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Big Budgets, Accelerating AI: Agents and Post-Quantum Drive the RSAC 2027 Agenda

Key Takeaways

- Security for AI claimed an unprecedented nearly 20% share of RSAC™ Call for Submissions (CFS) entries for 2027
- Cybersecurity has grown as a proportion of firms' technology budgets; the largest share of CISOs now claim between 6 and 8% of those budgets
- Post-quantum security's share of CFS proposals grew by more than 50% between 2026 and 2027, catapulting Cryptography back onto the RSAC Top 10 Topics list
- Fortune 1000 CISOs are staying put; 60% report no plans to change roles within the next 12 months

For 36 years and counting, RSAC has served as a window into the cybersecurity community's future. Here, we've summarized our most compelling insights into the state of cybersecurity and what lies ahead in 2027:

3%
of CISOs are not using AI for security use cases

Agentic AI is ubiquitous; it doubled its expert mindshare for RSAC 2027

45%
of Fortune 1000 CISOs already include post-quantum in their Board risk reporting

61%
of CISOs saw increases to their 2026 budgets over 2025

57%
of Fortune 1000 CISOs report to the CIO or CTO

Aspiring Fortune 1000 CISOs won't find many open roles in 2027: 60% of sitting Fortune 1000 CISOs have no plans to change jobs in the next 12 months

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