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Security magazine is proud to present The 2025 Security Benchmark Report — a comprehensive editorial initiative built on the voices of enterprise security leaders from across the globe.

This annual report gathers self-reported data from a wide range of industries to identify the latest trends in security roles, responsibilities, technology, training, and budgets. Each edition builds on the last, offering a year-over-year view of how enterprise security programs are evolving, maturing and setting new standards across the field.

What's Inside the 2025 Report

- **Main Report:** An in-depth analysis of data across all respondents and sectors.
- **Sector Reports:** Insights broken down by specific industries.

The Security Benchmark Report is designed to help leaders understand what their peers are doing, what's changing as well as where the industry is headed. While every organization values different metrics, this annual report offers a powerful tool for benchmarking programs and guiding strategic decisions.

While The Security Benchmark Report aims to offer security programs insights into what their peers are doing, we understand that the metrics important to one program may be completely different than another program. Therefore, the biggest benefit of contributing to the Security Benchmark Survey is access to the raw, anonymized dataset. Respondents receive a unique opportunity to compare their program against others — across the entire industry or within their specific sector — on any metric they choose.

By participating, leaders are not only gaining invaluable insights for their own programs, but also helping shape the most comprehensive snapshot of enterprise security available today. The more voices included, the more powerful and representative the insights become.

Looking Ahead to 2026

This year, respondents shared details about security roles and responsibilities, training initiatives, budget fluctuations, key metrics, and much more. However, in order to continue to build a truly robust picture of the industry, we need even broader participation.

The input from security leaders matters — make sure your program's voice is part of the 2026 Security Benchmark Report. The 2026 Security Benchmark Survey will be open from February through mid-July 2026.

Be sure to register for the exclusive webinar presentation on November 13, where we'll take a deep dive into The 2025 Security Benchmark Report and reveal webinar-only statistics.

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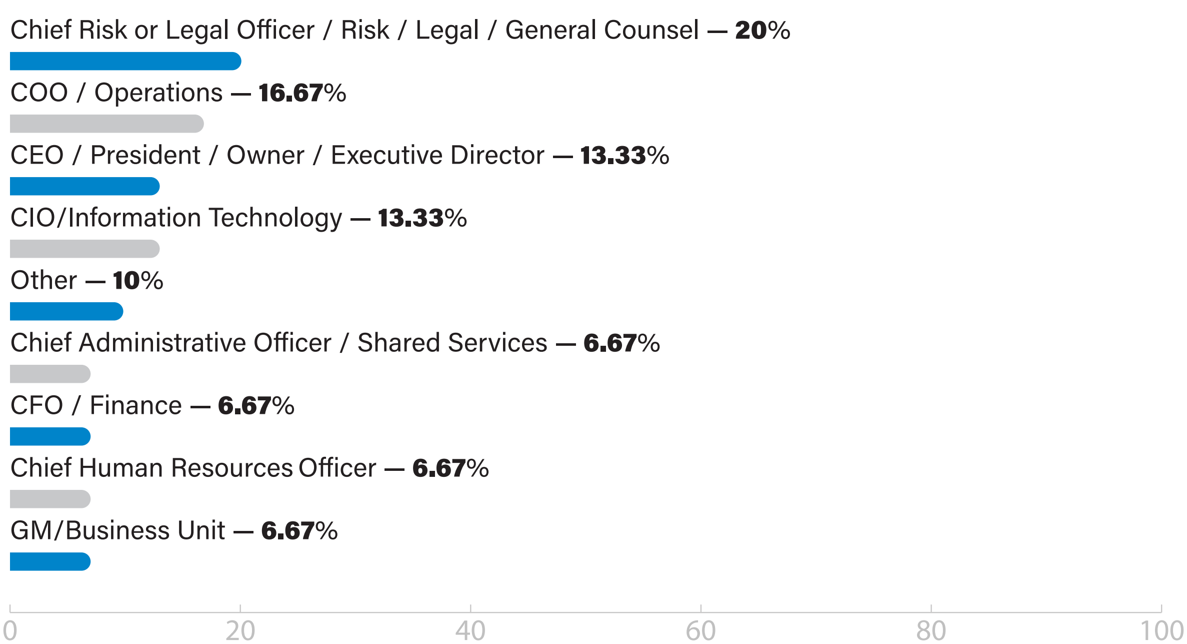
RANK	Issues / Concerns
1.	Workplace Violence
2. (tie)	Business continuity and business resilience
2. (tie)	Travel security / executive protection
3.	Staffing and training
4. (tie)	Cybersecurity
4. (tie)	Civil unrest / targeted protests
4. (tie)	Security budget
5.	Crisis management
6. (tie)	Risk and threat intelligence
6. (tie)	Theft (loss prevention / asset protection)
7. (tie)	Insider threats
7. (tie)	Natural disasters
7. (tie)	Terrorism / extremism / hate crimes
7. (tie)	Intellectual property (IP) theft
7. (tie)	Data privacy / regulations
7. (tie)	Supply chain security
7. (tie)	Third-party risk

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked about their top issues & concerns in 2025 in regards to risk mitigation and enterprise security. The top 7 answers appear above in order. Workplace violence has been ranked as the top concern by respondents since 2021. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Where Security Lives Within the Enterprise

Function / %

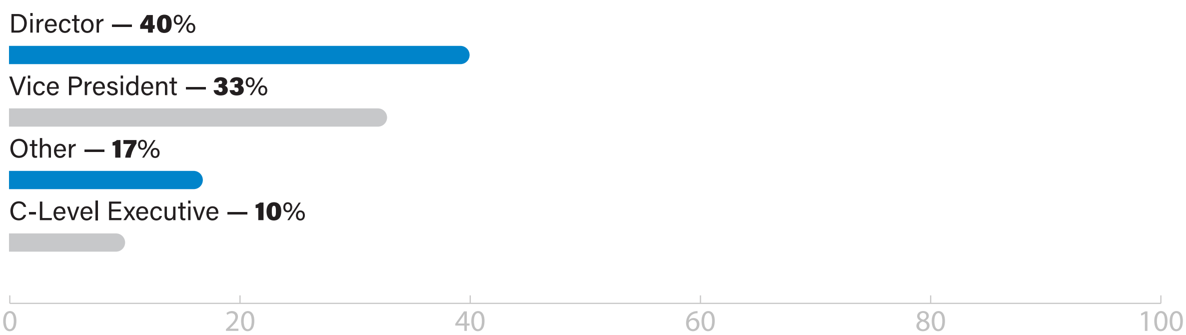


The Security Benchmark Report participants were asked where their security function reports to or resides within. The majority of security teams responding to this year's Security Benchmark Report report to or reside within Chief Risk or Legal Officer / Risk / Legal / General Counsel, followed closely by COO / Operations. Respondents who selected Other report into Public Affairs, Customer Service and the Chief Supply Chain Officer, among others. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

SECURITY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Title of Senior-Most Security Executive

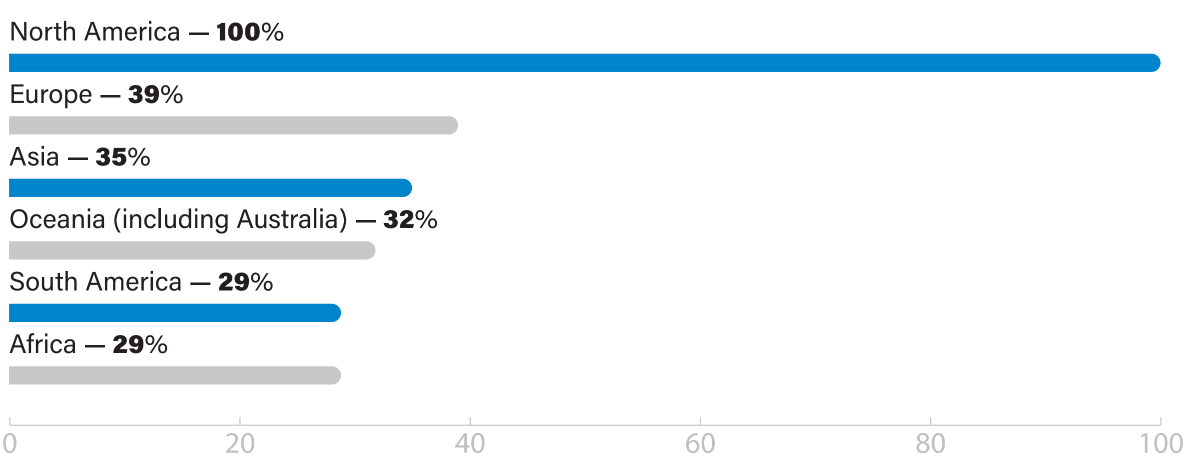
Title / Percent of Respondents



The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to choose the level or title of their senior-most security executive within their enterprise. The choices, which are not exhaustive, are meant to generally group titles for comparison and include: C-Level Executive, Director, Senior Director, Senior Manager, Vice President / General Manager or Other. Respondents reported the Director title as their senior-most security executive role at a higher rate than the previous year, increasing from 26% in 2024. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Geographic Security Responsibility

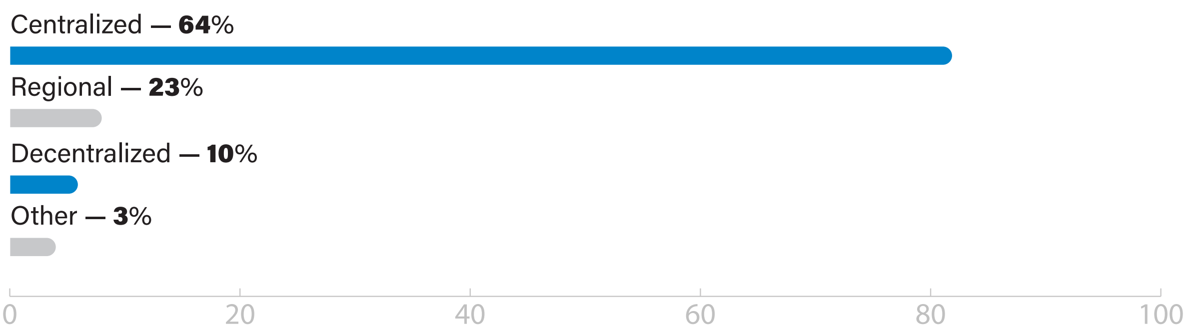
Location / %



The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report in which geographic areas their security organization provides risk and security services within their enterprise. Respondents chose as many geographic areas as applicable. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

