2023: State of Go-to-Market Strategies Crafting an effective go-to-market (GTM) strategy can make or break the success of a



product or new line of business. Determining the correct product positioning, building customer profiles and assessing the competitive landscape are critical components to identifying the correct path to market. What is the state of current go-to-market strategies and are organizations making any

strategic shifts in 2023?

Most respondents describe their organization's go-to-market strategy as mainly product-led

One-Minute Insights:



Product features and benefits is the most common reason cited for adopting

current go-to-market strategies

Current industry competition is the biggest challenge reported

Many predict increased personalization and data-driven decision making in

the future

Data collection: January 25th - August 9th, 2023 Respondents: 200 sales, marketing, and product management professionals

Supported by dedicated GTM teams, most organizations are targeting business customers with a combination of product-led and direct sales

mainly product-led. 62% 38% Mainly product-led Mainly sales-led

n = 200

Broadly, my organization's go-to-market

strategy can be described as:

More specifically, 56% of respondents describe their go-to-market strategy as direct sales. 17% describe their GTM strategy as product-led.

More specifically, which of the following best

describes your organization's go-to-market

strategy to reach potential customers?

Note: May not add up to 100% due to rounding

Other response: "Half of our revenue is PLG, the other half is SLG"

Most respondents (86%) classify their organization

as either B2B (48%) or both B2B and B2C (38%).

56%

n = 200

Direct sales (i.e.

through a sales team)

Most (62%) respondents describe their

organization's go-to-market strategy as

17%

13%

8%

7%

1%

Other

Product-led sales

Indirect sales(i.e.

using third party

Direct marketing (i.e. email or direct

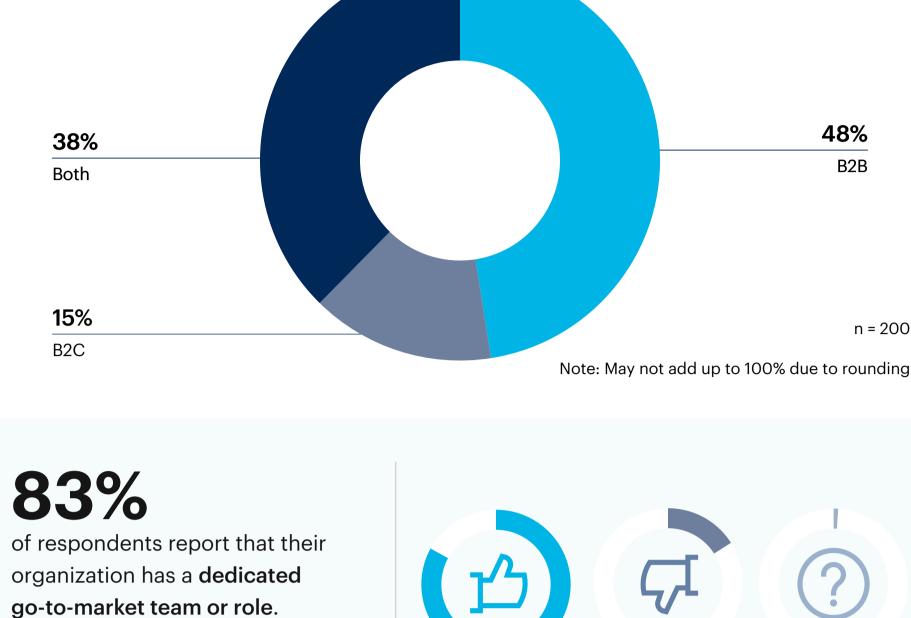
mail to reach customers)

Is your organization B2B or B2C?

drives growth)

(i.e. product organically

resellers or distributors) Online marketing (i.e. social media or search ads)



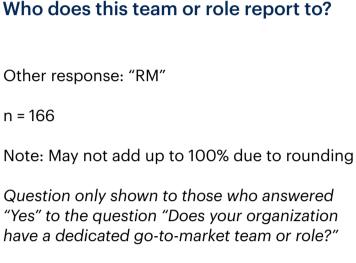
83%

Yes



11% Strategy





Of those that have a dedicated

go-to-market team or role, 46%

report to marketing, and 30%

report to sales.

