Datapro is pleased to present the 1987 edition of the annual Computer Users Survey. Once again, the survey was conducted in conjunction with Computerworld and is based on responses to questionnaires mailed to a cross-section of computer sites listed with International Data Corporation (IDC). This report summarizes the results received from mainframe users. For the results of the minicomputer users polled, please refer to Datapro Reports on Minicomputers.

The users were asked to rate their systems in 23 subjective categories and respond to a variety of questions covering such areas as system configuration, programming languages, and planned acquisitions. They were also asked if they would recommend the system to other users.

This report includes a number of charts and tables for easy comparison of the various systems. In many cases, we have also compared the 1987 survey results with the 1986 results to help you spot trends and changes.

We would like to stress that individual profiles or ratings should never be the major consideration in making an acquisition decision. The reader can use the material in this report to help formulate questions about a computer system as the evaluation process proceeds. The information within this report is very informative if used with discretion and with the understanding that there are many factors involved in selecting the right computer system to meet your particular needs.

#### SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The 1987 survey has been based on results received from 15,026 questionnaires mailed to known computer users listed with IDC. The total number of questionnaires was divided into two groups: 9.017 surveys were mailed to minicomputer users and 6,009 to mainframe users. In addition, the users were chosen based on the computer system they had installed. Datapro supplied IDC with a list of specific system models to be included in the mailing, and the model was listed directly on the mailing label. In an effort to improve the response rate and thereby increase the statistical validity, the users were contacted twice; a first request was followed two weeks later by a second request.

Each questionnaire allowed the user to rate one computer system and specifically requested that the rating apply to the system listed on the label. The recipient was encouraged to reproduce the form if he/she wished to rate additional systems. The IDC labels were used as initial validation vehicles and for identification and elimination of invalid and duplicate returns. All returns were analyzed by senior Datapro analysts and some returns were judged invalid for one or more of the following reasons: more than one system model was rated on a single form; the response was a duplicate; the form was received after the deadline; the ratings section of the questionnaire was not completed; the Presented in this report are the results of Datapro's 1987 survey of computer users. User experiences with over 1,200 mainframe systems have been summarized and are presented in the accompanying tables. The users' ratings evaluate performance, reliability, and vendor support for the most popular mainframes sold today. The information provided by current users should be of great value to prospective users who are evaluating computer systems.

systems rated were not mainframe or minicomputer systems; or the response revealed a vested interest on the part of the respondent. In addition, system models receiving fewer than five valid responses were grouped together under "Other Mainframes" or "Other Minicomputers."

Of the 15,026 questionnaires mailed, 3,789 responses were received from 3,570 respondents, a return of 24 percent on the total mailing. Of the total responses, 139 were judged invalid, giving us 3,650 valid responses from 3,431 users. Of these valid responses, 1,281 rated mainframe systems, while 2,369 rated minicomputers.

Datapro batched the valid returns by manufacturer and model and sent the returns to Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. for tabulation of the results. The summary information was prepared in the form of either averages, percentages, or weighted averages. Weighted averages were computed in a manner similar to that used for most college grading systems: "Excellent" is weighted as 4, "Good" as 3, "Fair" as 2, and "Poor" as 1. The tallied numbers for each value are then multiplied by the corresponding weight, and the average is taken by dividing the sum of the products by the total number of responses for that category.

#### **THE 1987 QUESTIONNAIRE**

Users were asked to answer 31 multiple-part questions. Each user was asked to identify the manufacturer and model of his/her system, as well as the month and year of installation and the method of acquisition. Users were requested to identify the type of industry their company was in, principal applications, and the sources of those applications programs. We also asked the users for information about their hardware and software configurations, and about acquisitions or implementations planned for 1987.

The remaining questions asked the users to rate various aspects of their computer systems. The categories rated included ease of operation, reliability of system, reliability



Chart 2. Computer Usage by Manufacturer and Industry Type

Type of Industry  Manufacturer	Banking/Finance/ Securities	Chemical/ Petroleum	Construction	Education	Engineering/ Scientific	Government	Health Care/ Medical	Insurance	Legal	Manufacturing	Media	Public Accounting/ Consulting	Retail/Wholesale	Service Bureau	Transportation	Utilities (Public)	Other
Amdahl (29)	3.45	0.00	0.00	6.90	0.00	31.03	3.45	13.79	0.00	20.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.45	3.45	10.34	3.45
Honeywell (78)	1.28	0.00	2.56	15.38	1.28	10.26	1.28	3.85	0.00	32.05	1.28	0.00	7.69	8.97	2.56	0.00	11.54
IBM (866)	8.89	3.35	0.58	9.47	1.73	8.43	5.89	8.55	0.12	23.21	1.04	0.23	10.74	3.46	2.54	3.23	7.97
NAS (19)	10.53	0.00	0.00	15.79	0.00	0.00	5.26	5.26	0.00	15.79	0.00	0.00	21.05	10.53	0.00	5.26	10.53
NCR (65)	24.62	0.00	1.54	7.69	0.00	21.54	3.08	0.00	0.00	10.77	0.00	0.00	16.92	6.15	0.00	1.54	4.62
Unisys (208)	9.13	0.96	0.96	10.58	2.40	14.90	3.37	1.44	0.00	24.52	0.96	0.00	9.13	5.29	4.81	2.88	8.65
Other (16)	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.75	6.25	6.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.25	6.25	6.25	18.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.25

of peripherals, maintenance service (responsiveness and effectiveness), technical support (troubleshooting, education, and documentation), manufacturer's software (operating system, compilers and assemblers, and applications programs), ease of programming, ease of conversion, and overall satisfaction. Additional ratings included timeliness of hardware installation; timeliness of software installation; ease of expansion; compatibility of terminals, peripherals, and software carried over from other systems; power/energy efficiency; productivity aids; software support delivered by the vendor; noise level of equipment; and ease of keeping up with and implementing vendor changes to hardware/software.

We also asked users if they were using certain software packages in the following categories: data base management systems, data management systems, application development tools, utilities, communications software, performance monitors or security systems, and system enhancement packages. Users who checked off any of the listed packages were asked to rate those packages on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 as the lowest rating and 10 as the highest. The users' ratings will be included in our reports on individual software products in Volume 3 of *Datapro 70*.

Finally, we asked if the computer system did what it was expected to do, and if the users would recommend their computer system to others.

#### **SURVEY RESULTS**

Table 1, "Mainframes by Vendor and Model," contains the results on 20 model groupings from 6 mainframe vendors, representing 1,281 user responses. Table 2, "Mainframe Vendor Summaries," contains summaries by vendor of the information in Table 1. This year, systems manufactured by Burroughs and Sperry have been listed together under Unisys, the new company formed when Burroughs acquired Sperry.

