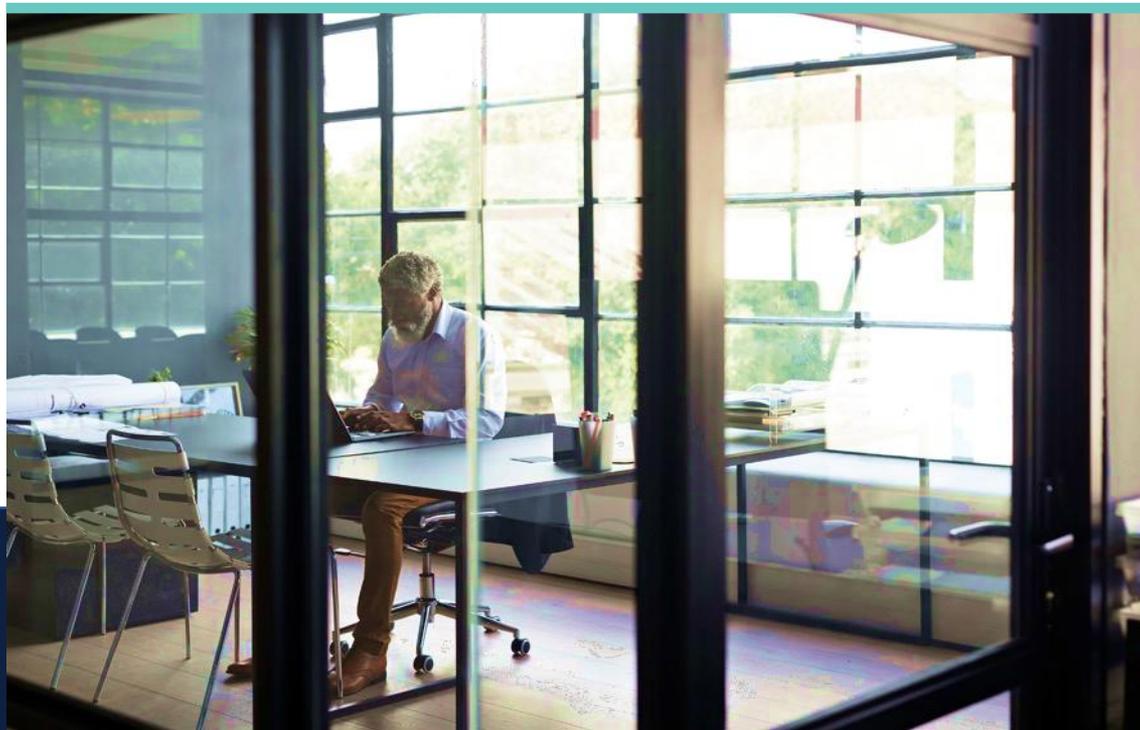


CYBERSECURITY & NETWORKING PRIORITIES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

SUMMARY RESULTS



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Protecting against cyber threats like malware, phishing attacks, DDoS, or ransomware is job one for security leaders in all industries. To that end, 71% of those taking this survey are exploring ways to defend their growing threat landscape against evolving attack types. While VPNs are omnipresent around the world, alternative access gateways are supplementing security. What are security leaders thinking about changing to update and improve their defenses?

WHO DID WE SURVEY?



