

RSAC Cybersecurity Insights & Futures, Volume 3: Executive Summary

For 2025-2026, Identity and Data Protection Are
CISOs' Top Areas for Increased Investment



For 34 years, RSAC has served as a window into cybersecurity's future. Here, we've summarized some of our most compelling insights from our CISO communities and our recommendations for cybersecurity leaders and technology providers.¹



67% of CISOs at mid-sized firms had 6-month team **turnover of less than 5%**. Expect that to change in 2027



76% of mid-sized firm CISOs saw increases in **budget** from 2024 to 2025

57% of Fortune 1000 CISOs present to a **Committee of their Board** at least quarterly

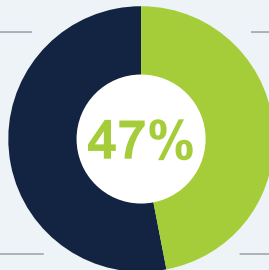


32% of Fortune 1000 CISOs choose **identity** as their number one investment priority, and AI-improved identity governance and passwordless authentication top their shopping lists

60%

of CISOs report to either the CIO or the CTO

60% of Fortune 1000 CISOs say the **stress** of their jobs negatively affects their **mental or physical health**



Get indemnified now if you're one of the 47% of CISOs of mid-sized firms who isn't protected from personal liability for breaches (including in Europe!)

¹ In Q2 2025, RSAC surveyed two groups of CISOs for an internal research study: 1) CISOs from Fortune 1000 companies; and 2) CISOs from organizations with 500 or more employees (here, mid-sized firms). All data points are drawn from that study. Figures described here as "X% of CISOs" include both groups.

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