### **Financial Alternatives**

Users have three options by which they can acquire their computer system: purchase, rent/lease from the manufacturer, or lease from a third party. Each method of acquisition offers its own benefits, and each method should be examined carefully to see which of these methods would be most beneficial to your company. By using the purchase option, the user can enjoy benefits such as the investment tax credit and depreciation schedule allowances. With the rapid advances in technology, however, many users feel that rental/lease from the manufacturer is the best option for them, because it allows them to upgrade faster to new systems. Also, many vendors include maintenance in the rent/lease price. The advantages a user can receive from third-party leasing are faster delivery and more attractive lease prices.

One of the questions we asked, therefore, was how users acquired their systems: outright purchase, rental/lease from the manufacturer, or third-party lease.

Reference to Chart 1 shows that the percentage of purchased systems has decreased again this year. For a few years, the percentage of purchases kept going up, probably because many vendors, including IBM, were making outright purchase more attractive by lowering purchase prices and raising rental and lease prices. Perhaps in 1986 users found it more difficult to borrow the money needed to purchase a system outright, or they were less inclined to risk a large outlay of money until the economy improved.

### **Industry and Applications**

One of the questions we asked the users was "What type of industry describes your company?" Chart 2 shows the market penetration in each industry by manufacturer for each class of computer systems.

We also asked the survey respondents to specify their principal applications. In 1987, as in 1985 and 1986, the

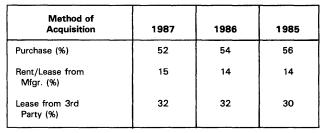


Chart 1. Financial alternatives.

Chart 4. Usage of Local and Remote Workstations/Terminals

No. of Workstations/ Terminals per System												
			Lo	cal					Ren	note		
Manufacturer & Model	None	1-5	6-15	16-30	31-60	Over 60	None	1-5	6-15	16-30	31-60	Over 60
Amdahl												
580 Series (29)	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.90	3.45	89.65	0.00	17.24	3.45	6.90	6.90	65.51
Honeywell					Į					1	ļ	
DPS 7 (40)	0.00	7.50	17.50	45.00	22.50	7.50	25.00	27.50	20.00	17.50	0.00	10.00
DPS 8 (38)	2.63	2.63	10.53	26.32	26.32	28.95	2.63	18.42	7.89	10.53	15.79	44.74
IBM												
4361 (185)	0.54	1.62	17.30	24.32	34.59	21.62	21.62	14.59	18.38	15.68	17.30	11.89
4381 (335)	0.30	1.49	1.79	10.45	18.51	66.57	11.64	7.16	9.25	12.24	14.33	43.58
4300, Other (28)	0.00	7.14	17.86	10.71	21.43	42.86	14.29	14.29	14.29	7.14	17.86	32.13
308X Series (233)	0.00	0.43	2.58	3.43	9.44	83.26	2.15	3.00	1.29	7.30	7.73	76.39
3090 Series (85)	0.00	0.00	1.18	3.53	7.06	85.88	1.18	3.53	2.35	1.18	2.35	87.06
NAS										1		
All Models (19)	0.00	0.00	5.26	5.26	26.32	63.16	5.26	5.26	10.53	10.53	5.26	63.16
NCR					ĺ						į	
8500/8600/8800 (65)	0.00	7.69	26.15	36.92	15.38	13.85	24.62	20.00	21.54	6.15	9.23	18.46
Unisvs		1							İ	1	!	
V Series (14)	0.00	0.00	21.43	7.14	35.71	35.71	7.14	0.00	14.29	21.43	0.00	57.14
A 3/A 5 (53)	0.00	1.89	16.98	37.74	30.19	13.20	22.64	11.32	20.75	16.98	16.98	9.43
A 9/A 10 (40)	0.00	0.00	20.00	22.50	25.00	32.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	17.50	10.00	50.00
B 7900 (8)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.50	62.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
A 15 (8)	0.00	0.00	12.50	0.00	25.00	62.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
1100/60 (9)	0.00	0.00	22.22	11.11	0.00	66.67	0.00	11.11	44.44	11.11	0.00	33.33
1100/70 (62)	0.00	1.61	11.29	24.19	19.35	41.94	6.45	8.06	17.74	16.13	9.68	40.32
1100/90 (6)	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.67	16.67	66.67	0.00	0.00	16.67	16.67	0.00	66.67
Other Unisys (8)	0.00	0.00	12.50	12.50	50.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.50	87.50
Other Mainframes (16)	0.00	6.25	0.00	31.25	6.25	56.25	18.75	12.50	6.25	6.25	18.75	37.50
All Mainframes (1,281)	0.23	1.80	8.59	15.77	19.44	53.47	10.93	9.29	10.54	11.01	11.48	45.51

top three applications were accounting/billing, payroll/personnel, and order processing/inventory control. (See Chart 3, "User Rankings of Principal Applications.") Banking, in seventh place last year, moved down to tenth place, while insurance moved up from tenth place to ninth place. Education, in ninth place for the past two years, moved up to seventh place.

Applications—1987	Applications—1986
1. Accounting/Billing	1. Accounting/Billing
2. Payroll/Personnel	2. Payroll/Personnel
3. Order Processing/Inv. Control	3. Order Processing/Inv. Control
4. Purchasing	4. Purchasing
5. Sales/Distribution	5. Sales/Distribution
6. Manufacturing	6. Manufacturing
7. Education	7. Banking
8. Engineering/Scientific	8. Engineering/Scientific
9. Insurance	9. Education
10. Banking	10. Insurance

Chart 3. User rankings of principal applications.

### **Hardware Configurations**

Several of the survey questions asked users to describe their hardware configurations. Main memory capacities continue to increase. About 49 percent of the mainframe users had at least 16 megabytes of main memory on their systems, with 28 percent using between 16 and 32 megabytes.

Seven percent of the survey respondents had installed systems with more than 64 megabytes of main memory, compared to five percent last year. Just three years ago, the majority of the users had installed between 2 and 8 megabytes of main memory, and only 2 percent of them were using more than 32 megabytes.

Our survey also shows a slight increase in high-capacity disk storage. In 1987, 83 percent of the systems had at least 1.2 gigabytes of disk capacity, with 35 percent using more than 10 gigabytes. In 1986, only 31 percent used more than 10 gigabytes of disk storage.

We also asked the users how many local workstations/terminals and how many remote workstations/terminals they were using. Chart 4 shows the usage of local and remote terminals by manufacturer and model. About 53 percent of the mainframe users had more than 60 local terminals in operation, while 46 percent were using more than 60 remote terminals. In 1986, 50 percent of the respondents had installed more than 60 local terminals, and 45 percent had more than 60 remote terminals.

#### Software

The computer application development life cycle is a highly labor-intensive cycle. As labor costs climb, so does the

cost of software development. As computers increase in capability and speed, and as users become accustomed to results, the clamor for additional applications increases. Because many systems already face a two-year backlog in bringing up desirable applications, it is quite common for users to seek multiple sources for applications programs. And as the proprietary software industry increases in maturity and sophistication, "packaged" software becomes a desirable adjunct to in-house development.

