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THE 2026 SECURITY BENCHMARK REPORT

A look into how security leaders and their peers have matured their programs' role, technology, training and budget over the last year.

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Security magazine is proud to present The 2026 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. New to this year's report we asked respondents about their organizations executive protection programs.

What's Inside the 2026 Report

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

The intent of the Security Benchmark Report is to help leaders understand what their peers are doing, what's changing as well as where the industry is going. 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 robust and representative the insights become.

Looking Ahead to 2027

This year, respondents shared details about security roles and responsibilities, training initiatives, budget fluctuations, executive protection, 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 2027 Security Benchmark Report. The 2027 Security Benchmark Survey will be open from February through mid-July 2027.

Be sure to register for the exclusive webinar presentation on November 11, where we'll take a deep dive into The 2026 Security Benchmark Report and reveal webinar-only statistics.



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SECURITY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Top 7 Biggest Issues / Concerns for Security Leaders

RANK	ISSUES / CONCERNS
1	Workplace Violence
2	Terrorism / Extremism / Hate Crimes
3	Crisis Management
4 (tie)	Security Budget
4 (tie)	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests
4 (tie)	Travel Security / Executive Protection
5	Business continuity and business resilience
6 (tie)	Staffing and Training
6 (tie)	Cybersecurity
7 (tie)	Theft (Loss Prevention / Asset Protection)
7 (tie)	Risk and Threat Intelligence
7 (tie)	Insider Threats

The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked about their top issues & concerns in 2026 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 2026.*

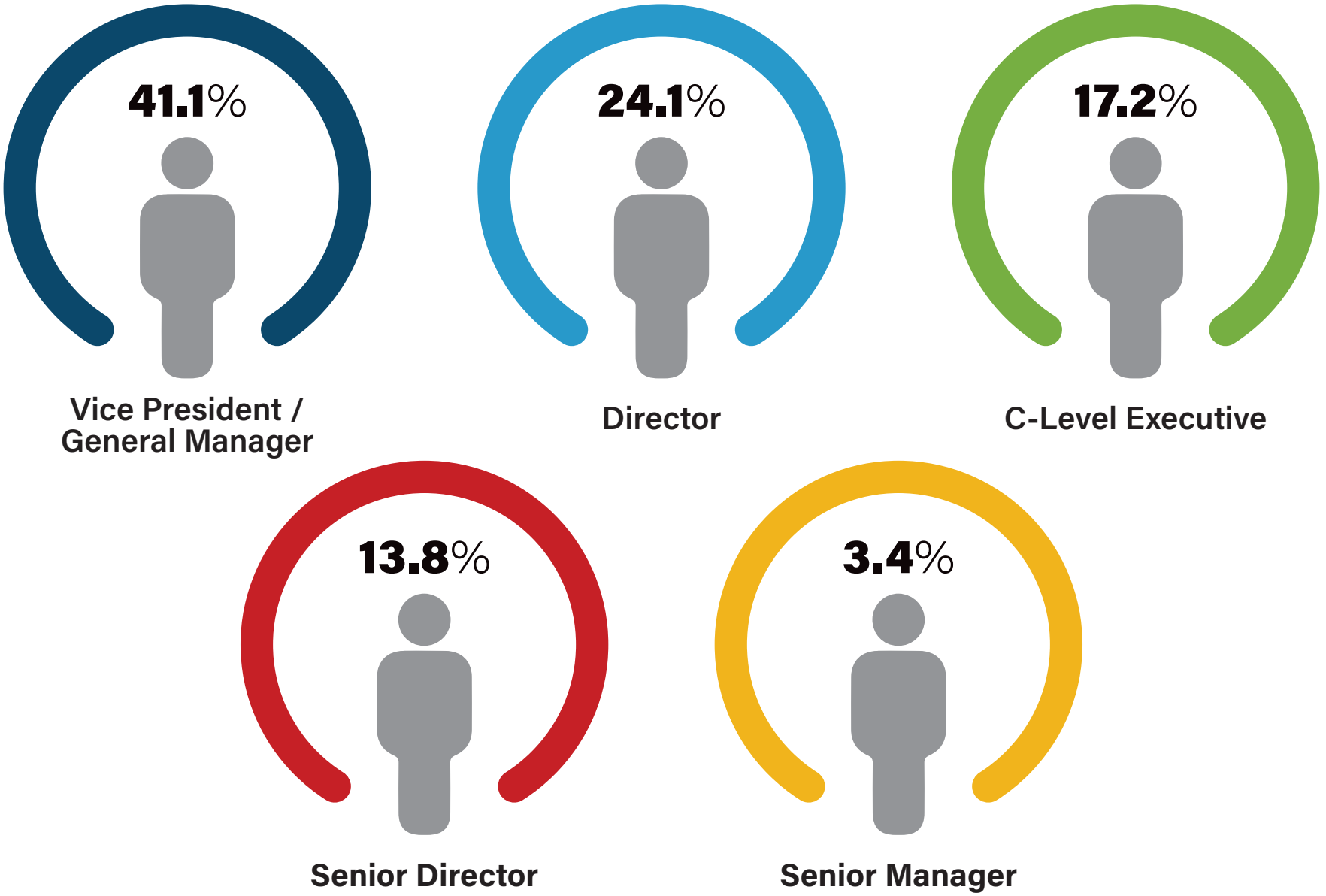
Where Security Lives Within the Enterprise - Function / %



- **26.7%** Chief Risk or Legal Officer / Risk / Legal / General Counsel
- **23.3%** COO / Operations
- **13.3%** CEO / President / Owner / Executive Director
- **13.3%** Other
- **6.7%** Chief Administrative Officer / Shared Services
- **6.7%** Chief Human Resources Officer
- **3.3%** Facilities
- **3.3%** CIO/Information Technology
- **3.3%** Chief Technology Officer

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 Senior Vice President Operations among others. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Title of Senior-Most Security Executive - Percent of Respondents / Title



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 Vice President / General Manager title as their senior-most security executive role at a higher rate than the previous year, increasing from 33% in 2025. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Geographic Security Responsibility



94% North America

39% Europe

36% Asia

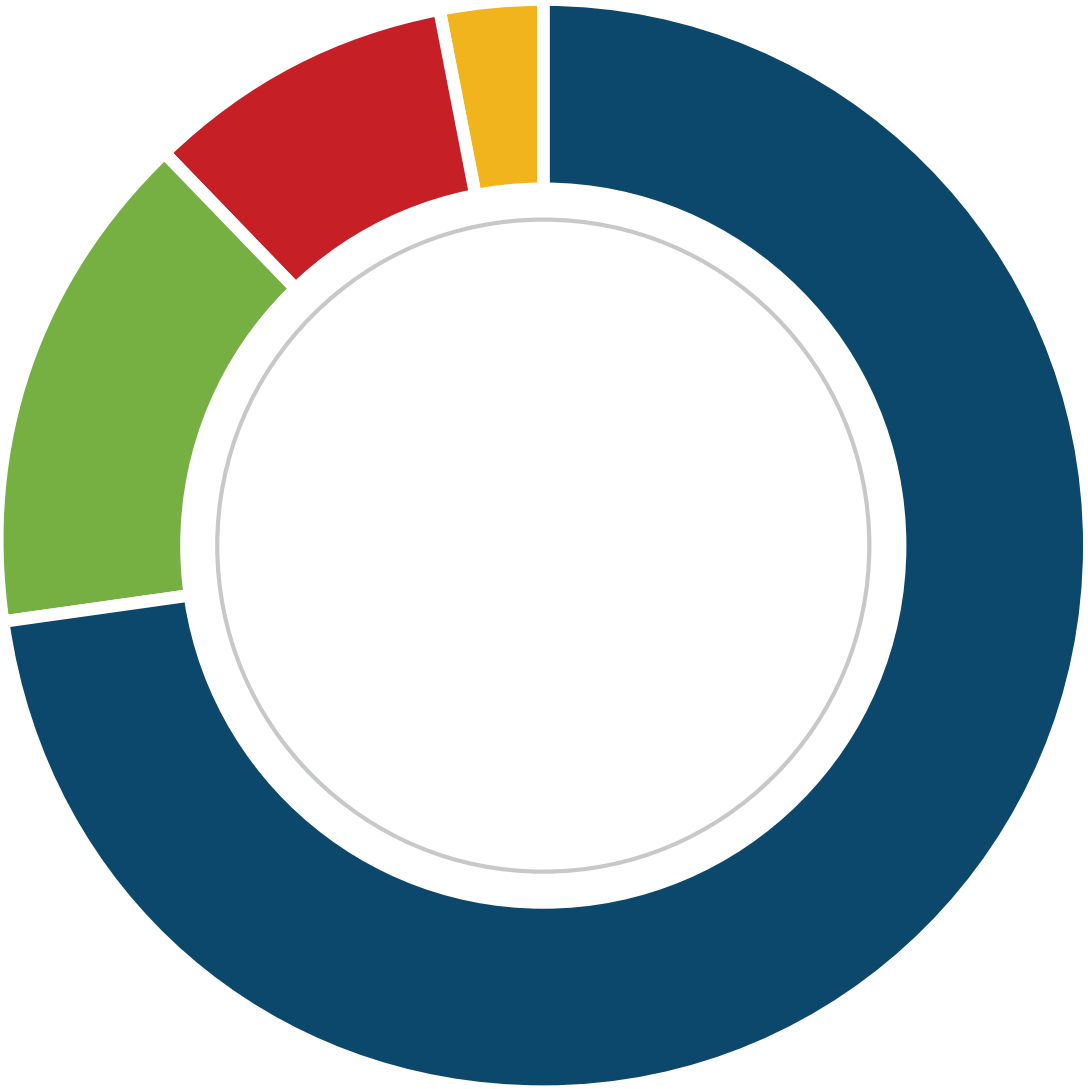
30% South America

24% Africa

21% Oceania (including Australia)

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 2026.*

Structure of Security



73% Centralized

15% Decentralized

9% Regional

3% Other

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 2026.*

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

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

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 2026.*

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	57.6%	21.2%	3%	18.2%
Asset protection / facilities protection	57.6%	27.3%	3%	12.1%
Brand protection / intellectual property / product protection / counterfeiting / fraud protection	18.2%	3%	39.4%	39.4%
Business resilience / business continuity / emergency management / disaster recovery	42.4%	12.1%	33.4%	12.1%
Business expansion support	9.1%	18.2%	42.4%	30.3%
Civil unrest / targeted protests	51.5%	15.2%	12.1%	21.2%
COVID-19 response	18.2%	12.1%	42.4%	27.3%
Corporate aviation security	9.1%	9.1%	12.1%	69.7%
Cybersecurity / information technology security / data protection	9.1%	0%	36.4%	54.5%
Drug & alcohol testing / background checks / other pre-employment screening	24.3%	3%	21.2%	51.5%
Duty of care / traveler protection & support / executive protection	45.5%	0%	9.1%	45.4%
Emergency notification	54.5%	9.1%	21.2%	15.2%
Emergency response and planning	54.5%	6.1%	27.3%	12.1%
Event security	63.6%	12.1%	9.1%	15.2%
Hate crimes / terrorism / extremism	48.5%	6%	9.1%	36.4%
Health and safety	24.3%	3%	42.4%	30.3%
International workforce protection and support	33.3%	6.1%	6.1%	54.5%
Investigations	54.5%	9.1%	6.1%	30.3%

