

## RETAIL TRADE

MIDDLE MARKET INDICATOR

# Year-End 2023



IN COLLABORATION WITH







### Retail Trade's Revenue Growth vs. National

RETAIL TRADE'S MIDDLE MARKET

PAST 12 MO.

10.7%

Past 12 Months National RETAIL TRADE'S MIDDLE MARKET

NEXT 12 MO.

7.7%

8.1% Next 12 Months National

### Retail Trade's Employment Growth vs. National

RETAIL TRADE'S MIDDLE MARKET

PAST 12 MO.

10.6%

9.6% Past 12 Months National RETAIL TRADE'S MIDDLE MARKET

NEXT 12 MO.

7.4%

8.7% Next 12 Months National

#### Retail Trade's Top Internal Challenges Over The Next 12 Months



TALENT MANAGEMENT

51%



**BUSINESS GROWTH** 

19%



**TECHNOLOGY** 

19%

## Preparing For Growth Through Capital Investment

WILLINGNESS TO INVEST DECREASES AMONG MIDDLE MARKET RETAIL TRADE COMPANIES COMPARED TO 65% REPORTED IN 2Q'23.



VS. THE SAME INTERNAL CHALLENGES OF THE NATIONAL MIDDLE MARKET

TALENT MANAGEMENT

51%

**BUSINESS GROWTH** 

19%

TECHNOLOGY

20%

### The Functions that Business Leaders Plan to Implement AI into their Business in the Next 12 Months

	ALL MIDDLE MARKET COMPANIES	BUSINESS SERVICES	MANUFACTURING	RETAIL TRADE	CONSTRUCTION	FINANCIAL SERVICES	HEALTHCARE	TECHNOLOGY*
CUSTOMER SERVICE	44%	44%	39%	41%	41%	38%	48%	47%
INNOVATION	34%	43%	39%	45%	27%	29%	24%	28%
ANALYZING DATA	43%	48%	48%	41%	32%	40%	61%	40%
SUPPLY CHAIN	29%	22%	38%	34%	36%	22%	19%	30%
IMPROVE EFFICIENCIES	47%	43%	49%	55%	47%	41%	53%	44%
COLLECTING OF DATA	43%	41%	37%	41%	40%	44%	49%	46%
OTHER	2%	3%	0%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%

<sup>\*</sup>Includes companies also represented in other industries, e.g., computer manufacturers, IT services, healthtech, fintech.

#### Retail Trade's Middle Market Defined







Source: 2014 D&B Data

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