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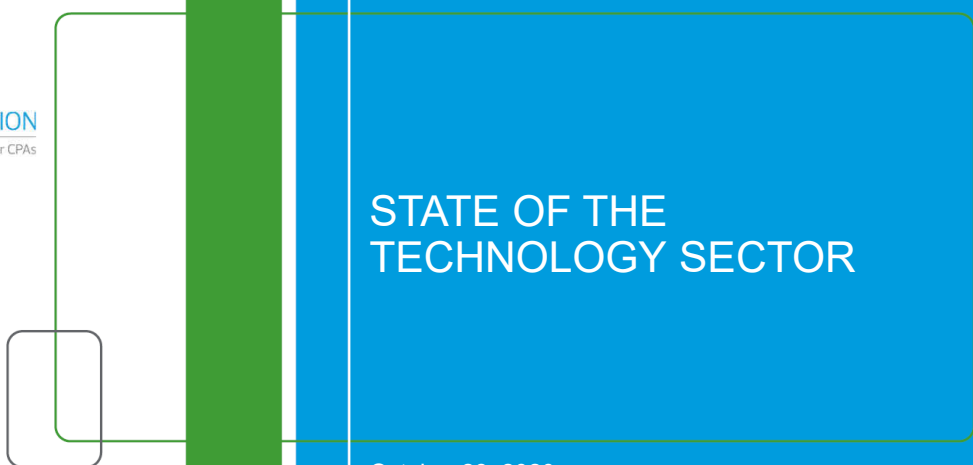
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Objectives

By the end of this course, you will have:

- A general understanding of the economic and business conditions impacting technology firms
- Insight into the current environment of the investment and capital markets
- Insight into the outlook for technology firms



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ECONOMICS AND POLICY

Technology enables **PROGRESS**

PRO PROGRESS

“Forward” or “For”

The opposite of PRO is....

CON GRESS

“Against”



Pandemic economics, recovery and beyond



US economy: Nascent Rebound

- Supply, demand and financial shocks beginning to ebb
- Resilient rebound
 - Housing & manufacturing lead rebound=17% of the total economy
- Household consumption a risk due to lack of fiscal support
- Major risk to the economic outlook: second wave of pandemic



Policy response

- Policy impasse over further fiscal aid a cause for pullback in Q4'20 & Q1'21 growth forecast
- Main Street Lending Program
- Until there is a vaccine there will be no meaningful recovery



Shape of recovery

- K shaped recover
- Elongated and frustrating in some industries
- Housing and Auto manufacturing to lead
- Large firms pickup activity
- Mid-market moves out of recession
- Long term damage to service sector



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Pandemic economics, recession and beyond



US Growth Picture

- Q1'20: -5%
- Q2'20: -31.4%
- Q3'20: RSM Forecast +33.5%
- Q4'20: RSM Forecast +2.25%



Financial Conditions

- Financial conditions are solid & supportive of growth
- Equity prices back to near or at all time highs
 - Equity market not connected to conditions in the real economy
- Real negative rates



Important Upcoming Dates

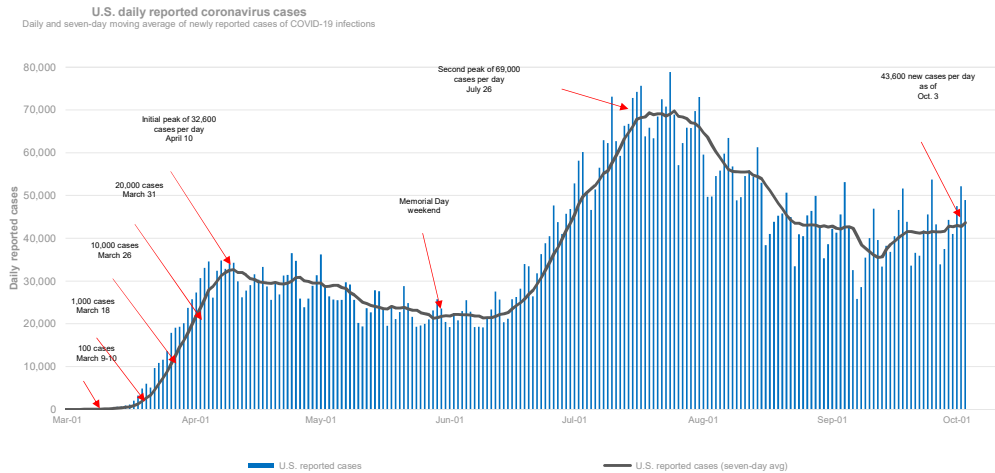
- November 3, 2020 U.S. Election
- Federal Protection for employment has expired
- Risk of permanent unemployment rising