SECURITY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Structure of Security



The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked if their security organization is Centralized, Decentralized or Regional. The majority of respondents reported their security organization as being Centralized. For this survey's purpose, the distinction between Decentralized and Regional security is that some Regional security programs may behave in a Centralized manner for their determined region, while Decentralized generally means there may be security organizations in multiple locations within an enterprise functioning independently from one another. Those respondents choosing Other reported a mix of partially Centralized and partially Decentralized structures. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Security's Responsibilities: Top 15 Roles That Security Owns, Leads or Manages

1.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
2.	Security Strategy
3.	Security Staff Development & Training
4.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies
5.	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests
6.	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention
7.	Security Operations Center Management
8.	Security Technology & Integration
9.	Aligning Security with the Business
10.	Event Security
11.	Hate Crimes / Terrorism / Extremism
12.	Security Audits / Surveys / Assessments
13.	Loss Prevention / Goods Protection
14.	Security Contract Management: Guards / Technology Integrators / Contract Employees
15.	Emergency Notification
14.	Loss Prevention / Goods Protection
15.	Emergency Notification

The Security Benchmark Report participants were given a list of 36 roles and responsibilities that may fall under the security function at an organization and were asked for the level of responsibility the team has over that role within their enterprise. The above are the 15 most common job responsibilities that the security function owns, leads or manages, according to respondents. For this survey, owning or leading the responsibility means security both manages and funds the program, while managing means security manages the program, but another group funds it. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

SECURITY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Organizational Responsibilities: Security Roles & Functions

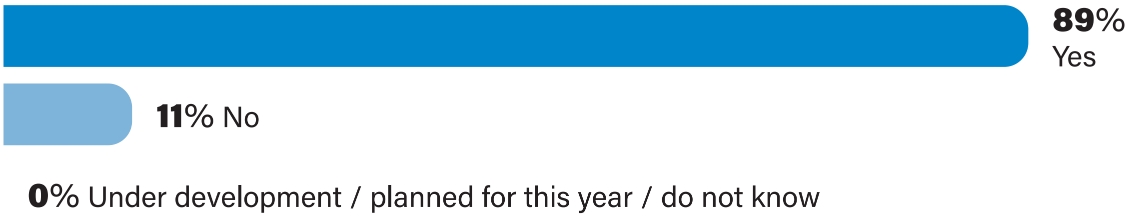
Respondents report on the responsibilities of their security programs, as well as the level of involvement they have in each role.

FUNCTION	OWN / LEAD	MANAGE	SUPPORT	NOT INVOLVED / DO NOT HAVE / DO NOT KNOW
Aligning security with the business	85%	4%	7%	4%
Asset protection / facilities protection	96%	0%	0%	4%
Brand protection / intellectual property / product protection / counterfeiting / fraud protection	16%	8%	60%	16%
Business resilience / business continuity / emergency management / disaster recovery	40%	4%	52%	4%
Business expansion support	11%	4%	59%	26%
Civil unrest / targeted protests	92%	4%	0%	4%
COVID-19 response	22%	11%	59%	8%
Corporate aviation security	15%	8%	19%	58%
Cybersecurity / information technology security / data protection	7%	0%	78%	15%
Drug & alcohol testing / background checks / other pre-employment screening	18%	0%	48%	34%
Duty of care / traveler protection & support / executive protection	67%	4%	11%	18%
Emergency notification	74%	0%	22%	4%
Emergency response and planning	59%	11%	30%	0%
Event security	85%	4%	7%	4%
Hate crimes / terrorism / extremism	85%	4%	4%	7%
Health and safety	19%	7%	59%	15%
International workforce protection and support	37%	11%	15%	37%
Investigations	74%	4%	22%	0%
Liaison with public-sector law enforcement agencies	92%	4%	0%	4%
Loss prevention / goods protection	81%	4%	4%	11%
Mergers & acquisitions (M&A) / business or site expansion / contraction planning & support	0%	4%	44%	52%
Parking & transportation security	59%	15%	15%	11%
Regulatory compliance / controls assurance, verification & validation	7%	15%	52%	26%
Risk & threat assessments / risk management planning / enterprise risk management	41%	22%	33%	4%
Security as a competitive advantage	59%	0%	15%	26%
Security audits / surveys / assessments	81%	11%	4%	4%
Security contract management: Guards / technology integrators / contract employees	78%	7%	0%	15%
Security Operations Center (SOC) management	89%	0%	0%	11%
Security staff development & training	92%	4%	0%	4%
Security strategy	92%	0%	4%	4%
Security technology & integration	85%	11%	0%	4%
Social media threat monitoring	44%	15%	26%	15%
Supply chain / logistics / distribution security	15%	11%	33%	41%
Vendor and channel partner vetting	15%	4%	44%	37%
Workplace violence / threat management / active shooter prevention	89%	7%	0%	4%

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report on the security team's roles and responsibilities within their organization. This year, we asked security leaders for the level of responsibility for each function within their organization with the following choices: Own / Lead Function: Security manages and funds the program; Manage: Security manages the program but another group funds it; Support: Security sets policy, consults on the program (or represents physical security perspective) but does not manage or fund the program; Not Involved: Company has the program but security is not involved in it; Do Not Have; Do Not Know. We have combined Not Involved / Do Not Have / Do Not Know responses for the purposes of this chart. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025*

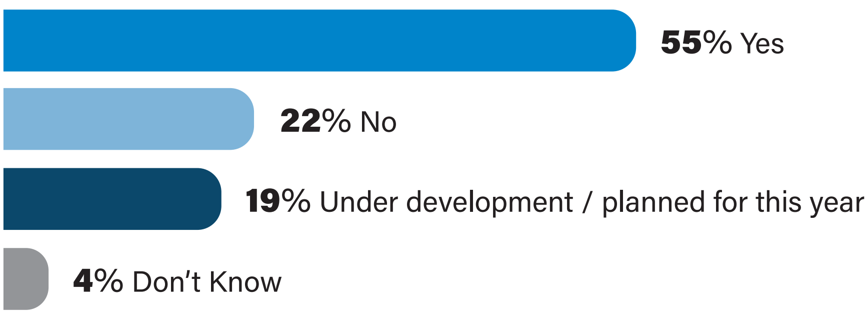
SECURITY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Do Security Teams Have a Charter or Policy / Policies Within the Enterprise that Clearly Define(s) the Role / Authority of Security?



SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.

Do Security Teams Maintain a Security Metrics Program That Clearly Defines Productivity, Value Creation and Cost Avoidance?



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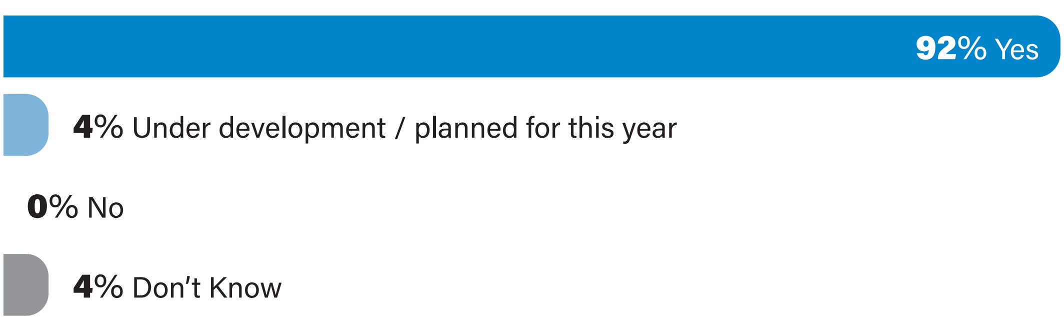
Do Security Organizations Track / Maintain Security-Related Metrics / Analysis or Data to Help Determine Incident Response, Proper Staffing, etc.?



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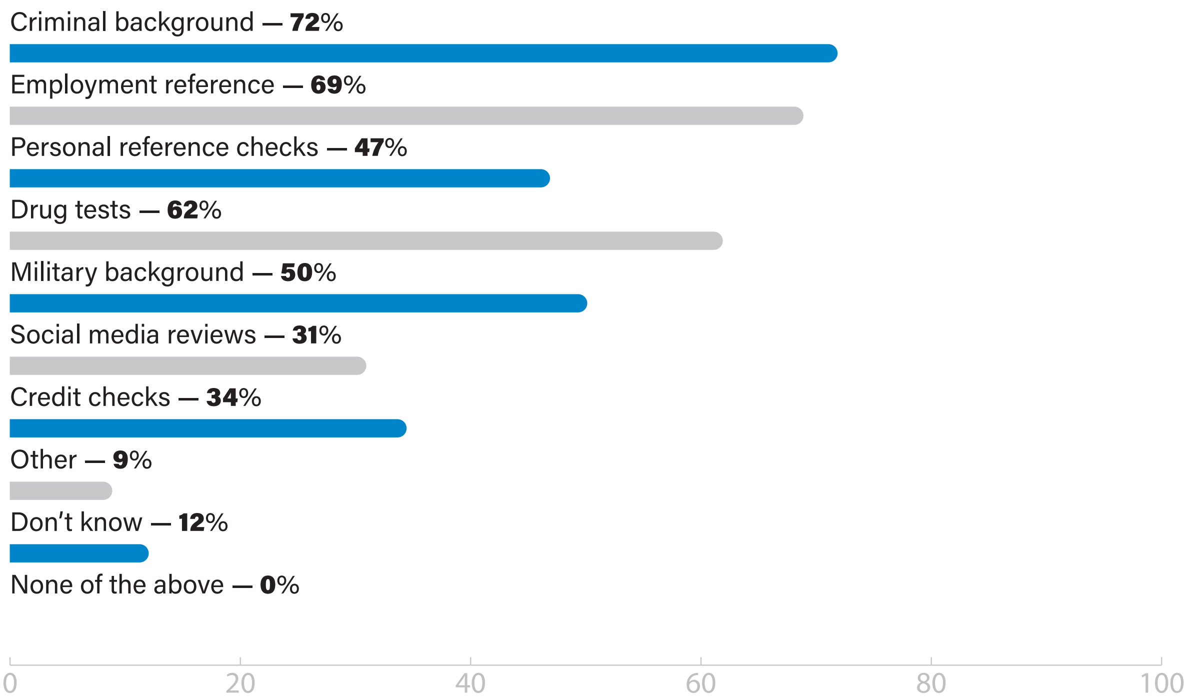
SECURITY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Pre-Employment Screening Conducted Across the Enterprise