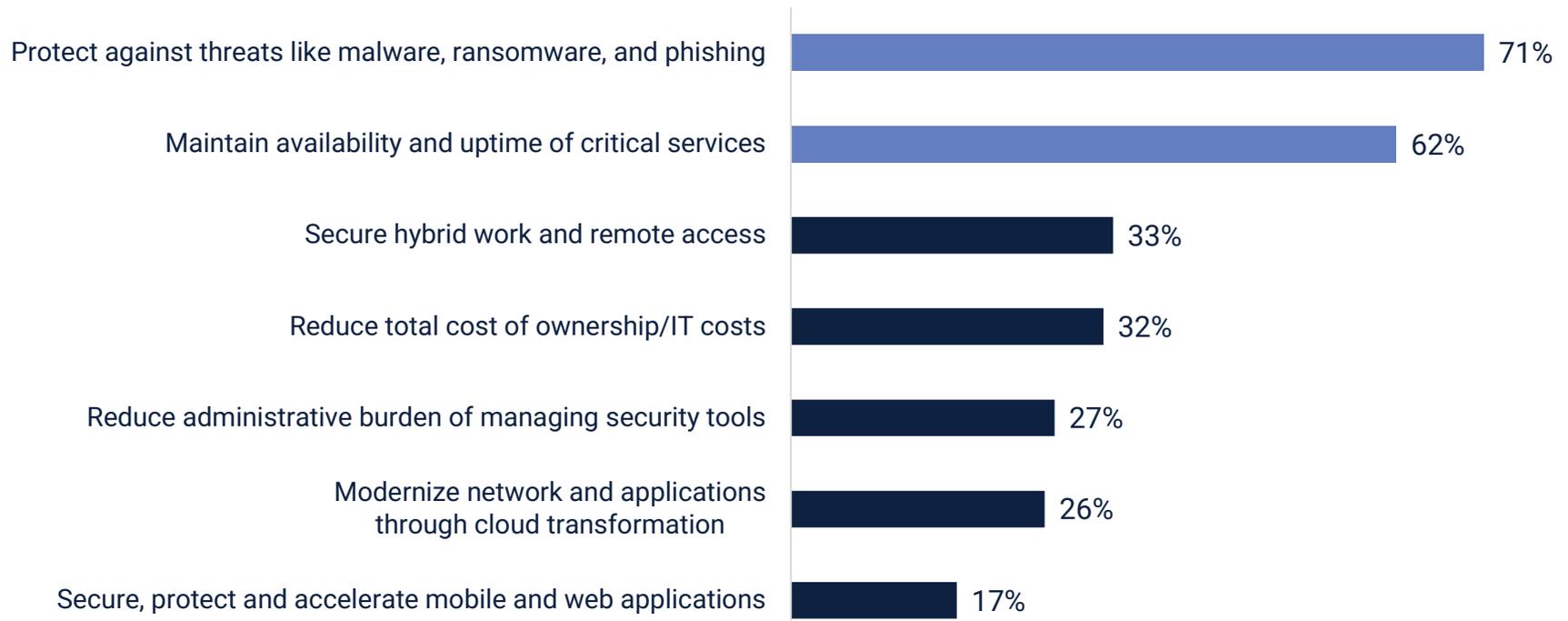
Between January and May 2024, Gatepoint Research invited selected executives to participate in a survey themed *Cybersecurity & Networking Priorities in the Public Sector*.

Candidates from several industries were invited via email and 331 executives have participated to date.

Management levels represented are all senior decision-makers: 53% hold the title CxO or are VPs, 35% are directors, and 12% are senior or department managers.