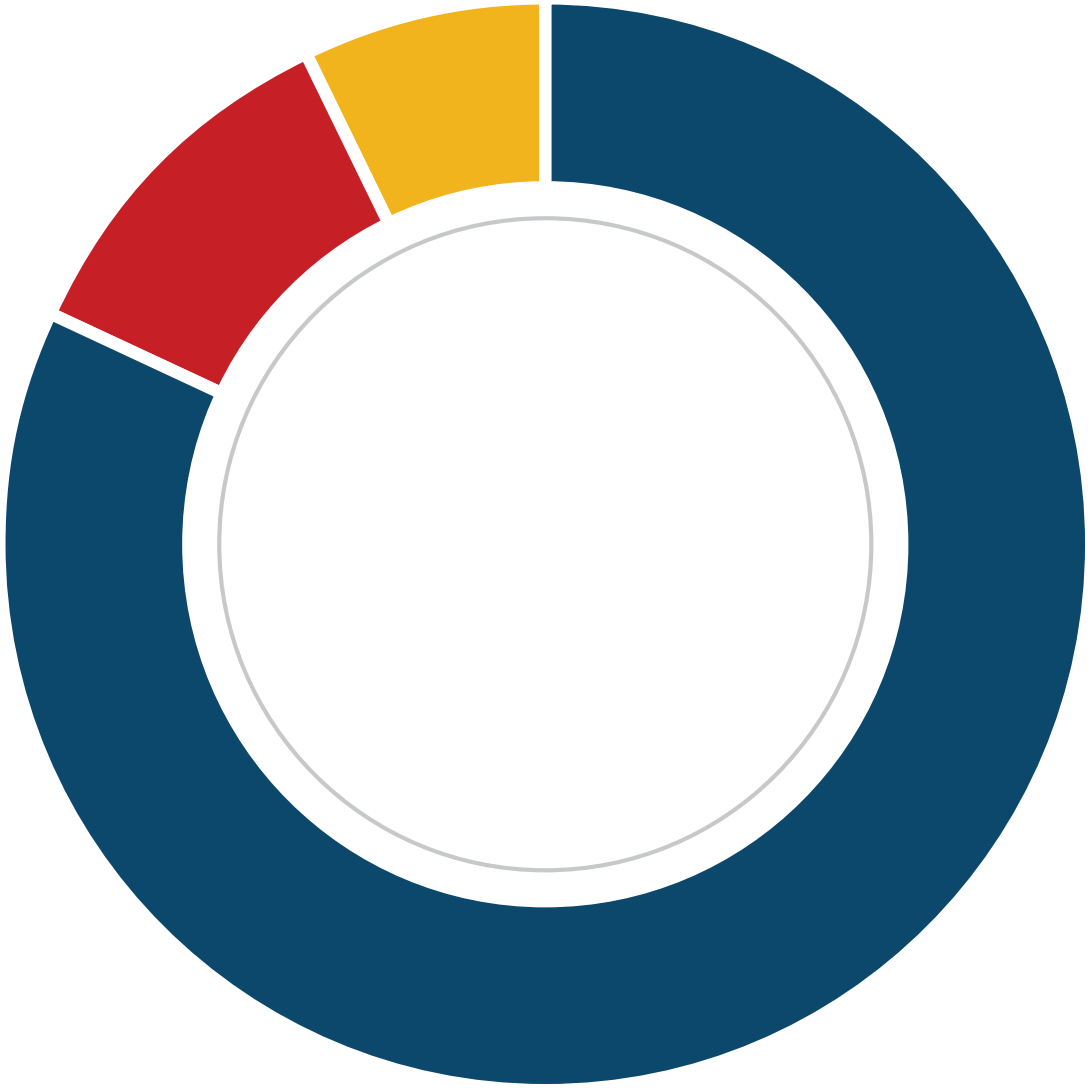
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FUNCTION	OWN / LEAD	MANAGE	SUPPORT	NOT INVOLVED / DO NOT HAVE / DO NOT KNOW
Liaison with public-sector law enforcement agencies	63.6%	6.1%	3%	27.3%
Loss prevention / goods protection	45.4%	9.1%	6.1%	39.4%
Mergers & acquisitions (M&A) / business or site expansion / contraction planning & support	0%	6.1%	39.4%	54.5%
Parking & transportation security	33.3%	9.1%	15.2%	42.4%
Regulatory compliance / controls assurance, verification & validation	15.2%	12.1%	30.3%	42.4%
Risk & threat assessments / risk management planning / enterprise risk management	45.4%	6.1%	21.2%	27.3%
Security as a competitive advantage	39.4%	3%	15.2%	42.4%
Security audits / surveys / assessments	60.6%	6.1%	15.1%	18.2%
Security contract management: Guards / technology integrators / contract employees	57.6%	12.1%	6.1%	24.2%
Security Operations Center (SOC) management	60.6%	12.1%	0%	27.3%
Security staff development & training	69.7%	12.1%	0%	18.2%
Security strategy	66.7%	15.1%	0%	18.2%
Security technology & integration	63.6%	0%	15.2%	21.2%
Social media threat monitoring	33.3%	9.1%	15.2%	42.4%
Supply chain / logistics / distribution security	30.3%	6.1%	24.2%	39.4%
Vendor and channel partner vetting	21.2%	3%	33.4%	42.4%
Weather	42.4%	9.1%	9.1%	39.4%
Workplace violence / threat management / active shooter prevention	60.6%	12.1%	0%	27.3%

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 2026.*

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



82%
Yes

11%
No

7%
Under development / planned for this year / do not know

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

Executive Protection Program Maturity



39%
Advanced program with integrated risk intelligence

25%
Established program with defined protocols

21%
No formal program

8%
Basic/limited coverage

7%
Fully mature, globally coordinated EP program

New to this year's report, participants were asked to describe the current maturity level of their organization's Executive Protection program. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Threat Assessment Frequency



62%
Continuously/
real-time monitoring

19%
Annually

11%
Never

4%
Semi-annually

4%
Quarterly

New to this year's report, participants were asked how frequently their organization conducts threat assessments (e.g., online threats, travel risk, workplace risk) for executives and other high-visibility personnel. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Executive Travel Protection



33%
None

30%
Standardized travel security protocols for all trips

15%
Comprehensive 24/7 global travel protection

15%
Provided upon request

7%
Only high-risk destinations

New to this year's report, participants were asked to what extent their organization provides security support for executive domestic and international travel. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Pre-Employment Screening Conducted Across the Enterprise -

Type of Check / Test / Percent of Respondents



100% Criminal background

74% Employment reference

74% Drug tests

65% Credit checks

56% Personal reference checks

56% Military background

39% Social media reviews

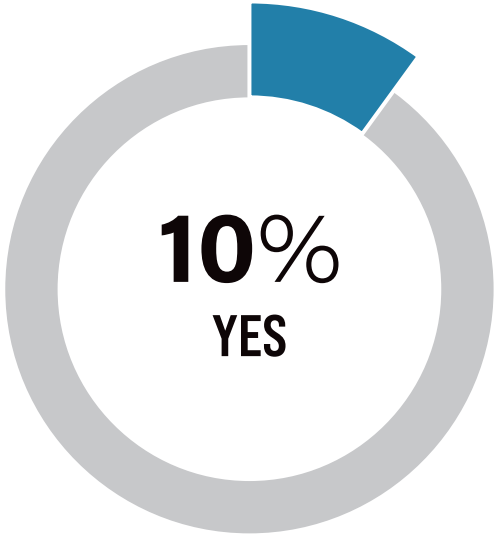
17% Other

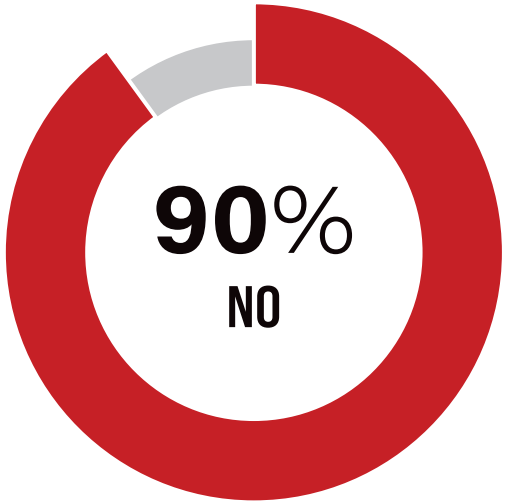
4% Don't know

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 (17%) or Don't Know (4%). 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 2026.*

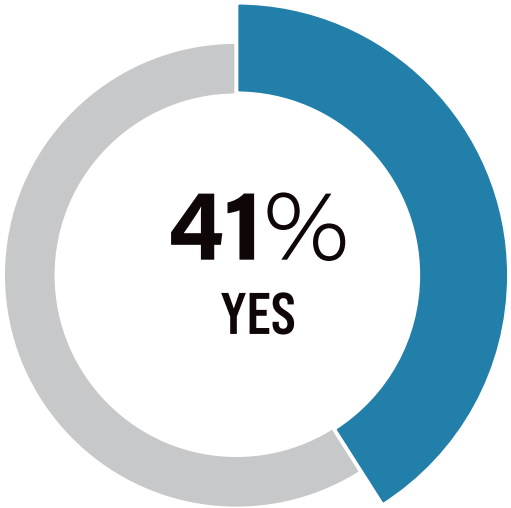
Security Executive Insights

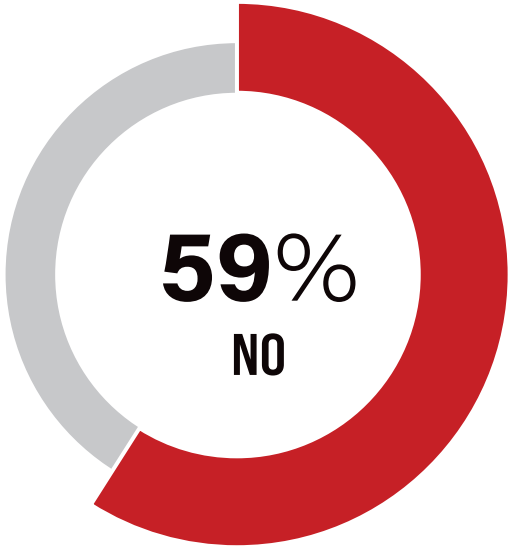
Is your highest security-related role within the organization responsible for both physical security *and* cybersecurity?





