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REVENUE READINESS

THE 6-MONTH REVENUE VISIBILITY CHECKUP

Are you ready for budgeting season?

What leadership needs to see across pipeline, attribution, event ROI, handoffs, and reporting before planning conversations begin.

Includes the Readiness Score Workbook

Score your organization across 6 visibility areas

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Planning Starts Before Budgeting Season

Many organizations don't discover reporting gaps until budget planning is already underway. By then, leadership is expected to make investment decisions while working through disconnected reports, inconsistent metrics, and unanswered questions about revenue performance.

The six-month mark is the ideal time to assess revenue visibility. Enough activity has occurred to identify meaningful trends, while there is still time to improve reporting before planning conversations begin.

A Practical Revenue Visibility Checkup

This guide introduces the Revenue Visibility Checkup, a structured review of the reporting and operational visibility leaders need to make confident decisions. It examines six areas that shape revenue performance:

1. Pipeline visibility
2. Event and campaign influence
3. Source tracking and attribution
4. Sales and marketing handoffs
5. Customer expansion and retention
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The Goal

Clarify what leadership can measure with confidence today

Identify remaining gaps in reporting and visibility

Prioritize what needs to be strengthened before the next planning cycle

When organizations have connected reporting and decision-ready data, planning discussions focus less on reconciling numbers and more on deciding where to invest for growth.

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Using The Revenue Visibility Checkup

Most companies wait until planning season to ask whether their revenue investments are working. By then, the conversation is already under pressure: teams are defending spend, leadership is asking for proof, and reporting gaps that could have been addressed earlier are now part of the planning conversation.

The stronger time to check revenue visibility is around the 6-month mark. Six months into a fiscal year, campaign cycle, event strategy, sales motion, or reporting change, enough activity has happened to reveal patterns, while leadership still has time to see what is measurable, what is influencing pipeline, where follow-up or handoff visibility is inconsistent, and which investments need better visibility before budget conversations begin. This is especially useful for companies with longer sales cycles, high-value opportunities, event-heavy motions, and multiple teams contributing to pipeline.

The goal is not to rebuild the revenue system in the middle of a cycle. It is to understand what leadership can see today, what remains unclear, and what the organization may be ready to improve next.

Use this practical planning guide as a structured 6-month review across pipeline, campaign performance, event influence, lead source tracking, sales follow-up, and leadership reporting.

> *Only 37% of companies are fully confident they will hit their revenue targets*
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> Source: Clari, The 2024 Revenue Leak Report, KPI Benchmarks, p. 22.

Pipeline Visibility

What Is Creating Pipeline?

Pipeline visibility is often treated as a sales metric, but it reflects the combined performance of marketing, sales, business development, partnerships, customer teams, and the operational systems that support them. Teams need their own views of performance, while leadership needs enough connected visibility to see how pipeline is being created, how it is progressing, where momentum is slowing, and which activities are influencing movement.

Strong pipeline visibility allows organizations to identify trends early enough to adjust investment, refine follow-up processes, improve conversion rates, and address reporting gaps before planning discussions begin.

The goal is to understand more than pipeline volume. Leadership needs visibility into pipeline quality, movement, influence, and forecast confidence before making critical planning decisions.

Revenue Visibility Questions:

- Which lead sources are creating qualified opportunities?
- Which campaigns, events, referrals, or partner activities are influencing pipeline creation?
- Where are opportunities consistently advancing?
- Where are opportunities slowing, stalling, or being lost?
- Which stages have the highest conversion rates?
- Which stages have the highest drop-off rates?
- How quickly are new opportunities receiving follow-up?
- Which segments, products, territories, or teams are creating the strongest pipeline performance?

Event and Campaign Influence

Which investments are driving revenue?

Many organizations can report on campaign activity, event attendance, clicks, registrations, or lead volume. Fewer can confidently explain how those activities influence pipeline, revenue, customer engagement, or future planning decisions. That matters because every investment should have a clear purpose, whether the spend is large, small, recurring, or experimental.

The challenge is that influence is rarely linear. A prospect may attend an event, engage with multiple campaigns, participate in a product demonstration, meet with sales, and become an opportunity months later. Existing customers may engage with an event that leads to a renewal discussion, expansion opportunity, or upsell conversation well after the event itself.

Because of this, organizations should evaluate the impact of events and campaigns across the full revenue lifecycle.

The objective is enough visibility to understand where investment is creating measurable business impact and where additional reporting structure may be needed before next year's budget is finalized.

