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## **State of Cybersecurity 2022: From the Great Resignation to Global Threats**

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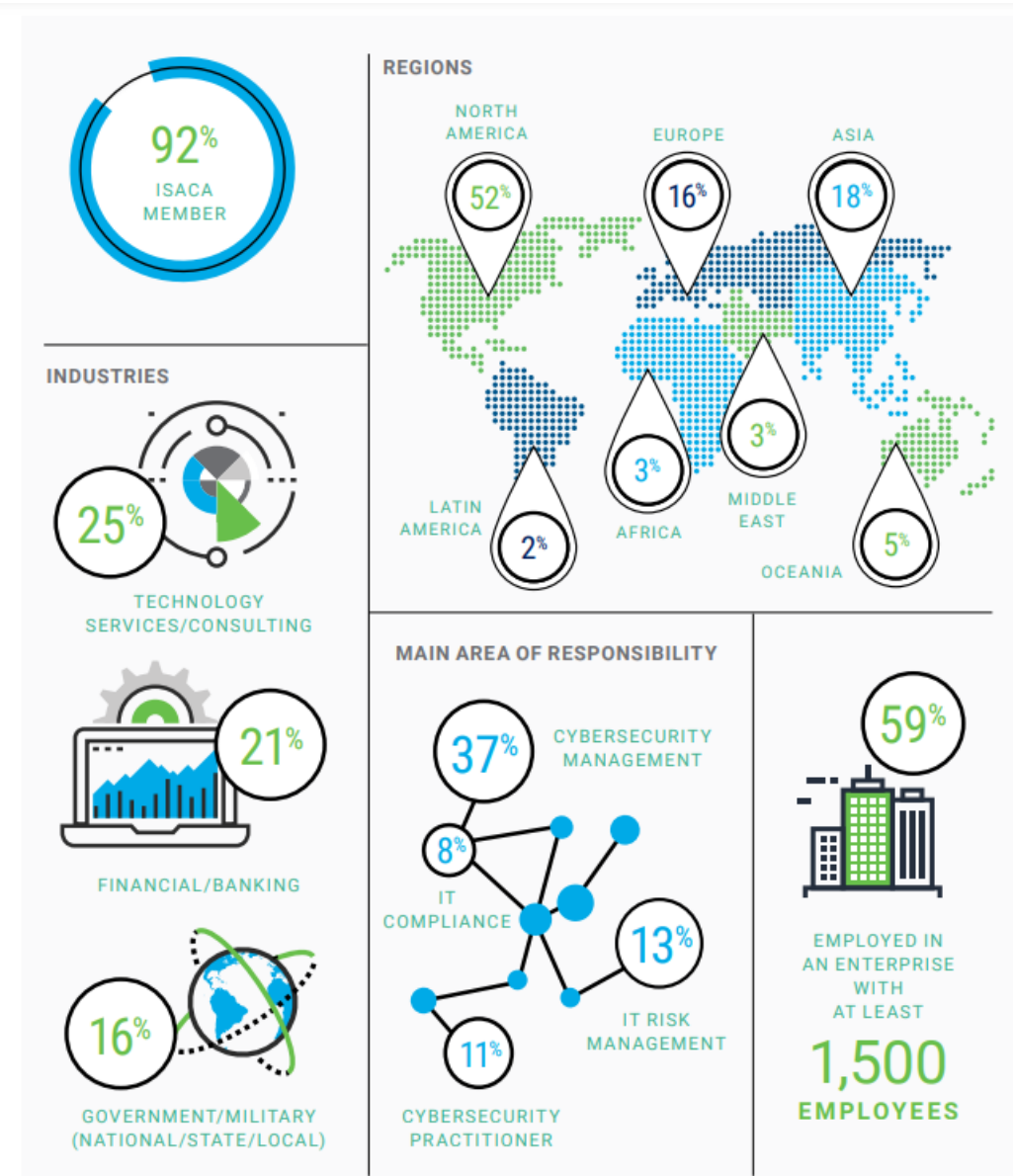
# Cyber Workforce Challenges

**Research findings from ISACA's State of  
Cybersecurity 2022 report**





# About ISACA's State of Cybersecurity 2022 Research



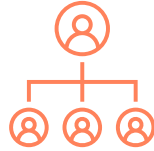
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# Unfilled Positions, Understaffed Teams



63%

Have unfilled  
cybersecurity  
positions  
*(up 8 points from 2021)*



52%

Require a university  
degree for entry-  
level positions  
*(down 6 points from 2021)*



62%

Report that their  
cyber teams are  
understaffed  
*(up 1 point from 2021)*



**One in five** say it takes  
more than six months to  
find **qualified**  
cybersecurity candidates  
for open positions  
*(no change from 2021)*

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# What Does “Qualified” Mean?

