

# Four mid-market technology trends for 2026

Prepare for AI integration, growing security demands, evolving computing and enhanced customer experiences.

In today's digital-first economy, mid-market businesses face enterprise-sized expectations but without the enterprise-sized resources. To remain competitive, they must prioritize technology that is scalable, secure, AI-enabled, reliable and cost-effective. With the right solutions and partnerships, every challenge becomes an opportunity for growth.

Here are four key trends mid-market companies can expect in 2026:

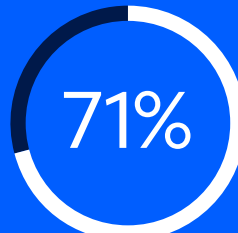
## 1. AI and automation sharpen efficiency

Mid-market firms are eager to work smarter and faster. AI and automation help streamline operations, unlock insights and improve customer experiences, enabling new levels of productivity and growth. AI-driven solutions allow companies to:

- Eliminate repetitive manual tasks and reduce operational costs.
- Improve forecasting, planning and decision-making through real-time analytics.
- Enhance employee productivity and increase focus on strategic initiatives.



Most impactful technologies according to mid-market business owners:<sup>1</sup>

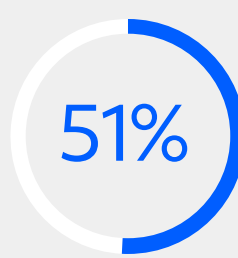


71% of mid-market firms expanding AI and technology expect improvements in productivity and operational efficiency.<sup>2</sup>

## 2. Security is more critical than ever

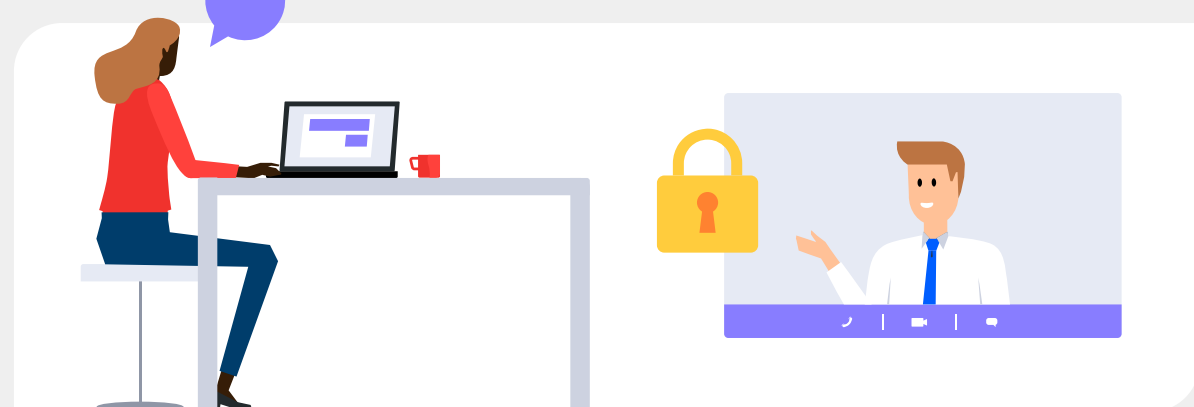
As their digital interactions grow, security, trust and data governance become essential to protecting operations and customers. Safeguarding information and ensuring compliance strengthens brand reputation and business resilience. Companies can:

- Prevent costly breaches and downtime with proactive threat detection.
- Build customer confidence through transparent, compliant data practices.
- Move faster, work smarter, protect your business and enhance customer experience.



51% of mid-market leaders say their company has experienced a network breach or cybercrime.<sup>3</sup>

85% of mid-market organizations with a negative company outlook and 96% of those with a positive one said they plan to increase cybersecurity spending from 2025 to 2026.<sup>4</sup>