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No Vaccine, No Meaningful Recovery: US Economic Outlook



Sources: Worldometers.info, RSM US

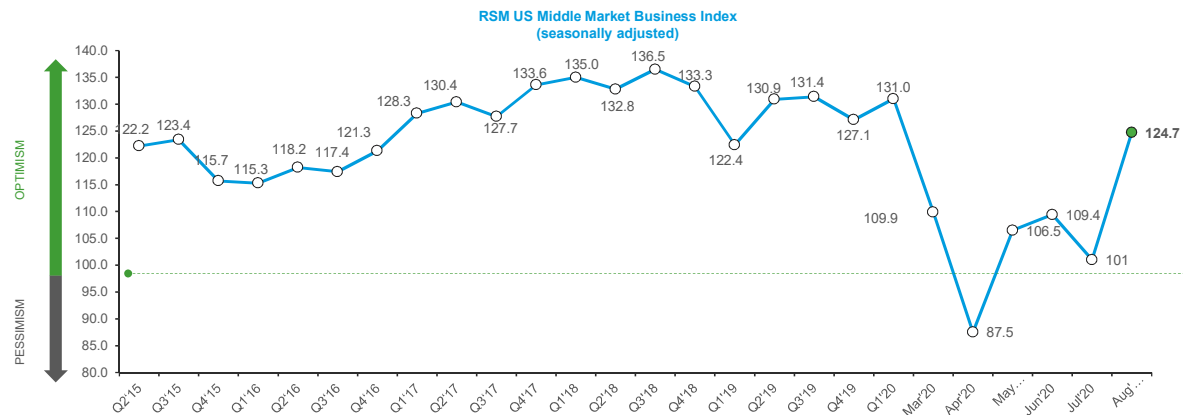


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Middle market sentiment senses relief, rebounds

An easing of the pandemic in August and a late-summer stabilization in overall economic activity were the primary catalysts behind the sharp increase in the MMBI to 124.1 in the August monthly reading, up from 101.0 in July 2020.



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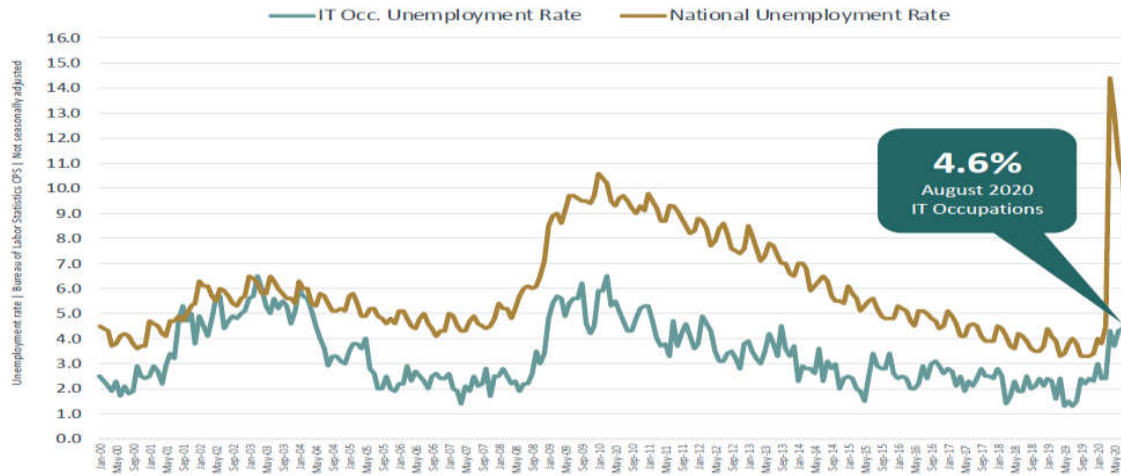


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U.S. Tech Sector Employment

HISTORICAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TRENDING



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TECH ECOSYSTEMS

New economy: companies are doing more with less

Table 4-1 Market Capitalization and Total Employees for Top Firms, 1962 and 2017

Largest companies	Market cap (in \$ billions)	Total employees
1962		
AT&T	20	564,000
General Motors	12	605,000
2017		
Apple	800	116,000
Google/Alphabet	679	73,992
Microsoft	540	114,000
Facebook	441	18,770
Oracle	186	136,000
Cisco	157	73,390
Priceline	92	20,500
Qualcomm	85	30,500

Source: The 1962 number for total employees comes from Compustat via Jerry Davis, "Capital Markets and Job Creation in the 21st Century," Center for Effective Public Management, Brookings Institution, December 2015, p. 7. The 1962 market capitalization values for General Motors and AT&T were computed by the author. The 2017 market capitalizations and employee figures are quoted in Mary Meeker, "Internet Trends," Kleiner Perkins, 2017.

