

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

MIDDLE MARKET INDICATOR

# Mid-Year 2024



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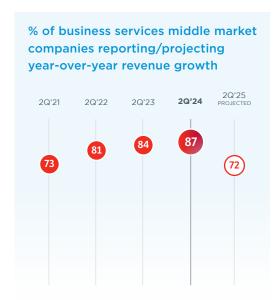


#### Revenue

The rate of year-over-year revenue growth in the business services sector matched its all-time high with nearly nine out of 10 companies reporting positive growth. Most business services leaders expect growth to continue at a robust but notably slower rate going forward.

Past, current, and projected revenue growth rates for the business services middle market and the national middle market (%)



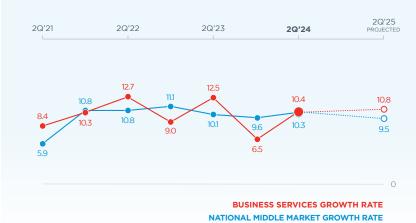




#### **Employment**

Following a significant slow-down last reporting period, the rate of year-over-year employment growth within business services jumped back into the double digits. Most business services companies expect this stronger growth rate to continue into 2025.

Past, current, and projected employment growth rates for the business services middle market and the national middle market (%)



% of business services middle market companies reporting/projecting year-over-year employment growth

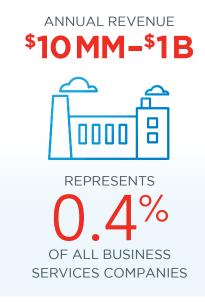


### The Functions that Business Leaders Plan to Implement AI into their Business in the Next 12 Months

|                      | ALL MIDDLE<br>MARKET<br>COMPANIES | BUSINESS<br>SERVICES | MANUFACTURING | RETAIL<br>TRADE | CONSTRUCTION | FINANCIAL<br>SERVICES | HEALTHCARE | TECHNOLOGY* |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| CUSTOMER SERVICE     | 42%                               | 54%                  | 43%           | 46%             | 30%          | 38%                   | 49%        | 54%         |
| INNOVATION           | 32%                               | 32%                  | 30%           | 28%             | 35%          | 36%                   | 32%        | 35%         |
| ANALYZING DATA       | 46%                               | 43%                  | 43%           | 49%             | 48%          | 51%                   | 48%        | 48%         |
| SUPPLY CHAIN         | 31%                               | 25%                  | 34%           | 39%             | 26%          | 35%                   | 34%        | 30%         |
| IMPROVE EFFICIENCIES | 41%                               | 45%                  | 41%           | 30%             | 42%          | 52%                   | 46%        | 44%         |
| COLLECTING OF DATA   | 40%                               | 45%                  | 36%           | 31%             | 38%          | 39%                   | 46%        | 40%         |
| OTHER                | 3%                                | 3%                   | 1%            | 0%              | 8%           | 0%                    | 4%         | 1%          |

<sup>\*</sup>Includes companies also represented in other industries, e.g., computer manufacturers, IT services, healthtech, fintech.

#### **Business Services' Middle Market Defined**







Source: 2014 D&B Data

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