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. Same as in 2025, 10% of security departments reported being responsible for cybersecurity. This year did show a slight increase when compared to 2025 where 33% reported responsibility for health and safety as well as physical security. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECURITY BUDGETS, SPENDING & MORE

Average Security Budget as Percent of Revenue



1.3%

The average security budget as a percent of revenue among The Security Benchmark Report respondents was 1.32%.

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 2026.*

Average Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue by Sector -

Sector / Average Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue



5.39%
Education, Government, Entertainment

0.41%
Healthcare

0.36%
Banking & Insurance, Business Services

0.21%
Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics

0.21%
Ecommerce & Retail

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 2026.*

Security Budget Comparisons Year-Over-Year

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Increase	69%	65%	67%	50%	62%
Decrease	23%	9%	8%	17%	23%
Stayed the Same	8%	26%	25%	33%	15%

A majority (62%) of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported an increased security budget compared with the previous year's budget which was an increase from 2025. In 2025, 50% of respondents reported an increased budget, while, in 2024, 63% of respondents reported an increased security budget year-over-year. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

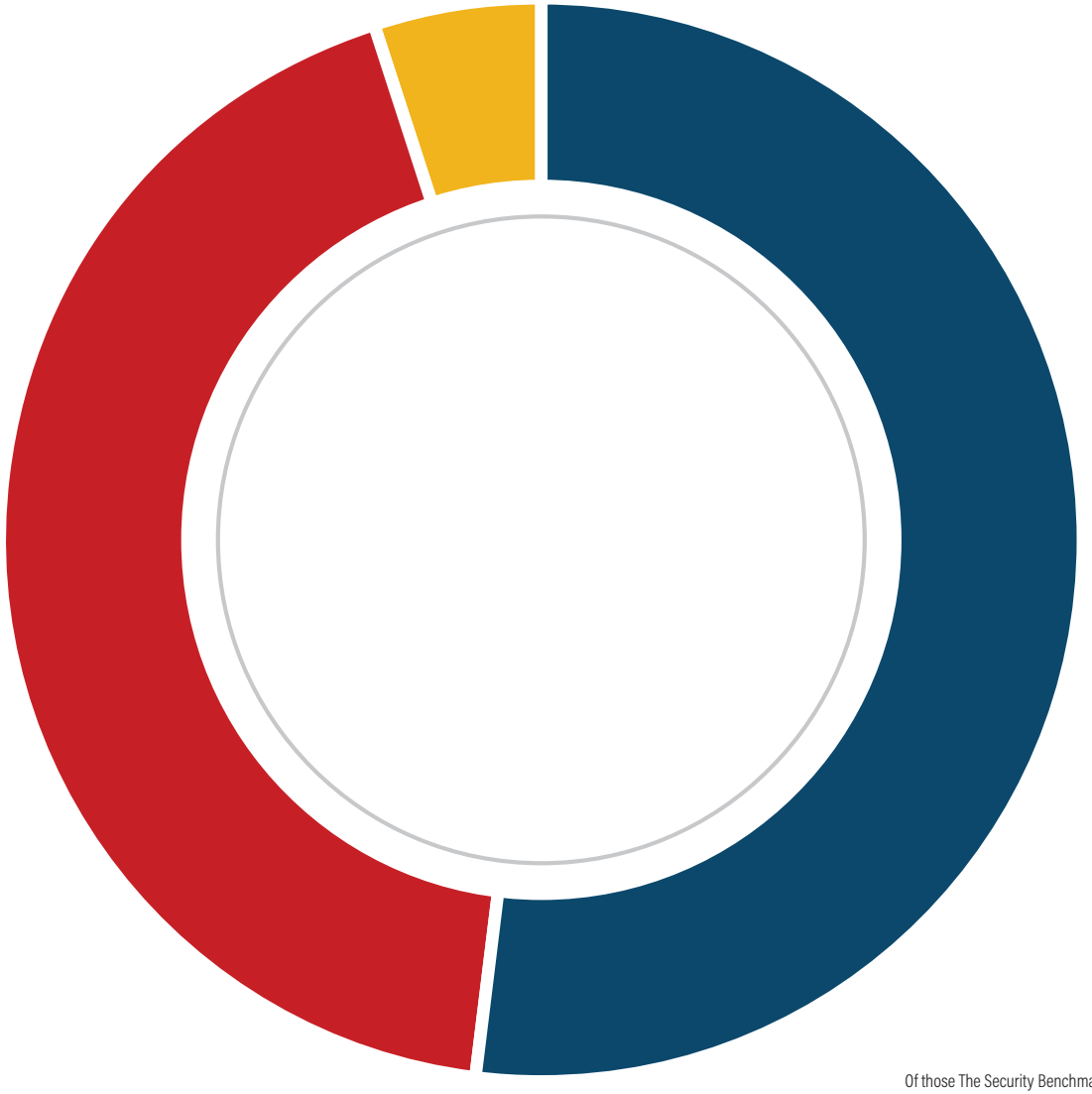
How Much Did Security Budgets Change Year-Over-Year?

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Average Percentage Increase	19%	14%	34%	12%	5%
Average Percentage Decrease	11%	7%	29%	7%	20%

If The Security Benchmark Report respondents indicated an increased security budget in 2026 compared with 2025, they were asked what percentage that budget increased. The average increase reported by those respondents for 2026 was 5%. If respondents indicated their security budget in 2026 decreased compared with 2025, they were asked for the percentage decrease. The average decrease reported by those respondents for 2026 was 20%. In 2025, the average increase in security budget was 12% and the average decrease in security budget was 7%. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECURITY GUARDING & OPERATIONS

Use of Security Guards / Officers



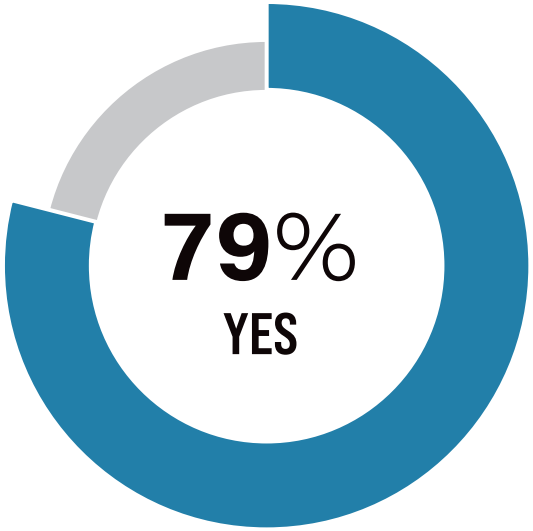
52%
Both proprietary and contract guarding

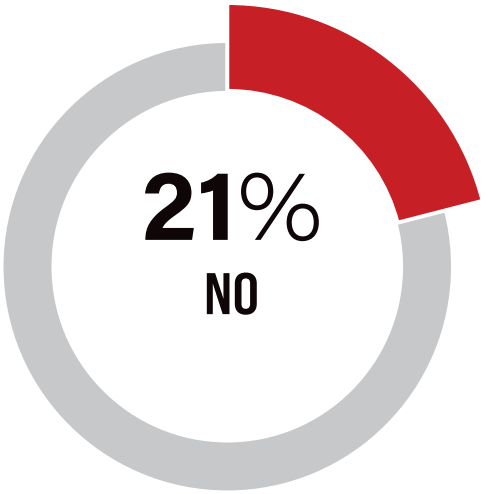
43%
Contract guarding only

5%
Proprietary guarding only

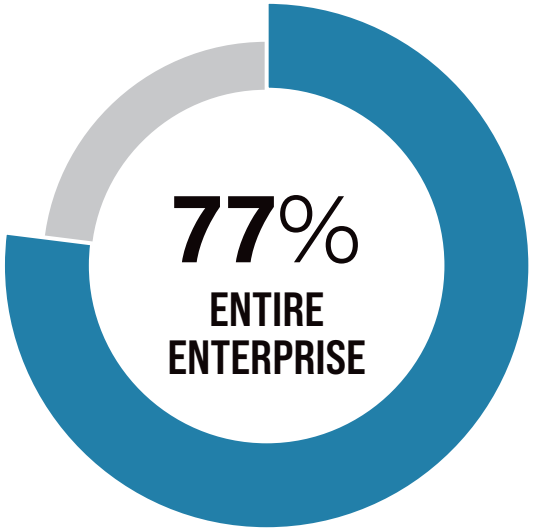
Of those The Security Benchmark Report respondents that reported using guard / officer forces at their organization, 52% of security leaders report using both proprietary and contract officer / guard forces, while 5% report having only proprietary guards and 43% reported having only third-party / contract guards. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

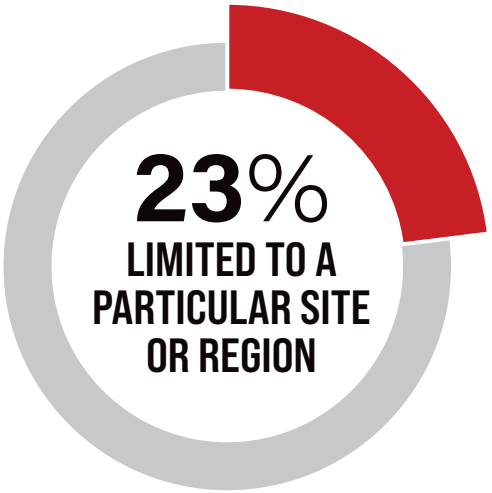
Do You Have a Security Operations Center (SOC)?





Security Operations Center Reach





Overall, 79% 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, 77% of respondents that reported having a SOC offer those services to the entire enterprise. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

What Services Do Security Operations Centers Provide?

SERVICES	%
Monitoring and triaging internal incidents reported	88%
Monitoring external events that may impact the enterprise	84%
Administering access control permissions and monitoring alarms	80%
Monitoring video surveillance and alarms	80%
Answering and routing general inquiry phone calls	76%
Monitoring weather and alerting enterprise of potential impacts	68%
Preparing risk assessments and situation reports	56%
Tracking executive travel and events	40%
Tracking all business travel and / or developing and distributing travel security guidance	36%
Monitoring social media posts that name the enterprise and / or top executives	28%
Monitoring executive home security systems and responding to alarms	20%
Monitoring cyber-related incidents or threats	20%
Performing COVID-19 data collection and / or contact tracing	12%
Other	4%

Among the 79% 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 2026.*

SECURITY TRAINING & TECHNOLOGY

Money Spent on Security-Related Training by Sector

Sector	Average Money Spent on Security-Related Training
Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics	$86,250
Banking & Insurance, Business Services	$170,000
Education, Government, Entertainment	$21,666

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. 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 2026.*

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	73%	23%	46%	5%
Emergency response	77%	18%	46%	5%
Executive protection	50%	0%	22%	39%
Insider threat	45%	50%	25%	15%
Investigation-related	67%	14%	38%	14%
Leadership development	76%	24%	29%	0%
Security technology	68%	18%	23%	23%
Workplace violence	56%	73%	50%	0%

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

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

SYSTEM	%
Video Surveillance Management System	96%
Access Control Management System	96%
ID / Badging	96%
Two-Way Radio*	92%
Intrusion Detection Systems	83%
Mass Notification Systems	79%
Visitor Management Systems	75%
Perimeter Security	71%
Intercom / Communications	67%
Travel Security Monitoring / Alert System	50%
Facility Risk Monitoring / Alert System	50%
Executive Tracking	29%
Drones / Robots	17%
Other (Social Media Monitoring)	3%

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 2026.*

What Does Your Organization Plan to Spend on Electronic Physical Security Systems and Services in 2026?