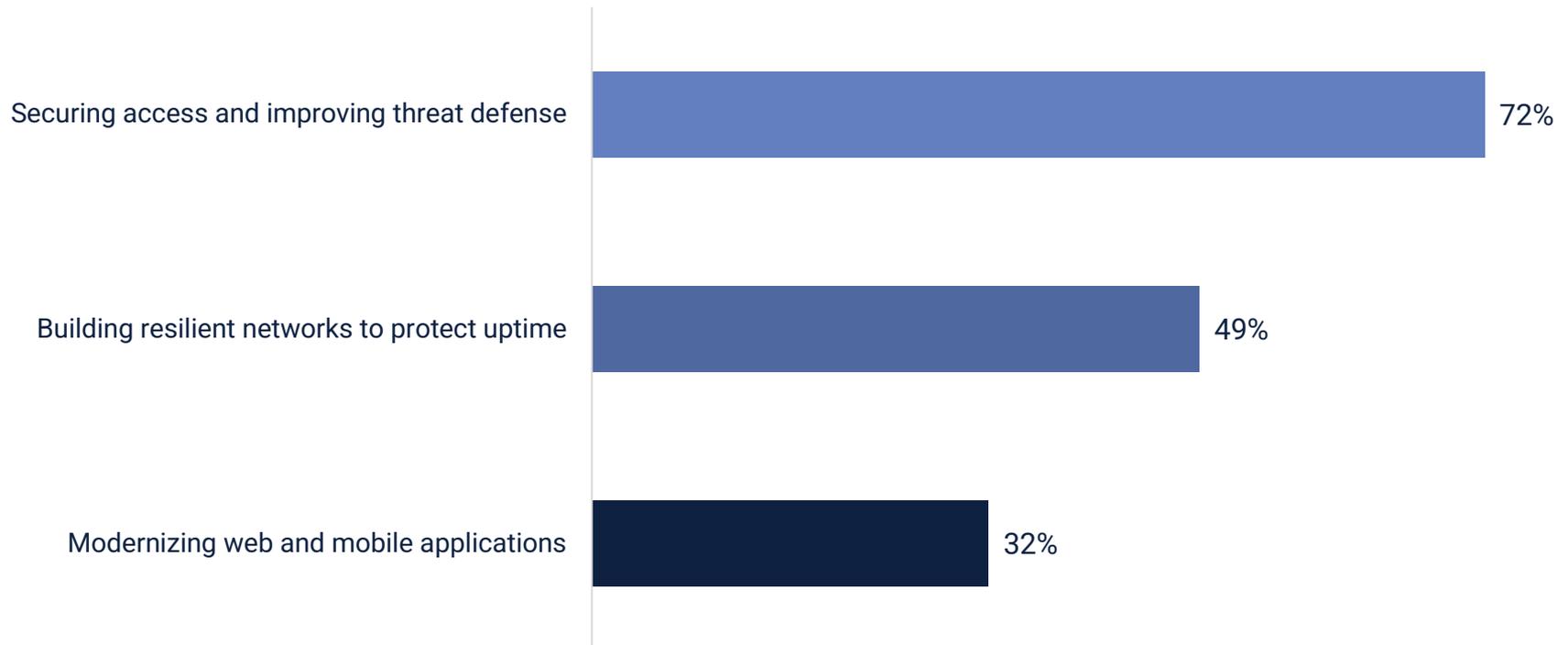
100% of responders participated voluntarily; none were engaged using telemarketing.

What are your top priorities in the next year to 18 months?