Revenue Visibility Questions

- Where do new leads come from?
- Which campaigns create qualified opportunities?
- Which campaigns influence existing opportunities?
- What accelerates opportunities through the pipeline?
- How does marketing influence sales engagement?
- Which campaigns support renewals?
- Are retention signals visible?
- Which campaigns drive expansion opportunities?
- What contributes most to pipeline?
- Which campaigns drive revenue?
- Are ROI and budget decisions backed by data?

Source Tracking and Attribution

How are we measuring these consistently?

To understand event and campaign influence with confidence, teams need consistent source tracking and shared attribution rules. They need to know where a lead originated, which activities touched the opportunity, and how influence should be interpreted across the revenue lifecycle.

This is where many reporting challenges begin. Different teams often use the same terms but mean different things. Marketing may define a lead as marketing-sourced, sales may attribute the same opportunity to outbound outreach, and operations may be working from fields or lifecycle stages that do not fully match either view. Events may influence a deal significantly without receiving visible credit in reporting. As a result, leadership can end up looking at multiple reports that tell different stories about the same pipeline.

The issue is rarely a lack of data. It is that the data is difficult to interpret consistently. A prospect may attend an event, engage with a campaign, come through a referral, speak with sales, and become an opportunity later. A customer may engage with several touchpoints before a renewal, expansion, or upsell conversation begins. Without shared rules for source and influence, teams can end up reporting different versions of the same revenue story.

Revenue Visibility Questions

- Can teams distinguish lead origin from later influence?
- Are sales-sourced, marketing-sourced, event-influenced, partner-sourced, and referral-sourced opportunities defined consistently?
- Do departments use the same source fields, lifecycle definitions, and attribution assumptions?
- Can conflicting source or influence claims be resolved without manual reconstruction?
- Are attribution assumptions clear enough to support planning decisions?

Sales and Marketing Handoffs

What happens when leads enter the system?

One of the clearest indicators of revenue system health is what happens after a lead enters the system. Marketing generates engagement, inquiries, event conversations, and qualified prospects. Sales drives follow-up. Operations manages routing, ownership, and lifecycle stages. The handoff is where those efforts either connect clearly or become harder to measure.

Without visibility into handoffs and follow-up, it becomes difficult to determine whether performance issues stem from lead quality, timing, ownership, process consistency, or reporting gaps.

Understanding how opportunities move from initial engagement to pipeline creation helps organizations evaluate whether the current process supports consistent revenue outcomes. When handoffs are visible, teams can identify whether improvements should come from messaging, targeting, qualification criteria, follow-up processes, ownership rules, or reporting infrastructure.

That visibility gives every team better context. Marketing can see which campaigns and events create meaningful sales conversations. Sales gains insight into lead quality and conversion trends. Operations can identify where routing, lifecycle definitions, or reporting inputs need refinement. Leadership gains confidence that opportunities are being managed consistently and that reporting reflects what is actually happening.

Revenue Visibility Questions

- Who owns follow-up at each stage?
- Are ownership transitions clearly defined?
- Are leads being worked consistently?
- Is sales follow-up timely?
- Is lead-to-opportunity conversion improving?
- Which sources drive the strongest conversion?
- Which campaigns drive the best opportunities?
- Which lead sources consistently perform?
- Where is pipeline momentum slowing?

Customer Expansion and Retention

How are we expanding and keeping our customers?

Many revenue reviews focus heavily on net-new pipeline. For many organizations, that misses a meaningful part of the revenue picture. Existing customers may engage with events, campaigns, account teams, product discussions, executive meetings, renewal activity, or expansion motions. Some of those signals may point to retention risk. Others may point to upsell, cross-sell, or expansion opportunity.

This helps teams understand the full revenue picture rather than evaluating growth solely through new opportunity creation. When customer revenue signals are included in the same planning view as pipeline creation, event influence, attribution, and follow-up visibility, leadership can make stronger decisions about where to invest, which accounts need attention, and where future revenue may already be developing.

Revenue Visibility Questions

- Do you track renewal trends?
- Is customer engagement visible?
- Can you identify expansion opportunities?
- Do you measure upsell influence?
- Can you measure cross-sell performance?
- Is account health visible?
- Can you track customer event participation?
- Can you identify retention risks?

Leadership Reporting and Budget Readiness

Can leadership trust the reporting?

Revenue visibility only matters if it helps leadership make better decisions. Pipeline reports, event data, attribution, handoff metrics, and customer revenue signals should provide a clear understanding of what is working, where momentum is building, and where investment or process should change.