PLAN TO SPEND IN 2026	%
$1 million or more	55%
$100,000 to $249,999	25%
Less than $25,000	10%
$500,000 to $999,999	5%
$250,000 to $499,999	5%
$50,000 to $99,999	0%
$25,000 to $49,999	0%

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 2026.

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
Associated Grocers Northeast	**Alan R. Cote**	Director of Risk Management
Cleveland Clinic	**Gordon Snow**	Vice President Security - Chief Security Officer
Corning	**Tony Bartone**	Vice President
Dimmit Regional Hospital	**Mario Ruiz**	Director
Dominion Energy	**Adam S. Lee**	Vice President, CSO
Full Sail University	**Scott Lynch**	Director of Security
Keurig Dr Pepper	**Ryan DeStefano**	Senior Director
Marriott International	**Erik Antons**	Chief Safety & Security Officer

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COMPANY	SECURITY BENCHMARK LEADER	TITLE
National Labor Relations Board	**Raymond M. Hankins**	Chief Security Officer
PlanSource	**Tony Spurlin**	Vice President & CSO
SL Green	**Anthony Iaquinto**	Senior Vice President safety and security
Stanley Black & Decker	**Robert Maynard**	Vice President Global Security
Toledo Zoo & Aquarium	**Regina M. Lester**	Vice President of Security & Safety Operations
Yale Public Safety	**Duane Lovello**	Head of Public Safety
Victoria's Secret & Co	**John Talamo**	Senior Vice President - Asset Protection

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 2026*

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



81%
Yes

15%
No

4%
Under development / planned for this year

0%
Don't know

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026

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



89%
Yes

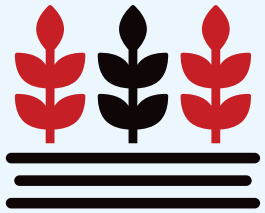
11%
No

0%
Under development / planned for this year

0%
Don't know

The Security Benchmark Report respondents who responded yes to maintaining a metrics program were asked which metrics were most impactful with their C-suite leaders. Among those listed were safety trends, ROI, audit and compliance ratings, calls for service, response times, and staffing. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026*

SECTOR REPORTS



AGRICULTURE



MANUFACTURING



LOGISTICS



BANKING
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BUSINESS
SERVICES



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ENTERTAINMENT

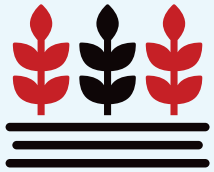


UTILITIES

SECTOR REPORTS / AGRICULTURE, MANUFACTURING, LOGISTICS

This sector includes those organizations reporting Agriculture, Manufacturing, or Logistics as their primary market sector of business.

SECTORS



AGRICULTURE



MANUFACTURING



LOGISTICS

Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue — Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics



0.21%

Among the Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics sector, the average security budget as a percent of total revenue was 0.21%.

Among The Security Benchmark Report respondents choosing Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics 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 2026.*

Money Spent on Security-Related Training — Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics



$86,250

Among the Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics sector, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2025 was $86,250.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics 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 2026.*

Security Budget 2026 vs. 2025 - Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics



83%
Increased

17%
Stayed the same

SECTORS

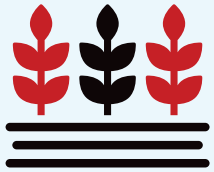
AGRICULTURE

MANUFACTURING

LOGISTICS

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics sector were asked whether their 2026 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2025. Eighty-three percent in this sector reported an increase over last year, with an average security budget increase of 4.3%. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECTORS



AGRICULTURE



MANUFACTURING



LOGISTICS

10 Responsibilities Owned by Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics Security Teams

1.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies
2.	Security Staff Development & Training
3.	Security Strategy
4.	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention
5.	Aligning Security with the Business
6.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
7.	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests
8.	Emergency Notification
9.	Event Security
10.	Investigations

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics 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 2026.*

Where Security Lives - Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics



50%
CRO / Risk / Legal / General Counsel

16.7%
CEO / President / Owner / Executive Director

16.7%
Facilities

16.7%
Chief Administrative Officer / Shared Services

SECTORS

AGRICULTURE

MANUFACTURING

LOGISTICS

We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. In the Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics 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 2026.*

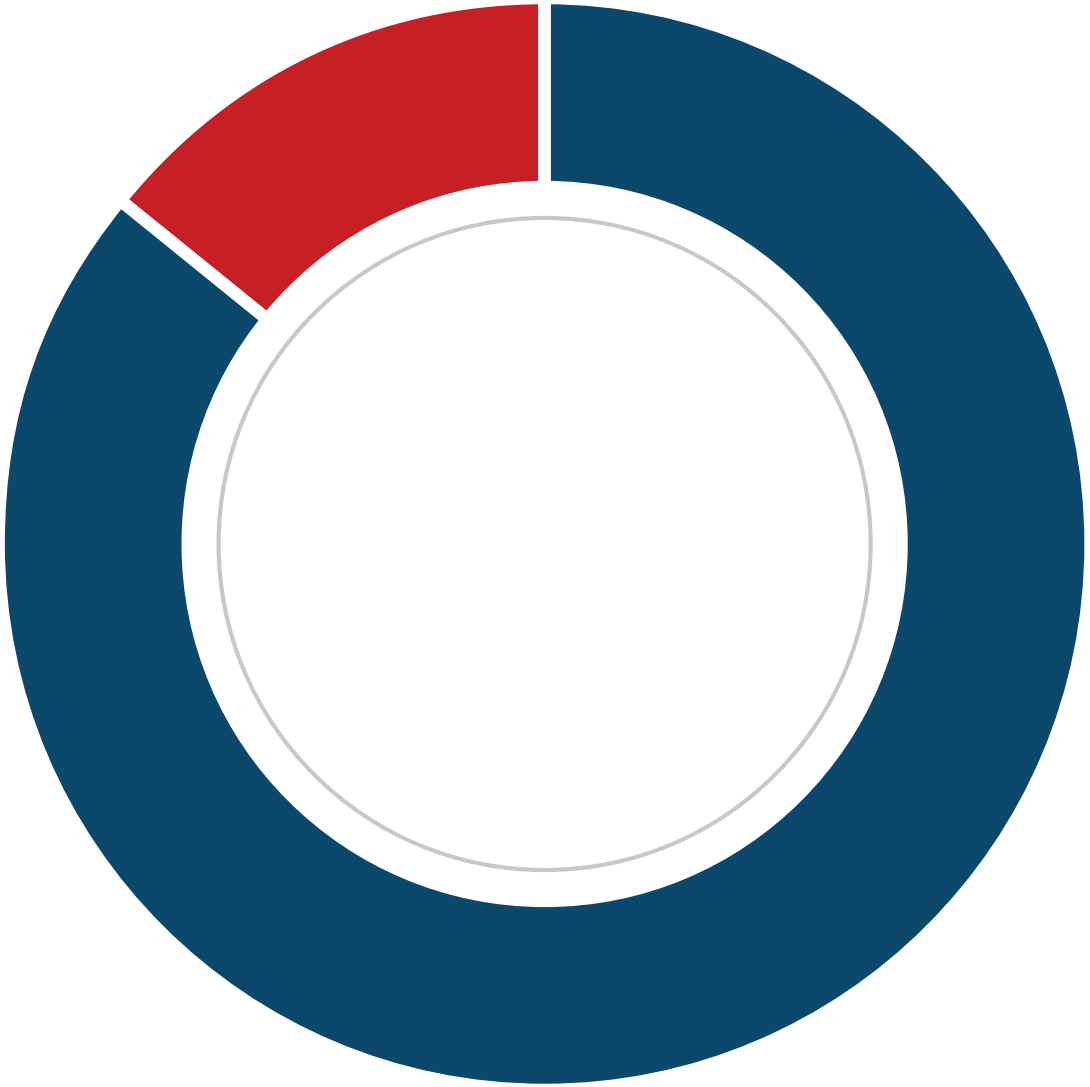
Structure of Security - Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics

SECTORS

AGRICULTURE

MANUFACTURING

LOGISTICS



86% Centralized

14% Decentralized

0% Regional

In the Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics sector, 86% 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 2026.*

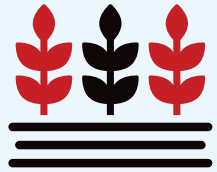
0%

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

17%

17% of Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics security leaders reported being responsible for both physical security *and* health & safety.

SECTORS



AGRICULTURE



MANUFACTURING



LOGISTICS

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

Geographic Security Responsibility - Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics

