

Does your close make the grade?

"Close the Books" Survey

We asked small to mid-size businesses across a variety of industries and accounting solutions what they would change about their close. The most common themes were to make it faster and easier. Recurring suggestions included more automation, integration, and better reporting.

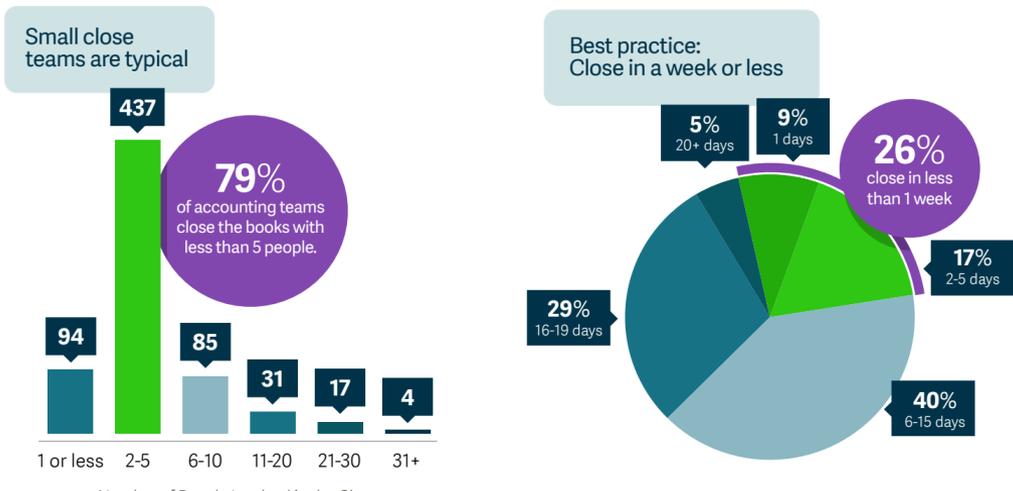
Read on to find out how your close compares and grade your close with the "Close the Books" report card.

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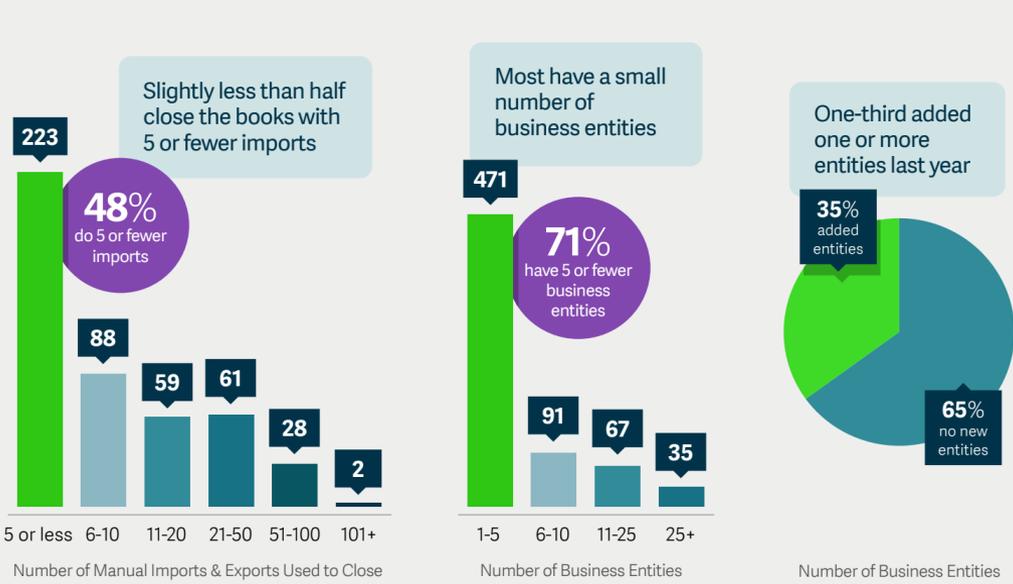
People

What people resources are needed to close?



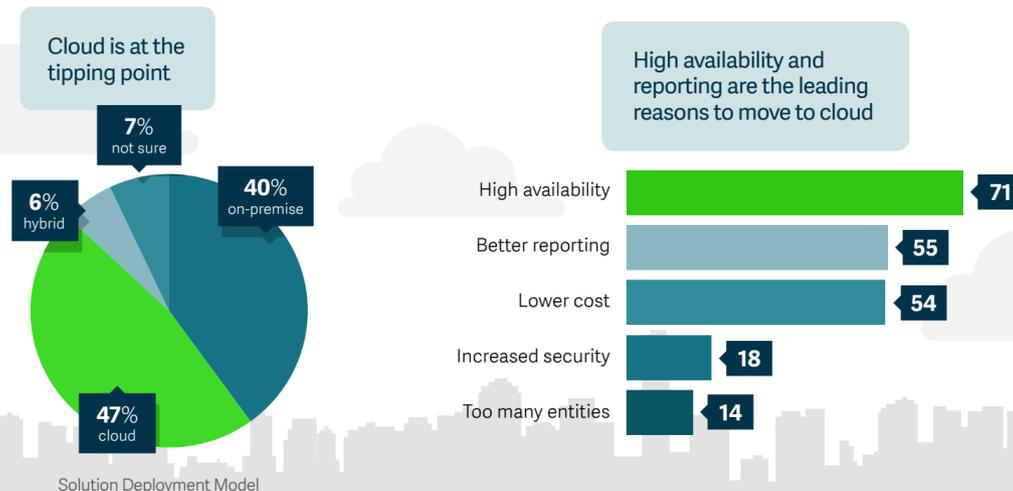
Process

How complex is your close?



Technology

Are you cloud-based or on-premise?



Does Your Close Make the Grade?

There is a correlation between hours spent on closing the books and some accounting solutions used by the respondents. Respondents on modern cloud solutions tended to be more satisfied with reporting and automation than those on legacy or on-premise solutions.

Grade	A	B	C
Time	< 1 week	1-3 weeks	3+ weeks
Imports	1-5	6-10	11+
Entities	Automated consolidations so it doesn't matter	5-10 Manual consolidations	11+ Manual consolidations
Action	Ask for a raise.	Look for opportunities to integrate or automate your current solutions. Or evaluate alternatives.	Look for alternative solutions.

A+

"If you're making sure your entries are booked every day, you could argue that your books are closed every day, allowing you to have continuous, consolidated reports that are always live."

Len Weedman
Triam Partners

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