

# Why Manufacturers Must Embrace Data-Driven Operations

Manufacturing is fraught with external and internal challenges that are causing businesses to rethink their operations. In this scenario, the importance of data cannot be overlooked.



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## Manufacturing's Most Significant Operational Challenges

Manufacturers need to balance multiple variables for operational success.

#### Top challenges include:

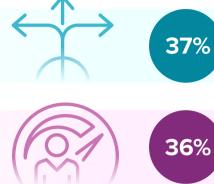
Increasing costs (production, maintenance, overhead)





43%

Maintaining and improving product quality



Dealing with lack of agility and flexibility

Having access to data and visibility of operational performance

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#### Manufacturers Need to Improve Data Access to Thrive

At many organizations, access to operational data is hard to come by.

#### Which stakeholders have access to the real-time operational data they need?



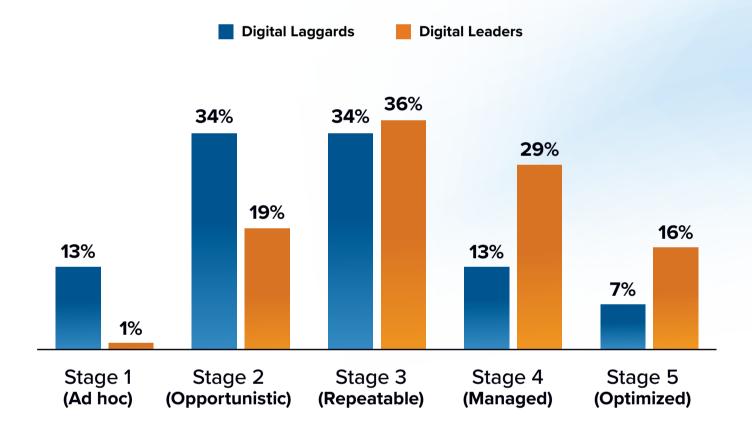
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#### Forward-Thinking Manufacturers Pursue Data-Driven Operations

Manufacturing leaders have progressed further down the maturity path enabling more effective decision making.

How mature is your organization on its

#### journey to data-driven options?



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#### The Operational Decision-Making Process

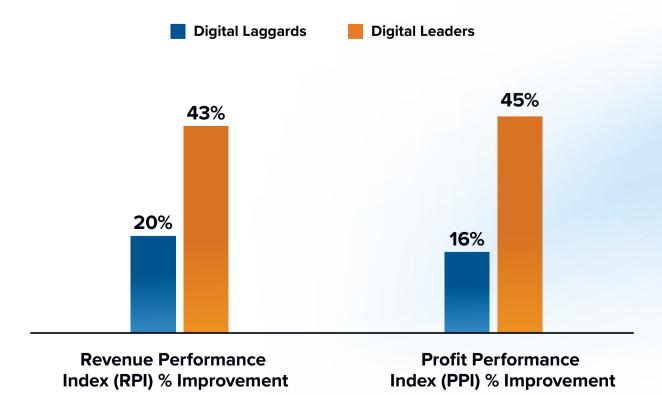
Manufacturing leaders are more likely to embrace collaboration for operational decisions, allowing for shared expertise and more improvements across the value chain.



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## Digital Maturity Impacts the Top and Bottom Lines

Become a technology leader to experience far greater returns than peers through data-driven operations.



n = 3,129; Source: IDC's *Digital Manufacturing Study*, May 2023

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