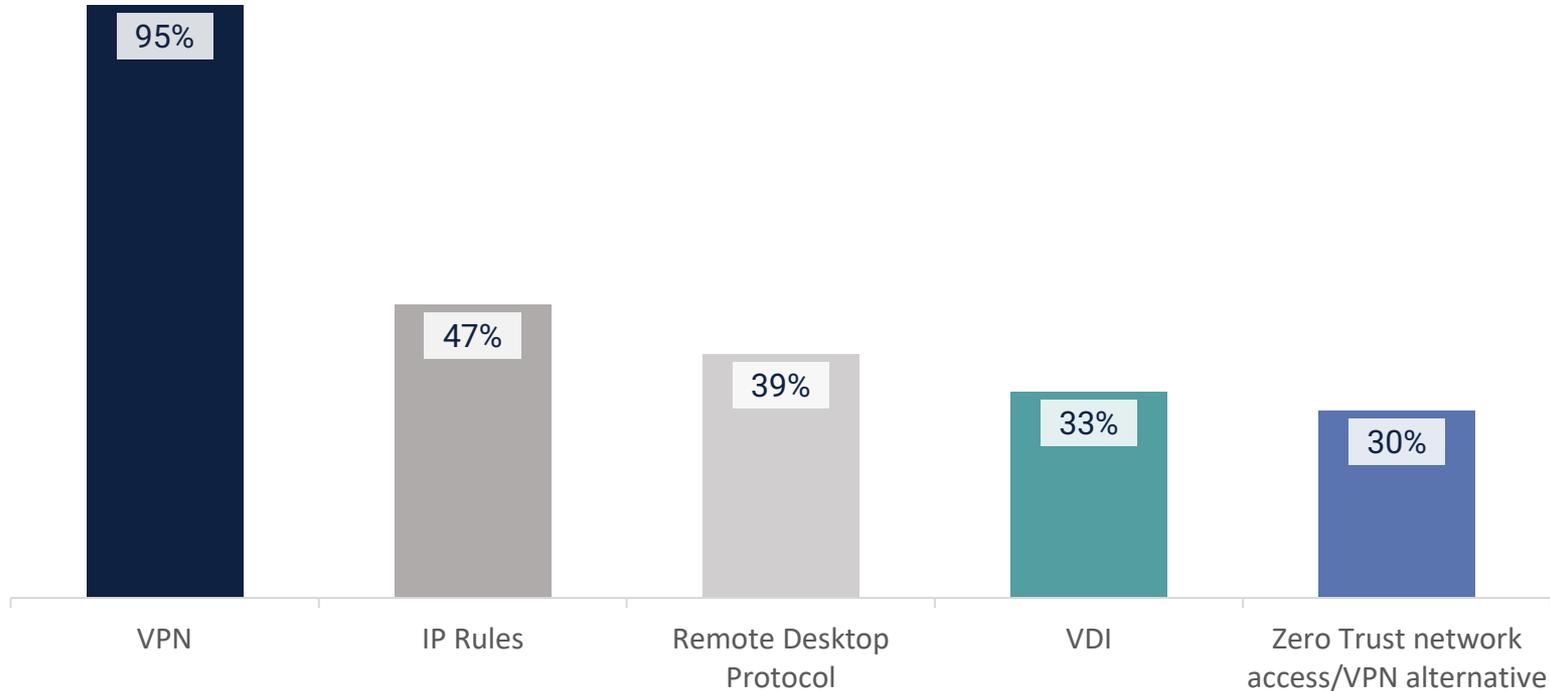
Respondents' top priority supports the second most important. Cyber threat protection is essential to keeping critical services up and running.

Is your team exploring any of the following in the next 12 months?



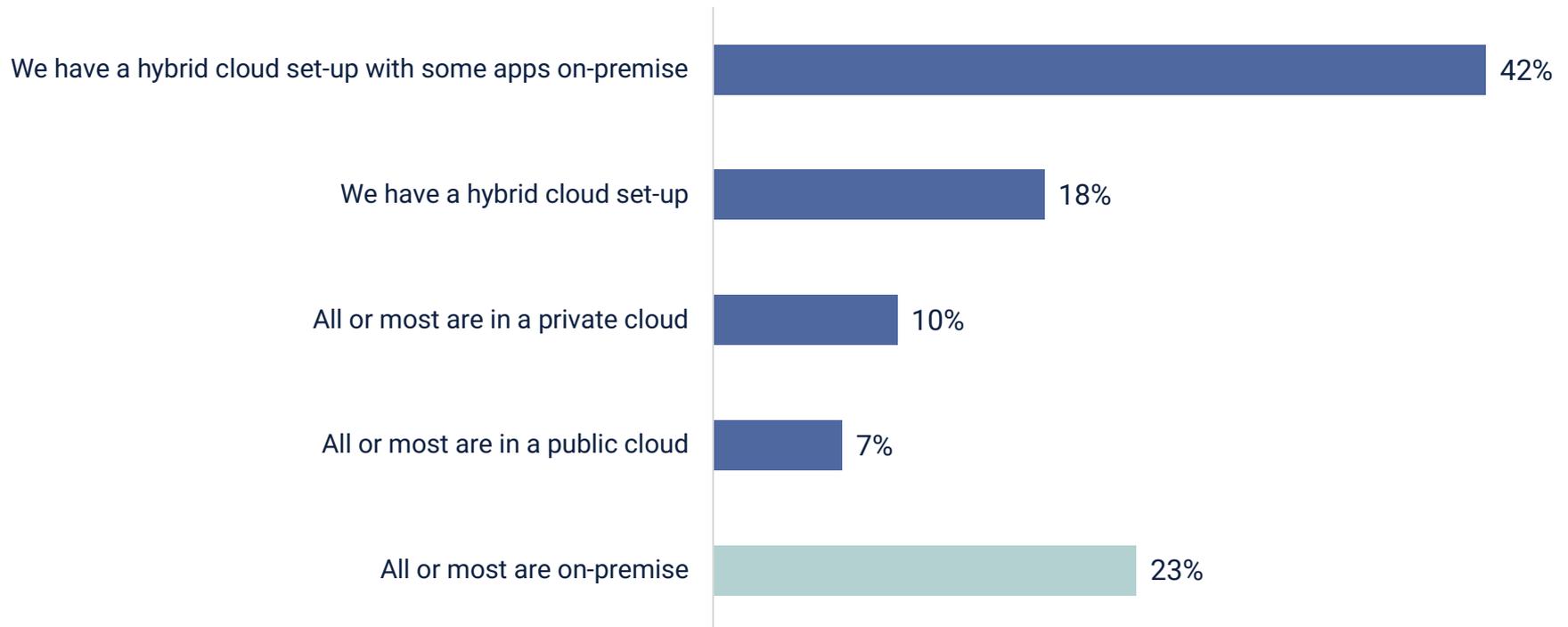
IT security leaders are continuously tightening their web of protection against evolving cyber threats across a growing threat landscape. Almost three fourths of those surveyed are actively exploring improvements to their defense technology.

