Enhanced Customer Service:

Through Better Business Communication

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Deliver Good Customer Service Through:

- ✓ Accuracy and Consistency
- ✓ Knowledge and Enthusiasm
- ✓ Patience and Compassion

But how are any of these conveyed?



COMMUNICATION





15%

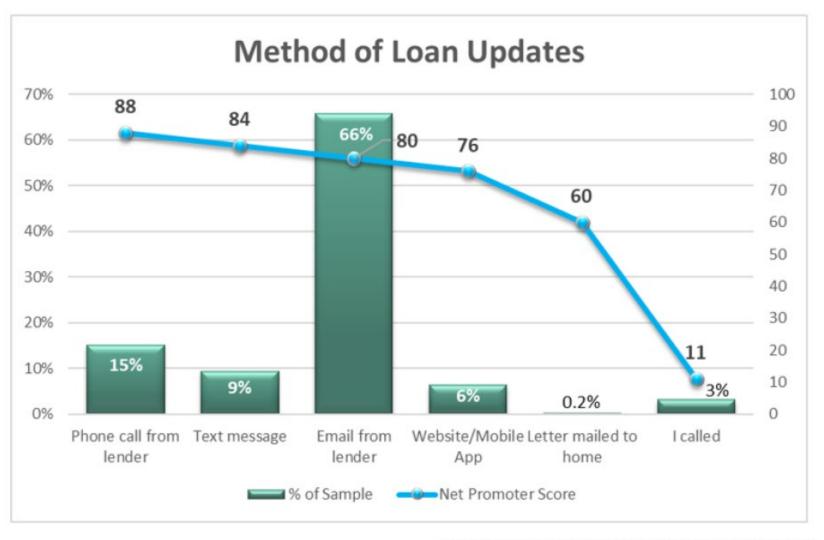


According to year-todate MortgageS/only 15% of loan applicants receive date MortgageSAT data, applicants received loan updates via phone.

Stratmore MortgageSAT data



Loan Updates

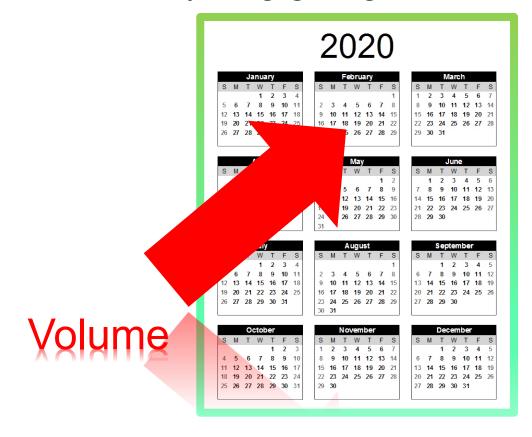


Source: MortgageSAT Borrower Satisfaction Program, 2020.



2020 Volume

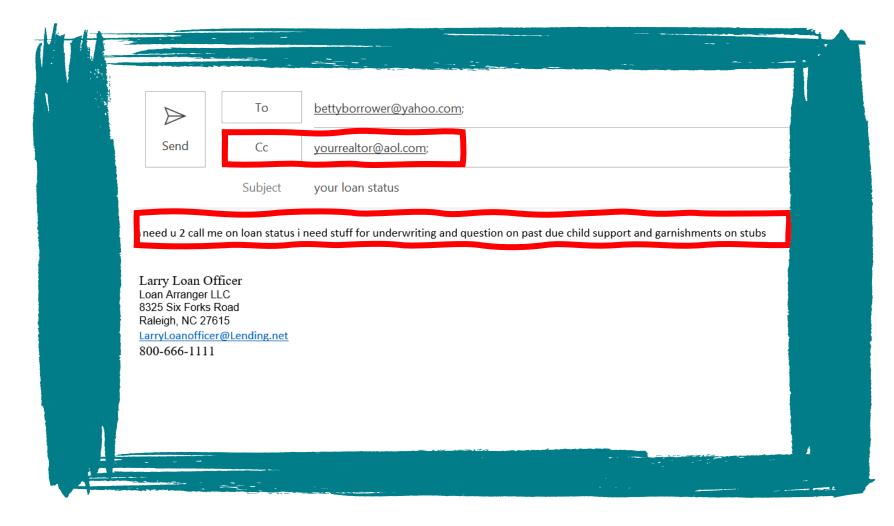
Overall customer satisfaction with primary mortgage originators has improved throughout most of 2019 but dropped off significantly in Q2 as loan origination volume surged. According to the J.D. Power 2019 U.S. Primary Mortgage Origination Satisfaction Study, SM







All Communication Must be Professional





Email

40%

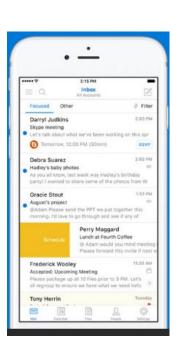


Email

40%

40% of the time the first time a person reads your email it will be on a mobile device.