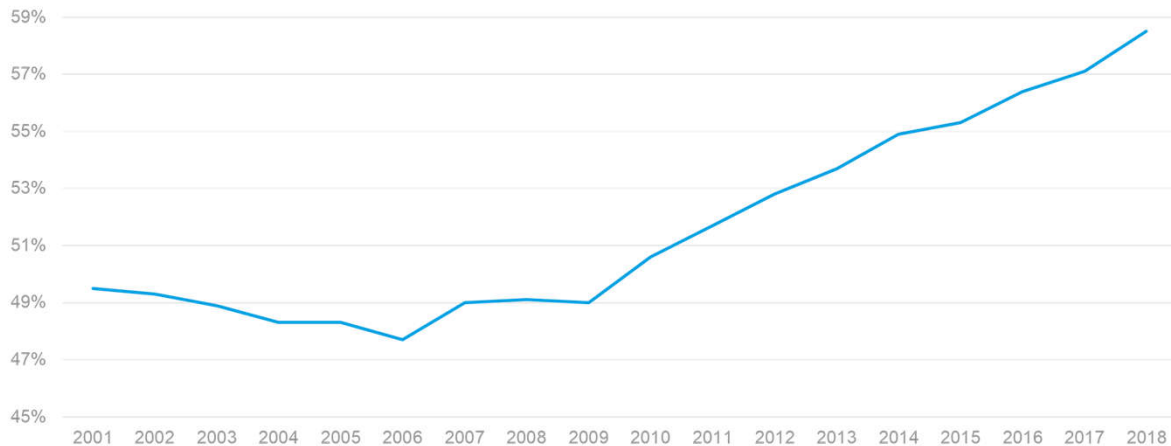
Book: The future of work



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31 U.S. counties generate 60% of the technology industry's output



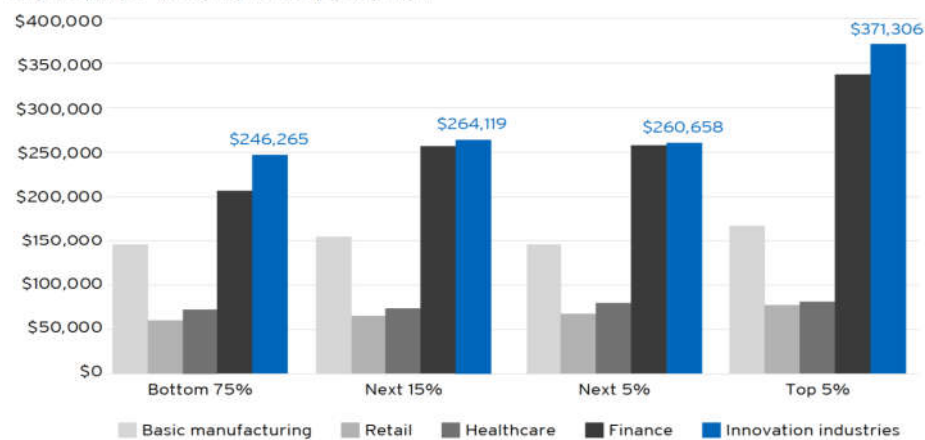
Source: Bloomberg analysis of Bureau of Economic Analysis data

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Brookings Institute: Top 20 U.S. metros generate more output per worker in the technology and finance industries.

Avg. output per worker by industry group, 2017



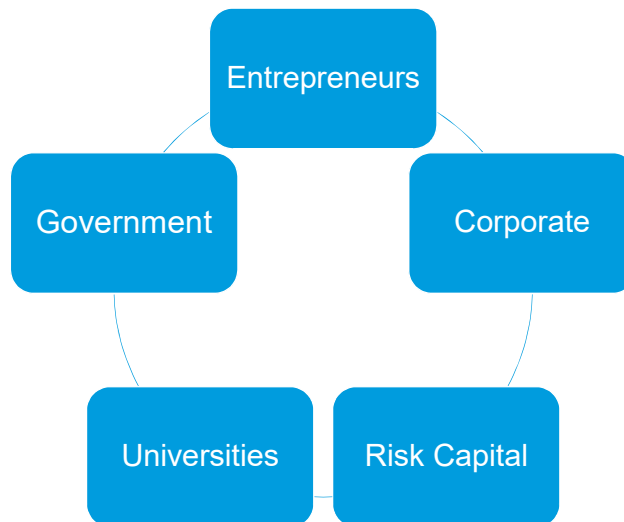
Note: Percentage "bins" reflect cohorts of metro areas, ranked in each year. The "top 5%" includes 20 metros.
Source: Brookings and ITIF analysis of Emsi data



