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Under the leadership of Satya Nadella, Microsoft has regained the ground it lost to other tech giants in previous years and is set to capture even more attention and market share in the years to come.

One of the keys to Microsoft's success has been the steadily rising adoption of its Office 365 subscription service - including the widely used Office 365.

(All statistics courtesy of Gartner, unless otherwise sited.)

Here are 2 recent statistics that give insight into where Office 365 is going:

1. 1 in 5 corporate employees now use an Office 365 cloud service.
2. Office 365 is the most widely used cloud service by user count.

Adoption of Office 365 by industry

In addition to the special Office 365 licenses extended to education and government organizations, there are many industries finding Office 365 to be a viable cloud solution available.

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At the moment, the financial services industry has the highest rate of usage. This makes sense, since traditionally, financial firms have been quick to adopt new technology and are also heavy users of Office apps like Excel. Microsoft's focus on making its cloud services meet FISC and GDPR data protection requirements also make Office 365 a natural choice for an industry that regularly deals in the transaction of sensitive data.

Second only to financial services, the [manufacturing industry has migrated to using Office 365](#) and especially the OneDrive app for cloud storage at a rate of over 26% of its users.

Initially slower to adopt, the healthcare industry has seen an uptick of recent usage, partly due to Microsoft creating an in-house [team](#) specifically tasked with serving their needs. Microsoft held a [Healthcare & Life Sciences Virtual Conference](#) last January and have ensured that [Teams](#) has the HIPAA compliance and features healthcare groups need to make that platform their default communication tool.

In the legal field, [The American Bar Association](#) recently published a report on the benefits of Office 365 for legal firms - which highlighted specific use cases for groups, Teams, and automations using Microsoft Flow.

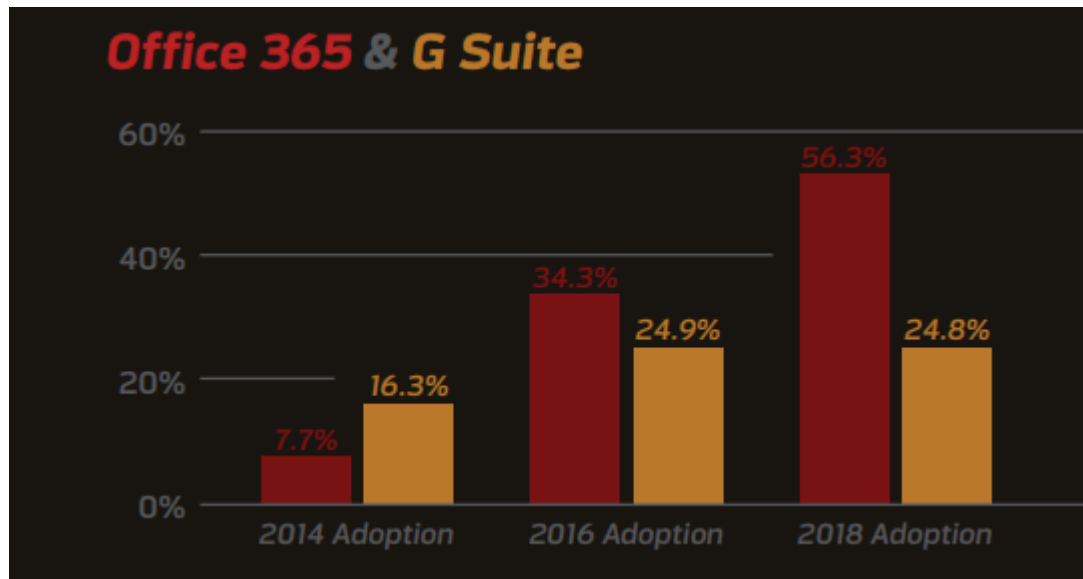
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Has Microsoft Already Won the Cloud War?

According to Bitglass, usage of Office 365 globally in 2016 was around 34%. That number is projected to reach 50% by 2020.

This means Office 365 users now make up over half of the 81% of total organizations who have made the shift to cloud services.

Compare that with the relatively stagnant growth of Google's G Suite since since 2016.



A few more stats compiled from Microsoft and DMR

1. There are now over 155 million Office 365 business users (2018).
2. Outlook mobile app users reached 90 million in 2017.
3. Microsoft office has been downloaded on Android over 1 billion times (2018).
4. Office 365 made its Mac App Store debut in January of this year (2019).
5. There are now 500,000 businesses using Microsoft Teams, including 91% of the Fortune 100 (2019).

What does this mean for SMB's?

On one hand, the future looks bright. With Windows 10 and Office 365 subscriptions that have been shown to bring a positive [ROI within 13 months](#) of investment, there are plenty of licenses and options to suit any business.

The workforce will continue to trend towards a "work from anywhere on any device" model, and small to mid-sized businesses who don't invest in a proven solution face the risk of not being able to compete in the areas of staffing, productivity, and the future.

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It cannot be denied that more and more companies are adopting Office 365 and reaping the benefits. I had recently contacted Changing Social Media Adoption and Change plan that's suitable for my organization's success. It will take some time before the full potentials of Office 365 are realized but the adoption is completely worth it. Moreover, these statistics are solid evidence of the fact that an increasing number of industries are switching to Office 365 and it is for

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