



Salesforce is more than just a CRM— it's the world's leading customer-centric platform, empowering organizations of all sizes to revolutionize how they connect, engage, and grow. Backed by trusted insights, Al-driven tools like Agentforce, and a comprehensive suite of solutions across sales, service, marketing, commerce, and operations, Salesforce offers the flexibility, intelligence, and scalability needed to thrive in today's fast-evolving landscape.

Whether you're leading a retail enterprise, a financial institution, a travel powerhouse, a sports organization, or a manufacturing giant, this guide delivers industry-specific insights, emerging trends, and proven strategies to turn potential into performance.

Our approach is bold yet strategic: Salesforce transforms fragmented systems into connected ecosystems – unifying data, AI, and automation to drive smarter decisions, faster execution, and personalized customer experiences. By tapping into Salesforce's full potential, your business can increase revenue, reduce operational costs, strengthen resilience, and accelerate growth with confidence.

# How Can Companies Use Salesforce

to Boost Sales Across Industries?

By harnessing the power of Salesforce, companies can revolutionize their customer relationship management and skyrocket sales across diverse sectors. With Salesforce's full suite of products and services, businesses can streamline sales processes, optimize lead management, and leverage customer insights to drive revenue growth.

From centralized customer data to real-time insights and marketing automation, Salesforce empowers organizations to:

1 Improve

Lead Conversion Rates

Up to

30%

Time-To-Close

By
22%

Customer Retention

By

27%

Source: Salesforce Customer Success Metrics, 2024

Start transforming your CRM and elevate your sales game with Salesforce.



### TOP SALESFORCE TRENDS

# Revolutionizing the World of CRM

Salesforce has firmly established itself as the leading force in the CRM industry, outpacing its competitors and earning the trust of most Fortune 500 companies. Its impact is evident in the significant boost in sales productivity reported by its users, showcasing its effectiveness in enhancing customer engagement and business operations. Let's dive into the world of Salesforce, and its latest trends:



Salesforce Dominance:

Salesforce leads as the largest CRM player, boasting over 20% market share, surpassing the combined share of its closest competitors at 17.7%.

% Market Share

Salesforce Leads

With over the

20%

Portune 500 Adoption:

An impressive 90% of Fortune 500 companies have chosen Salesforce as their CRM provider, showcasing its widespread adoption among industry leaders.

**CRM Provider** 

90% of Fortune 500 companies

13 Enhanced Sales Productivity:

Customers have reported a remarkable increase of approximately 40% in sales productivity after implementing Salesforce, highlighting its effectiveness in driving sales performance.

↑ Increase

Sales Productivity

Up to

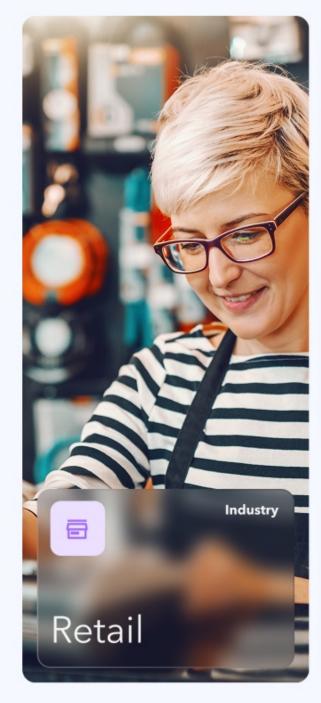
40%

Sources: Salesforce, IDC 2023H1 Revenue Market Share Worldwide

# **Boost Revenue Through Salesforce**

As the latest trends show, Salesforce opens the door to unmatched opportunities – from driving revenue growth to reducing costs and managing risk more effectively. Imagine a sales ecosystem where processes run smoothly, leads are nurtured with intention, and every opportunity is captured with clarity. With centralized customer data and real-time insights, businesses can sharpen their sales strategies and elevate marketing performance – all while maximizing ROI and building stronger, more meaningful customer relationships.