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Subject lines with more than 3 words experience a drop in open rate by over 60%

Contact Monkey





Email Tips

- ✓ Don't just cut and paste from other emails
- ✓ Keep Messages Concise- "Scannable"
- ✓ Remember that email is not Confidential
- ✓ Use an approved template for common emails
- ✓ Use signature line for commonly asked questions such as hours or provide website addresses
- ✓ DON'T TYPE IN ALL CAPS!!
- √ don't type in all lower case
- ✓ Use the Attention line or "Regarding Line"
 - ✓ No More than 3 Words
- ✓ If Urgent, flag the email as "Urgent" IF NOT DON'T!
- ✓ Pruf Reed Yer Documnt!! Remember Spell Check!!
- ✓ Think before you write, you can never delete emails



Voice Messages

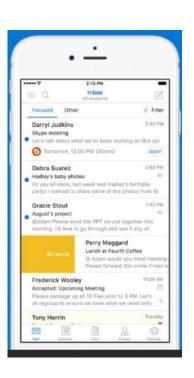
80%



Voice Messages

80%

80% of calls go to voicemail, and 90% of first-time voicemails are never returned.







Phone calls stand out and can make a difference, considering the typical businessperson receives 115 emails daily, according to research.

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Voice Message Best Practices

- ✓ Leave Your Name & Company
- ✓ Speak Slowly & Clearly....SLOWLY
- ✓ Do NOT leave NPI
- ✓ Phone # & Extension-twice
- ✓ Brief but Detailed Message
- ✓ Availability to Return Call so they don't get voicemail





LISTEN!

- ✓ Don't Interrupt: It's rude and very annoying, sometimes people just need to be heard or share
- ✓ Ask Open Ended Questions
- ✓ Concentrate- Block out Distractions
- ✓ Listen Between the Lines-or to what they are NOT saying.
- ✓ Don't Become Emotional
- ✓ Keep An Open Mind



Immediately after we listen to someone, we only recall about 50% of what he or she said.

The 100/0 Principle by Al Ritter





https://www.ted.com/talks/celeste_headlee_10_ways_to_have_a_better_conversation?language=en_









Satisfaction levels decline sharply for each day spent waiting after inquiry for contact from a lender.

J.D. Power U.S. Primary Mortgage Origination Satisfaction StudySM

https://www.jdpower.com/sites/default/files/file/2020-03/US%20PMO%20MS 0.pdf



5%



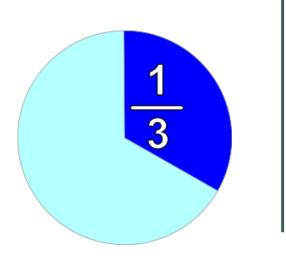
Only five percent of borrowers choose their lender based on rate.

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1/3





Of Americans have used Social Media to complain about a brand or its customer Service

Microsoft





55%

Of people aged 18-34 have praised a brand or its customer service over Social Media