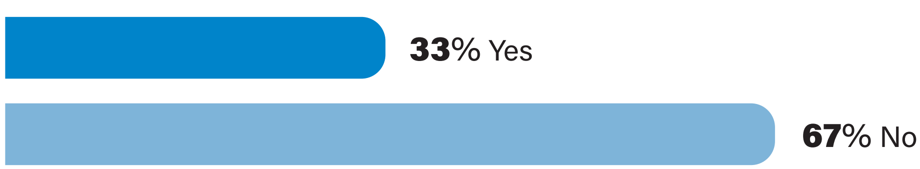
Type of Check/Test — Percentage of Respondents



The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked what security checks/testing the organization conducts as part of pre-employment screening. Respondents were allowed to indicate as many answers as applicable to their organization. Respondents were also able to choose Other (9%) or Don't Know (12%). The Don't Know answer is meant to give other security organizations knowledge into the roles, responsibilities and maturity of other security programs. For this question, other forms of screening indicated by respondents included media checks and DMV checks, and some respondents indicated that pre-employment screening procedures differed between employee level (junior vs. executive) and location. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Security Executive Insights

Is your highest security-related role within the organization responsible for both **physical security** *and* **cybersecurity**.



Is your highest security-related role within the organization ultimately responsible for both **physical security** *and* **health & safety**.

In order to participate in The Security Benchmark Report, respondents must be responsible, at least in part, for physical security within their organization. We asked survey respondents for more insight into the ever-evolving and changing roles of security, including whether their program is responsible for both physical security and health & safety, as well as physical security and cybersecurity. This year's statistics represent decreases compared to 2024, when 28% of security departments reported being responsible for cybersecurity and 42% reported responsibility for health and safety as well as physical security. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

SECURITY BUDGETS, SPENDING & MORE

Average Security Budget as Percent of Revenue

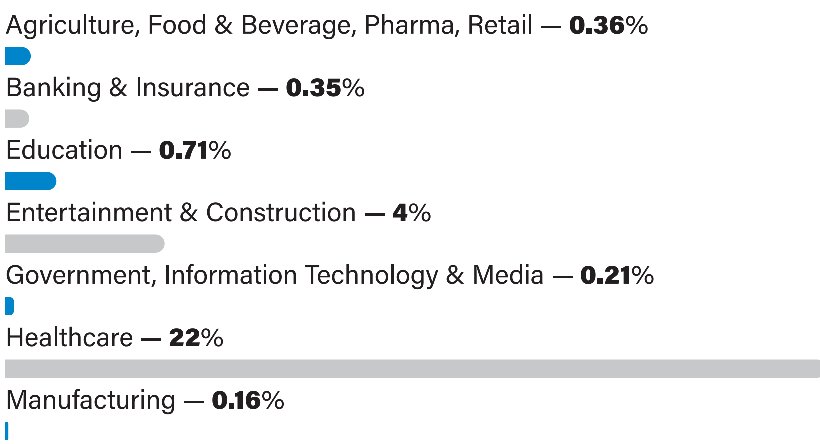
3.9%

The average security budget as a percent of revenue among The Security Benchmark Report respondents was 3.9%.

The Security Benchmark Report captures information on security budgets and total reported revenue / operating budget in the overall organization. To calculate the security budget as a percentage of revenue across the enterprise, the security budget is divided by the total revenue. Companies that reported information on both security budget and total revenue are included in this number; however, if any numbers appeared inaccurately reported or incorrect, they were removed from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Average Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue by Sector

Sector / Average Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue



Above is the average security budget as a percent of revenue by market sector. The Security Benchmark Report captures information on security budgets and total reported revenue / operating budget in the overall organization. To calculate the security budget as a percentage of revenue across the enterprise, the security budget is divided by the total revenue. Companies that reported information on both security budget and total revenue are included in this number; however, if any numbers appeared inaccurately reported or incorrect, they were removed from the calculation. If a given sector did not have enough accurate data to calculate an average, it was not included in the above reporting. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

SECURITY BUDGETS, SPENDING & MORE

Security Budget Comparisons Year-Over-Year

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Increase	69%	63%	63%	50%
Decrease	23%	8%	9%	17%
Stayed the Same	8%	25%	24%	33%

A majority (50%) of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported an increased security budget compared with the previous year's budget which was a decrease from 2024. In 2024, 63% of respondents reported an increased budget, while in 2025, 50% of respondents reported an increased security budget year-over-year. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

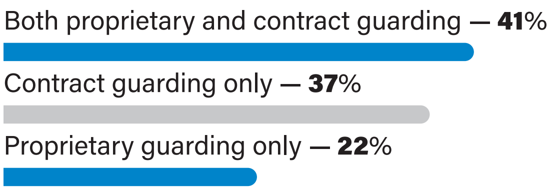
How Much Did Security Budgets Change Year-Over-Year?

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Average Percentage Increase	19%	14%	34%	12%
Average Percentage Decrease	11%	7%	29%	7%

If The Security Benchmark Report respondents indicated an increased security budget in 2025 compared with 2024, they were asked what percentage that budget increased. The average increase reported by those respondents for 2025 was 12%. If respondents indicated their security budget in 2025 decreased compared with 2024, they were asked for the percentage decrease. The average decrease reported by those respondents for 2025 was 7%. In 2024, the average increase in security budget was 34% and the average decrease in security budget was 29%. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

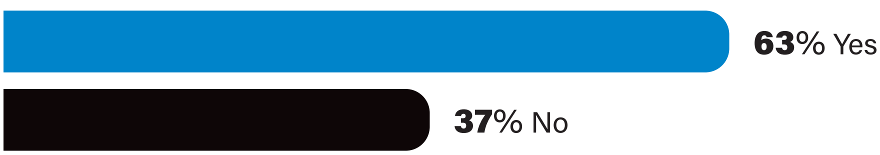
SECURITY GUARDING & OPERATIONS

Use of Security Guards / Officers

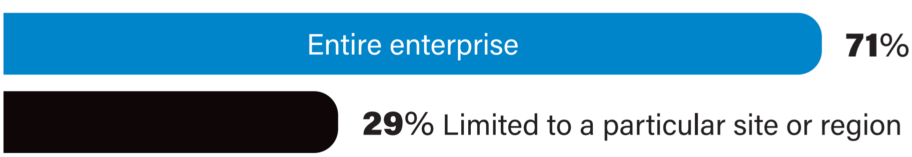


Of those The Security Benchmark Report respondents that reported using guard / officer forces at their organization, 41% of security leaders report using both proprietary and contract officer / guard forces, while 22% report having only proprietary guards and 37% reported having only third-party / contract guards. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Do You Have a Security Operations Center (SOC)?



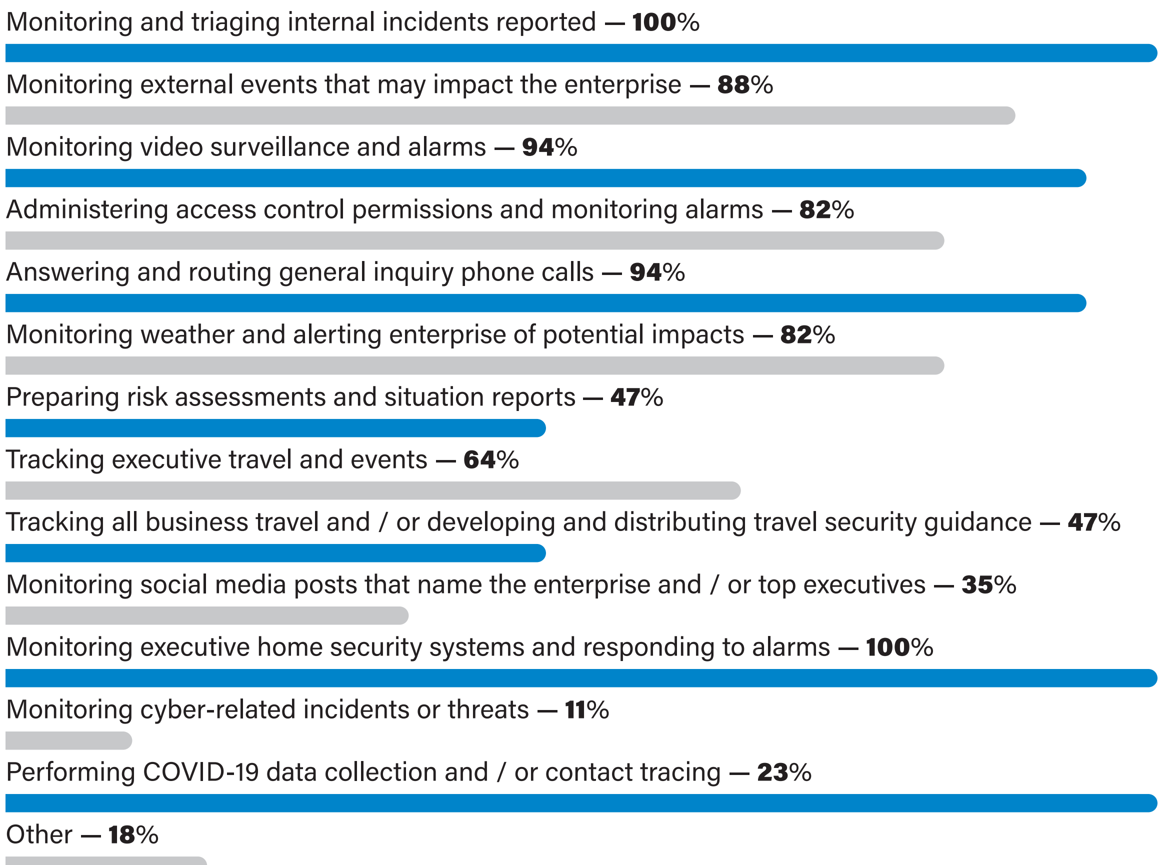
Security Operations Center Reach



Overall, 63% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported having a Security Operations Center (SOC) or Global Security Operations Center (GSOC) within their enterprise. Respondents that answered "Yes" to having a SOC were asked if their SOCs provide security and risk services to the entire enterprise or just a particular region or site. Overall, among all sectors, 71% of respondents that reported having a SOC offer those services to the entire enterprise. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

SECURITY GUARDING & OPERATIONS

What Services Do Security Operations Centers Provide?