We asked the users how they acquired their applications software. First on their list was in-house personnel. The preparation of software by in-house personnel is often a highly desirable route because of in-house management control plus, ideally, the total tailorability of the software to the user's operational requirements. Software from independent suppliers was ranked second by the users, followed by packaged programs from the manufacturer, contract programming, and programs prepared by the manufacturer's personnel. The 1987 results on this question were identical to the 1986 and 1985 results.

"Which programming language should I use?" is a question that often results in a long debate among programmers and computer scientists. Because most studies show that it takes about the same amount of time to code an instruction, whatever the language, the answer would appear to be: "Whichever language will result in the fastest possible documented implementation of the application."

For mainframe users, the most frequently used language was Cobol (77 percent), followed distantly by Assembler (9 percent), PL/1 (4 percent), and Fortran (2 percent).

#### **Acquisition Plans**

We asked how users were planning to spend their enhancement/acquisition dollars in 1987. Chart 5 shows the user rankings of planned acquisitions. This year the top priority with users in the mainframe class is to expand their present hardware, closely followed by expansions to data communications facilities and additions to their proprietary software. Expansion to data communications facilities was in first place last year, but data communications and hardware seem to take turns in first place; the 1985 results were identical to the 1987 results.

Acquisition Plans—1987	Acquisition Plans—1986
1. Expansion to Present Hardware (63%) 2. Expansion to Data Communications Facilities (62%) 3. Additional Proprietary Software (55%) 4. Additional Software from Mfgr. (50%) 5. Laser Printers (28%)	1. Expansion to Data Communications Facilities (68%) 2. Expansions to Present Hardware (65%) 3. Additional Proprietary Software (62%) 4. Additional Software from Mfgr. (53%) 5. Laser Printers (26%)

Chart 5. User rankings of planned acquisitions.

Disaster recovery is of critical importance to computer installations, so we asked the users if they had implemented a disaster recovery plan. About 53 percent said they had done so, compared with 55 percent in the 1986 survey. This year 19 percent reported that a disaster recovery plan was on their agenda, while 18 percent reported such intentions last year.

We also asked the users if they had established an information center. Forty-two percent said that they had an information center, and 7 percent said they planned to add one this year. Last year 40 percent had established an information center, while 9 percent reported plans to do so.

### **User Satisfaction Ratings**

Consistent with our belief that what users think is extremely important, we asked users to rate their computer systems and the associated software and vendor support by assigning a rating of Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor to each of 14 factors: ease of operation, reliability of mainframe, reliability of peripherals, maintenance service (responsiveness and effectiveness), technical support (troubleshooting, education, and documentation), manufacturer's software (operating system, compilers and assemblers, and applications programs), ease of programming, ease of conversion, and overall satisfaction. All ratings are expressed in terms of Weighted Averages, which were calculated by assigning a weight of 4 to each user rating of Excellent, 3 to Good, 2 to Fair, and 1 to Poor, and then dividing the sum by the number of users who rated each factor.

Overall Satisfaction	Lowest Score	No. of Responses
3.59	2.80	40
3.24	2.81	85
3.21	2.85	29
	3.59 3.24	3.59 2.80 3.24 2.81

Chart 6. Systems of special merit.

The individual responses by vendor and model appear in Table 1. In analyzing the ratings, we decided to see how many systems could meet the following criteria for special merit: a minimum of 20 user responses, an overall satisfaction rating of at least 3.20, and a rating of no less than 2.80 in all other system rating categories. Last year, not one of the systems met our criteria. This year, however, three systems made the grade, as shown in Chart 6.

For a number of other categories, we picked out those systems that received at least 20 responses and a rating of at least 3.50. Chart 7 shows the systems that met those criteria for ease of operation, reliability of mainframe, reliability of peripherals, and operating system. Once again, the greatest strength of the systems rated was in mainframe reliability. In the ease of operation category, only three systems met our criteria this year, compared to five systems last year. In 1986 four systems earned at least 3.50 in the reliability of peripherals category, while only one did that well in 1987.

	Weighted Average	No. of Responses
Ease of Operation		
Amdahl 580	3.62	29
Honeywell DPS 7	3.59	40
Unisys A 9/A 10	3.59	40
Reliability of Mainframe		
IBM 4381	3.84	335
IBM 308X	3.79	233
Unisys A 3/A 5	3.79	53
IBM 4361	3.78	185
Amdahl 580	3.72	29
Honeywell DPS 7	3.72	40
IBM 3090	3.70	85
Unisys 1100/70	3.60	62
Honeywell DPS 8	3.55	38
Unisys A 9/A 10	3.52	40
Reliability of Peripherals		
IBM 308X	3.51	233
Operating System		
Honeywell DPS 7	3.65	40
Unisys A 3/A 5	3.57	53
Unisys A 9/A 10	3.55	40

Chart 7. Systems with the highest ratings in key categories.

Vendor service and support are key areas when considering a computer system. Although users have no control over the effectiveness of maintenance service, they can influence promptness of maintenance service by spelling out their requirements in their contract with the vendor.

We checked the survey results to see which vendors had received the highest overall ratings for maintenance service and technical support. To be listed in our chart, the vendor had to have a minimum of 20 user responses and a rating of at least 3.5 for maintenance service and 3.0 for technical support. Through the years that Datapro has been conducting this survey, we have found that the area of technical support usually receives the lowest ratings. We felt, therefore, that any vendor receiving a 3.0 rating in technical support was deserving of special mention. Chart 8 lists the vendors that met our criteria in these service categories.

These results show a decline in user satisfaction over the 1986 survey, in which two vendors met our requirements for maintenance service. IBM is the only vendor to receive at least a 3.0 in any of the technical support categories both in 1986 and in 1987. However, NAS would have made the list in all five maintenance and technical support categories this year if we had received 20 responses on NAS systems. Last year, Amdahl was kept off the list because of a small response.

	Weighted Average	No. of Responses		
Maintenance Service:				
Responsiveness				
Amdahl	3.66	29		
Effectiveness				
Amdahl	3.50	29		
Technical Support:				
Troubleshooting				
Amdahl	3.41	29		
Honeyweli	3.17	78		
IBM	3.07	866		
Education				
Amdahl	3.43	29		
Documentation				
Amdahl	3.18	29		

Chart 8. Vendors with the highest ratings for service and support.

#### **Expectations and Recommendations**

We asked the computer system users "Did the system do what you expected it to do?" This year, 95 percent answered "Yes," 1 percent said "No," and 3 percent said "Haven't decided." (Not all users answered the question.) Last year, too, 95 percent answered "Yes."

