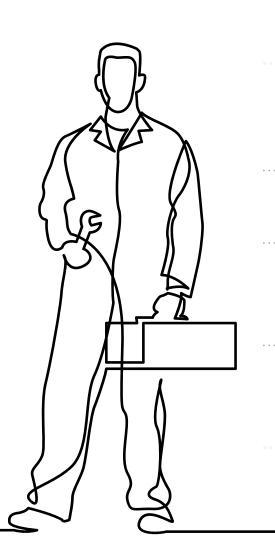


Industry Profiles



Industry Target Summary



Age 35-44 42% 45-54 20% 55+ 20%

Gender Male 84% Female 16%

Education

High School 14%
Some college 24%
College graduate 46%
Graduate school 26%

Industry Home services (plumbing, HVAC, etc.). 2%
Automotive-related 10%

% Contracting Out For...
66% for shop towels

66% for mats 62% for uniforms

48% for PPE

Employees at Organization:

12% 50 or less 10% 51-100 26% 101-500 52% >500

PSYCHOGRAPHICS agree

80% I feel appreciated in my job

80% How my company impacts the environment is important

78% I think of what I do as an essential service

74% When making contracting decisions, I look at quality more than cost

72% I feel secure about the state of my company or organization

72% I am typically at ease when it comes to my job

70% Community involvement is a priority for my company

70% I prefer working in a team

UNIFORM AND TEXTILE BELIEFS

More than any other industry, Industrial holds the most clearly defined and **strongest positive attitudes about the benefits of uniforms and reusables** overall, as well as contracting benefits.

Although uniforms present a **professional image** (79%), they primarily serve a functional role by offering **employee protection** (82%); it isn't surprising that superior **sanitation** and **proper maintenance** are top priorities when it comes to contracting.

Compliance and minimizing hazardous waste transfer are musthave reasons to outsource, with **image benefits** of uniforms also highly desirable.

More than any other industry, Industrial values the importance of cloth's **environmental benefits**.

Opinions are split regarding the degree to which uniforms convey trustworthiness and approachability, suggesting the **need to highlight consumer benefits**. These include consumers believing the work will be higher quality, having higher confidence in the company, and greater likelihood to choose the company.

BEHAVIORS

Tier 1 priorities for selecting a textile contractor:

- Price and pricing transparency (88% and 94%)
- Delivery reliability (94%)
- Customer service (90%)
- Quality control (88%)
- Commitment to environment* (82%)
- Agreement flexibility (82%)

Years in business (54%), product innovations (64%), 24/7 access (64%) and proximity (66%) are lower in importance.

Unlike any other industry, *Commitment to the environment' emerges as a Tier 1 priority.

About half say uniform (41%) and textile (50%) maintenance comes up about once a week, indicating it's not a top priority to address.

Though 69% state their costs have gone up, 95% still say that they are having a positive experience with their contractor.