



## Emerging trends, threats and strategies for today's security leaders



The job of a chief information security officer (CISO) isn't what it used to be — in fact, 86% of CISOs say their role has changed so much since they started, it's almost a different job.

More CISOs are emerging as cybersecurity strategists and leaders, participating in board level committees and growing their influence within corporate power centers. But CISOs also must continue thwarting complex threats and building their organizations' digital defenses. CISOs may enjoy elevated status, but they shoulder more business risk and work harder to justify security investments.

Our study of 350+ senior security executives revealed the issues consuming their attention and opportunities they see ahead. Some of the top findings include:

- 70% believe AI advantages attackers more than defenders, yet 35% are already experimenting with it for cyber defense
- 47% now report directly to the CEO. Boards are becoming more active security stakeholders.
- 83% paid attackers in the wake of a ransomware attack, whether directly, via cyber insurance or with a negotiator.

Read the research report to learn how CISOs are addressing the latest threats, keeping up with AI and changing the security culture in their organization.