Among the 63% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents that reported having a global security operations center (GSOC) or security operations center (SOC), *Security* magazine asked respondents which services their SOCs provide to the enterprise, represented in the bar graph above. Respondents were able to choose as many responses as applicable. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

SECURITY-RELATED TRAINING & TECHNOLOGY

Money Spent on Security-Related Training by Sector

Sector	Average Money Spent on Security-Related Training
Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Pharma, Retail	$1,676,333
Banking & Insurance	$250,000
Education	$273,625
Entertainment & Construction	$500,000
Government, Information Technology & Media	$46,666
Healthcare	$637,500
Manufacturing	$371,000

Above is the average money spent on security-related training by sector, based on self-reported information from The Security Benchmark Report respondents. Information that appeared to be inaccurately reported was excluded from these calculations. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

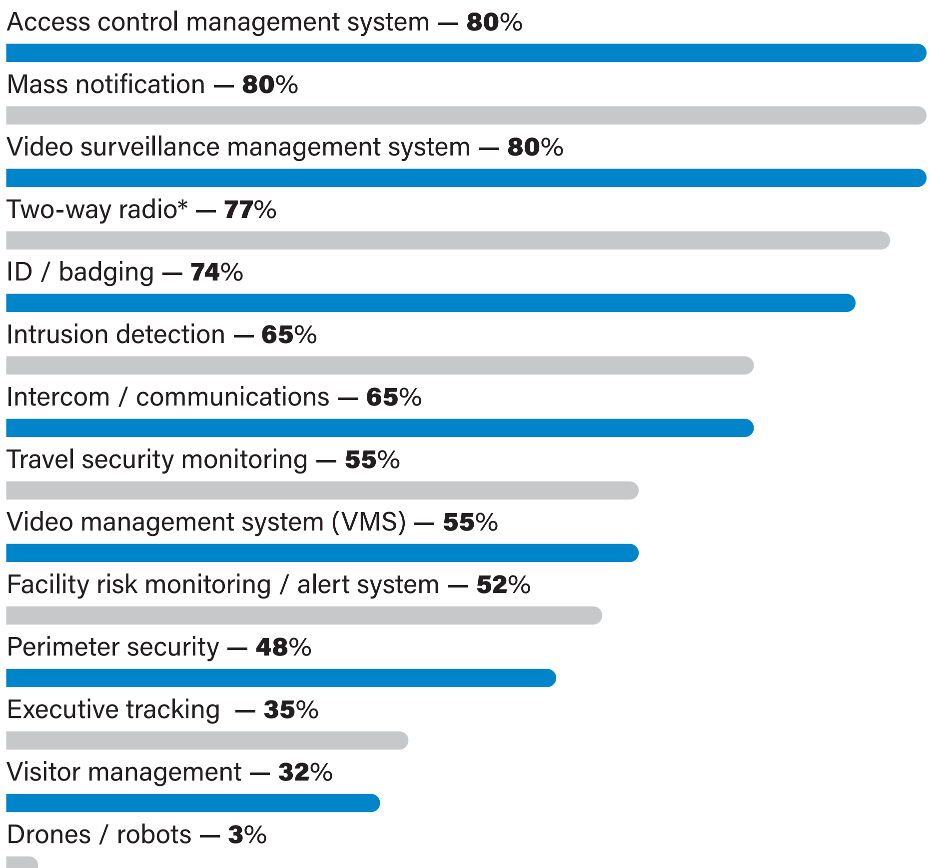
Which of the Following Security-Related Training Did You Implement at Your Enterprise Last Year?

Type of Training	Security Staff	Enterprise-Wide	Targeted Cross-Functional Group	Not Applicable
Crisis management	72%	16%	60%	4%
Emergency response	76%	36%	52%	12%
Executive protection	76%	4%	28%	12%
Insider threat	56%	32%	24%	32%
Investigation-related	80%	8%	24%	16%
Leadership development	72%	16%	20%	16%
Security technology	72%	16%	44%	4%
Workplace violence	72%	60%	44%	0%

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report the security-related training they held within their enterprise in 2024. Respondents were able to choose multiple populations for each training if applicable. For example, with Workplace violence, some organizations implemented training for both security staff, as well as targeted cross-functional groups. Respondents were allowed to report using as many training types as applicable. "Not Applicable" refers to those organizations that did not implement that type of training in 2023. In addition to these responses, respondents were able to choose "Other." Some of those responses included: COVID-19 infection prevention; diversity, equity and inclusion; business continuity & resilience; active shooter; human trafficking identification & prevention; and de-escalation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

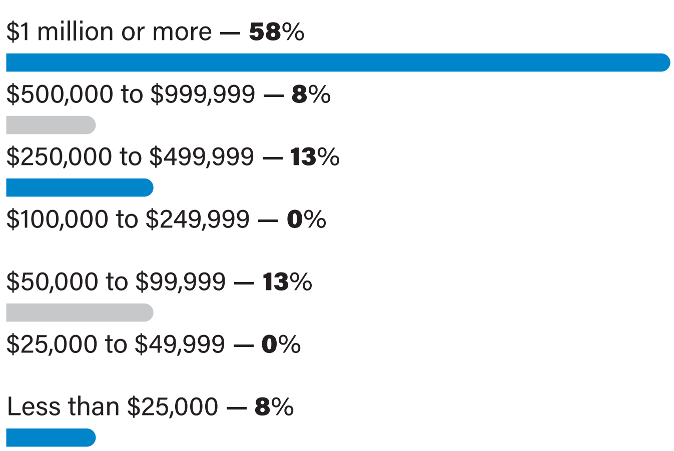
SECURITY-RELATED TRAINING & TECHNOLOGY

What Physical Security / Electronic Security Systems Does Your Enterprise Currently Have in Place?



The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked which physical and / or electronic security systems and equipment their enterprise currently has in place. Respondents were able to choose as many systems as applicable. Of those respondents who selected Other, additional security technologies they have implemented in their enterprises include: biometrics-based security solutions; gunshot detection; weapons screening; open-source intelligence monitoring; and duress technology. *Two-way radio systems are included here if reported for security personnel only. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

What Does Your Organization Plan to Spend on Electronic Physical Security Systems and Services in 2025?



The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked how much their organization plans to spend on electronic physical security systems and services this year. Respondents were asked to choose the range that best describes their planned spending. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

SECURITY TEAMS USING METRICS

Security Teams Emphasizing Metrics to Define Productivity

These security programs report maintaining a metrics program that clearly defines productivity, value creation and cost avoidance.

Company	Security Benchmark Leader	Title
AdventHealth CFD	Christopher Fender	Executive Director Security Services
Boston Childrens Hospital	Scott Glynn CPP	Senior Director
Centra Health	Jeff Hauk	Corporate Director Public Safety and Security Services/ Chief, Public Safety
Corning Inc.	Steve Harrold	Vice President, Corning Global Security
CNA Insurance	Joseph Buerger	AVP Corporate Security & Safety
Froedtert ThedaCare Heatlh	Myron Q. Love	Director of Safety, Security, Emergency Management, and Business Continuity
Gap Inc.	Chris Nelson	SVP and Head of Asset Protection & Corporate Security
Juniper Networks, Inc.	Brad Minnis	Vice President, Workplace Experience, Safety & Security
National Labor Relations Board	Raymond M. Hankins	Chief Security Officer
Nationwide Insurance	Jay Beighley	Senior Assoc VP
Nestle USA	David Herman	Vice President and Deputy General Counsel- North America Head of Corporate Security Zone AMS
State Street Corporation	Stephen D. Baker CPP	Senior Vice President and Chief Security Officer
Synopsys, Inc.	Jim Fussell	Executive Director, Global Safety, Security & Resilience
University of Pennsylvania	Kathleen Shields Anderson, J.D., MBA	Vice President for Public Safety
W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.	Ken Ford	Global Security Lead

The above list (in alphabetical order) are those security leaders that reported maintaining a security metrics program that defines productivity, value creation and cost avoidance. Respondents are allowed to remain anonymous from any listings or rankings within the published The Security Benchmark Report; therefore, any respondents choosing to remain anonymous are not included in this list. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025*

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SECTOR REPORTS

AGRICULTURE, FOOD & BEVERAGE, RETAIL, PHARMA & BIOTECH

This sector includes those organizations reporting agriculture, farming, food production & processing, retail, food & beverage services, retail, restaurant, pharmaceuticals or biotechnology as their primary market sector of business.