The final question we asked users was whether they would recommend the computer system to another user in their situation. Ninety-two percent said "Yes," 3 percent answered "No," and 4 percent said they "Haven't decided." (Again, not all respondents answered the question.) In 1986, the numbers were 92 percent, 3 percent, and 5 percent, respectively.

The vendors that received the highest overall percentages of user recommendations were:

Amdahl	97%
NAS	95%
IBM	93%
Unisys	93%

### **THANK YOU**

Datapro extends a sincere thanks to everyone who responded to our 1987 survey of user experiences with computer systems. Without your participation it could not have been the success it is, and we hope that this compendium of the opinions of user colleagues will be of significant value to you. We look forward to hearing from you again next year.

Manufacturer and Model  Survey Item	Amdahl 580 Series	Honeywell DPS 7	Honeywell DPS 8	IBM 4361	IBM 4381	IBM 4300 Series, Other Models	IBM 308X Series	IBM 3090 Series
No. of User Responses Average Life of System (months)	29 18.79	40 31.51	38 44.06	185 31.56	335 22.51	28 44.50	233 30.07	8 14.6
Acquisition Method (%) Purchase Rental or Lease from Manufacturer Lease from Third Party	65.52 17.24 17.24	72.50 10.00 17.50	52.63 28.95 18.42	65.41 9.73 24.86	45.67 19.10 33.43	42.86 14.28 42.86	48.07 7.73 42.92	36.4 10.5 48.2
Principal Applications (%)	17.24	17.50	10.42	24.00	33.43	42.50	42.52	40.2
Accounting/Billing Banking—Check Processing/Loans/Savings Construction/Architecture Education—Scheduling/Administration Engineering/Scientific	62.07 6.90 3.45 10.34 24.14 10.34	90.00 2.50 2.50 7.50 5.00 5.00	68.42 0.00 2.63 36.84 5.26 0.00	74.05 10.27 1.08 12.97 10.81	74.03 7.46 2.99 15.52 11.94	67.86 14.29 0.00 14.29 3.57	72.10 10.73 2.15 17.60 24.89	72.9 17.6 4.7 20.0 18.8
Health Care/Medical Insurance Manufacturing Mathematics/Statistics Order Processing/Inventory Control Payroll/Personnel	24.14 24.14 17.24 37.93 55.17	7.50 40.00 0.00 62.50 62.50	7.89 28.95 7.89 44.74 60.53	3.24 9.19 28.11 5.41 52.97 61.08	11.04 14.33 26.87 10.75 46.27 57.31	7.14 10.71 28.57 14.29 39.29 39.29	12.45 16.31 20.60 14.16 44.21 67.38	16.4 16.4 16.4 12.9 38.8 58.8
Petroleum/Fuel Analysis Process Control Purchasing Sales/Distribution Other	0.00 20.69 31.03 20.69 31.03	0.00 10.00 37.50 35.00 10.00	0.00 5.26 28.95 21.05 10.53	1.08 2.70 42.16 37.84 9.19	1.19 5.37 42.39 28.06 14.33	0.00 7.14 35.71 28.57 21.43	3.86 5.58 38.20 28.76 15.02	2.3 7.0 43.5 24.7 10.5
Source of Applications Programs (%) In-house Personnel	96.55	97.50	97.37	91.35	92.24	89.29	93.99	90.5
Contract Programming Manufacturer's Personnel "Packaged" Programs from Manufacturer Independent Suppliers	58.62 3.45 37.93 31.03	32.50 12.50 40.00 35.00	26.32 7.89 42.11 36.84	25.95 2.70 30.81 54.59	29.25 2.39 40.00 51.94	42.86 7.14 32.14 42.86	43.78 5.15 52.36 55.79	49.4 5.8 42.3 49.4
Location of Computer (%) Departmental System Organizational System	6.90 93.10	2.50 95.00	5.26 94.74	3.24 96.76	7.46 91.34	25.00 75.00	3.43 95.28	4.7 92.9
Use Third-Party Maintenance (%) Yes No	6.90 93.10	5.00 95.00	5.26 94.74	21.62 78.38	17.91 81.19	35.71 64.29	10.30 88.41	5.8 90.5
Have a Disaster Recovery Plan (%) Yes Plan to in 1987	72.41 10.34	45.00 20.00	50.00 26.32	48.11 19.46	44.78 22.99	57.14 14.29	64.81 19.31	65.8 17.6
Have an Information Center (%)								
Yes Plan to in 1987	79.31 3.45	12.50 5.00	23.68 7.89	22.70 4.86	40.00 9.55	35.71 0.00	66.09 6.01	72.9 7.0
Planned Acquisitions/Implementations for 1987 (%) Additional Software from the Manufacturer Proprietary Software from Other Suppliers Expansions to Present Hardware Expansions to Data Communications Facilities Unix-based Operating System Laser Printers Power Conditioning Systems	55.17 82.76 86.21 82.76 0.00 48.28 13.79	45.00 30.00 70.00 65.00 2.50 22.50 12.50	50.00 18.42 44.74 57.89 2.63 31.58 15.79	37.30 47.03 62.16 52.97 1.08 17.84 8.11	54.03 61.49 63.58 62.39 1.19 28.36 16.42	42.86 46.43 57.14 35.71 0.00 21.43 10.71	64.81 67.81 61.80 67.81 5.58 38.63 9.01	67.0 74.1 77.6 78.8 3.5 37.6
Optical Disk Devices	10.34	0.00	0.00	2.16	3.28	10.71	5.58	3.5