How does your organization secure user access to applications today?



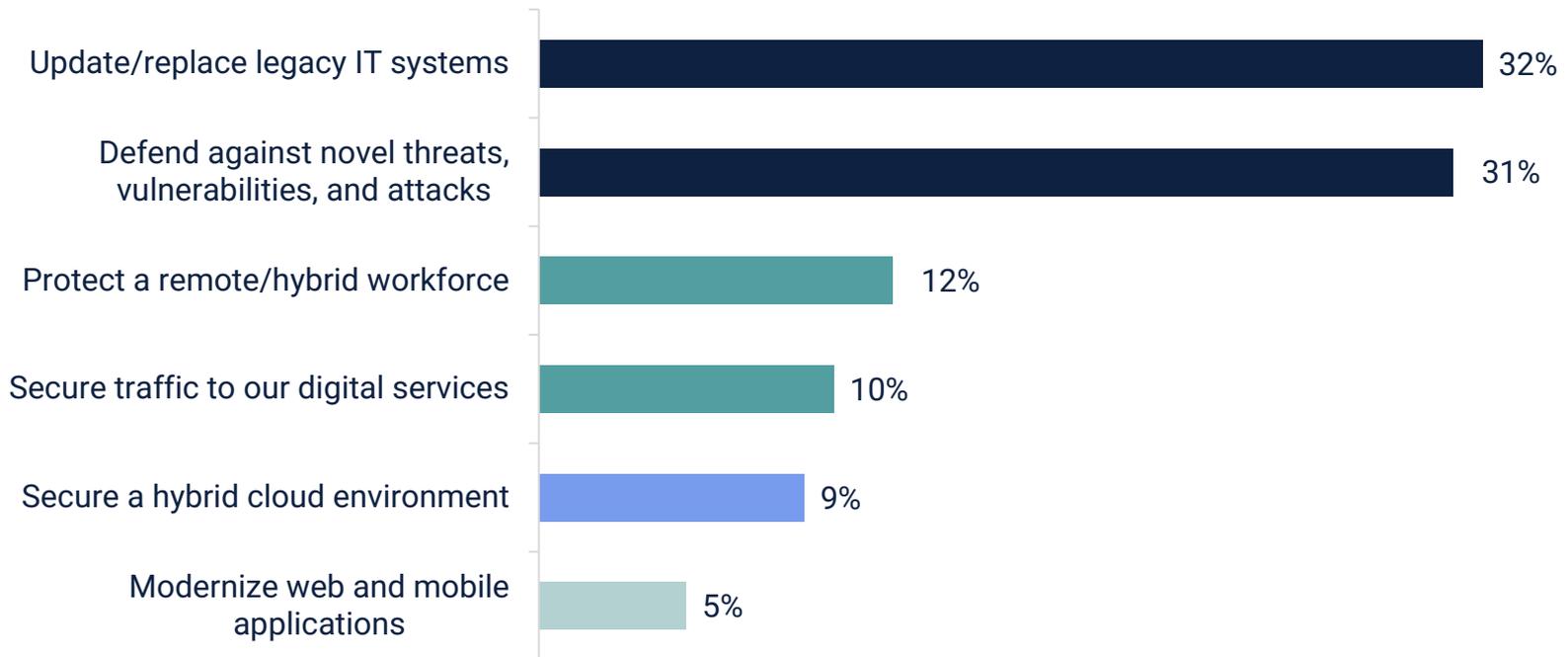
VPNs are ubiquitous in network access designs. Other less common access gateways include IP rules, which 47% have in place, RDP (39%), VDIs (33%), and ZTNA (30%).

