



BREAK THROUGH²²

The Sales Execution Gap is Real - Here's the Proof (and how to defeat it)



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Who are we?



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9–5: Running Sales Hacker, a community for B2B sales professionals, and Outreach’s Head of Community

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Founded in 2014

Enterprise software company

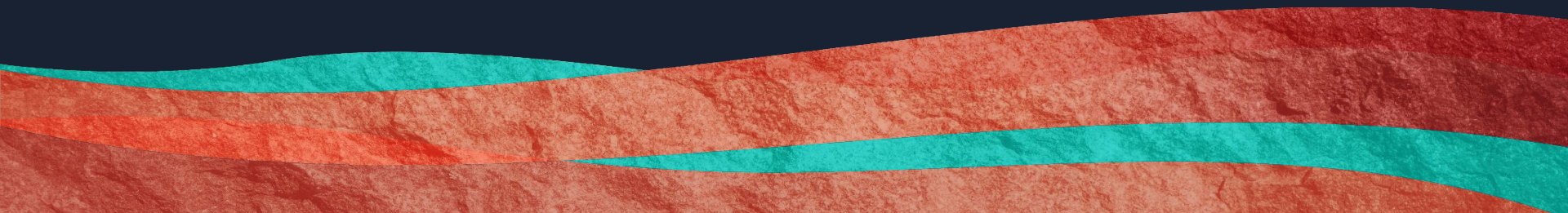
1,200 employees across 3 countries

5,000 Customers globally



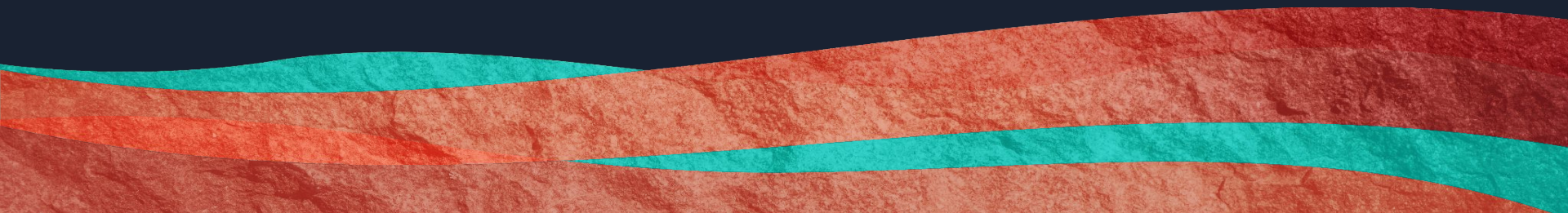


**The challenges facing revenue teams in
the last several years are *nothing like this.***





So what has changed?



New Challenges For Revenue Teams

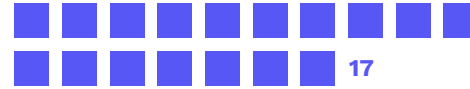
48%

of Millennials
say they make
B2B purchase
decisions.

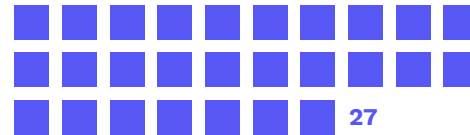
SOURCE: LinkedIn State of Sales 2021

Number of Interactions
needed to close a deal.