Manufacturer and Model								
Survey Item	Amdahl 580 Series	Honeywell DPS 7	Honeywell DPS 8	IBM 4361	IBM 4381	IBM 4300 Series, Other Models	IBM 308X Series	IBM 3090 Series
System Ratings (4.0-1.0)								
Ease of Operation Reliability of Mainframe Reliability of Peripherals	3.62 3.72 3.34	3.59 3.72 3.35	3.32 3.55 3.03	3.13 3.78 3.48	3.22 3.84 3.47	3.04 3.50 3.21	3.20 3.79 3.51	3.3 3.7 3.4
Manufacturer's Maintenance Service: Responsiveness Effectiveness	3.66 3.50	3.50 3.36	3.38 3.22	3.42 3.42	3.37 3.38	3.08 3.13	3.40 3.36	3.4 3.5
Manufacturer's Technical Support: Troubleshooting Education	3.41 3.43	3.22 2.92	3.11 2.76	2.97 2.73	3.05 2.96	2.71 2.67	3.14 3.01	3.2 2.9
Documentation	3.18	2.80	2.68	2.66	2.90	2.61	2.94	2.9
Manufacturer's Software: Operating System Compilers & Assemblers Applications Programs	3.14 3.04 3.04	3.65 3.52 2.86	3.39 3.37 2.58	3.04 3.13 2.80	3.18 3.27 2.86	3.07 3.14 2.88	3.23 3.29 2.88	3.: 3.: 2.:
Ease of Programming Ease of Conversion Overall Satisfaction	2.85 2.86 3.21	3.45 3.37 3.59	3.05 2.76 3.16	2.91 2.62 3.12	2.92 2.76 3.20	2.61 2.52 3.04	2.87 2.79 3.22	2.8 2.8 3.3
Additional Ratings (4.0-1.0)								
Timeliness of Hardware Installation	3.72	3.54	3.53	3.39	3.54	3.23	3.62	3.0
Timeliness of Software Installation	3.48	3.41	3.37	3.06	3.22	2.88	3.23	3.
Ease of Expansion	3.55	3.49	3.39	2.99	3.24	3.12	3.16	3.:
Compatibility of Hardware Carried Over from Other Systems	3.48	3.28	3.00	3.05	3.25	2.83	3.24	3.4
Compatibility of Programs/Data Carried Over from Other Systems	3.45	3.33	3.03	2.99	3.14	2.96	3.14	3.:
Power/Energy Efficiency	3.24	3.38	3.06	3.04	3.23	2.85	3.06	3.
Productivity Aids Help Keep Programming Costs Low	2.71	3.11	2.51	2.61	2.67	2.46	2.56	2.0
Software Support Delivered by Vendor	3.07	3.13	2.76	2.74	2.87	2.64	2.92	2.9
Keeping Up with & Implementing Vendor Changes to Hardware/Software (Very Easy=4.0; Very Difficult=1.0)	3.19	3.25	3.05	2.66	2.78	2.81	2.73	2.
Did the system do what you expected it to do? (%) Yes	96.55	95.00	92.11	94.59	96.42	96.43	94.42	91.
No No Undecided	0.00	2.50 2.50	5.26 2.63	1.08 4.32	0.60 2.09	0.00 3.57	0.86 1.72	2.3
Would you recommend system to another user? (%) Yes	96.55	87.50	81.58	88.11	95.22	96.43	93.56	94.
No Undecided	0.00 0.00	7.50 5.00	7.89 10.53	4.86 5.41	0.90 2.39	0.00 3.57	0.86 2.15	1. 1.
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Manufacturer and Model	NAS All Models	NCR 8500/8600/8800	Unisys V Series	Unisys A 3/A 5	Unisys A 9/A 10	Unisys B 7900	Unisys A 15	Unisys 1100/60
Survey Item	24	28	う>	ō∢	ō∢	ວັໝ	٦ŏ∢	7€
No. of User Responses Average Life of System (months) Acquisition Method (%)	19 25.68	65 34.89	14 17.80	53 16.60	40 18.85	8 22.25	8 13.25	9 58.00
Purchase Rental or Lease from Manufacturer Lease from Third Party	36.84 21.05 42.11	70.77 16.92 12.31	57.14 14.29 28.57	50.94 18.87 28.30	65.00 15.00 20.00	25.00 12.50 62.50	37.50 0.00 62.50	22.22 33.33 44.44
Principal Applications (%) Accounting/Billing	73.68	52.31	50.00	83.02	75.00	75.00	37.50	88.89
Banking—Check Processing/Loans/Savings Construction/Architecture Education—Scheduling/Administration	15.79 0.00 26.32	29.23 1.54 15.38	50.00 0.00 7.14	9.43 0.00 13.21	7.50 0.00 37.50	0.00 0.00 0.00	25.00 0.00 0.00	11.11 11.11 0.00
Engineering/Scientific Health Care/Medical Insurance	31.58 10.53 5.26	0.00 6.15 1.54	0.00 7.14 7.14	5.66 9.43 1.89	5.00 10.00 7.50	12.50 0.00 37.50	25.00 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00
Manufacturing Mathematics/Statistics Order Processing/Inventory Control	21.05 31.58 52.63 52.63	9.23 1.54 29.23 52.31	0.00 21.43 35.71 50.00	28.30 9.43 52.83 54.72	17.50 5.00 45.00 62.50	62.50 0.00 75.00	12.50 0.00 25.00	0.00 66.67
Payroll/Personnel Petroleum/Fuel Analysis Process Control Purchasing	0.00 10.53 31.58	0.00 1.54 27.69	0.00 14.29 14.29	1.89 7.55 41.51	0.00 12.50 40.00	50.00 0.00 0.00 62.50	25.00 0.00 0.00 25.00	88.89 0.00 11.11 55.56
Sales/Distribution Other	26.32 10.53	23.08 12.31	28.57 0.00	41.51 11.32	32.50 12.50	50.00 25.00	25.00 50.00	44.44 22.22
Source of Applications Programs (%) In-house Personnel Contract Programming	89.47 36.84	80.00 26.15	92.86 14.29	83.02 26.42	95.00 30.00	100.00 75.00	87.50 25.00	100.00
Manufacturer's Personnel ''Packaged'' Programs from Manufacturer Independent Suppliers	5.26 47.37 42.11	9.23 49.23 47.69	0.00 28.57 21.43	7.55 20.75 39.62	10.00 45.00 52.50	12.50 87.50 87.50	37.50 25.00 50.00	22.22 22.22 44.44
Location of Computer (%) Departmental System Organizational System	0.00 100.00	6.15 93.85	0.00 100.00	3.77 94.34	2.50 97.50	0.00 100.00	0.00 100.00	22.22 77.78
Use Third-Party Maintenance (%) Yes No	5.26 94.74	4.62 95.38	14.29 85.71	1.89 96.23	2.50 97.50	0.00 100.00	0.00 100.00	22.22 77.78
Have a Disaster Recovery Plan (%) Yes	52.63	61.54	64.29	49.06	40.00	75.00	50.00	66.67
Plan to in 1987  Have an Information Center (%)	15.79	13.85	7.14	11.32	25.00	0.00	25.00	11.1
Yes Plan to in 1987	42.11 0.00	27.69 9.23	50.00 14.29	16.98 5.66	40.00 10.00	25.00 37.50	37.50 12.50	44.44 0.00
Planned Acquisitions/Implementations for 1987 (%) Additional Software from the Manufacturer Proprietary Software from Other Suppliers Expansions to Present Hardware	10.53 63.16 63.16	24.62 47.69 56.92	21.43 35.71 64.29	39.62 26.42 66.04	50.00 47.50 62.50	37.50 75.00 25.00	50.00 25.00 62.50	33.33 33.33 55.56
Expansions to Data Communications Facilities Unix-based Operating System Laser Printers Power Conditioning Systems	68.42 5.26 31.58 26.32	58.46 6.15 15.38 16.92	64.29 0.00 14.29 0.00	56.60 1.89 16.98 9.43	67.50 5.00 30.00 17.50	75.00 25.00 12.50 0.00	62.50 12.50 12.50 0.00	66.67 0.00 11.17 0.00
Optical Disk Devices	15.79	0.00	0.00	3.77	7.50	12.50	0.00	0.00