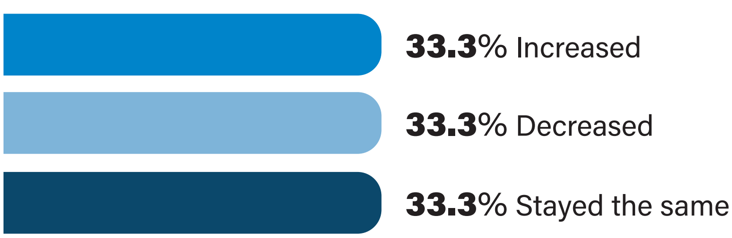
Money Spent on Security-Related Training — Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech

$1,676,333

Among the Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech sector, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2024 was 1,676,333

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech sector reported an average of $1,676,333 in security-related spending last year. Information that appeared to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

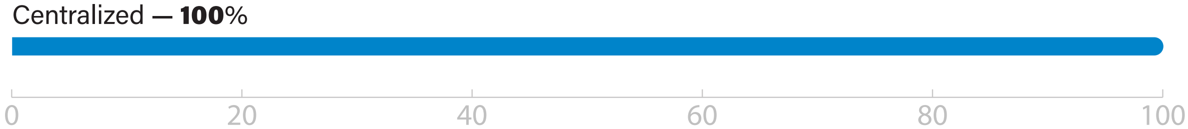
Security Budget 2025 vs. 2024 — Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech



The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech market sector were asked whether their 2025 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2024. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Structure of Security — Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech

Centralized — **100%**



In the Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech sector, 100% of Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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AGRICULTURE, FOOD & BEVERAGE, RETAIL, PHARMA & BIOTECH

15 Responsibilities Owned by Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech Teams

1.	Aligning Security with the Business
2.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
3.	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests
4.	Duty of Care / Traveler Protection & Support / Executive Protection
5.	Emergency Response and Planning
6.	Emergency Notification
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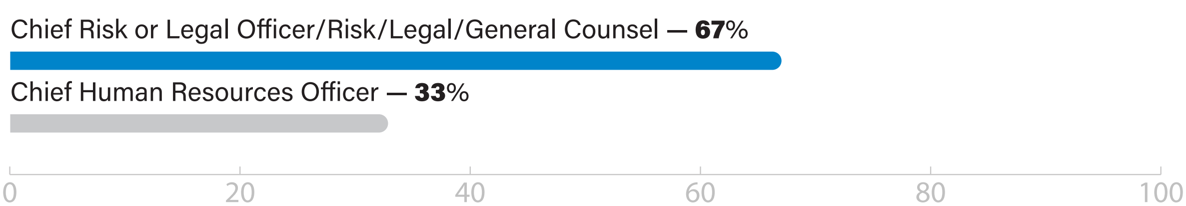
Where Security Lives — Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech

Function / %



We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their most senior security executive reports to. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

0% — **0**% of Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **cybersecurity**.

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SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD & BEVERAGE, RETAIL, PHARMA & BIOTECH

Geographic Security Responsibility — Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech

Location / %

North America — **100**%

Asia — **66**%

Europe — **66**%

South America — **66**%

Africa — **66**%

Oceania (including Australia) — **66**%

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report which geographic areas their security organization provides risk and security services. Respondents were able to choose as many geographic areas as applicable. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Do Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?

100%
YES

0%
NO

Within the Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech sectors, 100% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported having a security operations center (SOC) or global security operations center (GSOC) within their enterprise. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

835

Average number of enterprise-wide *contract* FTE security officers / guards within Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech sector organizations.

34

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech sector organizations.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked how many contract and proprietary full-time equivalent (FTE) security officers and security guards they have within their enterprise. The average among all respondents in the Agriculture, Food & Beverage, Retail, Pharma & Biotech market sectors is reported here. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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SECTOR REPORTS

BANKING & INSURANCE

This sector includes those organizations reporting banking, financial services, insurance or reinsurance as their primary market sector of business.

Money Spent on Security-Related Training — Banking & Insurance

$250,000

Among the Banking & Insurance sectors, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2024 was $250,000.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Banking & Insurance sectors reported an average of $250,000 in security-related spending last year. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Security Budget 2025 vs. 2024 — Banking & Insurance

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Banking & Insurance market sectors were asked whether their 2025 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2024. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Structure of Security — Banking & Insurance

In the Banking & Insurance sectors, 67% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization while 33% reported a Regional structure of their security program. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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BANKING & INSURANCE

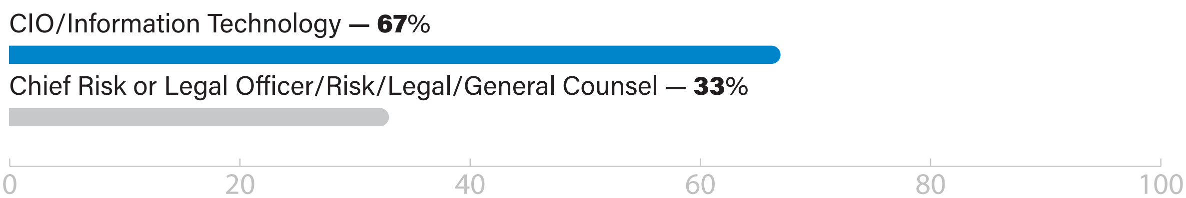
15 Responsibilities Owned by Banking & Insurance Security Teams

1.	Aligning Security With the Business
2.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
3.	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests
4.	Duty of Care / Traveler Protection & Support / Executive Protection
5.	Event Security
6.	Hate Crimes / Terrorism / Extremism
7.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies
8.	Risk & Threat Assessments / Risk Management Planning / Enterprise Risk Management
9.	Security Contract Management: Guards / Technology Integrators / Contract Employees
10.	Security as a Competitive Advantage
11.	Security Operations Center Management
12.	Security Staff Development & Training
13.	Security Strategy
14.	Security Technology & Integration
15.	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Banking & Insurance sectors were given a list of 36 roles and responsibilities that may fall under the security function at an organization, and were asked for the level of responsibility the team has over that role within their enterprise. The above are the most common job responsibilities that the security function within this sector reported as Owning / Leading. For the purposes of this survey, Owning / Leading the responsibility means security both manages and funds the program. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Where Security Lives — Banking & Insurance

Function / %



We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Banking & Insurance market sectors, the highest percentage of security teams reported to CIO/Information Technology. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

33%

33% of Banking & Insurance security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **cybersecurity.**

67%

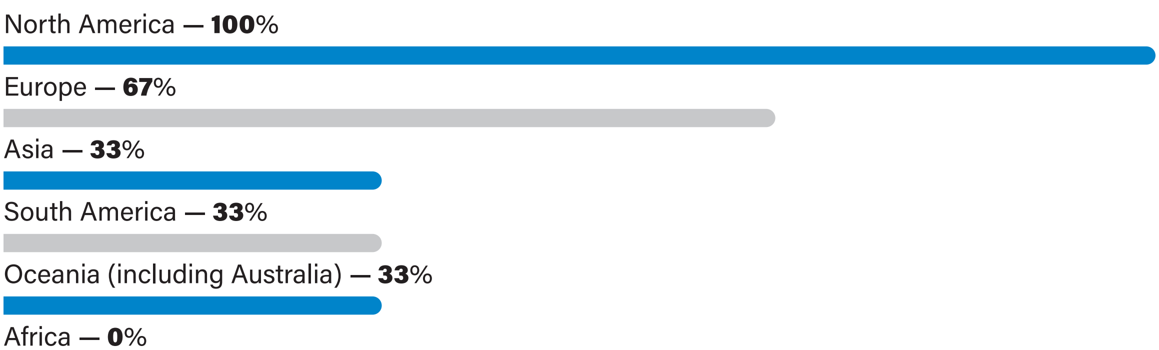
67% of Banking & Insurance security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **health & safety**.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.

BANKING & INSURANCE

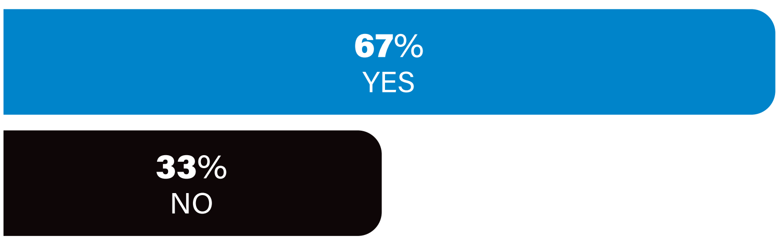
Geographic Security Responsibility — Banking & Insurance

Location / %



The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report which geographic areas their security organization provides risk and security services. Respondents were able to choose as many geographic areas as applicable. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Do Banking & Insurance Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?



Within the Banking & Insurance sectors, 67% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported having a security operations center (SOC) or global security operations center (GSOC) within their enterprise. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

263

Average number of enterprise-wide *contract* FTE security officers / guards within Banking & Insurance sector organizations.

53

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within Banking & Insurance sector organizations.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked how many contract and proprietary full-time equivalent (FTE) security officers and security guards they have within their enterprise. The average among all respondents in the Banking & Insurance market sectors is reported here. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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SECTOR REPORTS

EDUCATION

This sector includes those organizations reporting education, K-12, universities, colleges or technical institutions as their primary market sector of business.

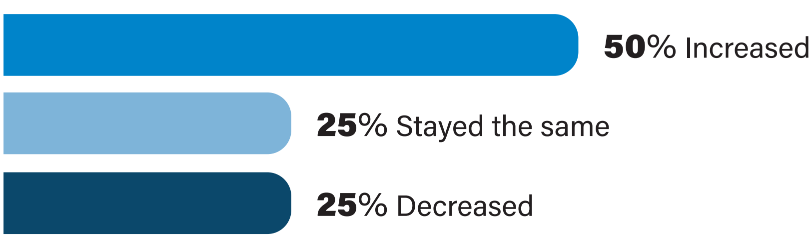
Money Spent on Security-Related Training — Education

$273,625

Among the Education sector, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2024 was $273,625.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Education sector reported an average of $273,625 in security-related spending last year. Information appearing to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Security Budget 2025 vs. 2024 — Education



The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Education market sector were asked whether their 2025 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2024. The majority of respondents this year reported an increase in security budget, which was a 12% increase on average. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

EDUCATION

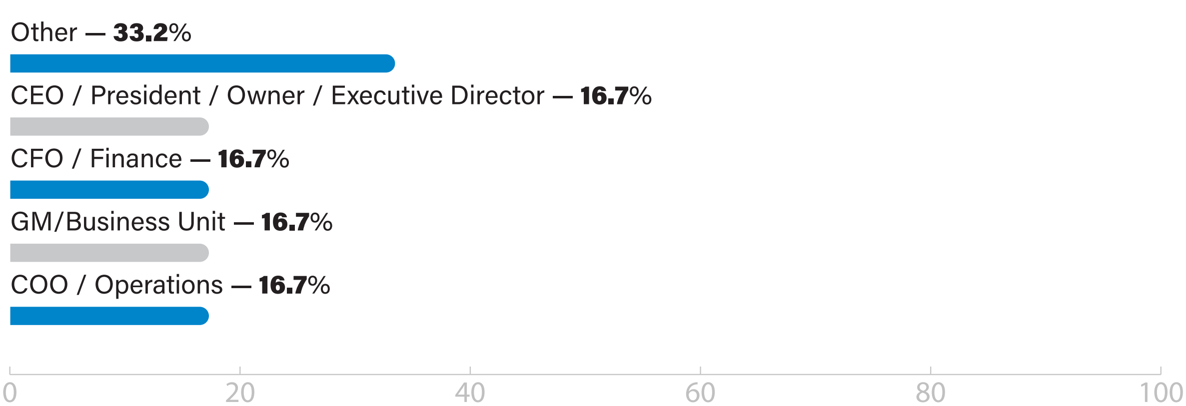
13 Responsibilities Owned by Education Security Teams