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In the current environment, the concept of technology ecosystems is still intact

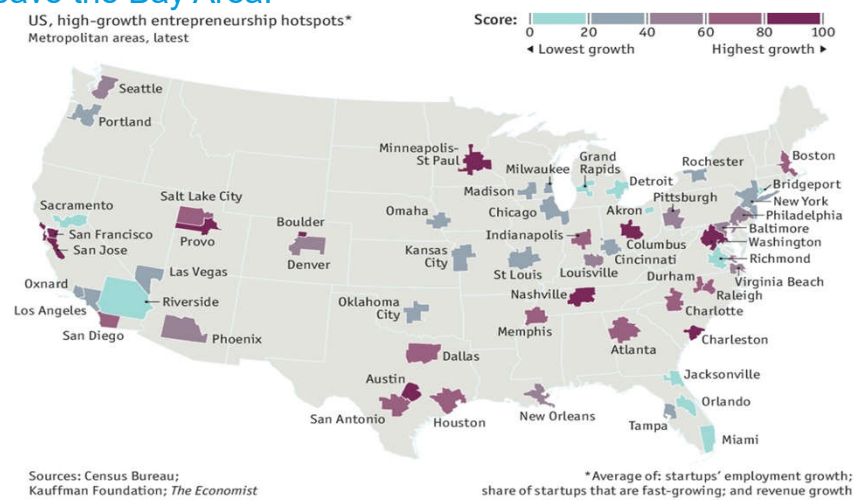


Source: MIT

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The DMV is an ecosystem with a fast-growing number of entrepreneurs. Many U.S. Tech hubs are expected to receive an influx of tech talent as people leave the Bay Area.



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—[Mark Zuckerberg](#),
CEO of Facebook
Inc.

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“I think we’re going to be the most forward-leaning company on remote work at our scale, for sure, but we’re going to do this in a way that is measured, and thoughtful and responsible, and in phases over time.”

—[Ellen Kullman](#),
CEO of 3-D printing
startup Carbon Inc.

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“What I worry about the most is innovation. Innovation is hard to schedule—it’s impossible to schedule.”

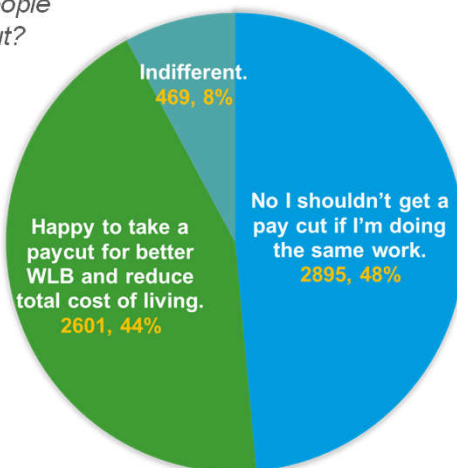
—Tim Cook, CEO
of Apple Inc.,
speaking at a [virtual
conference](#) hosted
by the Atlantic in
September

“In all candor, it’s not like being together physically. And so I can’t wait for everybody to be able to come back into the office. I don’t believe that we’ll return to the way we were because we’ve found that there are some things that actually work really well virtually.”

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Survey Says...

*VMware and Twitter have reduced pay for remote workers.
How do people feel about people
leaving the bay with a pay cut?*



