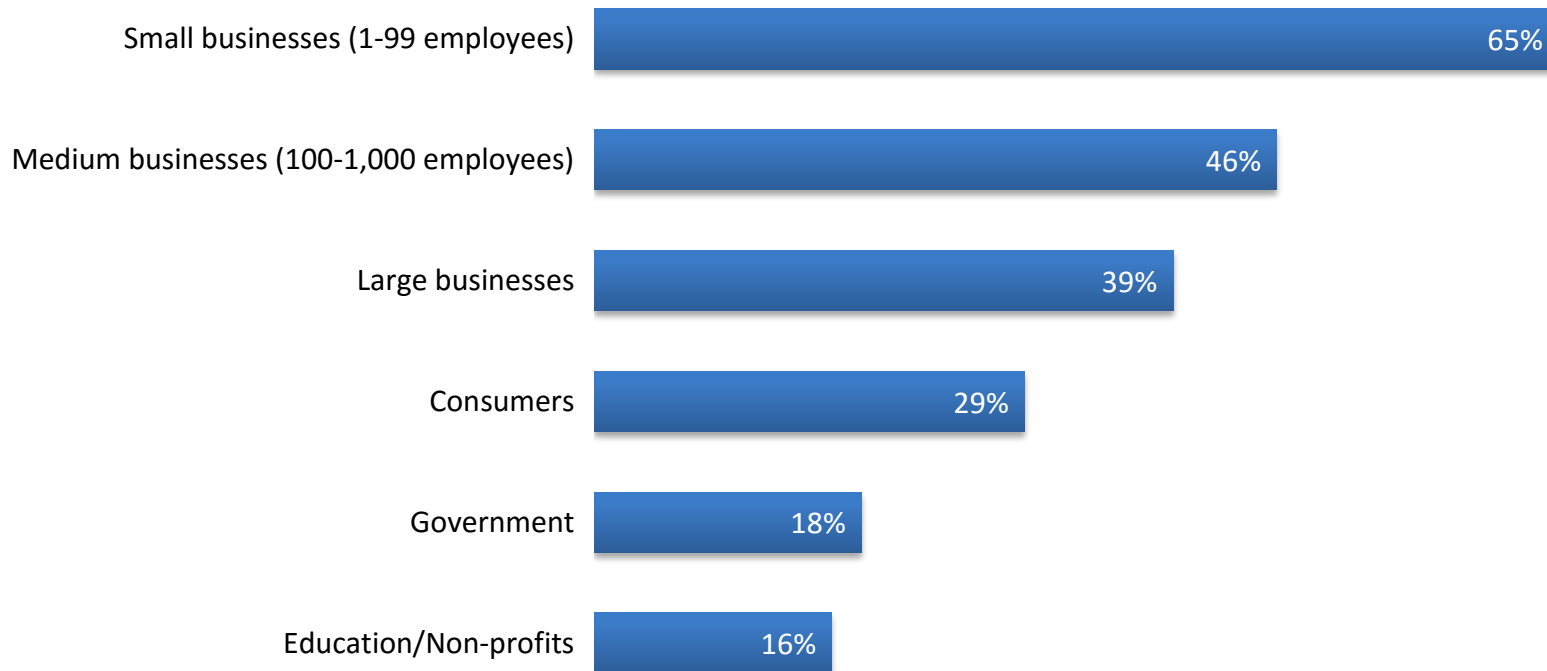


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39) Which of the following best describes your company's current location?

38) How many years has your organization been in business?