Manufacturer and Model		0						
Survey Item	NAS All Models	NCR 8500/8600/8800	Unisys V Series	Unisys A 3/A 5	Unisys A 9/A 10	Unisys B 7900	Unisys A 15	Unisys 1100/60
System Ratings (4.0-1.0)								
Ease of Operation Reliability of Mainframe Reliability of Peripherals Manufacturer's Maintenance Service:	3.44 3.89 3.39	3.12 3.48 3.38	3.43 3.64 2.93	3.49 3.79 3.33	3.59 3.52 3.05	3.50 3.38 2.83	3.75 3.75 3.13	3.00 3.78 3.22
Responsiveness Effectiveness	3.53 3.53	3.20 3.06	3.46 3.29	3.34 3.35	3.27 3.10	2.86 2.38	3.75 3.38	3.22 3.22
Manufacturer's Technical Support: Troubleshooting	3.37	2.86	2.86	3.02	2.97	2.25	2.88	2.78
Education Documentation	3.00 3.00	2.92 2.64	2.71 2.57	2.85 2.56	2.77 2.49	2.25 2.25	2.75 2.71	2.44 1.75
Manufacturer's Software: Operating System	3.14	3.20	3.57	3.57	3.55	3.13	3.75	3.11
Compilers & Assemblers Applications Programs	3.23 3.08	3.11 2.46	3.29 2.50	3.52 3.07	3.27 2.61	3.38 2.71	3.63 2.63	3.00 2.00
Ease of Programming Ease of Conversion Overall Satisfaction	2.86 2.87 3.13	2.89 3.10 3.15	3.33 3.50 3.33	3.50 3.34 3.51	3.27 3.11 3.35	3.13 2.75 2.75	3.50 3.38 3.38	2.78 2.11 3.00
Additional Ratings (4.0-1.0)								
Timeliness of Hardware Installation	3.84	3.31	3.14	3.48	3.32	3.63	3.63	3.22
Timeliness of Software Installation	3.50	3.14	3.21	3.27	3.25	3.50	3.13	2.67
Ease of Expansion	3.47	3.40	3.43	3.82	3.53	3.29	3.63	3.00
Compatibility of Hardware Carried Over from Other Systems	3.63	3.21	3.64	3.44	3.31	3.00	3.88	2.56
Compatibility of Programs/Data Carried Over from Other Systems	3.63	3.40	3.50	3.35	3.22	3.00	3.63	2.67
Power/Energy Efficiency	3.32	2.95	3.36	3.58	3.25	3.00	3.88	2.67
Productivity Aids Help Keep Programming Costs Low	2.75	2.56	2.75	3.00	2.95	2.50	3.00	1.78
Software Support Delivered by Vendor	3.05	2.46	2.57	2.88	2.75	2.50	3.00	1.89
Keeping Up with & Implementing Vendor Changes to Hardware/Software (Very Easy=4.0; Very Difficult=1.0)	3.26	3.09	3.50	3.06	3.05	2.88	3.38	2.44
Did the system do what you expected it to do? (%)	0474	20.04	100.00					
Yes No Undecided	94.74 0.00 5.26	92.31 1.54 6.15	100.00 0.00 0.00	96.23 0.00 3.77	95.00 0.00 5.00	100.00 0.00 0.00	100.00 0.00 0.00	100.00 0.00 0.00
Would you recommend system to another user? (%) Yes	94.74	81.54	92.86	94.34	92.50	100.00	100.00	88.89
No Undecided	0.00 5.26	10.77 7.69	0.00 7.14	0.00 5.66	2.50 5.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 11.11

Manufacturer and Model				rames			
Survey Item	Unisys 1100/70	Unisys 1100/90	Unisys Other	Other Mainframes			
No. of User Responses	62	6	8	16			
Average Life of System (months) Acquisition Method (%)	39.90	25.00	58.60	43.40			
Purchase Rental or Lease from Manufacturer	58.06 19.35	66.66 16.67	12.50 62.50	68.75 18.75			
Lease from Third Party	22.58	16.67	25.00	6.25		ļ.	
Principal Applications (%)							
Accounting/Billing Banking—Check Processing/Loans/Savings	70.97 1.61	66.67 0.00	37.50 25.00	56.25 0.00			
Construction/Architecture	3.23	16.67	0.00	6.25			
Education—Scheduling/Administration Engineering/Scientific	11.29 17.74	16.67 0.00	0.00 0.00	31.25 31.25			[
Health Care/Medical	8.06	16.67	0.00	12.50		1	
Insurance Manufacturing	3.23 30.65	16.67 16.67	0.00 12.50	0.00 12.50		1	
Mathematics/Statistics	14.52	16.67	0.00	18.75			
Order Processing/Inventory Control	53.23 43.55	66.67 50.00	25.00 37.50	31.25 43.75			
Payroll/Personnel Petroleum/Fuel Analysis	3.23	16.67	0.00	0.00		}	
Process Control	3.23	16.67	37.50	0.00			
Purchasing Sales/Distribution	32.26 32.26	66.67 33.33	12.50 62.50	31.25 18.75			
Other	12.90	16.67	0.00	18.75			
Source of Applications Programs (%)							
In-house Personnel Contract Programming	98.39 27.42	100.00 33.33	87.50 12.50	87.50 31.25			
Manufacturer's Personnel	25.81	0.00	0.00	18.75		1	
"Packaged" Programs from Manufacturer	38.71	33.33	12.50	37.50			ļ
Independent Suppliers	27.42	33.33	12.50	62.50			
Location of Computer (%)	3.23	16.67	0.00	0.00			
Departmental System Organizational System	96.77	83.33	100.00	100.00			
Use Third-Party Maintenance (%)				İ		}	
Yes	0.00	0.00	37.50	0.00			
No	98.39	100.00	62.50	100.00			
Have a Disaster Recovery Plan (%) Yes	43.55	83.33	25.00	62.50			
Plan to in 1987	22.58	0.00	25.00	6.25			
Have an Information Center (%)							
Yes	38.71	66.67	50.00	43.75 6.25			
Plan to in 1987	3.23	0.00	25.00	6.25			
Planned Acquisitions/Implementations for 1987 (%) Additional Software from the Manufacturer	48.39	83.33	37.50	50.00			
Proprietary Software from Other Suppliers	40.32	50.00	50.00	50.00			
Expansions to Present Hardware	61.29	66.67	75.00	56.25			
Expansions to Data Communications Facilities Unix-based Operating System	59.68 14.52	66.67 0.00	37.50 12.50	50.00 6.25		<b>!</b>	1
Laser Printers	20.97	50.00	12.50	18.75			
Power Conditioning Systems Optical Disk Devices	19.35 1.61	16.67 0.00	0.00 0.00	12.50 6.25			}
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Manufacturer and Model	Unisys 1100/70	Unisys 1100/90	Unisys Other	Other Mainframes			
Survey Item	25	25	55	8		:	
System Ratings (4.0-1.0)	!						
Ease of Operation	3.15 3.60	3.33 3.67	3.38 3.50	3.38 3.69			
Reliability of Mainframe Reliability of Peripherals	3.00	3.33	3.38	3.09			
Manufacturer's Maintenance Service:				1			
Responsiveness Effectiveness	3.38 3.27	3.83 3.17	3.25 3.13	3.44 3.40			
Manufacturer's Technical Support:							
Troubleshooting	2.95	3.00	3.13	3.38			
Education Documentation	2.73 2.46	2.83 2.67	3.00 2.63	3.19 2.93			
Manufacturer's Software: Operating System	3.36	3.50	3.38	3.31			
Compilers & Assemblers	3.34	3.50	3.25	3.31			
Applications Programs	2.70	2.50	2.75	2.57			
Ease of Programming Ease of Conversion	3.16 2.89	3.33 2.80	3.40 3.60	3.13 3.00			
Overall Satisfaction	3.18	3.33	3.40	3.38			
Additional Ratings (4.0-1.0)							
Timeliness of Hardware Installation	3.16	3.83	3.13	3.50			
Timeliness of Software Installation	3.10	3.17	3.13	3.44			
Ease of Expansion	3.48	3.50	3.13	3.50			
Compatibility of Hardware Carried Over from Other Systems	2.67	3.40	3.33	3.38			
Compatibility of Programs/Data Carried Over from Other Systems	2.68	3.17	3.25	3.00			
Power/Energy Efficiency	2.81	3.17	3.00	2.53			
Productivity Aids Help Keep Programming Costs Low	2.76	2.83	2.25	2.53			
Software Support Delivered by Vendor	2.74	2.83	2.75	2.75			
Keeping Up with & Implementing Vendor Changes to Hardware/Software (Very Easy=4.0; Very Difficult=1.0)	2.70	3.17	3.25	3.13			
Did the system do what you expected it to do? (%)		465.55	102.5				
Yes No	96.77 1.61	100.00 0.00	100.00 0.00	100.00			
No Undecided	1.61	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Would you recommend system to another user? (%)							
Yes No	90.32	100.00	100.00	87.50 12.50			
Undecided	8.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	i		
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# U.S. User Ratings of Mainframes TABLE 2. MAINFRAME VENDOR SUMMARIES