Source: Blind poll results as of September 16, 2020

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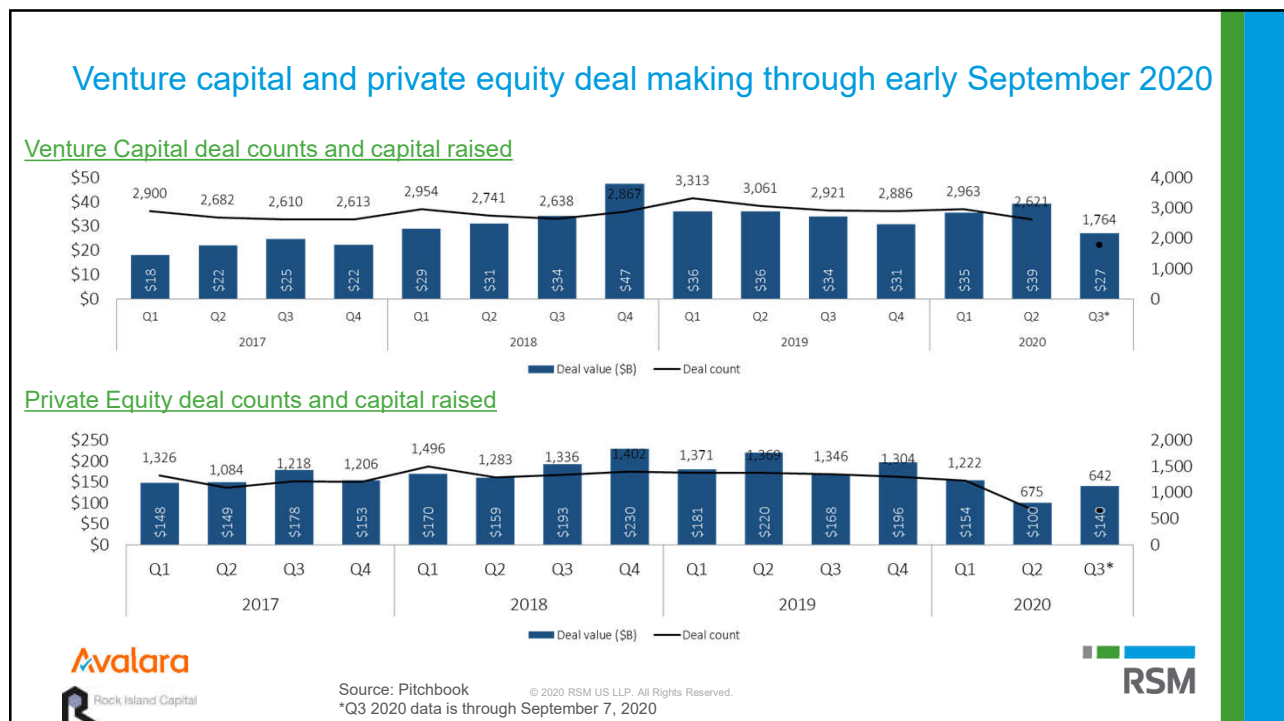
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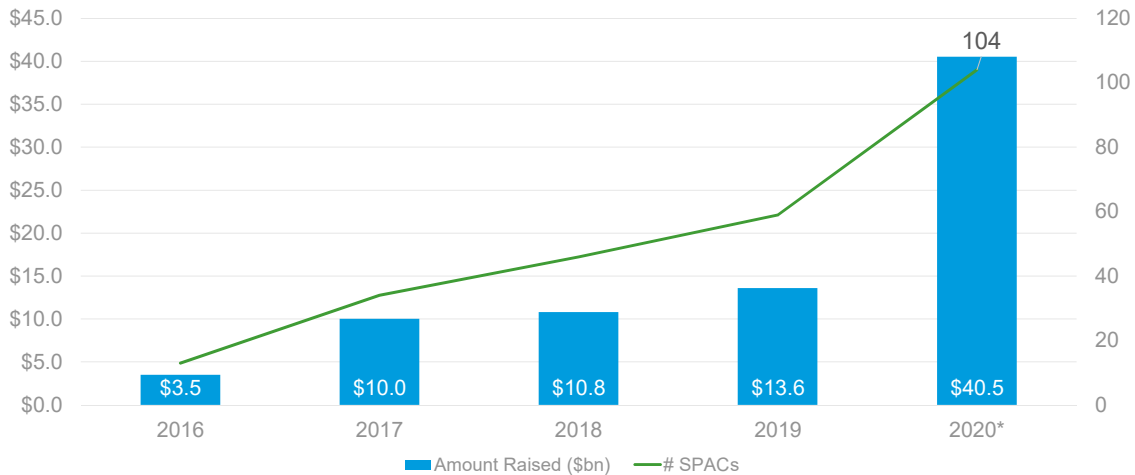
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INDUSTRY TRENDS AND OUTLOOK



U.S. technology industry has been targeted for 2020 SPAC IPOs.
The average SPAC this year has raised \$389 million (70% increase from 2019)

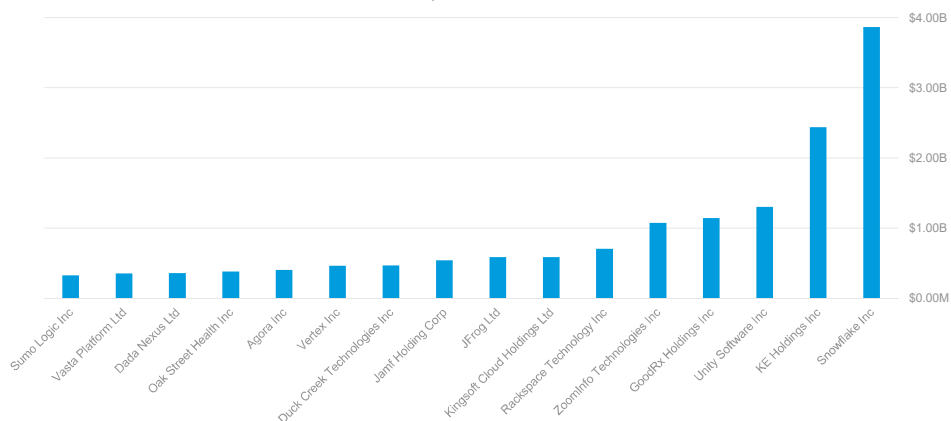


Source: Pitchbook, SPAC Research through September 19, 2020
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U.S. TMT IPO Activity - 2020