Where do you manage your applications?



With the exception of some apps on premise, most respondents have migrated their applications to a hybrid, private, or public cloud. It's becoming rare to manage all apps on premise.

What is the first action you would take to address future security risk?

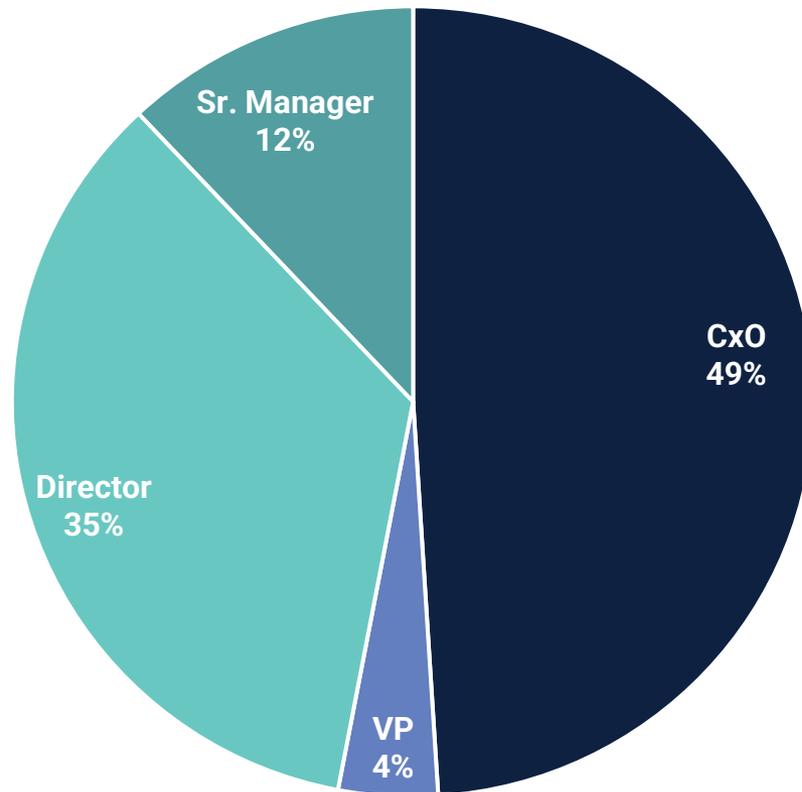


63% of respondents are split on the first action they would take to secure their system: 32% would upgrade or forklift all the outdated/legacy systems, while 31% are putting cyber defense first. Other actions, such as protecting the remote workforce, are favored as a priority by 12% or less.

JOB LEVEL



88% of respondents to this survey hold executive or director-level positions in their organization.



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