73%

Prior hands-on  
cybersecurity  
experience

*(down 1 point from 2021)*



25%

Hands-on  
training

*(no change from 2021)*



36%

Credentials

*(down 1 point from 2021)*



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# Why Are Cyber Professionals Leaving?

59%

Recruited by another company

*(up 1 point from 2021)*



45%

High stress levels

*(up 3 points from 2021)*



48%

Poor financial incentives

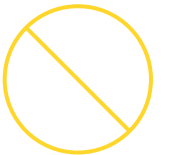
*(up 3 points from 2021)*



34%

Lack of management support

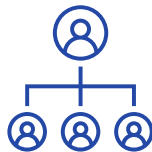
*(down 3 points from 2021)*



47%

Limited promotion and development opportunities

*(no change from 2021)*



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# Top 5 Skills Gaps

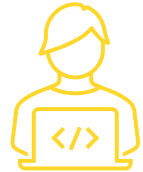
54%

Soft skills  
*communication, leadership,  
flexibility – (down 2 points  
from 2021)*



33%

Coding skills  
*(up 2 points from 2021)*



52%

Cloud computing  
*(new in 2022)*



30%

Software  
development topics  
*(down 3 points from 2021)*



34%

Security controls  
*(down 2 points from 2021)*




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# Top 5 Most Important Security Skills


## *New data for 2022 survey*




**52%** Cloud computing 

**43%** Incident response 

**47%** Data protection 

**36%** DevSecOps 

**46%** Identity and Access Management 

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# Top 5 Most Important Soft Skills

## *New data for 2022 survey*



57%

Communication  
*listening, speaking skills*



44%

Teamwork  
*collaboration, cooperation*



56%

Critical thinking



38%

Attention to detail



49%

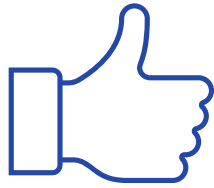
Problem solving



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## Least Important Soft Skills (?!)

**13%** Empathy



**16%** Honesty



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# Decreasing Technical Skills Gaps

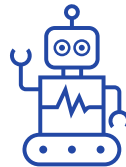
**45%** Training non-security staff to move into new roles  
*(up 2 points from 2021)*



**42%** Contractors & consultants  
*(up 5 points from 2021)*



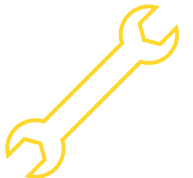
**25%** AI & automation  
*(up 3 points from 2021)*



**22%** Performance-based training  
*(no change from 2021)*



**21%** Reskilling  
*(down 2 points from 2021)*



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# Decreasing Soft Skills Gaps


## *New data for 2022 survey*



**55%** Online learning 

**45%** Mentoring 

**42%** Corporate training 

**42%** Tuition reimbursement 

**17%** Nothing 

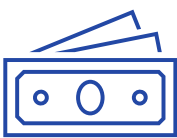
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# Cybersecurity Budgets

42%

My cybersecurity budget is  
appropriately funded  
*(up 5 points from 2021)*



55%

I expect my  
cybersecurity budget  
to increase next year  
*(up 3 points from 2021)*