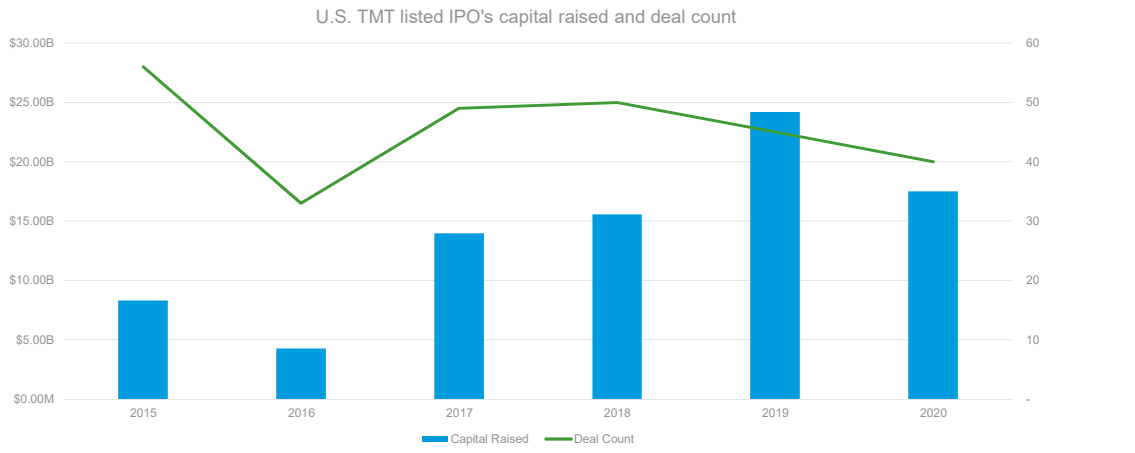
TMT IPO's - Capital Raised in 2020



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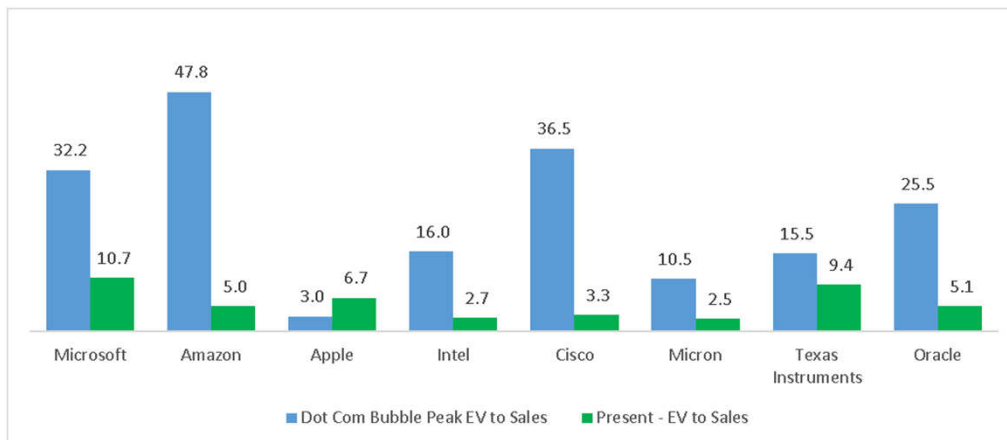
U.S. TMT IPO Activity – 2020



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Tech Bubble?



