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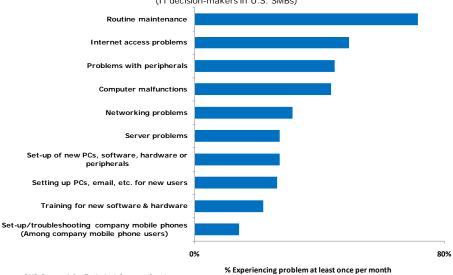
Synopsis

This report provides an overview of both the demand- and supplyside drivers for technical support services to the small-and medium-sized business markets. It quantifies the technology environment and sheds light into today's current demand for premium technical support offerings.

Total Addressable Market for Consumer Tech Support: U.S.

Percentage of Monthly IT Issues: U.S. Small- and Mediumsized Businesses

(IT decision-makers in U.S. SMBs)



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"Keeping their technology products and services working at an optimal level is critical to the productivity of U.S. small- and medium-sized businesses," said Kurt Scherf, vice president, principal analyst, Parks Associates. "With often very heterogeneous technology environments, the growing use of server technology, critical needs for data backup, and unique needs for IT support and management, the SMB market has significant demand for one-stop premium technical support services."

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U.S. Small- and Medium-sized Businesses

Number of Employees

Annual Company Revenues

Number of Office Locations

Technology in the SMB Environment

Technology in the SMB Environment

Number of PCs

PCs per Employee

Number of Network Servers

IT Security Products in Use

IT Support Features Used

Interest in IT Support Features

Number of Corporate Liable Wireless Lines

Average Annual Amount Spent on IT Equipment and Services

Spending on Ongoing IT Support

Spending on Ongoing Going Support, by Business Size

Spending on Per Incident IT Support

Annual Spending on As-needed Support

Key Factors Driving Current Tech Support Expenditures

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IT Spending/Hiring Trends

IT Increases in Tech Support Spending, Last Year

Expected IT Spending/Hiring Trends

Increases in Tech Support Spending, Future Intentions

IT Equipment Purchase Locations

Features Chosen with Computer Purchase

Features Chosen with Computer Purchase: Comparing SMBs to Consumers Likelihood of Purchasing Support With New Computer: Comparing SMBs to Consumers

SMBs with Current Professional Tech Support Service

Network Servers & Current Professional Tech Support Service

Use of Professional Tech Support Services

Frequency of Professional IT Support

IT Support Contract Type

Important Features of Support Services

Influences on Purchasing IT Support

Satisfaction with Service

Likely to Use Support Services

Total Number of IT Issues

Percentage of SMBs Experiencing Issues

Time Spent Resolving IT Issues

Hours per Month Addressing Technical Issues: By Number of Computers

Hours per Month Addressing Technical Issues

Hours of Lost Productivity Due to Technical Issues: By Number of Computers

Hours Lost/Spent Resolving IT Issues per Occurrence

Networked PCs vs. Hours Lost Because of IT Issues

Network Servers & IT Issues

Network Servers & Time Spent Resolving IT Issues

Network Servers & Time Lost Because of IT Issues

Network Servers & Time Spent on IT Management

Market Potential vs. SMB Willingness to Pay

SMBs Willing to Pay \$200+ per Month for Support

Current IT Support vs. Willingness to Pay

Professional Support & Willingness to Pay

Preferred Characteristics of IT Support Services

Preferred Payment Plan for IT Support Services

Interest in IT Support from Company Types

Interest in Wireless/Mobile Handset Support Features

Notable SMB Tech Support Offerings

SMBs Likely to Purchase Computers in the Next Year

SMBs Likely to Purchase Software Installation with a New Computer Purchase

Key Assumptions: Computer Set-up

Percentage of SMBs that Paid for Tech Support

Key Assumptions: Computer Support

SMBs Interested in a Support Subscription

Key Assumptions: Support Subscriptions

SMB Tech Support Services, Annual Revenue

Percentage of SMBs Willing to Pay for Additional Services



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