Before planning conversations begin, teams should not be debating which numbers are correct or piecing together disconnected reports. They should be working from shared definitions, trusted reporting, and a clear view of how activity connects to pipeline, revenue, retention, and future investment decisions.

A revenue visibility checkup helps determine whether reporting is ready to support those conversations. The strongest organizations are not simply looking at more dashboards. They use connected reporting to understand which decisions can be made with confidence, where additional context is needed, and which reporting gaps should be addressed before planning begins.

The review goes beyond dashboards and metrics to assess whether leadership has the visibility needed to make informed decisions about investment, prioritization, forecasting, and growth.

Revenue Visibility Questions

- What is creating pipeline today?
- What is influencing pipeline movement and conversion?
- Which investments are generating measurable impact?
- Which investments appear valuable but remain under-measured?
- Which sources, campaigns, events, or programs deserve additional investment?
- Where should budget shift based on current performance?
- Which reports are trusted and consistently used for decision-making?
- Do departments have aligned definitions and reporting assumptions?
- Is there a clear source of truth for revenue-related decisions?
- What reporting gaps should be addressed before the planning cycle begins?

How Revlingo Helps

Revlingo helps organizations clarify what leadership can trust today, where revenue visibility is limited, and which reporting gaps should be addressed before planning conversations begin.

For some organizations, that means strengthening source tracking, attribution logic, handoff visibility, or leadership reporting. For others, it means defining the reporting infrastructure, shared definitions, and department-specific views needed to support better planning decisions.

The goal is decision-ready data, stronger revenue visibility, and reporting that leadership can trust before major investment decisions are made.

If this checkup surfaces questions your team cannot answer, Revlingo can help clarify your next steps and build the infrastructure behind it. Use the Revenue Visibility Workbook to identify the areas to focus on.

Ready to turn your results into clearer revenue decisions?

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THE 6-MONTH REVENUE VISIBILITY WORKBOOK

Are you ready for budgeting season?

Use this **Readiness Score Workbook** to score your organization across 6 visibility areas

Using The Revenue Visibility Workbook

Most companies wait until planning season to ask whether their revenue investments are working. The stronger time to check revenue visibility is around the 6-month mark.

This workbook helps leadership complete a practical 6-month checkup across six areas:

1. **What is creating pipeline?**
2. **Which investments are influencing deals?**
3. **Are source tracking and attribution being measured consistently?**
4. **What happens after leads enter the system?**
5. **What revenue signals are coming from existing customers?**
6. **Can leadership trust the numbers before planning conversations begin?**

SCORING SCALE:

0 = Not visible
Leadership cannot answer this from current reporting, or departments are relying on separate manual views with no clear way to reconcile them.

1 = Partially visible
The answer exists, but it requires manual work, team follow-up, or interpretation. Different departments may answer the question differently.

2 = Mostly visible
Leadership can answer this from existing reporting, though definitions, consistency, department-level context, or reporting logic may still need refinement.

3 = Decision-ready
Leadership can answer this confidently using trusted reporting, shared definitions, and reliable data across the teams involved.

1 What is creating pipeline?

Score: ____/15

- [ ] Can leadership see which sources are creating qualified opportunities?
- [ ] Can pipeline creation be compared by campaign, event, referral, partner activity, sales activity, product, segment, or territory?
- [ ] Can leadership see where opportunities are advancing, slowing, or dropping off?
- [ ] Can teams compare conversion by stage, source, team, or segment?
- [ ] Can all revenue teams and departments trace qualified pipeline back to the same source data, definitions, and reporting logic?

2 Which investments are influencing deals?

Score: ____/15

- [ ] Can leadership connect campaign and event activity to opportunity creation?
- [ ] Can event influence be tracked beyond attendance, badge scans, and lead count?
- [ ] Can reporting show whether an event influenced an existing opportunity?
- [ ] Can customer engagement be connected to renewal, upsell, or expansion conversations?
- [ ] Can budget owners see which investments should continue, expand, shift, or be measured differently?

3 Are source tracking and attribution being measured consistently?

Score: ____/15

- [ ] Can teams distinguish lead origin from later influence?
- [ ] Are sales-sourced, marketing-sourced, event-influenced, partner-sourced, and referral-sourced opportunities defined consistently?
- [ ] Do departments use the same source fields, lifecycle definitions, and attribution assumptions?
- [ ] Can leadership resolve conflicting credit claims without manual reconstruction?
- [ ] Are attribution assumptions clear enough to support planning decisions?