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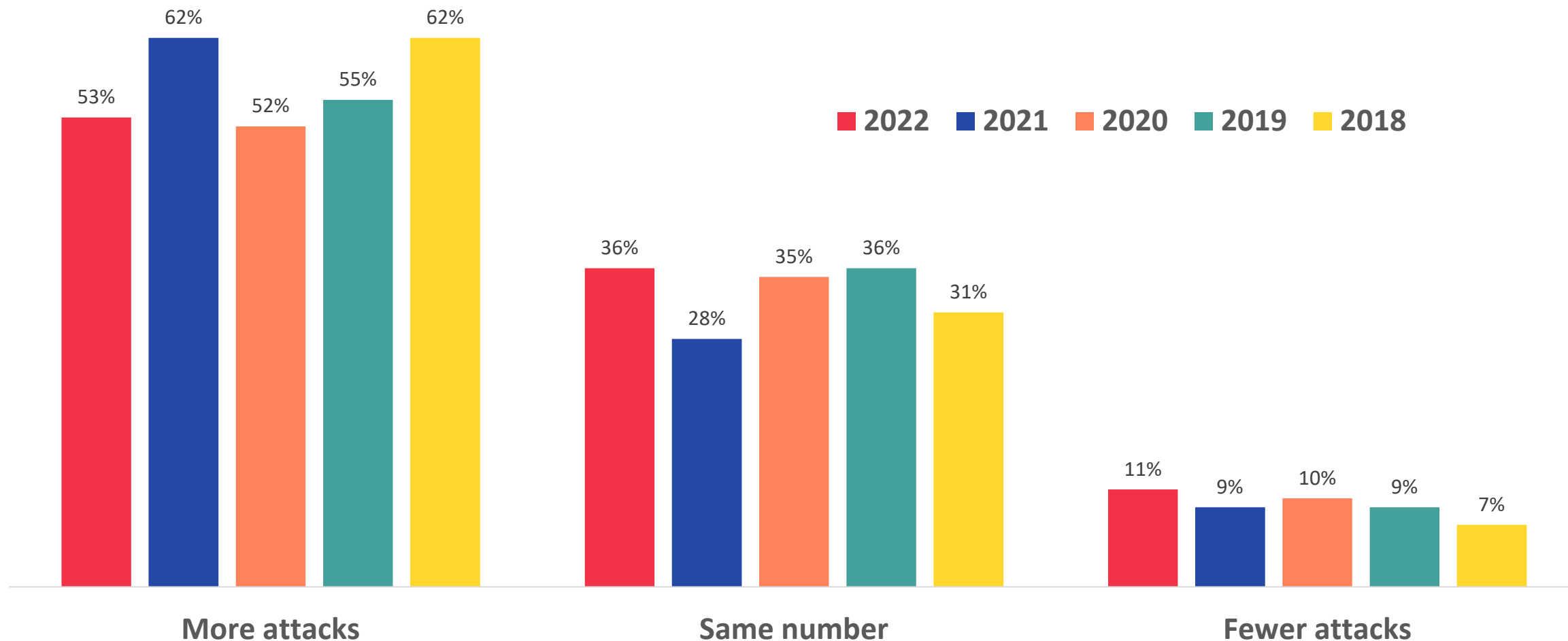
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# Cyber Threat Landscape

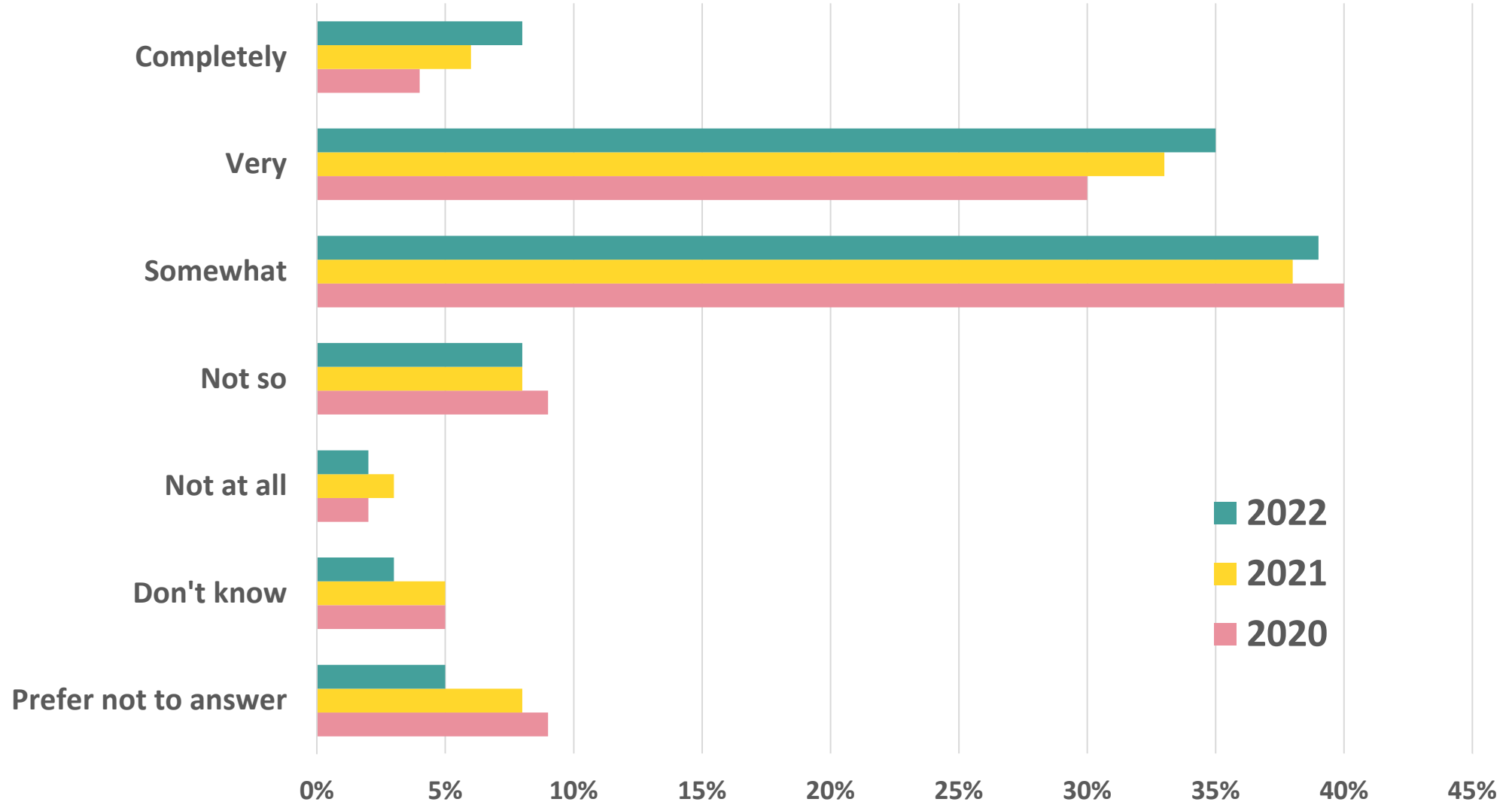
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# Year-Over-Year Comparison of Cyber Attack Reporting

