

Expected Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic for Online Business

2Checkout Survey Insights



2Checkout recently conducted a global survey of merchants selling digital and physical goods online internationally on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Discover what current pain points merchants around the globe are struggling with and their plans for overcoming this situation.

COVID-19 Impact Scale Expected in Online Business

More than half of businesses we surveyed expect that the global pandemic will have a significant or critical impact on their sales, about a third are estimating limited or no negative impact, and a little over ten percent are even forecasting a positive impact and business growth.





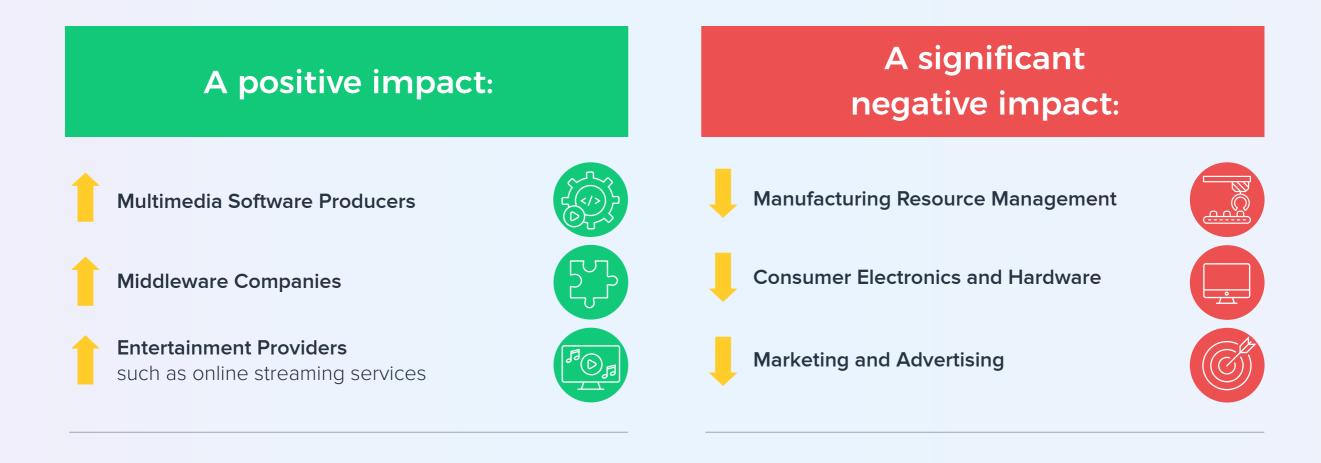


No impact (no threat to business)

8%



Examples of industries' outlook on pandemic effects



COVID-19 Challenges for Businesses

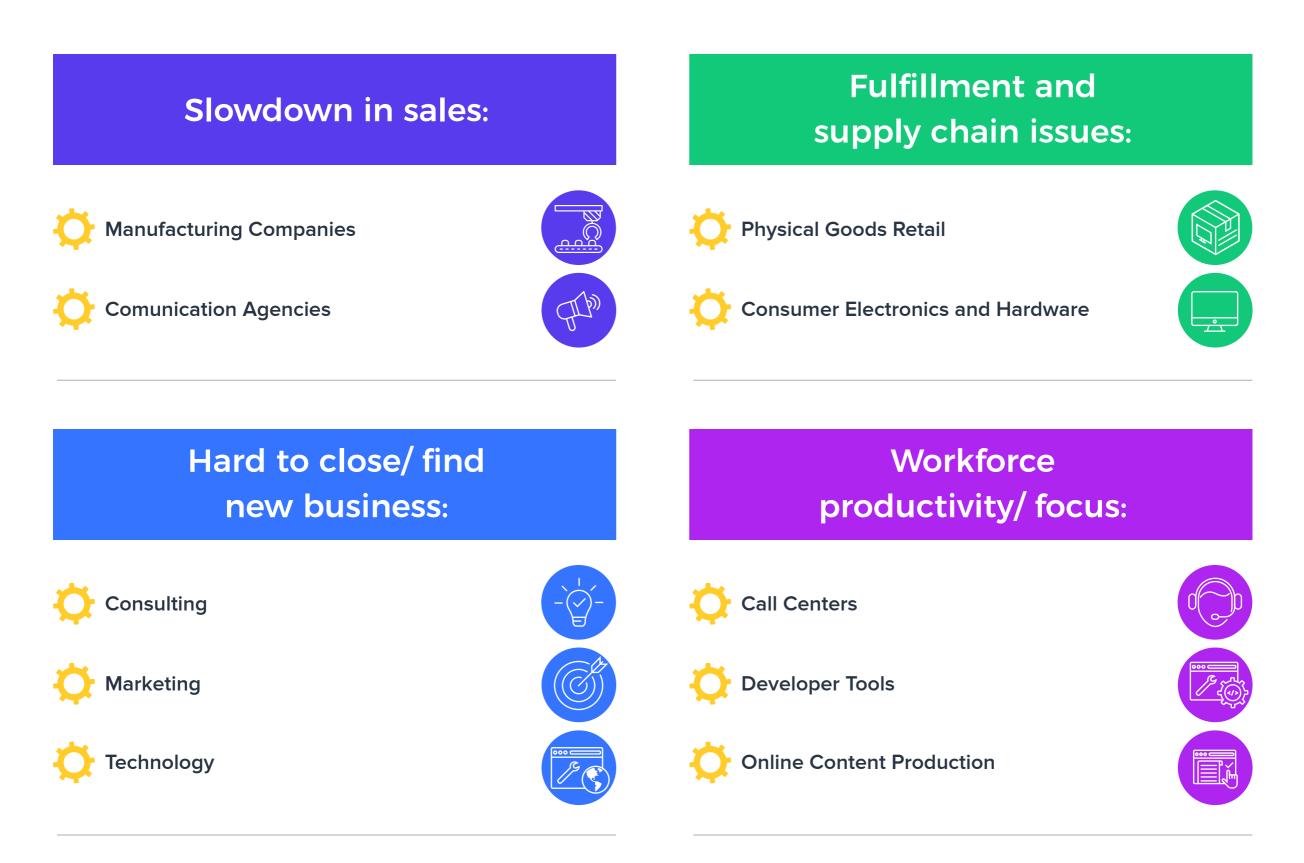
The number-one challenge faced by merchants in the new market rules is slow sales, and these forecasts span a variety of industries and markets. Other grave challenges signaled by merchants include fulfillment and supply chain issues, difficulty in finding new business, and a slower moving funnel.