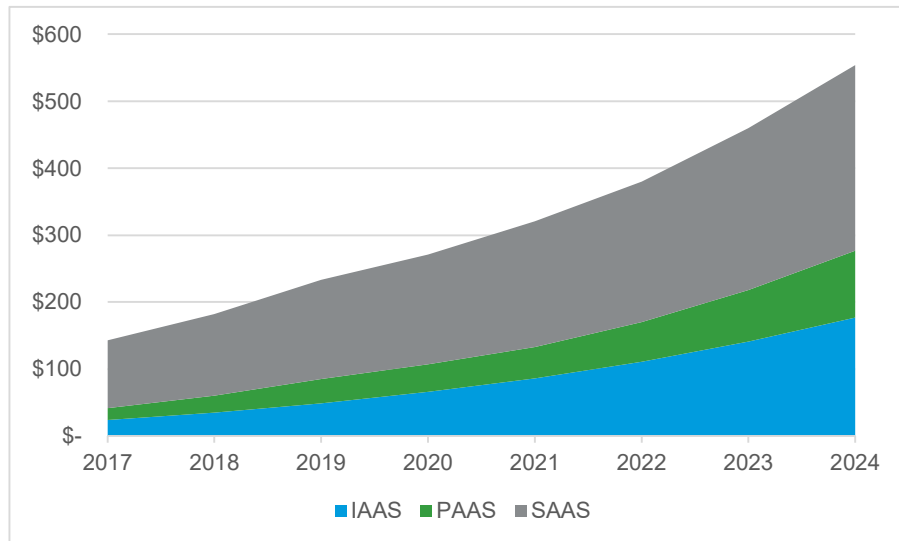
* Comparison of enterprise value to trailing 12 months of sales from the 1999 peak to current ratio



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Cloud market spending forecast (billions)

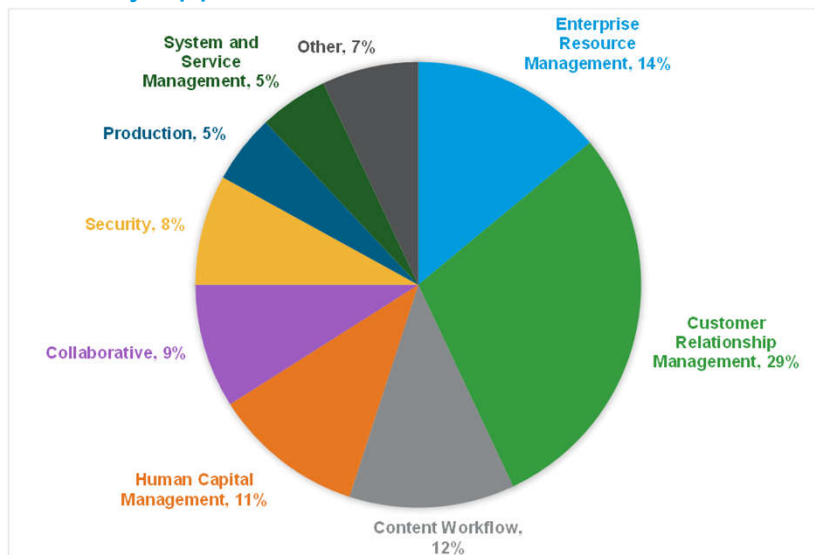


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SaaS market by application

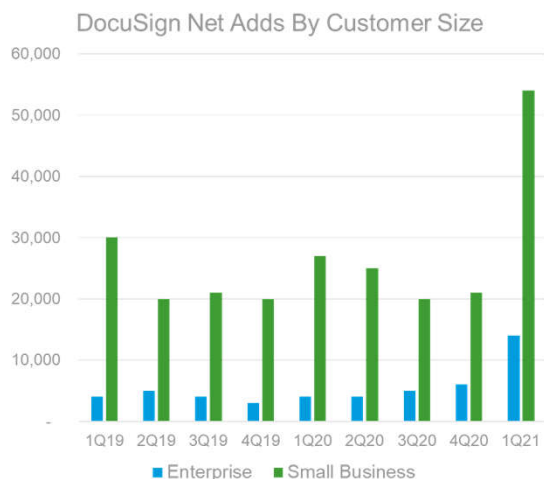


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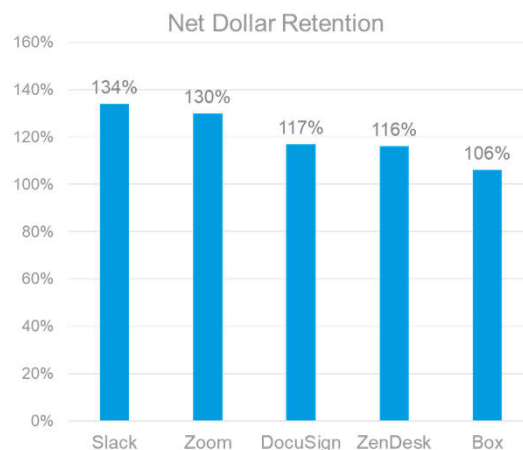
Pandemic tailwinds for collaboration tools



Source: Company filings, Bloomberg



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Net Dollar Retention rate considers upsells, downgrades, and churn.



What emerging technology do you believe will have the greatest impact on the finance and accounting profession in the next three years?