Let's explore how Salesforce provides solutions to address these critical needs.		2 Applications	
01 Increase Revenue	Transform your sales game: From traffic, to lead, to close, Salesforce optimizes every step, boosting efficiency, insights, and ROI to skyrocket revenue and nurture lasting customer connections.	<ul> <li>Centralized customer data</li> <li>Efficient lead management</li> <li>Increased sales effectiveness</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Real-time insights and analysis</li><li>Marketing automation and tracking</li><li>Improved marketing ROI</li></ul>
02 Optimize Costs	With Salesforce's flexible payment models and scalable infrastructure, invest smarter, scale effortlessly, and optimize resources for maximum ROI without the burden of upfront costs.	<ul> <li>Consolidated systems</li> <li>Process optimization</li> <li>Tasks and process automation</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Improved resource allocation</li><li>Reduced operational costs</li><li>Lowered IT expenses</li></ul>
03 Mitigate Risks	Let Salesforce's automation experts bolster efficiency, ensure continuity with disaster recovery, and fortify security to safeguard your brand and maintain operational resilience with confidence.	<ul><li>Data centralization</li><li>Data redundancy</li><li>Data resilience</li></ul>	<ul><li>Disaster recovery</li><li>Data security and compliance</li><li>Encryption</li></ul>





Increase revenue by providing:

- Targeted campaigns
- Loyalty programs
- Easy shopping experience

Craft personalized marketing campaigns tailored to customer preferences and behavior, incentivizing repeat purchases with rewards and exclusive promotions, while seamlessly integrating e-commerce platforms and sales channels for an enhanced shopping journey.





Optimize

by enabling:

costs

- Inventory management
- Orders management
- Suppliers' management

Maximize inventory efficiency by maintaining optimal stock levels to prevent stockouts or overstock, while streamlining order processing through workflow automation to minimize manual intervention, and monitoring supplier performance to track key metrics like delivery times and product quality for seamless operations.



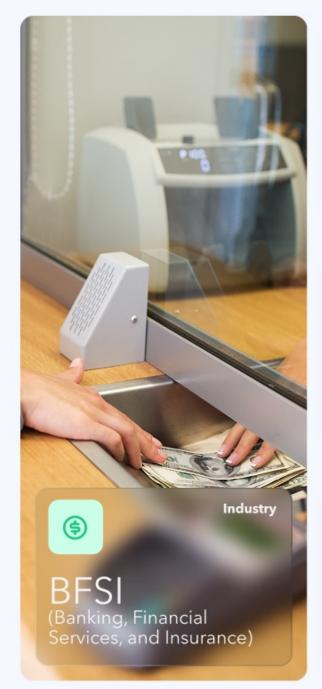


- Fraud prevention
- · Supply chain risk management
- · Security access controls

Mitigate risks by delivering:

Ensure business resilience by proactively detecting and preventing fraudulent activities, identifying potential disruptions like supplier issues or natural disasters, and implementing robust security measures such as role-based access controls, encryption, and multi-factor authentication to safeguard against threats and maintain operational continuity.

**Use Case** Tips





Increase

revenue by providing: Financial recommendations

- Loan processing
- Self-service portals

Enhance client services by tracking portfolios, offering tailored investment advice, and providing real-time updates on loan processes, while empowering selfservice with account, loan, and insurance applications for enhanced customer experience.





Optimize

by enabling:

costs

• Opportunity management

- · Loan origination
- · Omnichannel service

Optimize sales efficiency by tracking pipelines, forecasting revenue, and automating document management and approval workflows, while centralizing customer interactions to enhance support responsiveness and streamline processes for seamless operations.

