

AI & ML Security Consumed RSAC 2026; Expect Emphasis on GRC and Incident Response to Surge for 2027

Key Takeaways

- At RSAC™ 2026, “AI & ML Security” took top billing for the first time, but in 2027, GRC will reclaim its crown among Senior Leaders
- Senior Leaders prioritize vetting new startups, and they’ll do so at least 10% more in 2027
- RSAC sees early signs of cyber insurance premium increases; negotiate now to avoid price hikes
- Tap Brazil for cybersecurity talent

For 35 years and counting, RSAC has served as a window into the cybersecurity community’s future. Here, we’ve summarized some of our most compelling analyses of 2026 and predictions for 2027:



In 2026, cloud security fell out of the community’s Top 10 for the first time since prior to 2022



In 2026, Senior Leaders at financial services firms focused more on the human side of cybersecurity than on “Hackers & Threats”



CISOs will contend with 4% cybersecurity premium increases in 2027



Senior Leaders will invest in cyber workforce development and leadership skills in 2027



In 2027, RSAC attendees will average more than eight exhibitor visits each



Brazil has sent the second-largest number of attendees to RSAC every year since 2023; we expect that to continue in 2027