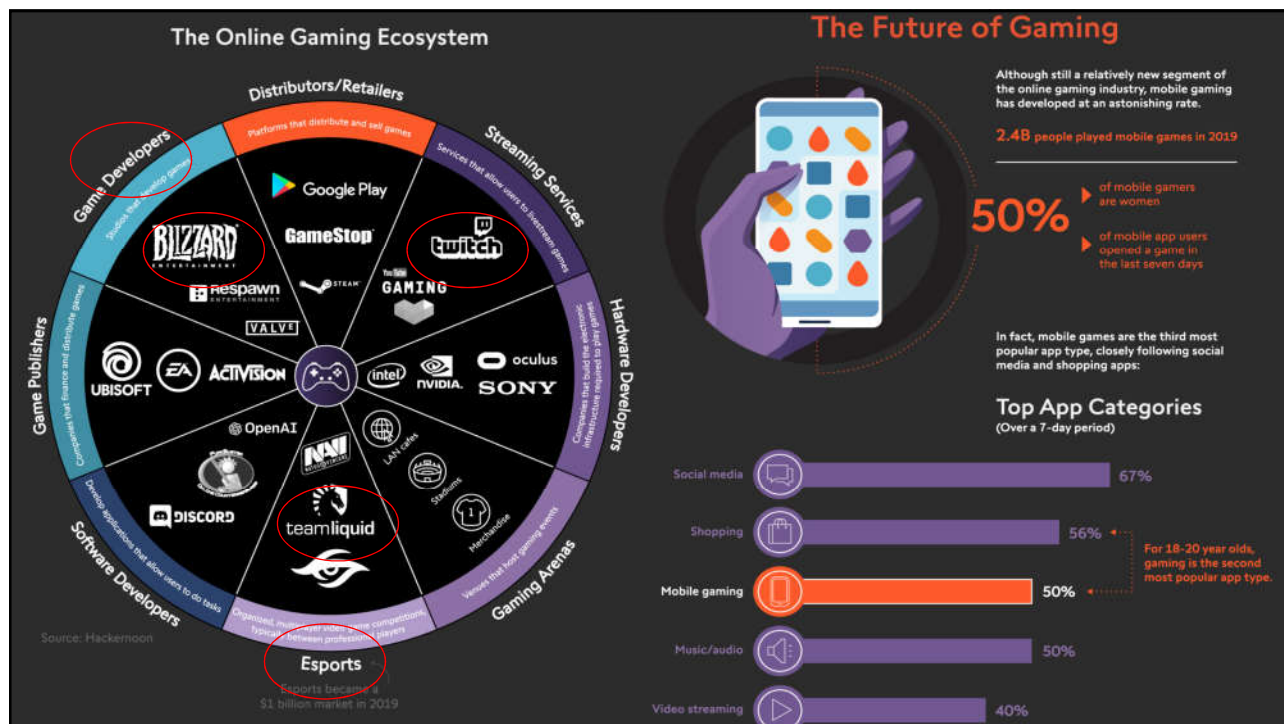
a. Robotic process automation	34.4%
b. Data science	14.1%
c. Artificial intelligence	22.7%
d. Data visualization	5.8%
e. Blockchain	6.6%
f. Budgeting, planning, and forecasting tools	12.1%
g. Something else	0.9%
h. Not sure	3.5%

Source: Recent RPA webinar hosted by Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) with nearly 1,500 attendees globally



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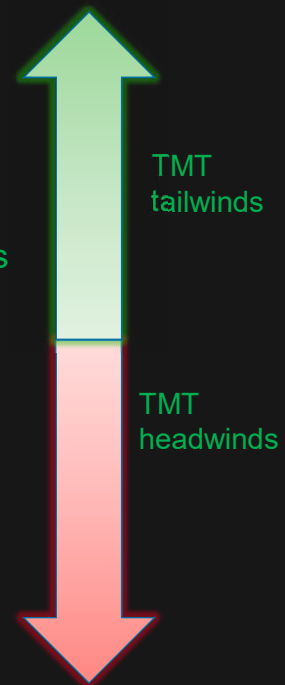
Covid-19 TMT Dashboard (Bloomberg Style)

TMT Industry Sectors

- **Technology**
 - Software and IT services
 - Hardware
 - Semiconductors
- **Media**
 - Video Streaming / VoD
 - TV Broadcasting
 - Box office
- **Telecommunications**
 - Network service providers

TMT Industry Verticals

- HealthTech
- Gaming
- Conferencing
- EdTech
- Team Collaboration apps
- Data Centers
- CloudTech
- CyberTech
- FinTech
- IoT
- MobilityTech
- HospitalityTech
- Online travel



Technology industry business considerations

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