SECTORS

AGRICULTURE

MANUFACTURING

LOGISTICS



100% North America

57% Asia

57% Europe

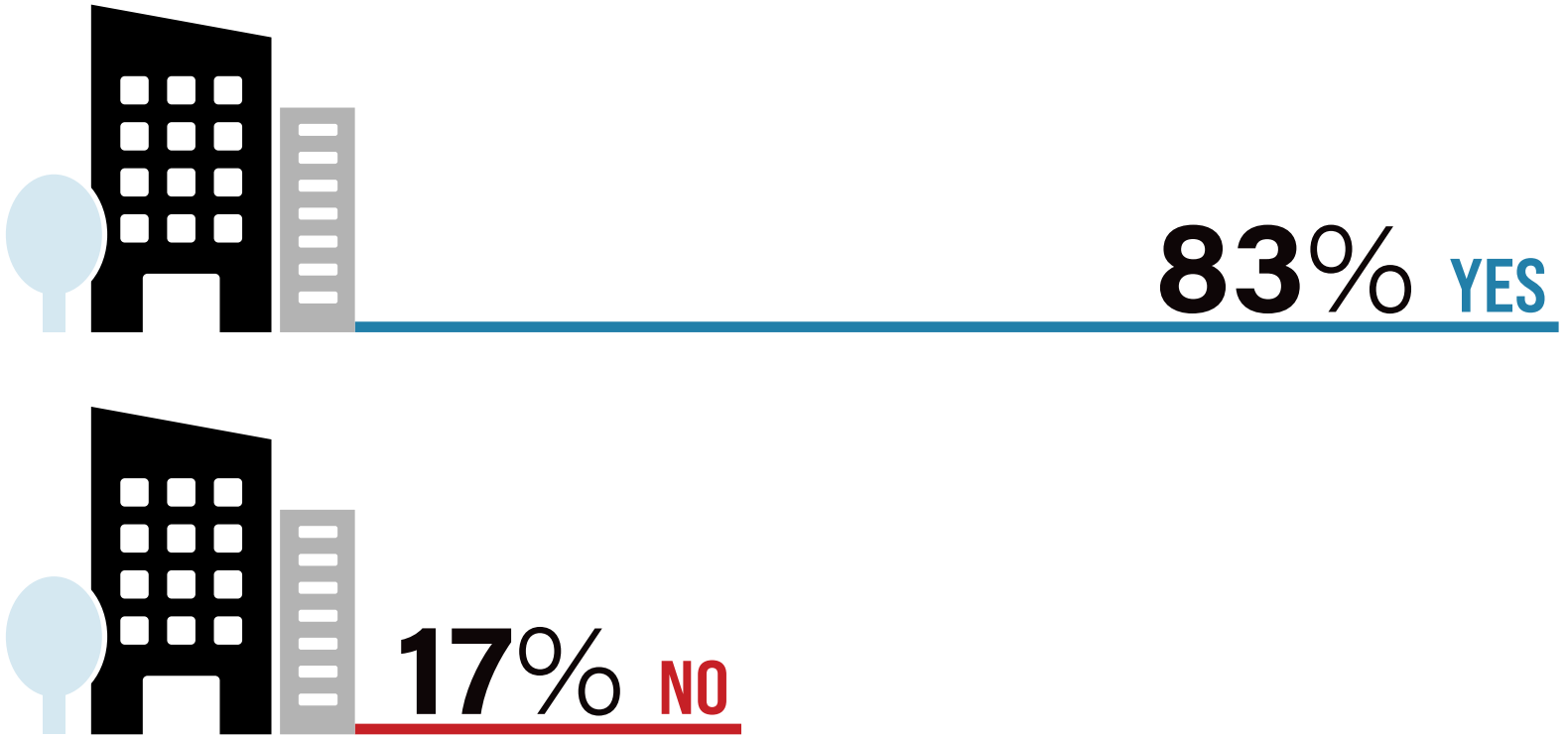
57% South America

29% Africa

29% Oceania (including Australia)

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 2026.*

Do Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?



SECTORS

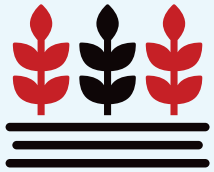
AGRICULTURE

MANUFACTURING

LOGISTICS

Within the Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics sector, 83% 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 2026

SECTORS



AGRICULTURE



MANUFACTURING



LOGISTICS



236

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



8

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within the Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics 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 Agriculture, Manufacturing, Logistics sector is reported here. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECTOR REPORTS / BANKING & INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

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

SECTORS



BANKING & INSURANCE



BUSINESS SERVICES

Money Spent on Security-Related Training —
Banking & Insurance and Business Services



$170,000

Among the Banking & Insurance and Business Services sectors, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2025 was $170,000.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Banking & Insurance and Business Services sectors reported an average of $170,000 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 2026.*

Security Budget 2026 vs. 2025 - Banking & Insurance and Business Services

SECTORS

BANKING & INSURANCE

BUSINESS SERVICES



100%
Stayed the same

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Banking & Insurance and Business Services market sectors were asked whether their 2026 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2025.
SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

15 Responsibilities Owned by Banking & Insurance and Business Services 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.	Emergency Notification
6.	Event Security
7.	Investigations
8.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies
9.	Security Audits / Surveys / Assessments
10.	Security as a Competitive Advantage
11.	Security Staff Development & Training
12.	Security Strategy
13.	Security Technology & Integration
14.	Security Operations Center Management
15.	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention

SECTORS



BANKING & INSURANCE



BUSINESS SERVICES

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Banking & Insurance and Business Services 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 2026.*

Where Security Lives - Banking & Insurance and Business Services

SECTORS

BANKING & INSURANCE

BUSINESS SERVICES



25% Chief Risk or Legal Officer/ Risk/Legal/ General Counsel

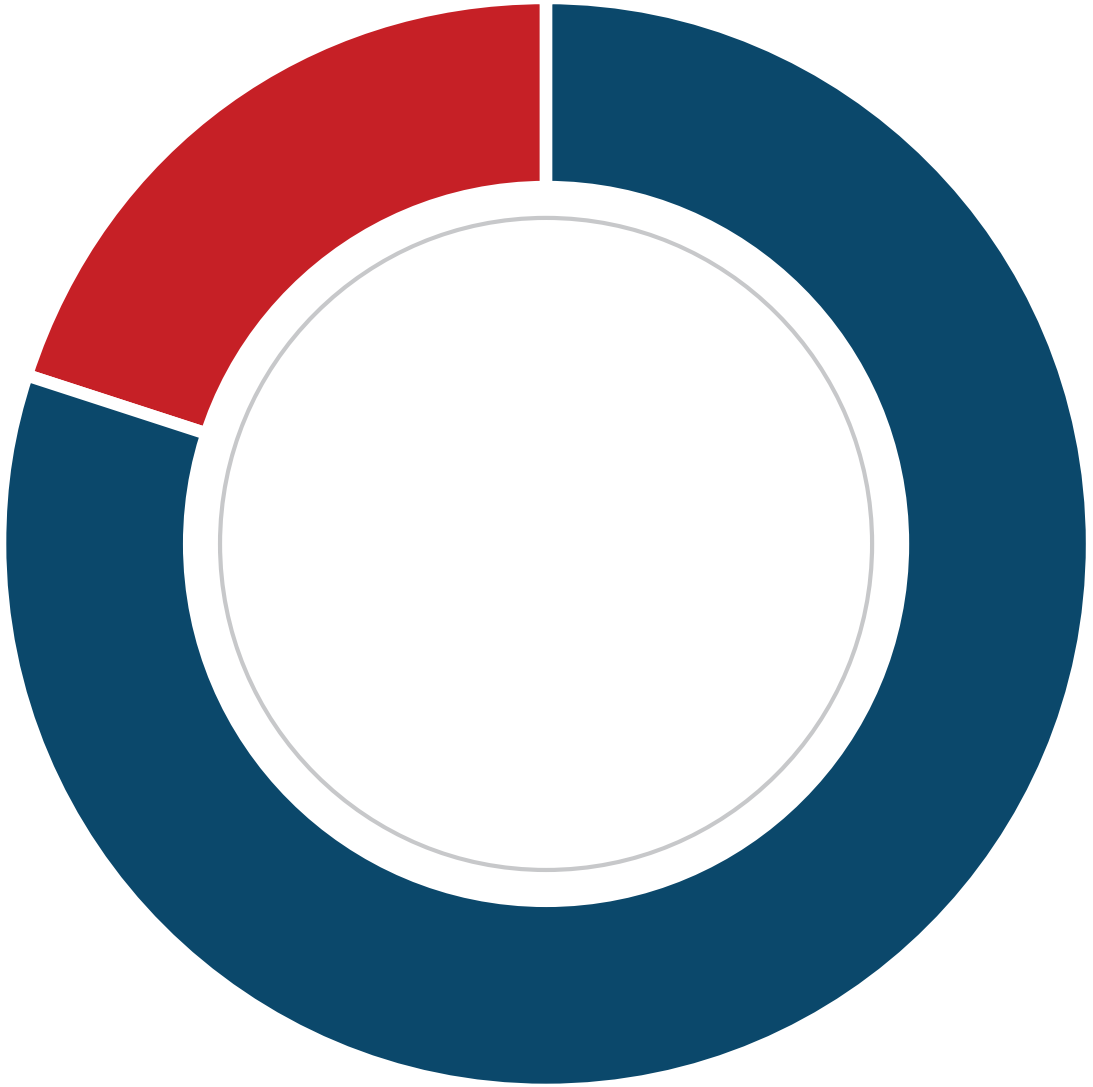
25% CEO/President/ Owner/ Executive Director

25% Chief Technology Officer

25% Chief Human Resources Officer

We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Banking & Insurance and Business Services market sectors, it was evenly split between Chief Risk or Legal Officer/Risk/Legal/General Counsel, CEO/President/Owner/Executive Director, Chief Technology Officer, and Chief Human Resources Officer. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Structure of Security - Banking & Insurance and Business Services



80% Centralized

20% Decentralized

0% Regional

SECTORS

BANKING & INSURANCE

BUSINESS SERVICES

In the Banking & Insurance and Business Services sectors, 80% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization while 20% reported a Decentralized structure of their security program.
SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

SECTORS



BANKING & INSURANCE



BUSINESS SERVICES



25%

25% of Banking & Insurance and Business Services security leaders reported being responsible for both physical security *and* cybersecurity.



25%

25% of Banking & Insurance and Business Services security leaders reported being responsible for for both physical security *and* health & safety.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

Geographic Security Responsibility - Banking & Insurance and Business Services



100% North America

40% Asia

40% Europe

40% South America

40% Africa

40% Oceania (including Australia)

SECTORS



BANKING & INSURANCE



BUSINESS SERVICES

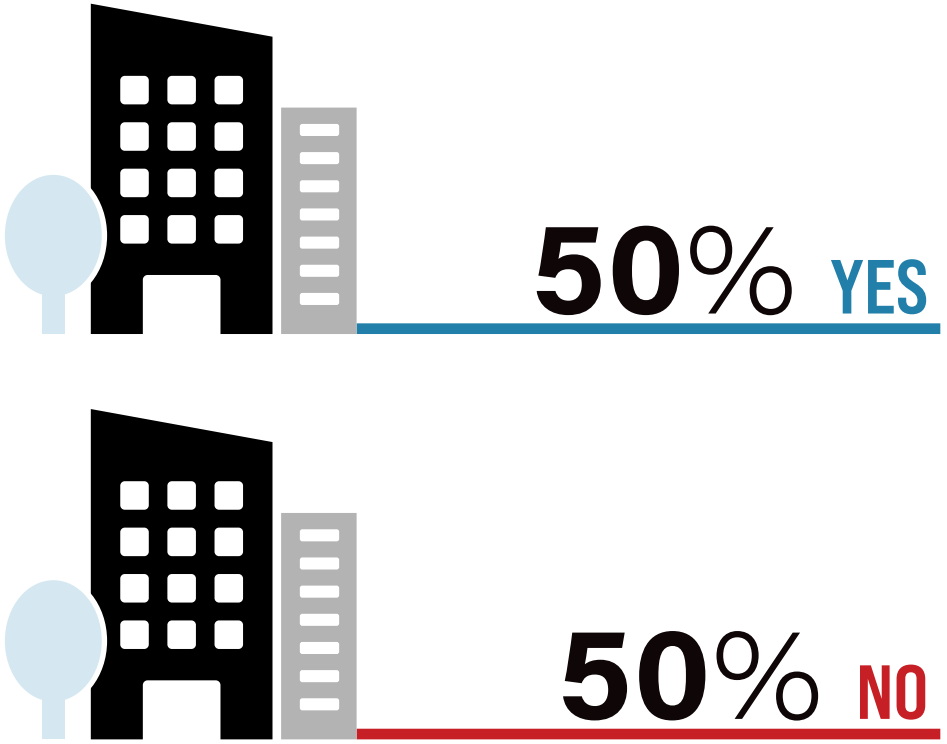
The Security Benchmark Report respondents were asked to report which geographic areas their security organization provides risk and security services. Respondents were able to choose as many geographic areas as applicable. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Do Banking & Insurance and Business Services Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?