4 What happens after leads enter the system?

Score: ____/15

- [ ] Can leadership see who owns follow-up at each stage?
- [ ] Can teams see how quickly new inquiries receive follow-up?
- [ ] Can reporting show accepted, rejected, recycled, unworked, and converted leads?
- [ ] Can conversion be reviewed by source, campaign, event, or channel?
- [ ] Can leadership tell whether performance questions are related to lead quality, timing, ownership, or process consistency?

5 How are we expanding and keeping customers?

Score: ____/15

- [ ] Can teams see renewal trends and retention risks?
- [ ] Can customer engagement be connected to expansion or upsell opportunities?
- [ ] Can customer-facing event participation be tied to account momentum?
- [ ] Can teams identify which accounts may need additional follow-up?
- [ ] Can customer revenue signals be included in the broader planning conversation?

6 Can leadership trust the numbers?

Score: ____/15

- [ ] Are teams using shared definitions for pipeline, source, influence, conversion, and revenue reporting?
- [ ] Are leadership reports trusted across sales, marketing, operations, and finance?
- [ ] Can budget owners see which investments are measurable and which are under-measured?
- [ ] Can leadership identify where budget should shift based on current performance?
- [ ] Is the reporting infrastructure strong enough to support deeper analytics, forecasting, or optimization?

6-Month Revenue Visibility Checkup Results

TOTAL SCORE
6-MONTH REVENUE VISIBILITY READINESS SCORE: ___ / 90

Your score is not a grade. It is a planning signal. It shows what the organization can see today, where department answers may vary, and what the business may be ready to improve next.

Score: 0-30

Visibility Foundation

At this stage, leadership may be relying on partial reports, manual context, or department-specific views that do not fully connect. Teams may have useful activity data, but the reporting structure may not yet support confident planning decisions.

This score often points to visibility foundations that need more structure, such as source tracking, lifecycle definitions, ownership rules, handoff visibility, reporting inputs, or trusted leadership reporting.

Revlingo can help assess what the current revenue system can answer today, where visibility is limited, and what needs clarification first so teams can make decisions on a stronger reporting foundation.

Score: 31-60

Connected Reporting Readiness

At this stage, useful reporting exists, but confidence may vary across pipeline, attribution, event influence, handoffs, customer revenue signals, and planning reports. Teams may have meaningful views into their own areas, while leadership still needs a clearer connection across the full revenue picture.

This score often points to definitions, source tracking, lifecycle stages, attribution assumptions, or reporting logic that need to be clarified across departments.

Revlingo can help determine where reporting is already working, where the views are not connecting, and what needs to be structured so teams can trace activity to pipeline, revenue, and planning decisions with more confidence.

Score: 61-75

Planning Ready Reporting Refinement

At this stage, leadership can answer many important planning questions, but specific blind spots may still affect attribution confidence, budget decisions, forecast confidence, or department alignment. The reporting foundation is useful, but it may still need refinement before it can fully support larger decisions.

This score often points to reporting that is close, but still depends on manual context, department-level interpretation, or definitions that need to be tightened before planning conversations begin.

Revlingo can help refine the reporting rules, attribution logic, and planning views that leadership depends on, so the organization can move from mostly useful reporting to reporting that supports clearer decisions.

Score: 76-90

Advanced Analytics Reporting

At this stage, the organization has a strong reporting foundation. Teams can answer key visibility questions with confidence and may be ready to move beyond reporting into deeper analysis, forecasting, optimization, and performance modeling.

This score often points to readiness for more advanced work, such as pipeline quality analysis, campaign influence analysis, event performance modeling, account prioritization, customer expansion signals, forecast confidence, and investment impact.

Revlingo can help turn a strong reporting foundation into deeper revenue intelligence, giving teams more precise views of what is working, where momentum is building, and where future investment may create the greatest impact.

6-Month Revenue Visibility Checkup Results

MAKE THE CHECKUP COUNT

The value of the checkup is what happens after the score. Once the team can see where reporting is clear, where definitions are aligned, and where deeper analysis is possible, the next step is to turn that visibility into operating structure.

Revlingo helps teams make better revenue decisions through clearer source tracking, stronger attribution, visible handoffs, connected leadership reporting, and advanced analytics when the foundation is ready.

The result is a revenue system that reports what happened and helps the organization decide what to do next. Move from score to structure.

Revlingo helps translate revenue visibility findings into the reporting foundation behind better decisions.

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