

# The Life and Times of Cybersecurity Professionals

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Cybersecurity professionals contend with persistent challenges such as rising cyberthreats, IT complexity, ubiquitous vulnerabilities, heavy workloads, and difficulties embedding cybersecurity into organizational processes and cultures. There is also a crisis in cybersecurity leadership, as organizations don't provide adequate support for their cybersecurity programs or the professionals tasked with executing them. Overall, CISOs are under immense pressure and urgently need to have a stronger voice at the highest levels of their organizations to advocate for necessary changes. TechTarget's Enterprise Strategy Group together with ISSA recently surveyed IT and cybersecurity professionals across the globe to gain insights into these trends.

Notable findings from this study include:



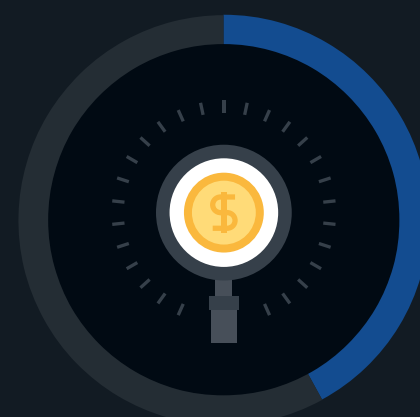
65%

of respondents claim that working as a cybersecurity professional **is more difficult than it was two years ago.**



72%

of respondents have had at least one job where their organizations didn't understand or fund cybersecurity well.



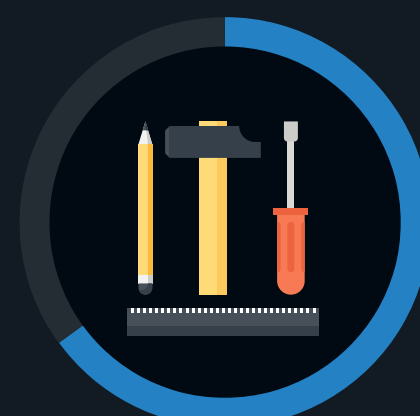
42%

of cybersecurity professionals surveyed believe their compensation packages are less than others with similar roles and responsibilities.



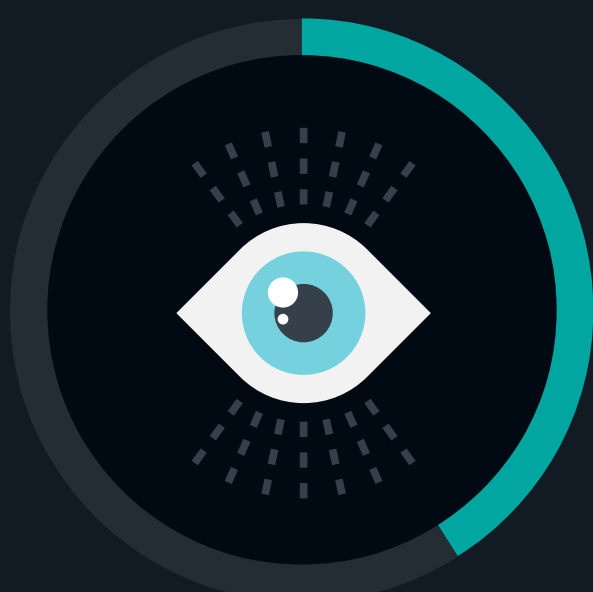
27%

of CISOs report directly to the CEO.



65%

of survey respondents claim that their organization has been impacted by the cybersecurity skills shortage.



41%

of respondents said making managers more accountable for cybersecurity performance would **improve the cybersecurity culture** at their organization.

For more from this Enterprise Strategy Group study, read the full research report, *The Life and Times of Cybersecurity Professionals Volume VII*.

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