SECTORS

BANKING & INSURANCE

BUSINESS SERVICES



Within the Banking & Insurance and Business Services sectors, 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 2026*

SECTORS



BANKING & INSURANCE



BUSINESS SERVICES

204

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

0

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within Banking & Insurance and Business Services 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 2026.*

SECTOR REPORTS / ECOMMERCE & RETAIL

This sector includes those organizations reporting retail, restaurant, or ecommerce as their primary market sector of business.

SECTORS



ECOMMERCE



RETAIL

Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue —
Ecommerce & Retail



0.21%

Among the Ecommerce & Retail sectors, the average security budget as a percent of total revenue was 0.21%.

Among The Security Benchmark Report respondents choosing Ecommerce & Retail 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 2026.*

Security Budget 2026 vs. 2025 - Ecommerce & Retail



67%
Increased

33%
Stayed the same

SECTORS

ECOMMERCE

RETAIL

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Ecommerce & Retail market sectors were asked whether their 2026 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2025. Sixty-seven percent of respondents reported an increase in their security budget. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECTORS



ECOMMERCE



RETAIL

11 Responsibilities Owned by Ecommerce & Retail Security Teams

1.	Aligning Security with the Business
2.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection
3.	Security Audits / Surveys / Assessments
4.	Brand Protection / Intellectual Property / Product Protection / Counterfeiting / Fraud Protection
5.	Business Resilience / Business Continuity / Emergency Management / Disaster Recovery
6.	Security Contract Management: Guards / Technology Integrators / Contract Employees
7.	Duty of Care / Traveler Protection & Support / Executive Protection
8.	Emergency Response and Planning
9.	Emergency Notification
10.	Event Security
11.	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Ecommerce & Retail 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 2026.*

Where Security Lives - Ecommerce & Retail



100%
Chief Risk or Legal Officer / Risk / Legal / General Counsel

SECTORS

ECOMMERCE

RETAIL

We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Ecommerce & Retail market sectors, the highest percentage of security teams reported to a Chief Risk or Legal Officer / Risk / Legal / General Counsel. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Structure of Security - Ecommerce & Retail

SECTORS

ECOMMERCE

RETAIL



100% Centralized

0% Decentralized

0% Regional

In the Ecommerce & Retail sectors, 100% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization.
SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

SECTORS



ECOMMERCE



RETAIL



0%

0% of Ecommerce & Retail security leaders reported being responsible for both physical security *and* cybersecurity.



60%

60% of Ecommerce & Retail security leaders reported being responsible for both physical security *and* health & safety.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

Geographic Security Responsibility - Ecommerce & Retail

SECTORS

ECOMMERCE

RETAIL



100% North America

67% Asia

67% Europe

33% South America

33% Africa

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 2026.*

Do Ecommerce & Retail Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?



100% YES

SECTORS

ECOMMERCE

RETAIL

Within the Ecommerce & Retail 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 2026*

SECTORS

ECOMMERCE

RETAIL

571

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

0

Average number of enterprise-wide *proprietary* FTE security officers / guards within Ecommerce & Retail 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 Ecommerce & Retail 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 2026.*

SECTOR REPORTS / EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, ENTERTAINMENT

This sector includes those organizations within the public space. Organization reporting education, K-12, universities, colleges or technical institutions, or federal, state, or local government agencies, or sports leagues & facilities, media & publishing, recreation or amusement parks as their primary market sector of business.

Money Spent on Security-Related Training —
Education, Government, Entertainment

$21,666

Among the Education, Government, Entertainment sector, the average amount of money spent on security-related training in 2025 was $21,666.

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Education, Government, Entertainment sector reported an average of $21,666 in security-related spending last year. Information appearing to be inaccurately reported was excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECTORS

EDUCATION

GOVERNMENT

ENTERTAINMENT

Security Budget 2026 vs. 2025 - Education, Government, Entertainment

SECTORS

EDUCATION

GOVERNMENT

ENTERTAINMENT



83% Increased

0% Stayed the same

17% Decreased

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Education, Government, Entertainment market sector were asked whether their 2025 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2026. The majority of respondents this year reported an increase in security budget, which was a 3.35% increase on average. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

15 Responsibilities Owned by Education, Government, Entertainment Security Teams

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

SECTORS



EDUCATION



GOVERNMENT



ENTERTAINMENT

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Education, Government, Entertainment 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 2026.*

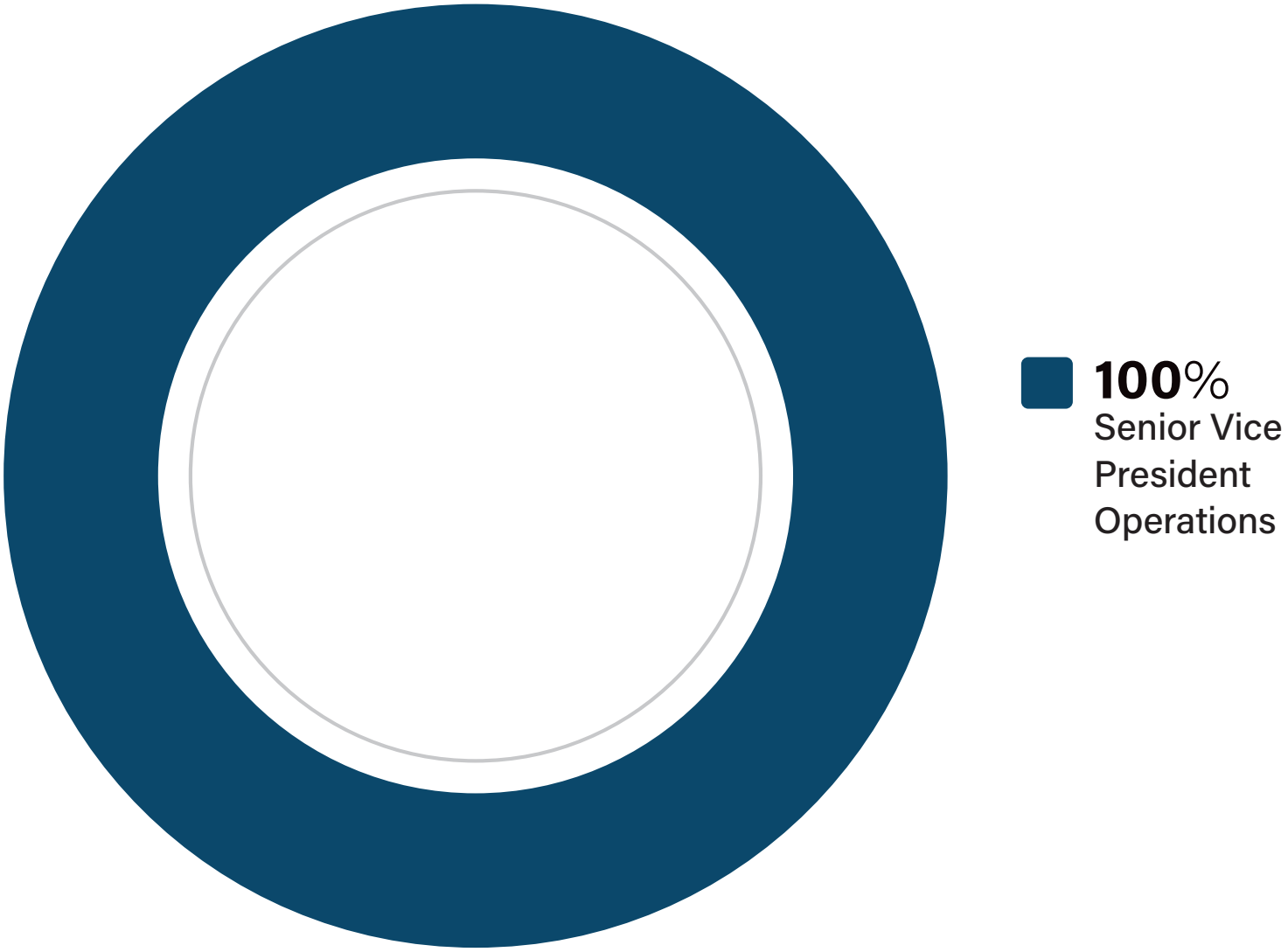
Where Security Lives - Education, Government, Entertainment