No. of User Responses   29   78   866   19   65   208   19   208   27.24   43.44   4	Manufacturer and Mod		ywell		·		ys .	Other Mainframes
Average Life of System (months) Acquisition Method (%) Purchase  65.52 65.52 65.52 65.52 65.52 65.52 65.52 62.42 19.23 13.05 1	Survey Item	Amda	Hone	IBM	NAS	NCR	Unisy	Other
18.79   37.53   26.37   25.68   34.89   27.24   43.4   4	No. of User Responses	29	78	866	19	65	208	16
Rental or Lesse from Manufacturer   17.24   19.23   13.05   21.05   16.92   19.23   18.7   17.24   17.95   35.91   42.11   12.31   27.88   6.2   17.95   35.91   42.11   12.31   27.88   6.2   17.95   35.91   42.11   12.31   27.88   6.2   17.95   35.91   42.11   12.31   27.88   6.2   17.95   35.91   42.11   12.31   27.88   6.2   17.95   35.91   42.11   12.31   27.88   6.2   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91   42.11   17.95   35.91	Average Life of System (months) Acquisition Method (%)					34.89	27.24	43.40
Principal Applications (%) Accounting/Billing Accounting/Billing Banking—Check Processing/Loans/Savings 6.90 1.28 10.16 15.79 29.23 10.10 0.00 Construction/Architecture 3.45 2.56 2.42 0.00 1.54 1.92 6.32 15.38 14.90 3.12 Engineering/Scientific 24.14 5.13 15.59 31.50 0.00 10.10 31.25 Engineering/Scientific 24.14 5.13 15.59 31.50 0.00 10.10 31.25 Engineering/Scientific 24.14 5.13 15.59 31.50 0.00 10.10 31.25 Engineering/Scientific 34.14 34.62 24.82 24.88 21.05 32.45 22.20 24.82 24.88 21.05 9.23 24.52 24.82 24.88 21.05 9.23 24.52 24.82 24.88 21.05 9.23 24.52 24.82 24.88 21.05 9.23 24.52 24.82 24.88 21.05 9.23 24.52 24.82 24.88 21.05 9.23 24.52 24.82 24.88 21.05 9.23 24.52 24.52 24.88	Rental or Lease from Manufacturer	17.24	19.23	13.05	21.05	16.92	19.23	68.7! 18.7!
Banking—Check Processing/Loans/Savings	Principal Applications (%)				72.11	12.51	27.88	6.2
Order Processing/Inventory Control   37.93   53.85   46.19   52.63   52.31   51.92   43.7     Petroleum/Fuel Analysis   0.00   0.00   1.96   0.00   0.00   1.96   0.00   0.00   1.92   0.00     Process Control   20.69   7.69   7.69   7.69   7.69   7.69   0.00   0.00   1.96   0.00   0.00   1.92   0.00     Purchasing   31.03   33.33   41.11   31.58   27.89   37.02   31.23   31.03   33.33   41.11   31.58   27.89   37.02   31.23   31.03   3	Banking—Check Processing/Loans/Savings Construction/Architecture Education—Scheduling/Administration Engineering/Scientific Health Care/Medical Insurance Manufacturing	6.90 3.45 10.34 24.14 10.34 24.14 24.14	1.28 2.56 21.79 5.13 2.56 7.69 34.62	10.16 2.42 15.94 15.59 10.16 13.86 24.48	15.79 0.00 26.32 31.58 10.53 5.26 21.05	29.23 1.54 15.38 0.00 6.15 1.54 9.23	10.10 1.92 14.90 10.10 7.69 5.29 24.52	56.29 0.00 6.29 31.29 31.25 12.56 0.00
In-house Personnel	Payroll/Personnel Petroleum/Fuel Analysis Process Control Purchasing Sales/Distribution	55.17 0.00 20.69 31.03 20.69	61.54 0.00 7.69 33.33 28.21	60.39 1.96 5.08 41.11 30.02	52.63 0.00 10.53 31.58 26.32	29.23 52.31 0.00 1.54 27.69 23.08	50.00 51.92 1.92 8.65 37.02 36.54	31.2! 43.7! 0.00 0.00 31.2! 18.7!
Departmental System	In-house Personnel Contract Programming Manufacturer's Personnel "Packaged" Programs from Manufacturer	58.62 3.45 37.93	29.49 10.26 41.03	34.87 3.70 41.34	36.84 5.26 47.37	26.15 9.23 49.23	27.88 14.42 34.13	87.50 31.2! 18.7! 37.50 62.50
Ves   No   Sign   Sig	Departmental System							0.00
No   93.10   94.87   82.91   94.74   95.38   94.71   100.00		6.90	5.13	16.05	5.26	4.62		
Yes       72.41       47.44       53.35       52.63       61.54       48.56       62.5         Plan to in 1987       79.31       17.95       46.42       42.11       27.69       35.10       43.7         Plan to in 1987       79.31       17.95       46.42       42.11       27.69       35.10       43.7         Planned Acquisitions/Implementations for 1987 (%)       82.76       24.36       60.85       63.16       47.69       38.94       50.0         Expansions to Present Hardware       82.76       24.36       60.85       63.16       47.69       38.94       50.0         Expansions to Present Hardware       82.76       61.54       62.59       68.42       58.46       61.06       50.0         Unix-based Operating System       0.00       2.56       2.54       5.26       6.15       7.69       6.2         Laser Printers       48.28       26.92       29.56       31.58       15.38       20.67       18.7         Power Conditioning Systems       10.24       0.00       2.56       2.54       5.26       6.15       7.69       6.2         Optical Disk Devices       10.24       0.00       2.50       2.52       12.52       12.02       12.5	No							
Yes     79.31     17.95     46.42     42.11     27.69     35.10     43.7       Plan to in 1987     3.45     6.41     7.04     0.00     9.23     8.17     6.2       Planned Acquisitions/Implementations for 1987 (%)       Additional Software from the Manufacturer     55.17     47.44     54.27     10.53     24.62     44.23     50.0       Proprietary Software from Other Suppliers     82.76     24.36     60.85     63.16     47.69     38.94     50.0       Expansions to Present Hardware     86.21     57.69     63.97     63.16     56.92     62.02     56.2       Expansions to Data Communications Facilities     82.76     61.54     62.59     68.42     58.46     61.06     50.0       Unix-based Operating System     0.00     2.56     2.54     5.26     6.15     7.69     6.2       Laser Printers     48.28     26.92     29.56     31.58     15.38     20.67     18.7       Power Conditioning Systems     13.79     14.10     12.24     26.32     16.92     12.02     12.5	Yes							
Plan to in 1987   3.45   6.41   7.04   0.00   9.23   8.17   6.2	Yes		17.95	46.42	42.11	27.69	35.10	43.7
Additional Software from the Manufacturer 55.17 47.44 54.27 10.53 24.62 44.23 50.0 Proprietary Software from Other Suppliers 82.76 24.36 60.85 63.16 47.69 38.94 50.0 Expansions to Present Hardware 86.21 57.69 63.97 63.16 56.92 62.02 56.2 Expansions to Data Communications Facilities 82.76 61.54 62.59 68.42 58.46 61.06 50.0 Unix-based Operating System 0.00 2.56 2.54 5.26 6.15 7.69 6.2 Laser Printers 48.28 26.92 29.56 31.58 15.38 20.67 18.7 Power Conditioning Systems 13.79 14.10 12.24 26.32 16.92 12.02 12.5	·	3.45	6.41	7.04	0.00	9.23		
	Additional Software from the Manufacturer Proprietary Software from Other Suppliers Expansions to Present Hardware Expansions to Data Communications Facilities Unix-based Operating System Laser Printers Power Conditioning Systems	82.76 86.21 82.76 0.00 48.28 13.79	24.36 57.69 61.54 2.56 26.92 14.10	60.85 63.97 62.59 2.54 29.56 12.24	63.16 63.16 68.42 5.26 31.58 26.32	47.69 56.92 58.46 6.15 15.38 16.92	38.94 62.02 61.06 7.69 20.67 12.02	50.0 56.2 50.0 6.2 18.7 12.5