16%

No

1%

Unsure

30% Sales



n = 200Neutral 2% Note: May not add up to 100% due to rounding Somewhat ineffective 2% Very ineffective

Respondents most commonly selected product features and benefits (61%) and

to adopt its current go-to-market strategy.

to the same

go-to-market strategy

Product features

n = 200

63%

Clarify value

proposition

51%

Competition in

our industry

21%

39%

Personalization

and customization

Data-driven decision making

5/%

Adjust

pricing

strategy

56%

Identify/

adjust target

market

Industry competition is a challenge for most

43%

Determining

product-market fit

Measuring success 28% | Internal stakeholder misalignment 23% | Other 1%

Other: "Prospect confusion", "Very long sales cycle with targeted customers"

Personalization and customization (39%) is the most commonly selected trend in

go-to-market strategies right now, followed by data-driven decision making (21%).

What is the biggest trend in go-to-market strategies right now?

Question only shown to those who answered the question "This year, does

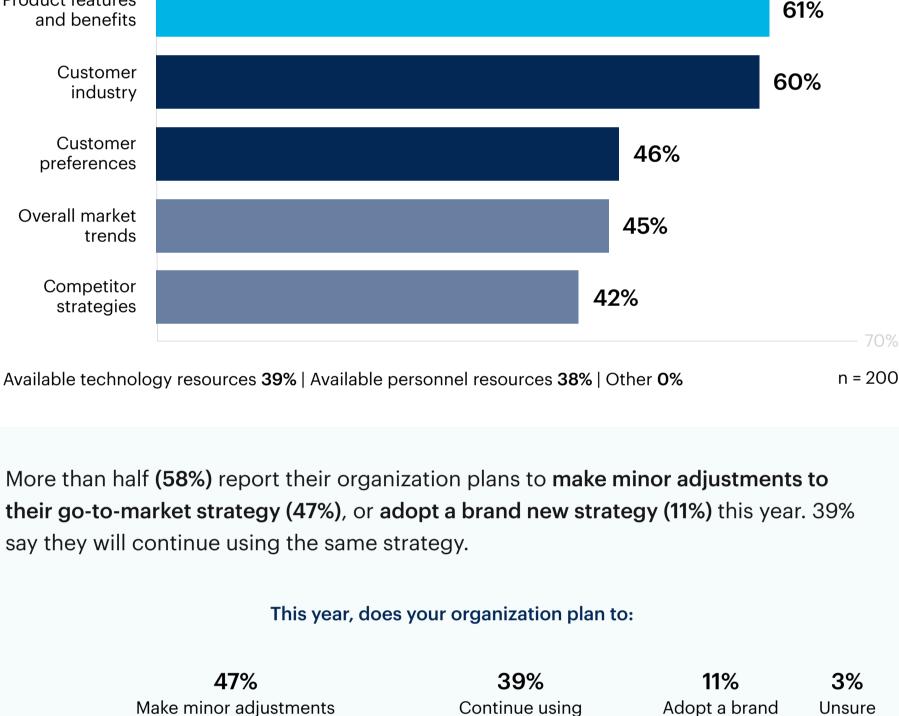
your organization plan to:" with "Make minor adjustments to the same go-to-market strategy" or "Adopt a brand new go-to-market strategy".

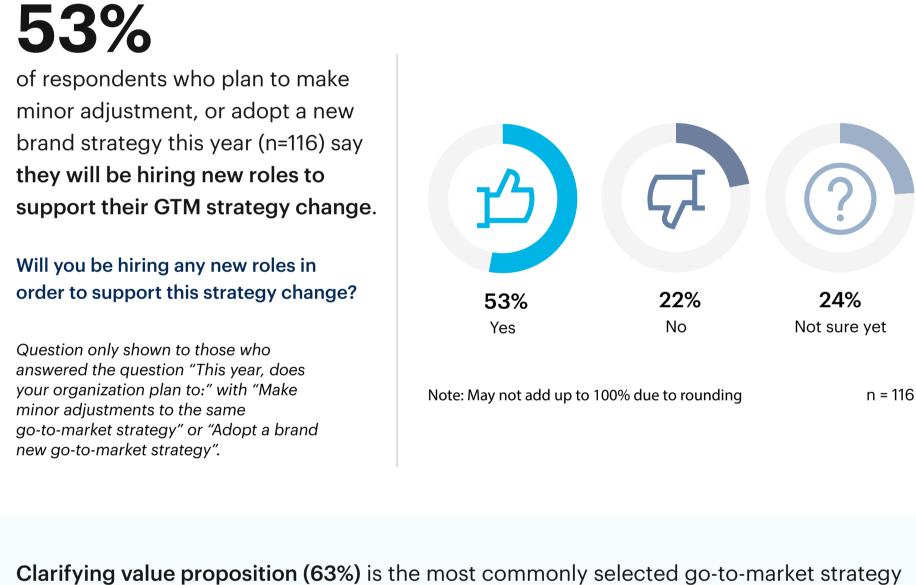
customer industry (60%) as the factors that influenced their organization's decision