Primary Customers

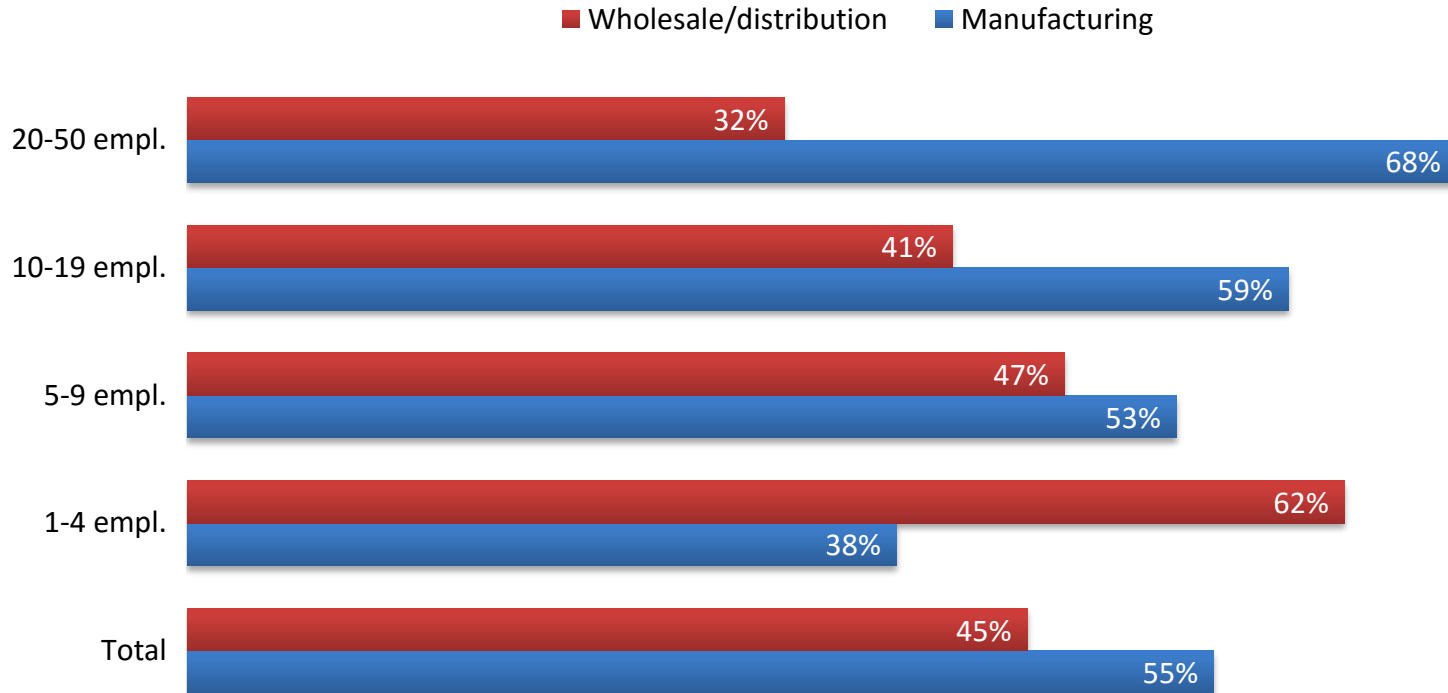


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40) What type of companies do you primarily sell your products/services to?