Microsoft





79%

Of American internet users are on Facebook

Life Marketing







43%



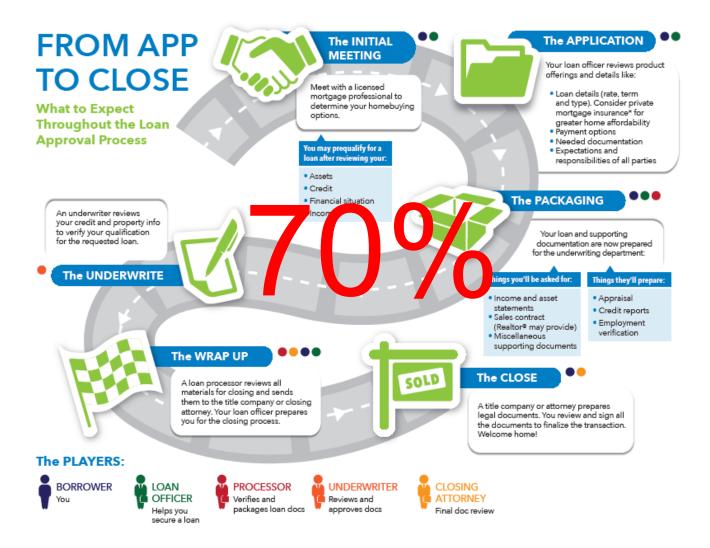
43%

Percentage of borrowers that read one or more testimonials to confirm their choice in lender

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Of the Customer's Journey is based on how the customer <u>feels</u> they are being treated.



Loan Officers: Now More Important Than Ever

By Rob Chrisman, April 16, 2020 Rob Chrisman's Perspectives

STRATMOR Group's 2020 Originator Census (2019 data) numbers show that the average annual production per LO was \$11,584,013, or 44 units. STRATMOR estimates that in 2019, as many as 30 percent of applications in Retail were completed online by the borrower with no assistance from the LO. This means seventy percent of borrowers are still going to a loan officer to help them start their mortgage loan.

A well-trained and educated LO takes the time to explain everything from "what is a 1003?" to the role of the Federal Reserve and how MBS pricing works. LOs know that the marketing this is done now will generate leads two to six weeks from now, which will take another four to six weeks to close. So, what they're doing today affects business six to twelve weeks from now. LOs can explain how rates will vary and are taking a backseat to service and programs. After all, what difference does a great rate make if a lender can't close the loan?

https://www.stratmorgroup.com/loan-officers-now-more-important-than-ever/



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By Mike Seminari January 2020

Lenders often ask me if there is a "secret sauce" for driving more referral business. Interestingly, the question came up more often in 2019 — a year when the industry posted record loan volumes — than ever before. In fact, there almost seemed to be an underlying frustration with the inquiry "We're doing so much business. Why aren't we getting more referrals?"

When I pressed one individual for more context, he said, "Our customers seem to love us. They rate our loan officers 95 out of 100, yet we're not seeing that goodwill result in more referral business."

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Internal Customer Satisfaction