1.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
2.	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests
3.	Emergency Response and Planning
4.	Event Security
5.	Hate Crimes / Terrorism / Extremism
6.	Investigations
7.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies
8.	Loss Prevention / Goods Protection
9.	Security Staff Development & Training
10.	Security Strategy
11.	Security Operations Center Management
12.	Weather / Natural Disasters
13.	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Education sector were given a list of 36 roles and responsibilities that may fall under the security function at an organization, and were asked for the level of responsibility the team has over that role within their enterprise. The above are the most common job responsibilities that the security function within this sector reported as Owning / Leading. For the purposes of this survey, Owning / Leading the responsibility means security both manages and funds the program. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Where Security Lives — Education

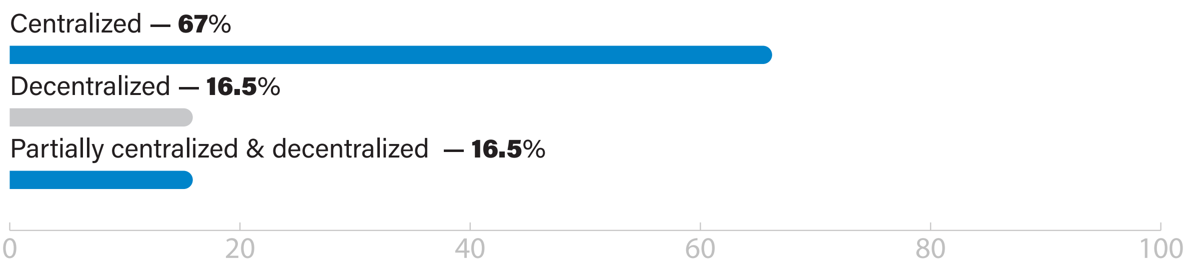
Function / %



We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Education sector, the majority of security teams reported to Other. The respondents who selected other report into Student Services or Public Affairs. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

EDUCATION

Structure of Security — Education



In the Education sector, 67% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

17%

17% of Education security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **cybersecurity**.

50%

50% of Education security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **health & safety**.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.

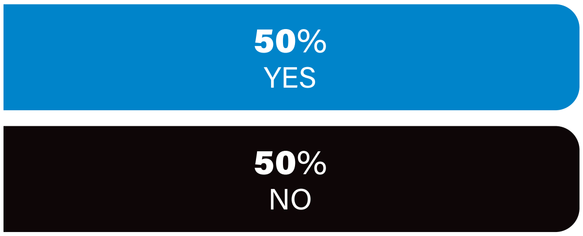
Geographic Security Responsibility — Entertainment & Construction

Location / %

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report which geographic areas their security organization provides risk and security services. Respondents were able to choose as many geographic areas as applicable. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

EDUCATION

Do Education Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?



Within the Education sector, 50% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported having a security operations center (SOC) or global security operations center (GSOC) within their enterprise. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

143

Average number of enterprise-wide *contract* FTE security officers / guards within Education organizations.

104

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within Education organizations.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked how many contract and proprietary full-time equivalent (FTE) security officers and security guards they have within their enterprise. The average among all respondents in the Education sector is reported here. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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SECTOR REPORTS

ENTERTAINMENT & CONSTRUCTION

This sector includes those organizations reporting sports leagues and facilities, media and publishing, TV, movies, music, gaming, recreation, and amusement parks or construction services and material as their primary market sector of business.

Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue — Entertainment & Construction

4%

Among the Entertainment & Construction sector, the average security budget as a percent of total revenue was 4%.

Among The Security Benchmark Report respondents choosing Entertainment & Construction as their primary market sector, 4% was the average security budget as a percent of revenue. To calculate security budget as a percentage of revenue across security programs in this sector, the security budget was divided by the total revenue, based on self-reported information. Information that appeared to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Money Spent on Security-Related Training — Entertainment & Construction

$500,000

Among the Entertainment & Construction sectors, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2024 was $500,000.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Entertainment & Construction sectors reported an average of $500,000 in security-related spending last year. Information that appeared to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Security Budget 2025 vs. 2024 — Entertainment & Construction

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Entertainment & Construction market sectors were asked whether their 2025 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2024. Fifty percent of respondents reported an increase in their security budget. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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ENTERTAINMENT & CONSTRUCTION

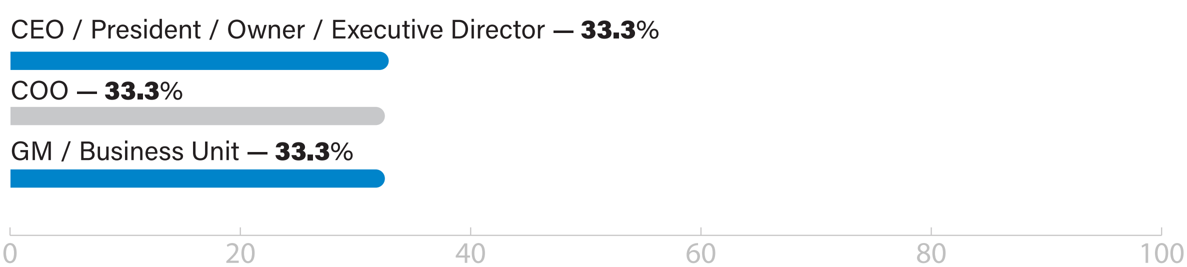
11 Responsibilities Owned by Entertainment & Construction Security Teams

1.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
2.	Emergency Response and Planning
3.	Emergency Notification
4.	Investigations
5.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies
6.	Loss Prevention / Goods Protection
7.	Security Contract Management: Guards / Technology Integrators / Contract Employees
8.	Security Operations Center Management
9.	Security Staff Development & Training
10.	Security Technology & Integration
11.	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Entertainment & Construction sectors were given a list of 36 roles and responsibilities that may fall under the security function at an organization, and were asked for the level of responsibility the team has over that role within their enterprise. The above are the most common job responsibilities that the security function within this sector reported as Owning / Leading. For the purposes of this survey, Owning / Leading the responsibility means security both manages and funds the program. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

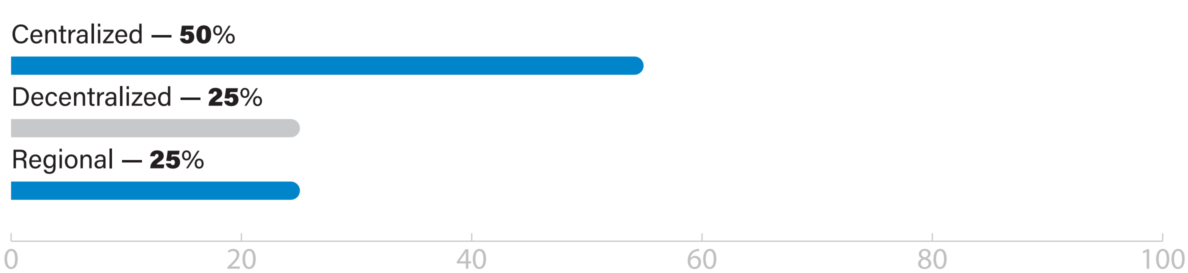
Where Security Lives — Entertainment & Construction

Function / %



We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Entertainment & Construction market sectors, an equal percentage of security teams reported to a CEO / President / Owner, COO, or GM / Business Unit. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Structure of Security — Entertainment & Construction



In the Entertainment & Construction sectors, 50% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

ENTERTAINMENT & CONSTRUCTION

100%

100% of Entertainment & Construction security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **cybersecurity**.

100%

100% of Entertainment & Construction security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **health & safety**.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.

Geographic Security Responsibility — Entertainment & Construction

Location / %

North America — **100**%

Europe — **25**%

Asia — **25**%

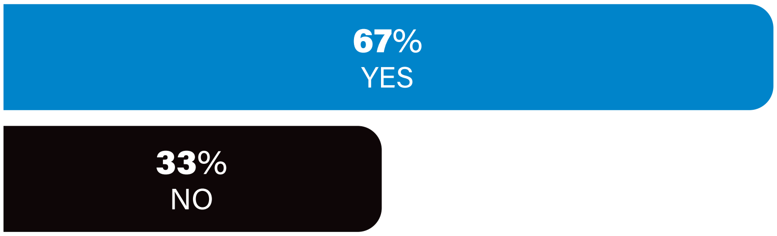
Africa — **25**%

Oceania (including Australia) — **25**%

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report which geographic areas their security organization provides risk and security services. Respondents were able to choose as many geographic areas as applicable. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

ENTERTAINMENT & CONSTRUCTION

Do Entertainment & Construction Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?



Within the Entertainment & Construction sectors, 67% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported having a security operations center (SOC) or global security operations center (GSOC) within their enterprise. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

20.5

Average number of enterprise-wide *contract* FTE security officers / guards within the Entertainment & Construction sector.

0

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within the Entertainment & Construction sector.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked how many contract and proprietary full-time equivalent (FTE) security officers and security guards they have within their enterprise. The average among all respondents in the Entertainment & Construction market sectors is reported here. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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SECTOR REPORTS

GOVERNMENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA

This sector includes those organizations reporting federal, state, or local government agencies, or information technology or media (equipment, software, services) as their primary market sector of business.

Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue — Government, Information Technology & Media

0.21%

Among the Government and Information Technology & Media sector, the average security budget as a percent of total revenue was 0.21%.