# U.S. User Ratings of Mainframes TABLE 2. MAINFRAME VENDOR SUMMARIES

Manufacturer and Model							frames
Burvey Item	Amdahl	Honeywell	IBM	NAS	NCR	Unisys	Other Mainframes
System Ratings (4.0-1.0)							
Ease of Operation Reliability of Mainframe	3.62 3.72	3.46 3.64	3.20 3.79	3.44 3.89	3.12 3.48	3.38 3.64	3. 3.
Reliability of Peripherals	3.34	3.20	3.47	3.39	3.48	3.16	3.
Manufacturer's Maintenance Service:							1
Responsiveness Effectiveness	3.66 3.50	3.44 3.29	3.39 3.39	3.53 3.53	3.20 3.06	3.35 3.22	3.4 3.4
Manufacturer's Technical Support:							
Troubleshooting	3.41	3.17	3.07	3.37	2.86	2.94	3.
Education Documentation	3.43 3.18	2.85 2.74	2.91 2.85	3.00 3.00	2.92 2.64	2.75 2.48	3. 2.
Manufacturer's Software:							
Operating System Compilers & Assemblers	3.14 3.04	3.53 3.45	3.17 3.24	3.14 3.23	3.20	3.46	3.
Applications Programs	3.04	2.72	2.86	3.08	3.11 2.46	3.37 2.72	3. 2.
Ease of Programming	2.85	3.26	2.89	2.86	2.89	3.29	3.
Ease of Conversion Overall Satisfaction	2.86 3.21	3.07 3.38	2.73 3.19	2.87 3.13	3.10 3.15	3.08 3.30	3. 3.
Additional Ratings (4.0-1.0)							
Timeliness of Hardware Installation	3.72	3.53	3.53	3.84	3.31	3.33	3.
Timeliness of Software Installation	3.48	3.39	3.19	3.50	3.14	3.18	3.
Ease of Expansion	3.55	3.44	3.17	3.47	3.40	3.53	3.
Compatibility of Hardware Carried Over from Other Systems	3.48	3.14	3.21	3.63	3.21	3.17	3.
Compatibility of Programs/Data Carried Over from Other Systems	3.45	3.18	3.13	3.63	3.40	3.10	3.
Power/Energy Efficiency	3.24	3.23	3.12	3.32	2.95	3.19	2.
Productivity Aids Help Keep Programming Costs Low	2.71	2.81	2.62	2.75	2.56	2.79	2.
Software Support Delivered by Vendor	3.07	2.95	2.86	3.05	2.46	2.73	2.
Keeping Up with & Implementing Vendor Changes to Hardware/Software (Very Easy=4.0; Very Difficult=1.0)	3.19	3.16	2.75	3.26	3.09	2.97	3.
Did the system do what you expected it to do? (%)		_					
Yes	96.55	93.59	95.03	94.74	92.31	97.12	100.0
No Undecided	0.00 0.00	3.85 2.56	0.92 2.54	0.00 5.26	1.54 6.15	0.48 2.40	0.0 0.0
Would you recommend system to another user? (%)	20 ==						
Yes No	96.55 0.00	84.62 7.69	93.19 1.73	94.74 0.00	81.54 10.77	93.27 0.96	87. 12.
Undecided	0.00	7.69	2.89	5.26	7.69	5.77	0.0