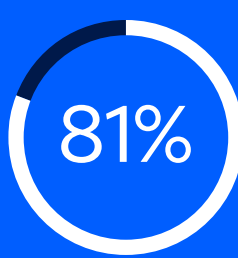
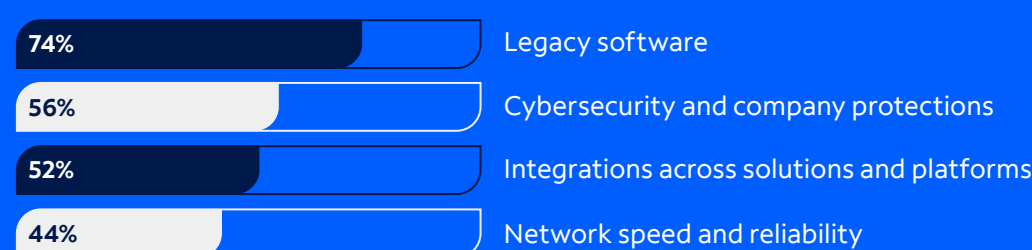
## 3. Cloud and hybrid computing accelerates innovation

Mid-market organizations operate across locations and systems. Hybrid cloud, edge and spatial computing aid agility, responsiveness and scalability. Connecting data, devices and people drives efficiency and innovation, enabling companies to:

- Optimize workloads across cloud and on-premises systems.
- Empower distributed teams with real-time data and immersive collaboration tools.
- Scale securely and efficiently as needs evolve.



Top tech support pain points according to mid-market companies:<sup>5</sup>

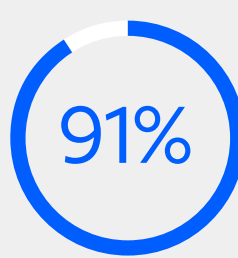


81% of organizations say their current IT infrastructure requires improvement to fully support cloud-native applications and containers.<sup>6</sup>

## 4. Customer experience is paramount

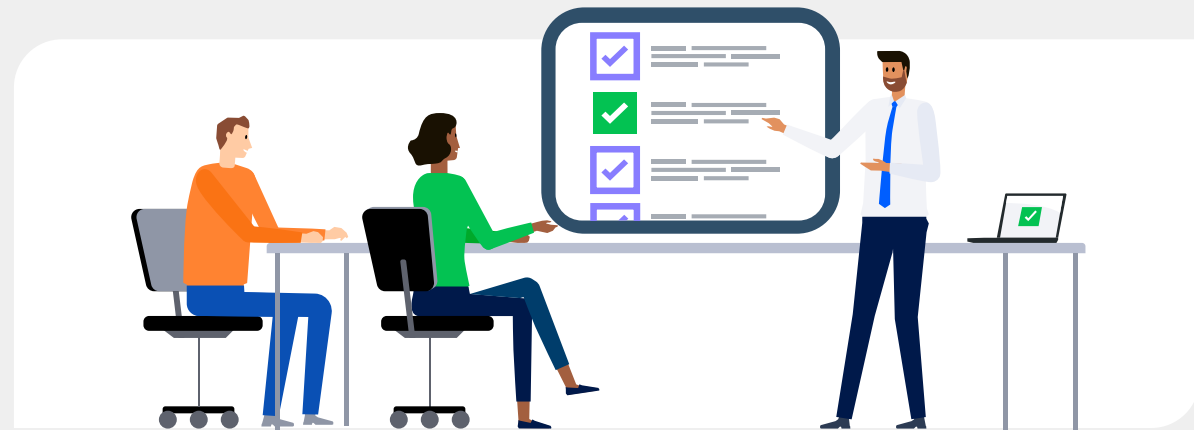
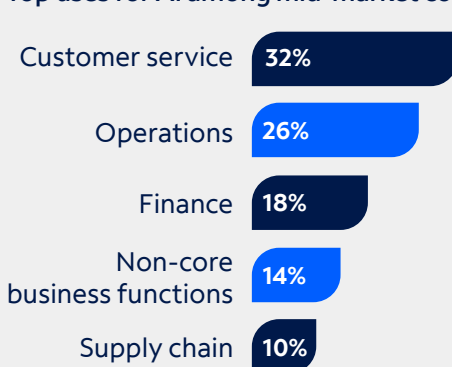
Scalable, customer-centric platforms help mid-market organizations simplify diverse processes, support unified communications and deliver exceptional experiences across channels. These solutions enhance operational efficiency and long-term customer loyalty. Companies can:

- Integrate systems and data for seamless, end-to-end customer interactions.
- Personalize experiences using real-time insights and automation.
- Reduce complexity and cost through unified, cloud-based platforms.



91% of support teams say customer service expectations have increased.<sup>7</sup>

Top uses for AI among mid-market companies:<sup>8</sup>



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