2019



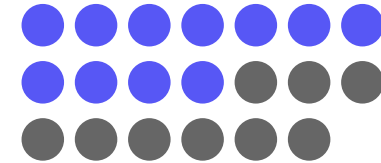
2020



SOURCE: Forrester's 2021 B2B Buyer Study

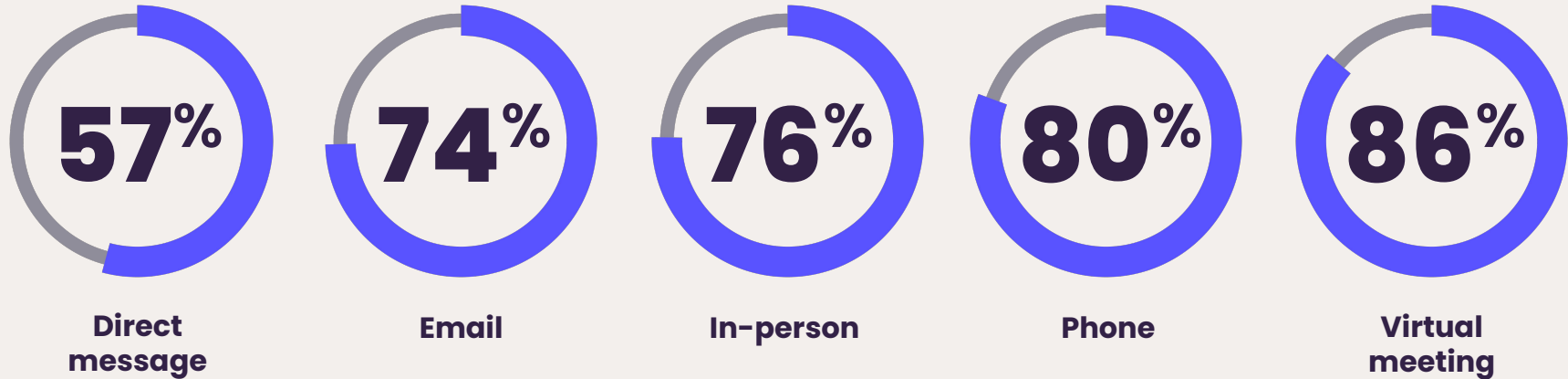
Average number of stakeholders
involved in B2B buying decision.

An average of **11** (and up to 20)
stakeholders are involved in a B2B
purchase.



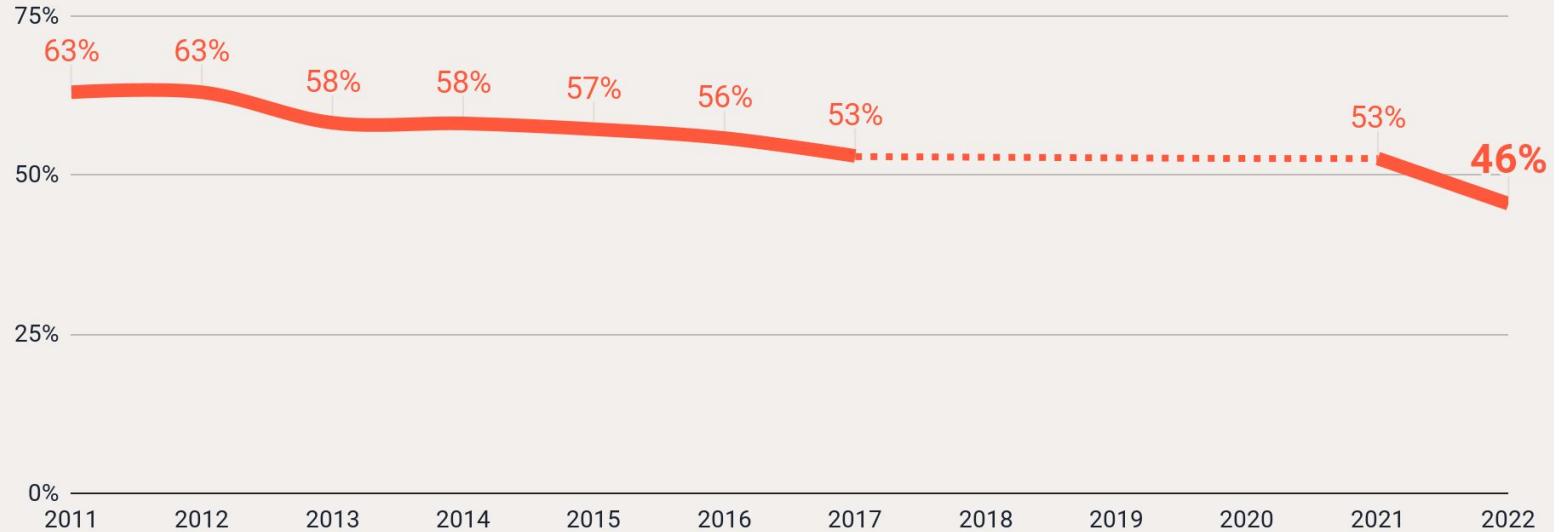
SOURCE: 2019 Gartner® Buyer Survey

Channel Engagement Preferences Are in Flux



Base: 212 B2B Directors+ that influence purchasing decisions across North America and UK organizations in various industries
Source: A commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Outreach, April 2022