Segmentation

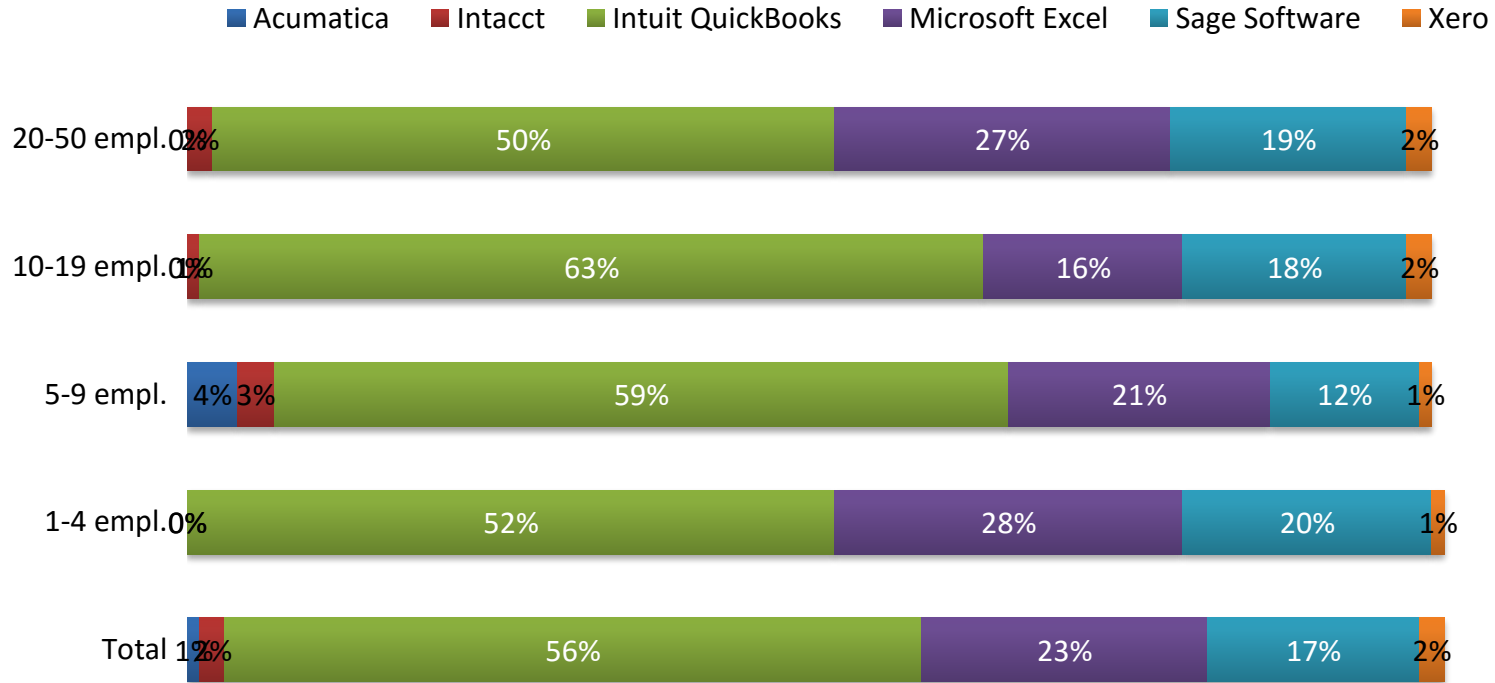
Industry Distribution by Employee Size



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1) What industry is your company in?

Accounting/Financial Solution Used by Employee Size

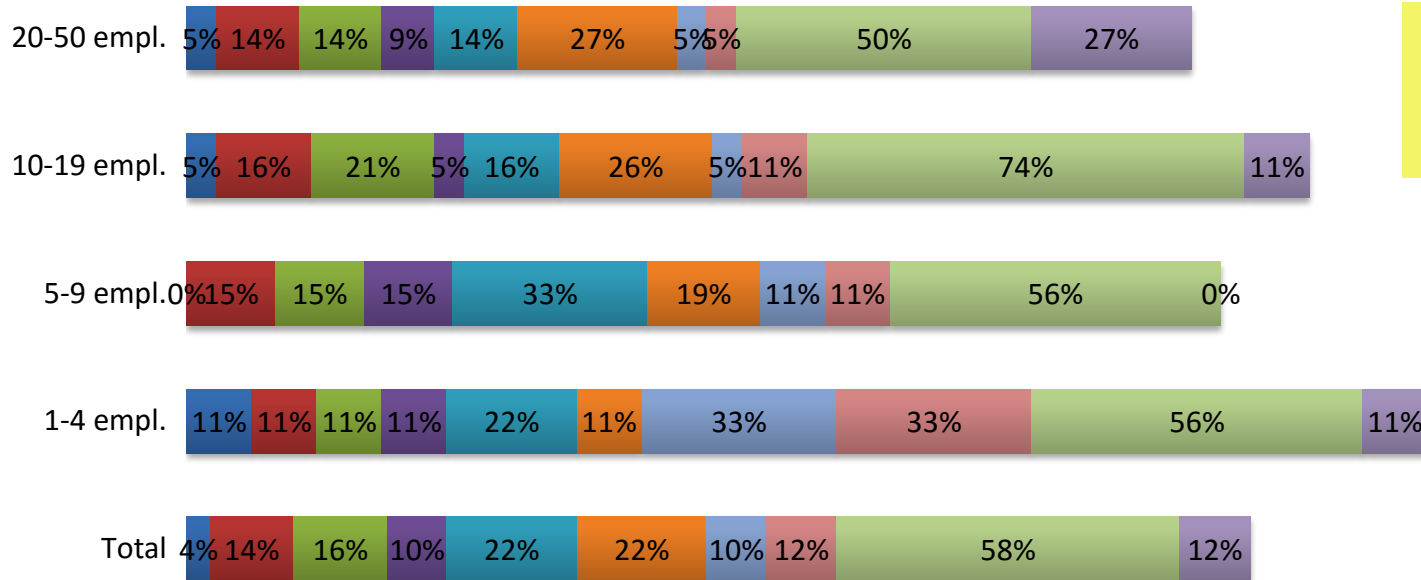


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4) What brand of accounting/financials software does your company currently use?

ERP Solution Planned by Employee Size

■ MiSYS ■ Fishbowl ■ Sage ■ Epicor ■ NetSuite ■ SAP ■ Acumatica ■ Microsoft ■ Epicor ■ Other



Note: low sample size by employee size band. For directional use only.

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22) Which ERP solution brand(s) are you considering?