Among The Security Benchmark Report respondents choosing Government or Information Technology & Media as their primary market sector, 0.21% was the average security budget as a percent of revenue. To calculate security budget as a percentage of revenue across security programs in this sector, the security budget was divided by the total revenue, based on self-reported information. Information that appeared to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Money Spent on Security-Related Training — Government, Information Technology & Media

$46,666

Among the Government, Information Technology & Media sector, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2024 was $46,666.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Government, Information Technology & Media sector reported an average of $46,666 in security-related spending last year. Information that appeared to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Security Budget 2025 vs. 2024 — Government, Information Technology & Media

33.3% Increased

33.3% Stayed the same

33.3% Decreased

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Government, Information Technology & Media sector were asked whether their 2025 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2024. There was an even split among respondents who reported a decrease, increase in security budget over last year or that stayed the same. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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GOVERNMENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA

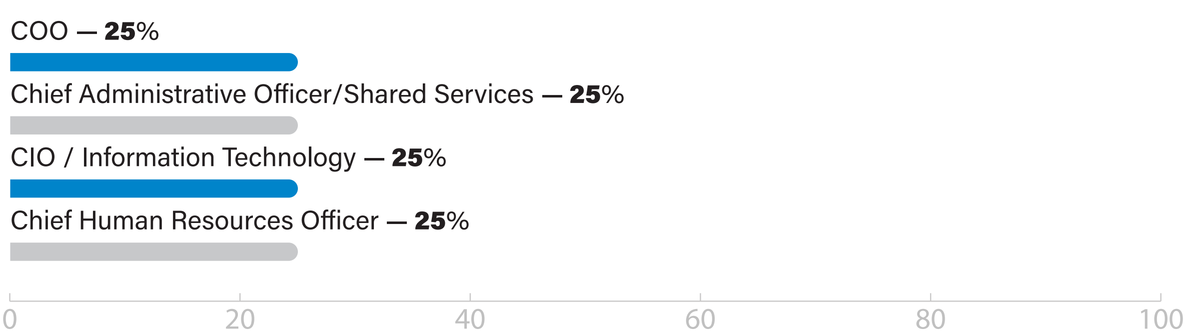
20 Responsibilities Owned by Government, Information Technology & Media Security Teams

1.	Aligning Security with the Business
2.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
3.	Business Resilience / Business Continuity / Emergency Management / Disaster Recovery
4.	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests
5.	Duty of Care / Traveler Protection & Support / Executive Protection
6.	Emergency Response and Planning
7.	Emergency Notification
8.	Event Security
9.	Hate Crimes / Terrorism / Extremism
10.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies
11.	Loss Prevention / Goods Protection
12.	Security Audits / Surveys / Assessments
13.	Security Contract Management: Guards / Technology Integrators / Contract Employees
14.	Security Operations Center Management
15.	Security Staff Development & Training
16.	Security Strategy
17.	Security Technology & Integration
18.	International Workforce Protection and Support
19.	Weather / Natural Disasters
20.	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Government, Information Technology & Media sector were given a list of 36 roles and responsibilities that may fall under the security function at an organization, and were asked for the level of responsibility the team has over that role within their enterprise. The above are the most common job responsibilities that the security function within this sector reported as Owning / Leading. For the purposes of this survey, Owning / Leading the responsibility means security both manages and funds the program. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Where Security Lives — Government, Information Technology & Media

Function / %



We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Government, Information Technology & Media sectors, the majority of security functions reported to or resided within Human Resources or Finance. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

GOVERNMENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA

Structure of Security — Government, Information Technology & Media

In the Government, Information Technology & Media sectors, 75% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

25%

25% of Government, Information Technology & Media security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **cybersecurity**.

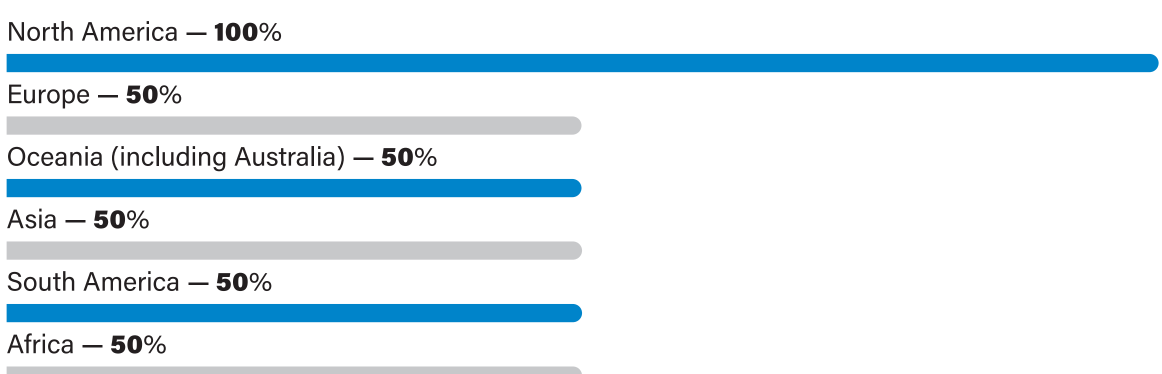
50%

50% of Government, Information Technology & Media security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **health & safety**.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.

Geographic Security Responsibility – Government, Information Technology & Media

Location / %



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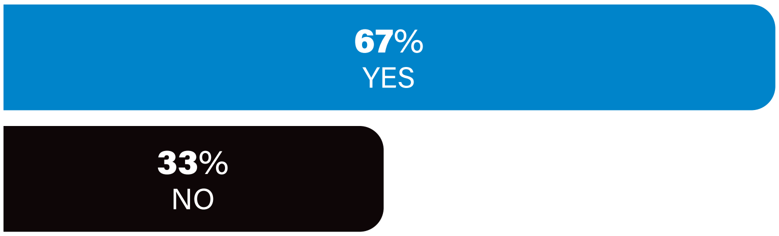
GOVERNMENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA

Do Government, Information Technology & Media Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?



Within the Government, Information Technology & Media sectors, 67% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported having a security operations center (SOC) or global security operations center (GSOC) within their enterprise. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

149

Average number of enterprise-wide *contract* FTE security officers / guards within the Government, Information Technology & Media sector.

0

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within the Government, Information Technology & Media sector.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked how many contract and proprietary full-time equivalent (FTE) security officers and security guards they have within their enterprise. The average among all respondents in the Government, Information Technology & Media sectors are reported here. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

HEALTHCARE

This sector includes those organizations reporting healthcare (hospitals, medical centers, etc.) as their primary market sector of business.

Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue — Healthcare

22%

Among the Healthcare sector, the average security budget as a percent of total revenue was 22%.

Among The Security Benchmark Report respondents choosing Healthcare as their primary market sector, 22% was the average security budget as a percent of revenue. To calculate security budget as a percentage of revenue across security programs in this sector, the security budget was divided by the total revenue, based on self-reported information. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue by Organization Size — Healthcare

Number of Employees	Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue
0 to 999	41.8%
1,000 to 9,999	.0027%
10,000 to 24,999	NA
25,000 and above	6.2%

To calculate security budget as a percentage of revenue across security programs in this sector, the security budget was divided by the total revenue, based on self-reported information. Here, the data is broken down by the total number of overall employees in the reporting organization. Information that appeared to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Money Spent on Security-Related Training — Healthcare

$637,500

Among the Healthcare sector, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2024 was $637,500.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Healthcare sector reported an average of $637,500 in security-related spending last year. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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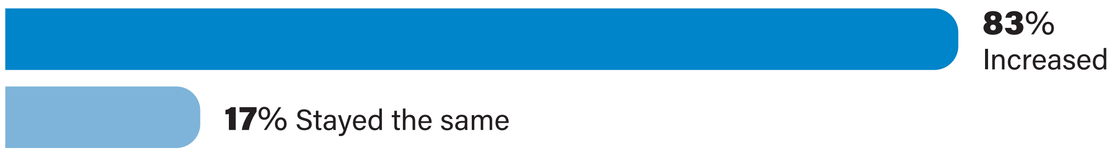
Security Budget 2025 vs. 2024 — Healthcare



The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Healthcare sector were asked whether their 2025 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2025. The majority of respondents reported an increase in security budget over last year, with the average percent increase being 18%. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

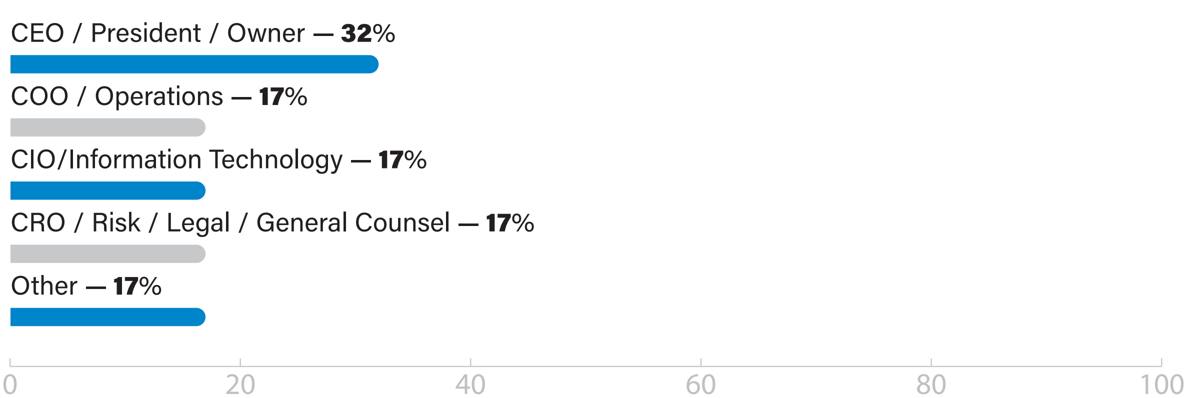
9 Responsibilities Owned by Healthcare Security Teams

1.	Aligning Security with the Business
2.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
3.	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests
4.	Event Security
5.	Hate Crimes / Terrorism / Extremism
6.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies
7.	Security Audits / Surveys / Assessments
8.	Security Operations Center Management
9.	Security Strategy

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Healthcare sector were given a list of 36 roles and responsibilities that may fall under the security function at an organization, and were asked for the level of responsibility the team has over that role within their enterprise. The above are the most common job responsibilities that the security function within this sector reported as Owning / Leading. For the purposes of this survey, Owning / Leading the responsibility means security both manages and funds the program. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Where Security Lives — Healthcare

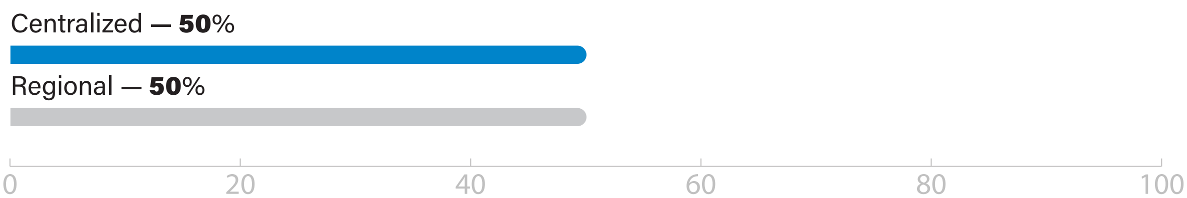
Function / %



We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Healthcare sector, the majority of security functions reported to or resided within CEO / President / Owner. Those who selected Other report to Ancillary Services or Support Services. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

HEALTHCARE

Structure of Security — Healthcare



In the Healthcare sector, 50% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

0%

0% of Healthcare security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **cybersecurity**.