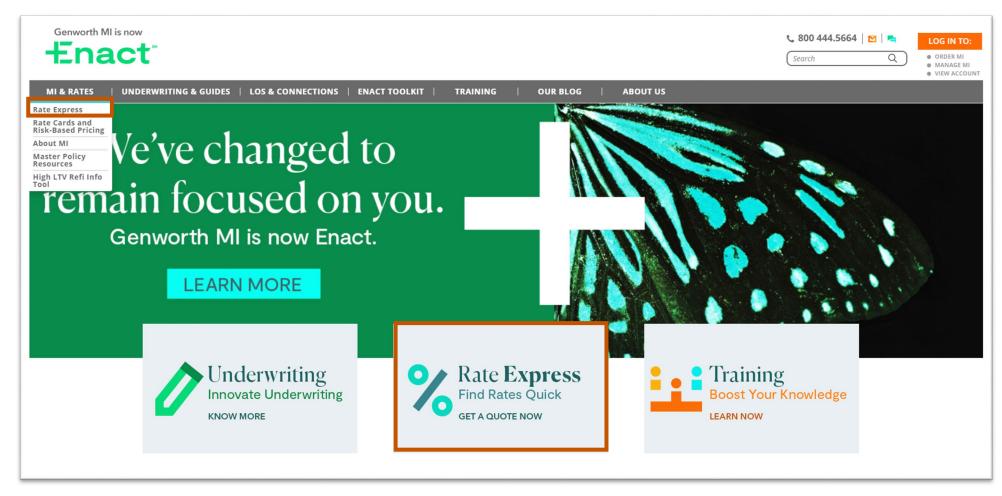
Internal Customer Satisfaction

More expensive to invest in a new customer than retaining existing ones. Invesp

https://blog.hubspot.com/service/customer-service-stats

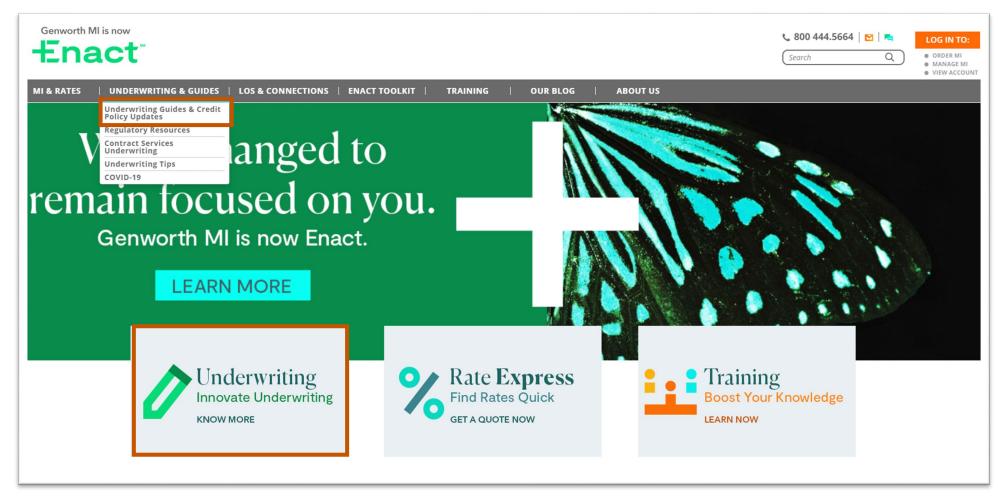


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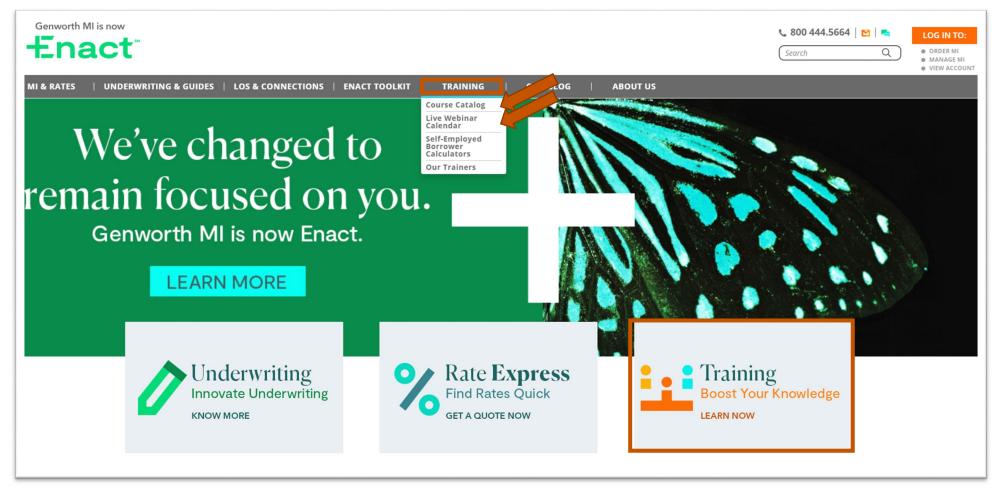


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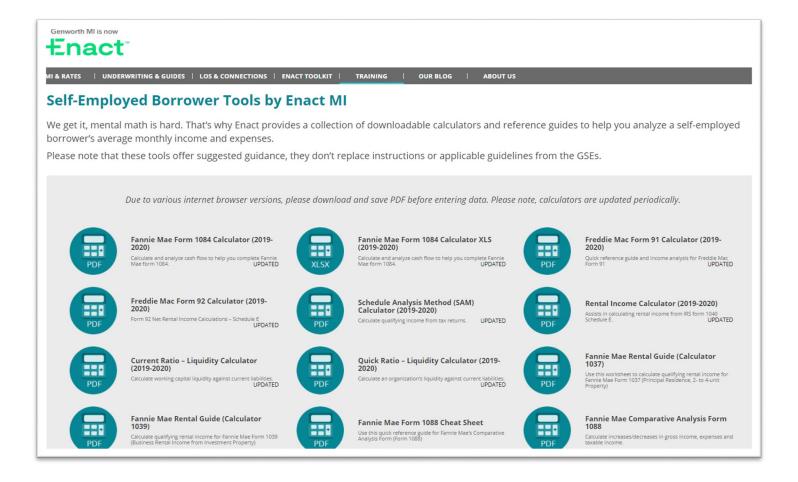


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