SECTORS

EDUCATION

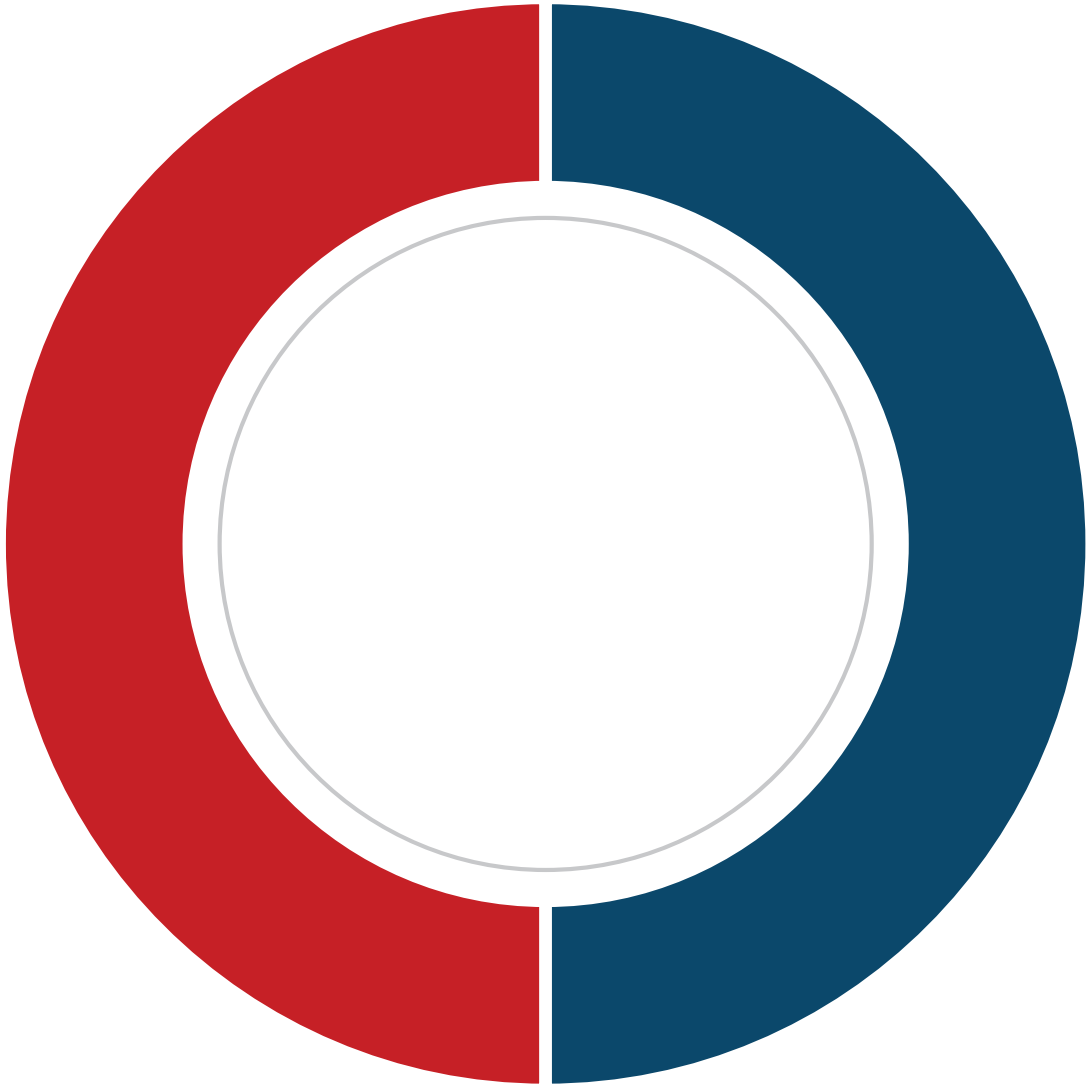
GOVERNMENT

ENTERTAINMENT



We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Education, Government, Entertainment sector, 100% of security teams reported to Senior Vice President Operations. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Structure of Security - Education, Government, Entertainment



50%
Centralized

50%
Decentralized

SECTORS

EDUCATION

GOVERNMENT

ENTERTAINMENT

In the Ecommerce & Retail sectors, 100% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization.
SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

SECTORS



EDUCATION



GOVERNMENT



ENTERTAINMENT



0%

0% of Education, Government, Entertainment security leaders reported being responsible for both physical security *and* cybersecurity.



43%

43% of Education, Government, Entertainment security leaders reported being responsible for both physical security *and* health & safety.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

Geographic Security Responsibility - Education, Government, Entertainment



100%
North America

SECTORS

EDUCATION

GOVERNMENT

ENTERTAINMENT

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 2026.*

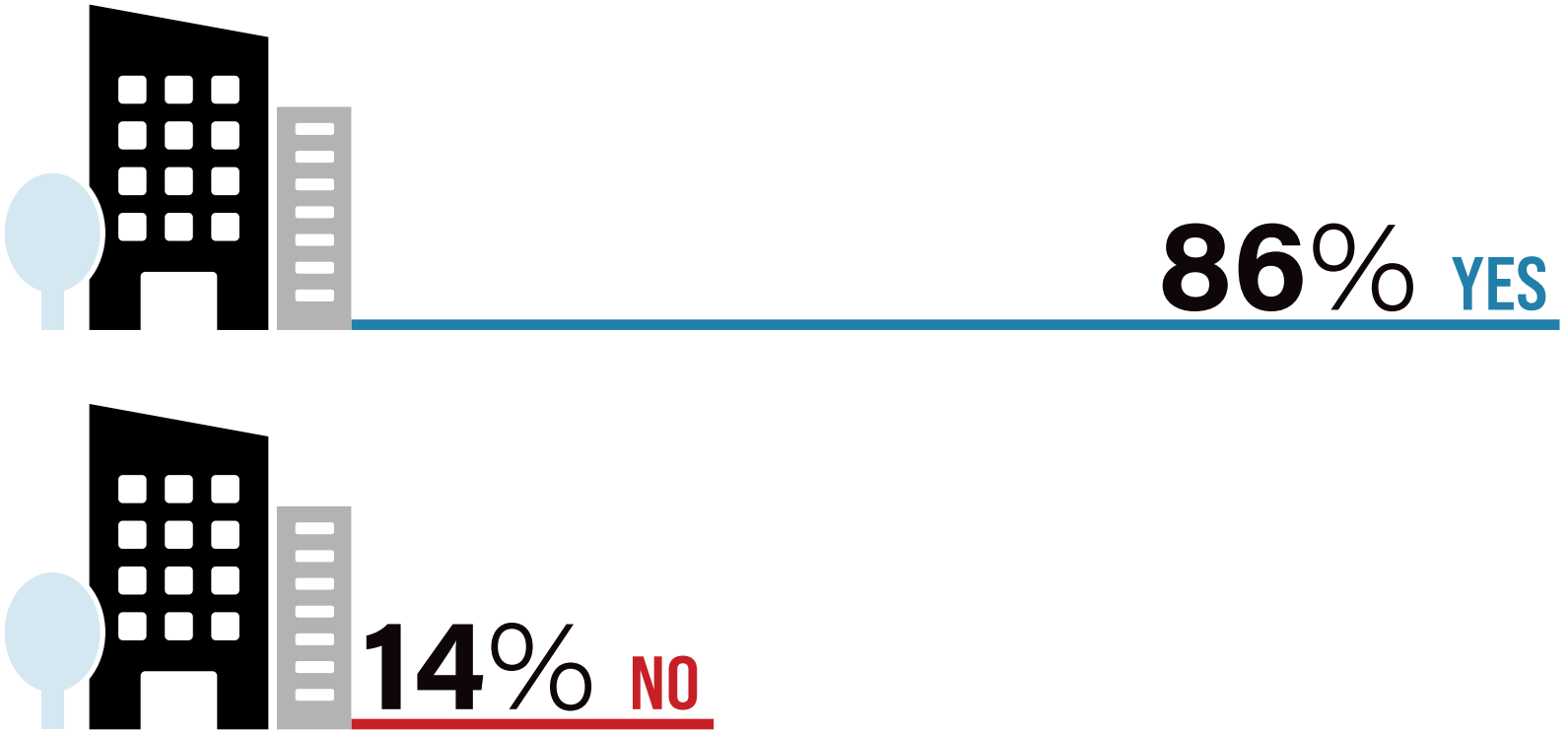
Do Education, Government, Entertainment Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?

SECTORS

EDUCATION

GOVERNMENT

ENTERTAINMENT



Within the Education, Government, Entertainment sector, 86% 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 2026*

13

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

36

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

SECTORS

EDUCATION

GOVERNMENT

ENTERTAINMENT

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, Government, Entertainment sector is reported here. Outliers or information that appeared to be inaccurately reported were excluded from the calculation. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECTOR REPORTS / HEALTHCARE

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

SECTORS

HEALTHCARE

Security Budget as a Percent of Revenue — Healthcare



0.14%

Among the Healthcare sector, the average security budget as a percent of total revenue was 0.14%.

Among The Security Benchmark Report respondents choosing Healthcare as their primary market sector, .14% 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 2026.*

Security Budget 2026 vs. 2025 - Healthcare



100%
Increased

SECTORS

HEALTHCARE

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Healthcare sector were asked whether their 2026 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2025. One hundred percent of respondents this year reported an increase in security budget, which was an 8.11% increase on average. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECTORS



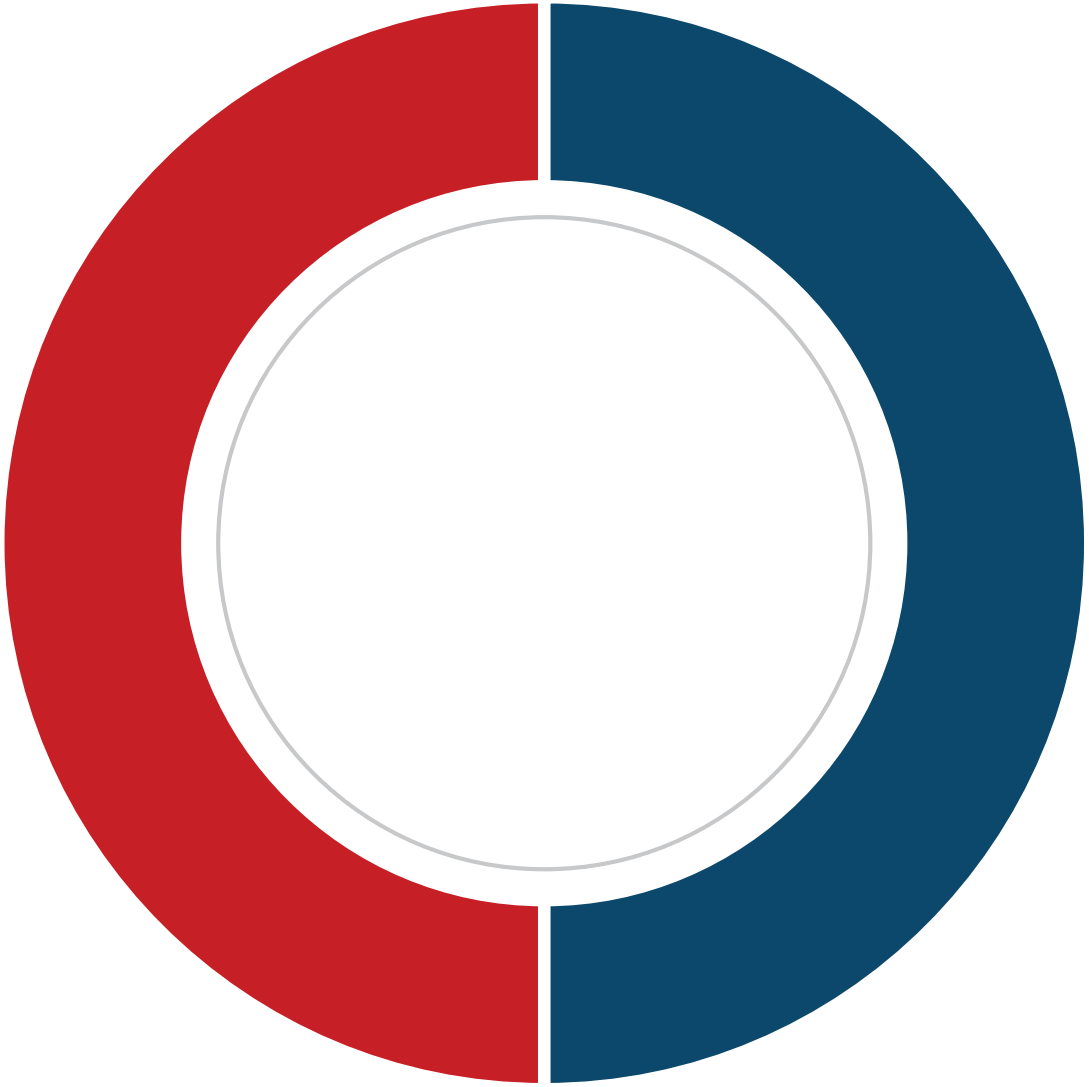
HEALTHCARE

10 Responsibilities Owned by Healthcare 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.	Security Audits / Surveys / Assessments
6.	COVID-19 Response
7.	Emergency Response and Planning
8.	Hate Crimes / Terrorism / Extremism
9.	Investigations
10.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies

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 2026.*

Where Security Live - Healthcare



50%
CEO / President / Owner / Executive Director

50%
COO / Operations

SECTORS

HEALTHCARE

We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Healthcare sector, 50% of security functions reported to or resided within CEO / President / Owner / Executive Director and 50% reported or resided within COO / Operations. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Structure of Security - Healthcare

SECTORS

HEALTHCARE



75% Centralized

25% Regional

0% Decentralized

In the Healthcare sector, 75% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECTORS



HEALTHCARE

25%

25% of Healthcare security leaders reported being responsible for both physical security *and* cybersecurity.