50%

50% of Healthcare security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **health & safety**.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.

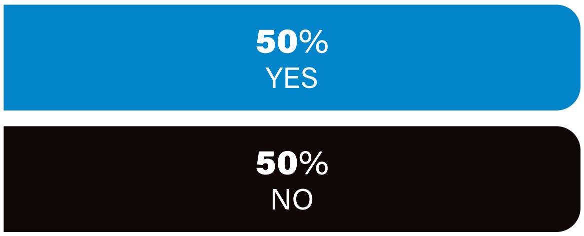
Geographic Security Responsibility — Healthcare

Location / %

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report which geographic areas their security organization provides risk and security services. Respondents were able to choose as many geographic areas as applicable. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

HEALTHCARE

Do Healthcare Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?



Within the Healthcare sector, 50% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported having a security operations center (SOC) or global security operations center (GSOC) within their enterprise. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

74

Average number of enterprise-wide *contract* FTE security officers / guards within the Healthcare sector.

219

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within the Healthcare sector.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked how many contract and proprietary full-time equivalent (FTE) security officers and security guards they have within their enterprise. The average among all respondents in the Healthcare sector is reported here. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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This sector includes those organizations reporting manufacturing as their primary market sector of business.

Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue — Manufacturing

0.16%

Among the Manufacturing sector, the average security budget as a percent of total revenue was 0.16%.

Among The Security Benchmark Report respondents choosing Manufacturing as their primary market sector, 0.16% was the average security budget as a percent of revenue. To calculate security budget as a percentage of revenue across security programs in this sector, the security budget was divided by the total revenue, based on self-reported information. Information that appeared to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Money Spent on Security-Related Training — Manufacturing

$371,000

Among the Manufacturing sector, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2024 was $371,000.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Manufacturing sector reported an average of $371,000 in security-related spending last year. Information that appeared to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Security Budget 2025 vs. 2024 — Manufacturing

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Manufacturing sector were asked whether their 2025 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2024. Half of the respondents in this sector reported an increase over last year, with an average security budget increase of 9%. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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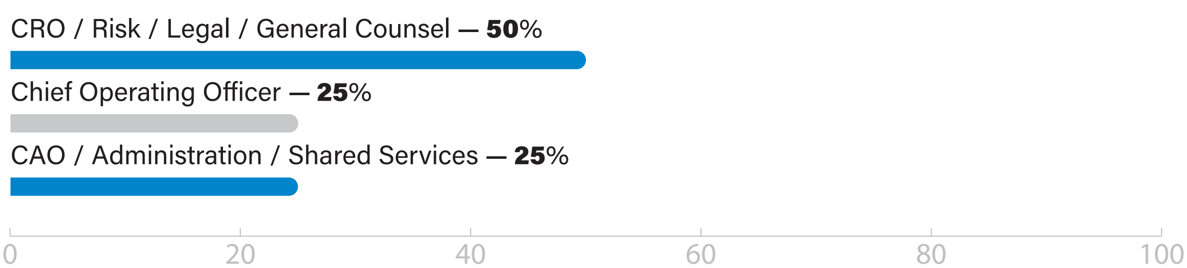
11 Responsibilities Owned by Manufacturing Security Teams

1.	Aligning Security with the Business
2.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
3.	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests
4.	Duty of Care / Traveler Protection & Support / Executive Protection
5.	Security Audits / Surveys / Assessments
6.	Security Contract Management: Guards / Technology Integrators / Contract Employees
7.	Security Strategy
8.	Security Staff Development & Training
9.	Security Technology & Integration
10.	Social Media Threat Monitoring
11.	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Manufacturing sector were given a list of 36 roles and responsibilities that may fall under the security function at an organization, and were asked for the level of responsibility the team has over that role within their enterprise. The above are the most common job responsibilities that the security function within this sector reported as Owning / Leading. For the purposes of this survey, Owning / Leading the responsibility means security both manages and funds the program. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

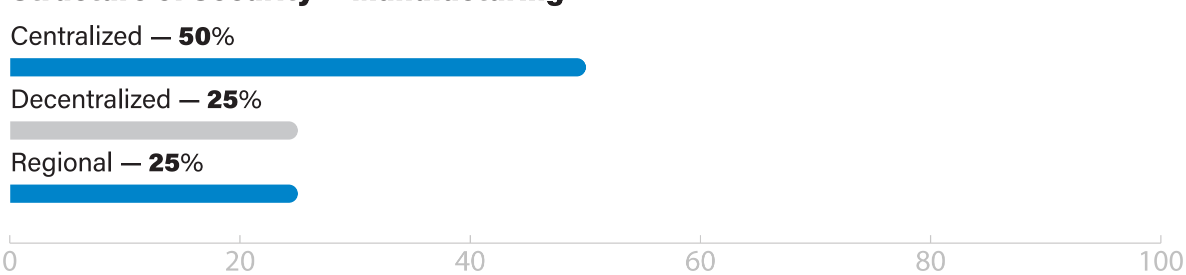
Where Security Lives — Manufacturing

Function / %



We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. In the Manufacturing sector, an equal amount respondents reported to the CAO / Administration / Shared Services or Chief Operating Officer, while the majority reported to the CRO / Risk / Legal / General Counsel. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Structure of Security — Manufacturing



In the Manufacturing sector, 50% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization. For this survey's purpose, the distinction between Decentralized and Regional security is that some Regional security programs may behave in a centralized manner for their determined region, while Decentralized generally means there may be security organizations in multiple locations within an enterprise functioning independently from one another. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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0% — **0**% of Manufacturing security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **cybersecurity**.

0% — **0**% of Manufacturing security leaders reported being responsible for **both physical security** *and* **health & safety**.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.

Geographic Security Responsibility — Entertainment & Construction

Location / %

North America — **100**%

Asia — **100**%

Europe — **100**%

South America — **100**%

Oceania (including Australia) — **100**%

Africa— **75**%

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report which geographic areas their security organization provides risk and security services. Respondents were able to choose as many geographic areas as applicable. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

Do Manufacturing Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?

75% YES

25% NO

Within the Manufacturing sector, 75% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported having a security operations center (SOC) or global security operations center (GSOC) within their enterprise. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2025.*

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572

Average number of enterprise-wide *contract* FTE security officers / guards within Manufacturing sector.

62

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within Manufacturing sector.

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The 2025 Security Benchmark Report — Methodology

Understanding the annual report's purpose, scope and methodology.

By Rachelle Blair-Frasier, Editor in Chief

Each year with The Security Benchmark Report, *Security* magazine adds to an ongoing database measuring how security teams function, budget, train and use technology. We survey security leaders across more than a dozen industry verticals and present data from the industry as a whole and broken down by sector to allow for the comparison of security programs amongst their own industries, against others and as part of the security industry as a whole.

Security magazine's priority with The Security Benchmark Report is to showcase the value of security within the enterprise, as well as be a business enabler to our readers' security programs. By tracking the metrics in this report year-over-year, we hope to offer a comparison of how trends in budget, responsibility, training and technology shift over time.

Organizations are able to remain anonymous for this survey. If the organization chooses to be marked anonymous, they are not eligible to be listed in the published report's metrics listings.

The Security Benchmark Report is broken down into a general overview comparing all respondents' data with one another, as well as by sector. Respondents are asked which sector their overall enterprise resides in, and this is the sector in which they are placed. While the survey has a choice of 22 market sectors, some sectors are chosen by too few respondents to report on individually. Therefore, for better comparisons, some market sectors are combined in the report. Combined sectors are labeled as such, and combinations may vary each year.

Sectors with too small a dataset that don't lend themselves to combining with other sectors may be excluded from the sector reports, but will be included in the main report. To attempt to make the most meaningful comparisons, particular comparisons/charts are left out of sector groupings if the data varied too greatly from one respondent to the next.

In some cases, when calculating certain statistics, including "security budget as a percent of revenue," outliers or data points that appeared to be reported incorrectly are removed before calculations to present a cleaner comparison.

While we recognize that security roles, responsibilities and programs can vary widely from one organization to another in terms of maturity, position within the enterprise, size of staff, budget, etc., *Security* magazine has made every effort — via input from readers and Editorial Advisory Board members — to break down and compare organizations in a meaningful, valuable way.

If you don't see your enterprise's primary sector represented, we encourage you to fill out the survey next year and ask your peers to fill out the survey as well. The more organizations and security professionals that fill out the survey, the more robust the data. Each year, the survey opens in February and closes in July.

Security magazine encourages all security leaders and organizations to participate in this free editorial survey that makes up The Security Benchmark Report. As a benefit to filling out The Security Benchmark Report survey, security leader respondents receive a full (anonymized) report of responses with more detailed information beyond what is covered in *Security*'s November eMagazine and online.

The Security Benchmark Report is an editorial project, and respondent contact information collected is not sold or shared. There is no cost to participate in The Security Benchmark Report. All respondents must be responsible, at least in part, for the physical security of their organization. Organizations may only fill out the survey once for a particular company or agency. The Security Benchmark Report does not include contract security companies, guarding companies or those without a level of direct responsibility for security within their enterprise.

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