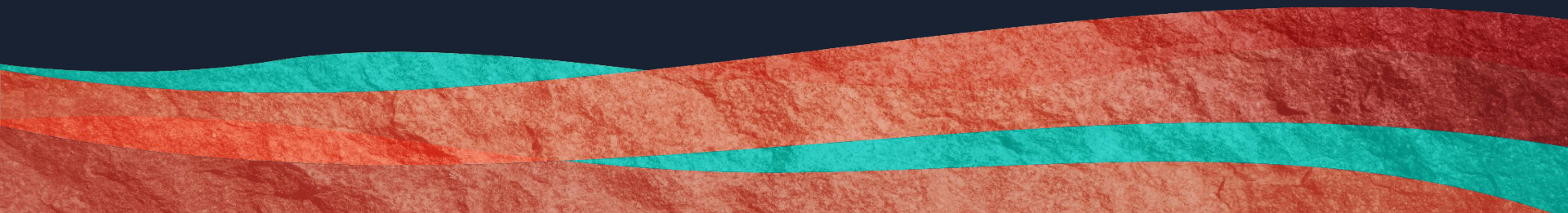
% of Sellers Achieving Quota is Falling



Source: Data 2011-2017 from Miller Heiman. Data 2021 from RepVue. Data 2022 from Alexander Group

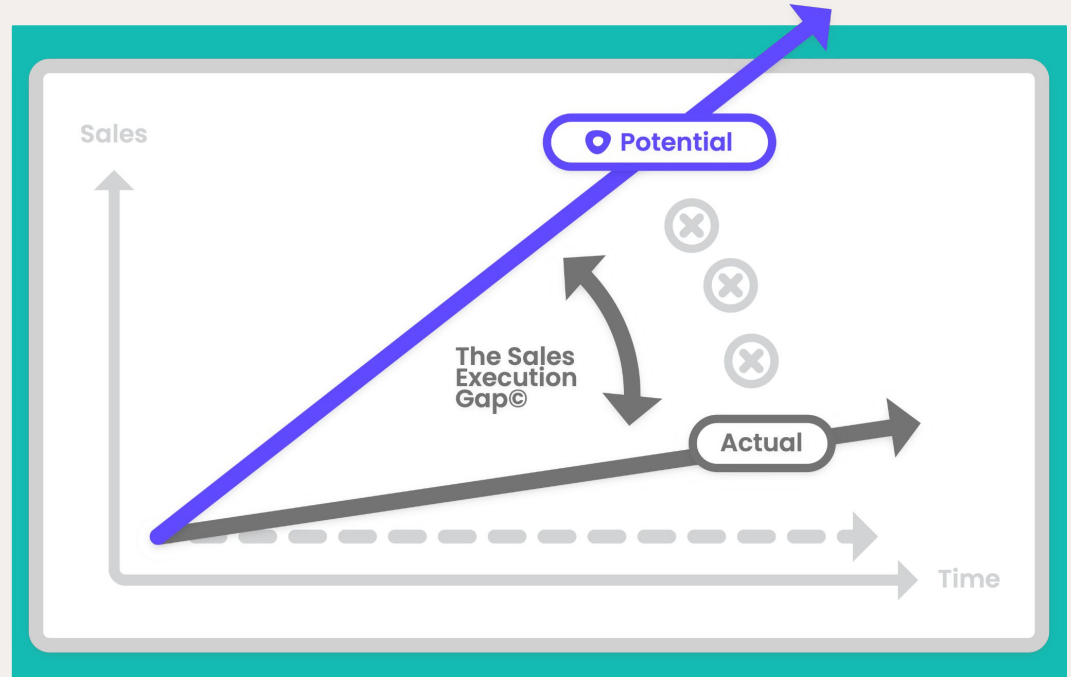


We're all sitting on a massive opportunity to solve a problem that costs enterprise companies tens of millions of dollars each year.