\$ Slowdown in sales	60%
Fulfillment issues, supply chain delays	21%
Hard to close/ find new business	18%
The funnel is moving slower than usual	17%
No significant disruption to our industry	16%
Workforce productivity/ focus	16%
Increase in chargeback/ refund rates	15%
Securing cashflow for short- and long-term needs	15%





Examples of the challenges faced in different industries and who is facing them



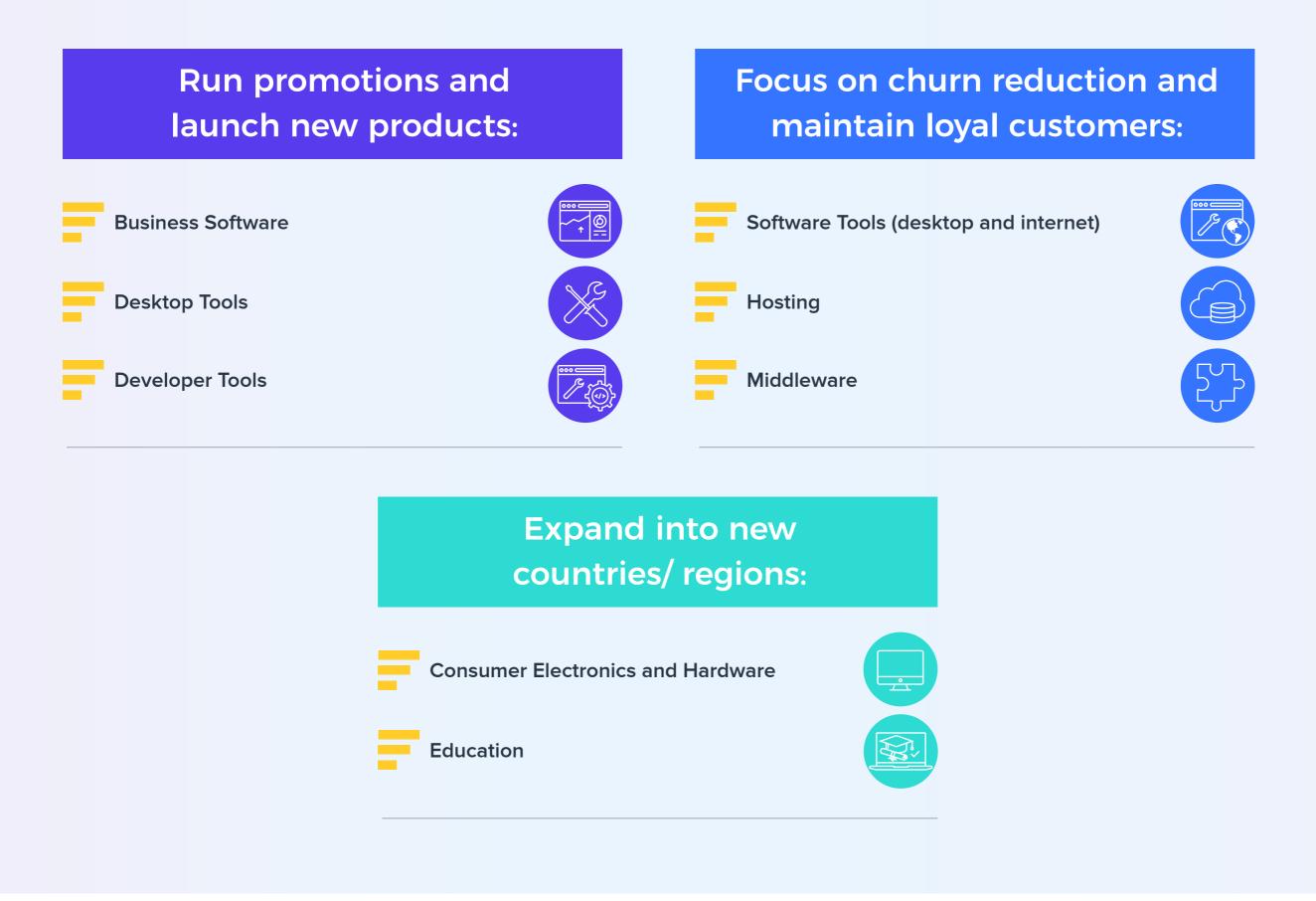
Business Priorities for the Next Period

To deal with new market limitations and address adapting consumer preferences, merchants are primarily looking to their product and marketing capabilities. Launching new products and running promotions and special offers seem to be the main objectives in a post COVID-19 world, followed by increasing customer lifetime value, reducing churn, and expansion in new markets.

%	Run promotions and special offers	40 %
	Launch new products	38%
	Focus on upgrade strategies and increase the client lifetime value	28 %



Examples of online business priorities in different industries



The results presented in this infographic were derived from 2Checkout's own research, conducted in April and May, 2020 on 843 global merchants who sell online. For more insights, check out our infographic on COVID-19 Impact on Global Online Sales.

