

# CISO Security Priorities Model

Initial Report from Security Priorities Model Outlines Top CISO Priorities for 2022 across Companies of all Sizes & Sectors

Forgepoint Capital surveyed more than 100 CISOs from large enterprises and SMBs across the financial services, software, healthcare, and professional services industries, with the goal of answering three key questions:

**1** What are your organization's top security-related priorities in 2022?

**2** Which controls along the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) cybersecurity framework are you working on in 2022?

**3** Which areas of control are you focused on in 2022?

CISO respondents (n=102) revealed unique differences on all dimensions including **vertical, company size** and **cloud migration status**.

## Key Findings

### 01 Size Matters

Top two priorities by number of employees:



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- Cloud/digital/business transformation
- Incident response



1K-10K

- Cloud/digital/business transformation
- Incident response



50-1K

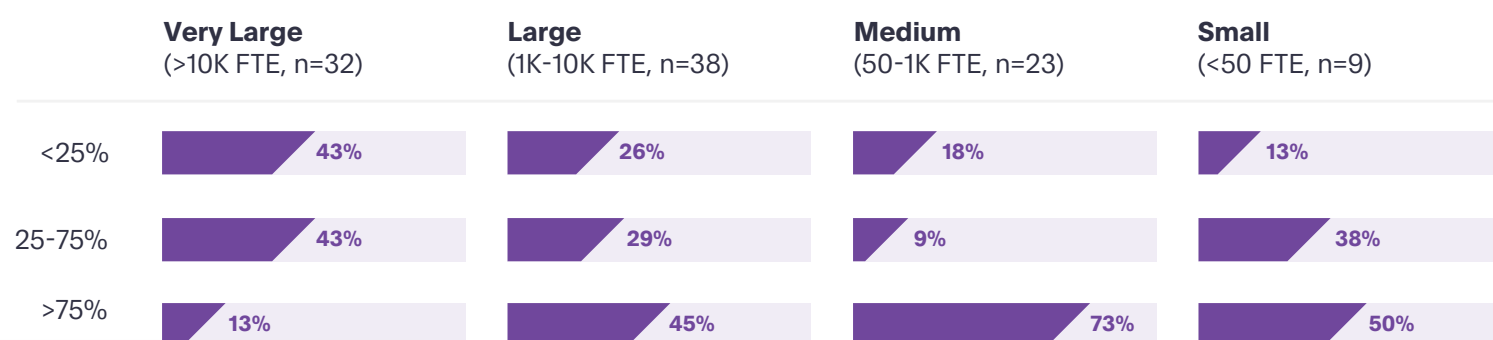
- Security hygiene
- Software supply chain and vendor risk



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- Talent development
- Social engineering awareness

### 02 Cloud Migration Drives Priorities



This is where we saw the biggest differences depending on org size.

**Very large companies typically have more customized architecture and require an exponential lift in their digital transformation journey.** Meanwhile, small and medium companies have a higher proportion of workloads on SaaS apps, which drives differing priorities around incident response as well.

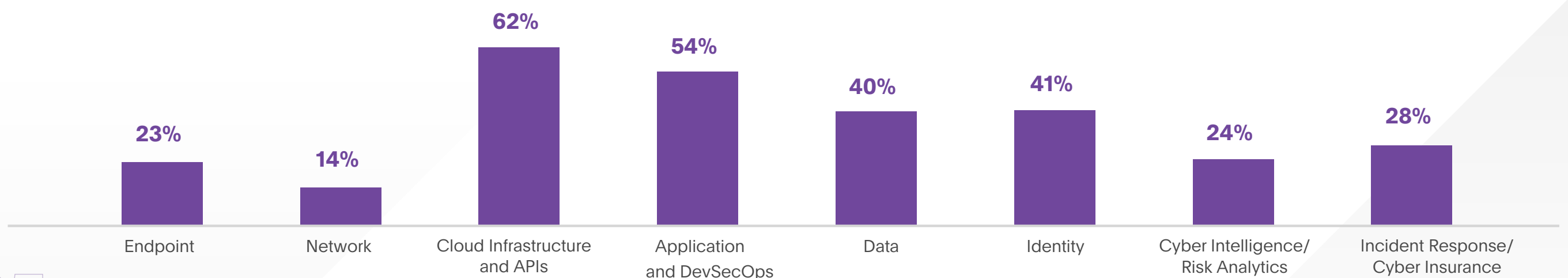
### 03 ROI Dictates Security Prioritization

All prioritize areas with the highest return on investment (ROI) relative to them. For example, **50% of professional services companies marked security hygiene as an essential focus, but healthcare professionals prioritize the software supply chain and third-party vendor risk**, such connected medical device security, given its bigger tie to ROI in their field.

*CISOs focus on things we can make progress in. Some things are hard to make progress in due to dependencies on others, so CISOs prioritize items that are within their control and have the ability to move quickly.*

- CISO of a Large Software Company

### 04 "New" vs. "Traditional" Areas of Control



### 05 Organizations and Vendors Share Focus on Key NIST Functions

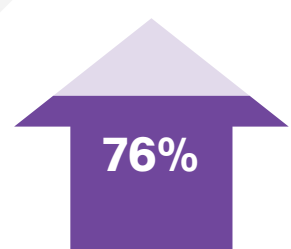
The three most popular functions as defined by the NIST cybersecurity framework were:



*A lot of the innovation doesn't fit into a normal defined category. We're in a fascinating transitional period with respect to our security architecture and the types of tools that we use.*

- CISO of a Medium-sized Professional Services Company

### 06 Increasing Security Budgets in 2022



**Three quarters** of CISO survey respondents said they expect security budgets to increase this year.