Revenue Teams Suffer from The Sales Execution Gap[©]

- Inefficient Prospecting
- Inconsistent Deal Management
- Inaccurate Forecasting



Quick Poll

Which part of the Sales Execution Gap do you struggle with most?

A

You and your teams feel like you can never do enough to generate the pipeline you need.

B

A major deal(s) lost because no one was alerted it was at risk until it was too late.

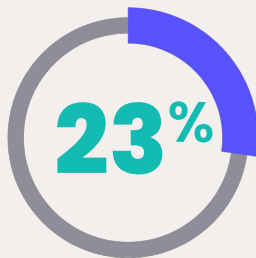
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You struggle to hit forecast numbers.

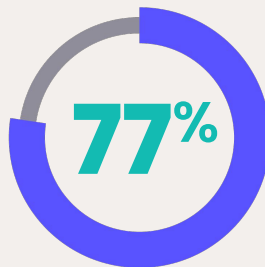
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Inefficient Prospecting

% of sales reps with enough pipeline to meet their quotas.²



% of sellers' time spent on non-selling activities.³



They're entering data into the CRM to get "credit" for the number of times they've reached out.

But this only measures output, not efficacy.

02

Inconsistent Deal Management

When companies primarily rely on their CRM:

- Manual Prospecting
- No Visibility
- Inability to Meet Buyers' Needs

The result? **Lost deals that *should have been won.***

03

Inaccurate Forecasting

Revenue leaders that lack deal and pipeline intelligence also lack *confidence* when calling their numbers.

Fewer than

25%

of sales organizations have a forecasting accuracy of **75% or more**⁴

The Benefits of Closing the Gap



01 Efficient Prospecting

Sellers can build strong, qualified pipeline and scale what's working.



02 Consistent Deal Management

Sales teams have a clear understanding of deal health across the pipeline – and know the right next step to take.



03 Accurate Forecasting

Sales leaders can spot and save at-risk deals, and commit forecasts with confidence.

What Closing the Sales Execution Gap Looks Like

A Fortune 100 telecom company partnered with Outreach to take their **worst performing sales region** and — in one quarter — turn them into their **second best performing region**.

Generated
400%

more activity in
half the time

Booked
50%

more meetings

Closed an additional
\$5M

in new revenue

3 Tips to Help Close the Gap

- 01** Audit Your Sales Process
- 02** Create a prioritized ranking of the problems causing a negative impact on the business
- 03** Investigate technology that can solve those challenges

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Audit Your Sales Process



Answer the following questions:

- Where are sellers spending their time?
- How many opportunities were lost due to poor deal management?
And how could those lost have been won with more insight?
- Where are you making assumptions due to a lack of data and insights?
- How often do you meet vs. miss your forecast target?

02

Rank the Problems Impacting Your Business



Prioritize challenges based on the resulting negative impact to business in terms of:

- Sufficient pipeline coverage
- Deal slippage
- Forecast confidence

Investigate Technology to Solve Those Challenges



Efficient Prospecting

Help sellers build pipeline through proven playbooks that use machine learning to identify what's working and what's not.

Consistent Deal Management

Empower sellers and sales managers with insights into deal health across the pipeline.

Accurate Forecasting

Use real-time data to understand pipeline opportunities, spot and save at-risk deals, and commit your forecast with confidence.

Leverage A Single Platform

Enable the entire revenue org to execute out of a single pane of glass that grows smarter with every interaction across the funnel.



Closing the Gap with Outreach and 6sense

Prioritize the hottest accounts

Personalize messaging

Right time engagement

Improved outreach, better buyer insights, and a clear plan for pipeline coverage allows sellers to focus on what they do best – **selling**.

- Capture buyer signals early and surface rich AI insights from 6sense
- Centralized visibility delivered within the Outreach platform
- Increase efficiency, effectiveness, and bridge communication between sales and marketing

Proceed with *Confidence.*

Reach Your Revenue Potential

- Identify inefficiencies in process and data
- Prioritize challenges to address
- Identify tech to close the gap