



# ABOUT CRM MEDIA

# **CRM MEDIA EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## **CRM Media**

- > CRM Media launched in 1997 and has served the customer relationship management field through its growth for 25 years.
- Our editorial and circulation strategy targets five main categories of readers—all important at different stages of a CRM program's lifecycle: executive management, sales, marketing, customer service management, and IT management.
- > Our audience is self-selected, attracted, and engaged by our business technology content in print, online, webcasts, and in-person conferences.

### **CRM** Magazine

- > CRM magazine is the publication of record covering the field of CRM. The magazine—written, edited, and produced by our award-winning staff of journalists and designers—offers executives a unique blend of strategic business information, case studies, and in-depth analysis.
- > *CRM* magazine began publication in 1997 and launched destinationCRM.com the following year.

## Online

- > destinationCRM.com is *CRM* magazine's website and online presence. New and unique original content posted daily including news, analysis, and case studies.
- > SmartCustomerService.com is focused exclusively on customer service.
- > Solo and Roundtable Webcast opportunities are offered every Wednesday since 1998. See our schedule beginning on page 10 for topics and available dates.

## **Information Today, Inc.**

> Our parent company is Information Today. Inc. (ITI), a privately held, B2B publishing, conference, and exhibition company founded in 1980. ITI has grown to include expert content domain coverage including magazines, websites, and conferences, in speech technology, customer relationship management, customer experience, database trends and technologies, streaming media, and other related business technologies.



The information that I get from CRM magazine helps me set the **strategic and tactical planning** for our company. The results have been significant **increased revenue** and **reduction in operating expenses**." CTO/CFO AVANT-GARDE-TECHNOLOGIES CORP





# CRM MEDIA AUDIENCE BUDGETS AND INFLUENCE

# **CRM/CX Budgets** for 2025



Average expected CRM budget for 2025 is \$419,000.

# S Expected CRM/CX Budget Changes in 2025



Average 2025 CRM budget is expected to be up 7.3% from 2024.

# Dur Readers' **Top Priorities** in the Next 12 Months



# **Path to AI-Assisted Customer Service**

| <b>13%</b><br>Not a priority | 45%<br>Early stages – some activity, digital<br>strategy not clearly articulated | 30%<br>Middle stage – about the same as<br>our competitors, moving ahead | 12%<br>Vanguard – we have a clearly<br>defined strategy and are willing to<br>break new ground on occasion |
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### Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding

# **Contact Center** Budgets

- **75%** of our readers' companies have in-house or outsourced contact centers.
- More than 29% will spend more than \$1 million on contact center-related products and services.
- The average company will spend more than \$472,000 on contact centerrelated solutions.

# **Our Subscribers' Influence**

- **89%** of our readers view themselves as their companies' champions/ advocates for CRM implementations.
- **93%** of our readers are involved in the decision-making process.
- 45% cite themselves as their companies' final decison makers for CRM- and CX-related products and services.

# How Our Readers View Their Purchasing Role

- 28% Business Decision Maker
- 17% Technical Decision Maker
- **45%** Both
- 10% Neither

# S CRM or Customer Experience Decision-Making Team

| Makes final decision                       |             | Involved in decision |             | ot involved in decision |             |
|--|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Our Readers                                |             | <b>45</b> %          |             | <b>49</b> %             | 7%          |
| Executive Management                       |             | <b>65%</b>           |             | 33%                     | 2%          |
| Sales Management                           | <b>19</b> % |                      | <b>65</b> % |                         | <b>16</b> % |
| Marketing Management                       | <i>16%</i>  |                      | <b>73</b> % |                         | 10%         |
| Customer Service/<br>Experience Management | 22%         |                      | <b>67</b> % |                         | 11%         |
| IT Management                              | 23%         |                      | <b>68</b> % |                         | <b>9</b> %  |





# CRM MEDIA DEMOGRAPHICS

**BY JOB FOCUS:** 

Management

Marketing

Sales

Customer Service/

Customer Experience

**Operations/Technical** Corporate/General

# Who Are Our Subscribers?

### **BY JOB LEVEL:**

| 33%        |
|------------|
| 7%         |
| 30%        |
| <b>20%</b> |
| 3%         |
| 7%         |
|            |

#### $\mathbf{E}$ Company's Primary Industry

| Automotive                       | .3% |
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| Banking/Finance                  | .8% |
| Contact Center                   | .4% |
| Consulting/Integrator/Var        | .9% |
| Consumer Product Goods           | 1%  |
| CRM Solution Provider            | .5% |
| Education/Training               | .6% |
| Government—Federal, State, Local | .5% |
| Insurance                        | .4% |
| Manufacturing                    | .5% |
| Marketing                        | .2% |

| Media/Publishing       |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Medical/Healthcare     |    |
| Nonprofit              |    |
| Pharmaceutical         |    |
| Professional Services  | 6% |
| Retail                 |    |
| Technology             |    |
| Telecommunication      |    |
| Travel/Hospitality     |    |
| Utility/Energy         |    |
| Wholesale/Distribution |    |
|                        |    |

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21%

28%

30%

12%

9%

- **Contact Center** Size
  - 75% of our subscribers' companies have a contact center.
  - 12% have more than 1,000 seats.
  - 340 seats is the average.

# **Company Size** by **Sales Revenue**

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| 8% | \$5 billion or more in revenue |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 6% | \$1 billion to \$4.99 billion  |
| 6% | \$500 million to \$999 million |
| 6% | \$250 million to \$499 million |
| 6% | \$100 million to \$249 million |

Average sales revenue is more than \$852 million.

# **Company Size** by **Number of Employees**

Average number of employees is 3,500.

| 8%  | 20,000 or more employees   |  |
|-----|----------------------------|--|
| 5%  | 10,000 to 19,999 employees |  |
| 17% | 1,000 to 9,999 employees   |  |
| 11% | 500 to 999 employees       |  |
| 12% | 250 to 499 employees       |  |

Source: August 2024 Audience Survey

Sales Force Size

20% of our readers' companies have sales forces in excess of 50 representatives. The average sales force size is 249 people.

CRM magazine has been my **single source of key information** about industry updates and technology trends for over two decades. CRM magazine is a regular part of my reading regiment." CEO

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