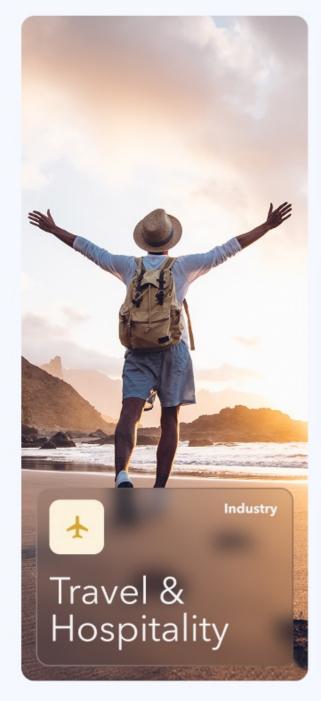




Fraud detection

- Disaster recovery
- · Regulatory reporting

Mitigate risks by delivering: Ensure robust security measures by detecting and addressing fraudulent activities, while maintaining operational resilience through comprehensive business continuity planning and managing compliance obligations and regulatory changes for sustained stability and reliability.





Increase

revenue by providing: Guest's recommendations

· Guest interactions

Omnichannel guest support

Enhance guest experiences by offering personalized packages, centralizing guest data for a comprehensive view, and providing omni-channel service across various platforms, ensuring seamless interactions and satisfaction throughout their journey.



• Reservations and bookings management

Resource allocation

· Routine task automation

Optimize operations by streamlining booking, reservation management, and cancellation processes, analyzing demand trends to optimize pricing across hotel rooms, airline seats, and rental cars, while efficiently managing check-in/check-out procedures, housekeeping schedules, and maintenance requests.



Optimize



Travel risk monitoring

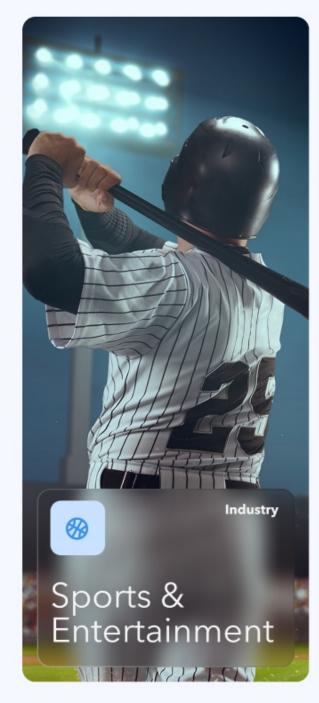
• Emergency response

• Privacy compliance



Mitigate risks by delivering:

Ensure traveler safety and security by assessing and monitoring risks, developing emergency response protocols for natural disasters and pandemics, and strengthening security measures to safeguard guest information and confidential data, ensuring a secure and resilient travel experience.





Increase

revenue

by providing:

- Fans experience
- · Season tickets renewal
- Fans loyalty programs

Leverage customer insights to deliver tailored experiences like personalized greetings and surprise giveaways, seize upselling opportunities by targeting personalized offers for ticket upgrades, and incentivize loyalty with rewards, discounts, and exclusive experiences, enhancing overall customer satisfaction and engagement.





Optimize

by enabling:

costs

· Tickets and events management

• Venue management

• Sponsorships management

Optimize event management by integrating ticketing systems for sales and distribution, overseeing venue operations including maintenance and staffing, and efficiently tracking agreements, activations, and commitments for seamless execution.





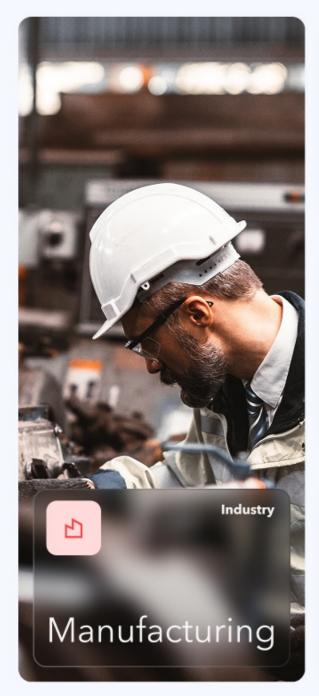
• Venue contracts management

· Security management

Information security

Mitigate risks by delivering: Ensure operational efficiency by centralizing contract management to track terms and obligations, consolidating safety protocols and emergency response plans for effective crowd management, while safeguarding sensitive information, including fan data and intellectual property, to maintain security and compliance across your organization.