75%

75% of Healthcare security leaders reported being responsible for both physical security *and* health & safety.

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

Geographic Security Responsibility - Healthcare

SECTORS

HEALTHCARE



100% North America

25% Asia

25% Europe

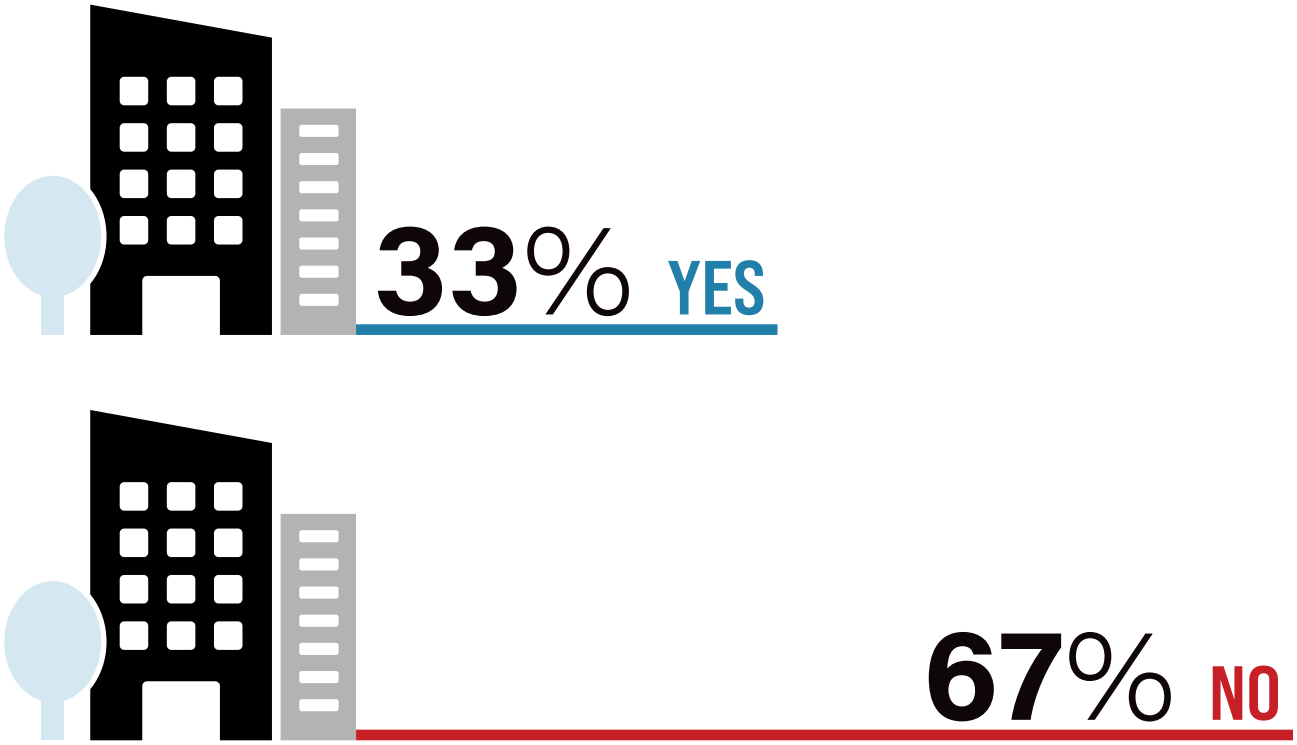
25% South America

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 2026.*

Do Healthcare Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?

SECTORS

HEALTHCARE



Within the Healthcare sector, 33% 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 2026*

SECTORS

HEALTHCARE

131.5

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

161

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 2026.*

SECTOR REPORTS / UTILITIES

This sector includes those organizations reporting oil & gas, water, waste management & equipment, renewable or clean energy, electric, gas, nuclear, wind, or environmental services as their primary market sector of business.

18 Responsibilities Owned by Utilities Security Teams

1.	Aligning Security with the Business	**10.**	Parking & Transportation Security
2.	Asset Protection / Facilities Protection	**11.**	Security Operations Center Management
3.	Civil Unrest / Targeted Protests	**12.**	Security Audits / Surveys / Assessments
4.	Corporate Aviation Security	**13.**	Security as a Competitive Advantage
5.	Duty of Care / Traveler Protection & Support / Executive Protection	**14.**	Security Contract Management: Guards / Technology Integrators / Contract Employees
6.	Event Security	**15.**	Security Staff Development & Training
7.	Hate Crimes / Terrorism / Extremism	**16.**	Security Strategy
8.	Investigations	**17.**	Security Technology & Integration
9.	Liaison with Public-Sector Law Enforcement Agencies	**18.**	Workplace Violence / Threat Management / Active Shooter Prevention

The Security Benchmark Report participants within the Utilities 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 2026.*

Security Budget 2026 vs. 2025 - Utilities

SECTORS

UTILITIES



50% Increased

0% Stayed the same

50% Decreased

The Security Benchmark Report respondents in the Utilities sector were asked whether their 2026 security budgets Increased, Decreased or Stayed the same over 2025. There was an even split among respondents who reported a decrease or increase in security budget over last year. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Where Security Lives - Utilities



33.3%
COO

33.3%
CIO / Information Technology

33.3%
Other

SECTORS

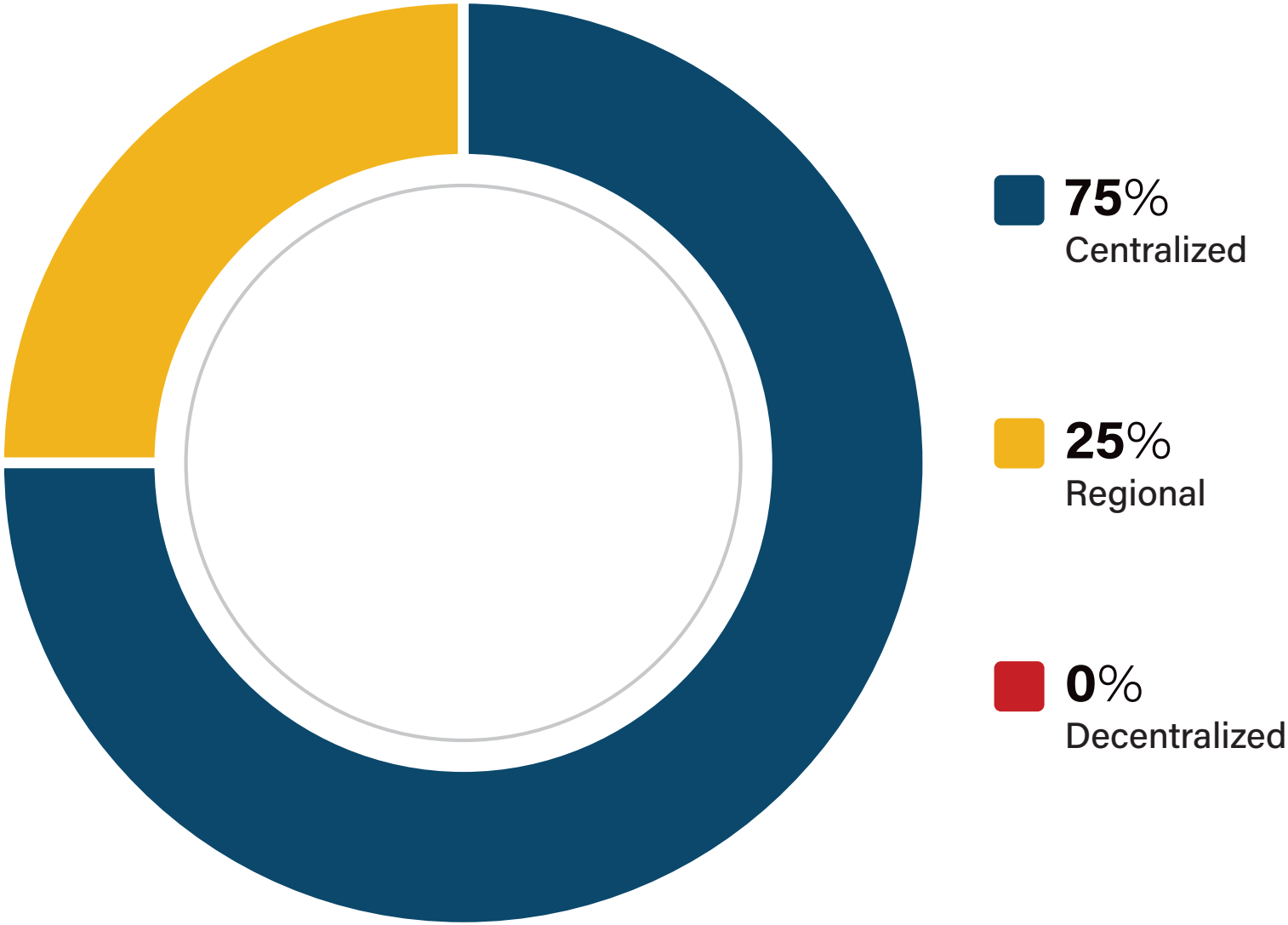
UTILITIES

We asked The Security Benchmark Report respondents which function their security organization reports to or resides within. Within the Utilities sector, the majority of security functions reported to or resided within Human Resources or Finance. Those who reported as Other listed Senior Vice President, Shared Services. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

Structure of Security - Utilities

SECTORS

UTILITIES



In the Utilities sector, 75% of The Security Benchmark Report respondents reported a Centralized structure of their security organization. *SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.*

SECTORS



UTILITIES

25%

25% of Utilities security leaders reported being responsible for both physical security *and* cybersecurity.

0%

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

SOURCE: The Security Benchmark Report, November 2026.

Geographic Security Responsibility - Utilities

SECTORS

UTILITIES



75% North America

50% Europe

25% Asia

25% South America

25% Africa

25% Oceania (including Australia)

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Do Utilities Organizations Have Security Operations Centers?

SECTORS

UTILITIES



100% YES

Within the Utilities sector, 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 2026*

SECTORS

UTILITIES

75

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

25

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

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THE 2026 SECURITY BENCHMARK REPORT — METHODOLOGY

Understanding the purpose, scope, and methodology of the annual report.

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

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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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