What factors influenced your organization's

decision to adopt its current go-to-market

strategy? Select all that apply.





change, followed by adjust pricing strategy (57%), and identify/adjust target market (56%).

47%

Increase

account

based

marketing

organizations, but many predict a more buyer centric future Competition in our industry (51%), determining product-market fit (43%) and strategy complexity (43%), were the most commonly reported go-to-market challenges. What are the biggest challenges your organization

Select all that apply.

43%

Strategy complexity

(e.g. too many

partners or channels)

n = 200Note: May not add up to 100% due to rounding

"Become more personalized, more product led vs 1-to-1 sales led." - Product Management VP, Finance, Banking & Insurance industry "More buyer led, more personalisation and more channel driven." - Sales VP, Software industry Question: How do you believe go-to-market strategies will continue to evolve in the next 2-3 years?

APAC 57%

Note: May not add up to 100% due to rounding 48% Respondents: 200 sales, marketing, and product management professionals

Want more insights like this from leaders like yourself? Click here to explore the revamped, retooled and reimagined Gartner Peer Community. You'll get access to synthesized insights and engaging discussions from a community of your peers. Respondent Breakdown Region North America 27% **EMEA 16% Job Level Company Size**

Sales/Business 34% Development Marketing Product 18% Management

VP C-Suite 12% 8%

Does your organization have a dedicated go-to-market team or role? n = 2001% Other 9% Product

Very effective









Become more

product-led

27%

Become

more

sales-led

Other 0%

n = 200

19%

10%

Omnichannel approach

Partnerships (e.g. guest

n = 116

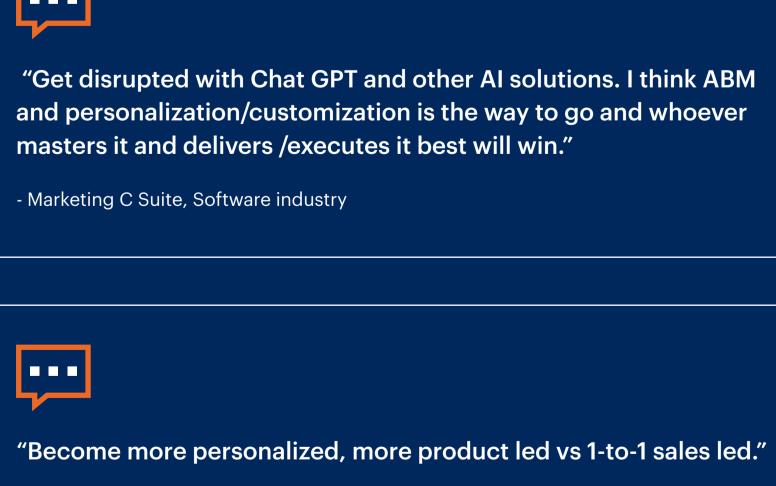
38%

Change

distribution

channel







employees IC 1,001 - 5,000 employees 13% **Gartner**

10%

blogging, joint webinars/virtual events) 8% Al and automation 4% Micro-content (i.e. Tik Tok, Shorts, etc.) Other 0%

10,001+ employees 23% <1,001 5,001 - 10,000 48% employees 20%

Director 18%

Source: Gartner Peer Community, 2023: State of Go-to-Market Strategies survey

Manager 51%

neither endorses it nor makes any warranties about its accuracy or completeness.

© 2023 Gartner, Inc. and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.

This content, which provides opinions and points of view expressed by users, does not represent the views of Gartner; Gartner