**Use Case** 





Increase

revenue by providing: · Customer targeting

• E-commerce integration

· Business insights

Maximize e-commerce success by segmenting customers, enabling personalized shopping experiences, and providing insights into sales performance and market trends to optimize strategies, streamline operations, and drive online sales growth.





Optimize

by enabling:

costs

Supply chain management

· Real-time inventory tracking

Quality management

Enhance inventory management by optimizing levels, streamlining order processing, and tracking defects in real-time to minimize stockouts, improve fulfillment, and mitigate compliance risks, ensuring seamless operations.





Compliance management

· Business continuity



Mitigate

by delivering:

risks

• Equipment maintenance

Ensure operational resilience by centralizing information to meet industry standards, enabling remote access for business continuity, and proactively monitoring equipment performance to predict maintenance needs and optimize asset utilization, safeguarding against disruptions and maximizing efficiency.

## **GETTING STARTED WITH SALESFORCE:**

# Your First Steps to Real Results

Ready to supercharge your business with Salesforce? Let's break it down. Start by setting clear goals and customize Salesforce to fit your processes like a glove. Begin with the basics: storing contacts, managing leads, and tracking deals. Next, integrate Salesforce with your other tools to create a connected ecosystem. Once your foundation is set, dive into analytics to make smarter, data-driven decisions that keep you aligned with your big-picture goals.



#### Used for basic functions:

store contacts, manage leads, log activities. Organization starts to expand its functionalities.



## Integrated with other systems to enable data flow:

ERP, marketing and customer support platforms. Organization explores analytics.



Analytics and Insights

## Focused on data integrity and governance.

Organization leverages reports, dashboards and Alpowered analytics.



Strategic Alignment

## Aligned with strategic objectives and goals.

Organization enhances efficiency and drives innovation to deliver top customer experience.



Advanced Automation and Al

## Organization leverages intelligent workflows,

predictive analytics, and machine learning to automate tasks and personalize interactions.





#### OVERVIEW

An integrated home solar system firm, part of the largest roofing materials company in the world, started working with Applaudo's teams to develop Salesforce-integrated automated systems to streamline the internal process to enhance their partner's sales tools and employee experience. This strategic initiative was aimed at increasing efficiencies for Manufacturer's employees.



As a high-tech solar energy industry player, the client was facing challenges of promptly addressing customer inquiries, organizing customer data efficiently, and reducing human error.

Accelerate product development and release cycles to match swiftly evolving market demands while managing limited resources effectively.

Identify and implement operational efficiencies to counter rising costs, ensuring they remain competitive within the dynamic market environment.

#### HOW WE SOLVED IT -

### Faster customer service,

better data management, and mitigated errors.

### Client releases updates faster and smarter

with agile delivery and leading CD/CI tools.

## Optimized operations helped our client

cut costs and boost competitiveness.

#### RESULTS

**Sales and revenue growth:** Through Salesforce-accelerated response to customer inquiries, we efficiently managed customer information and reduced human errors.

**Faster feature release:** With an agile model of delivery, our client was able to reduce the time and resources required to release new features and updates.

**Reduced operational costs:** Our streamlined operations helped our client reduce cost to remain competitive in the market.

## Gain Your Competitive Edge with Applaudo

Salesforce isn't just a CRM-it's a catalyst for transformation. With **over 150,000 businesses** leveraging Salesforce today, it's clear that the organizations investing in strategic Salesforce adoption are leading their industries in innovation and growth.

At Applaudo, we specialize in unlocking Salesforce's full potential to help you drive exceptional results. With deep cross-industry expertise, we design and implement solutions that optimize operations, elevate experiences, and generate value at scale. Ready to turn strategy into success?

Leverage our expertise today

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