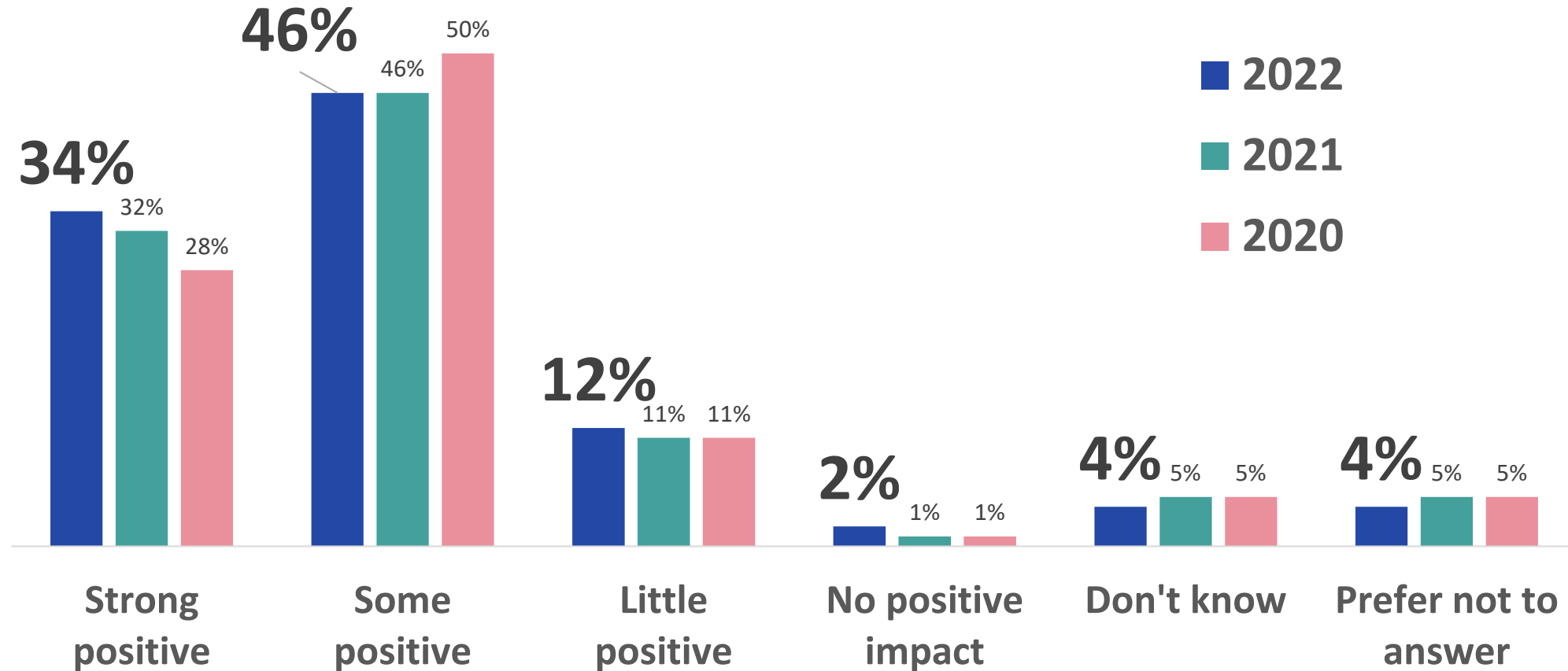


# How confident are you in your cyber team's ability to detect and respond to threats?



# What impact has cyber awareness training had at your organization?


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# Top 5 Organizational Cybersecurity Concerns


**79%** Organization's reputation  
*(down 1 point from 2021)*




**33%** Loss of trade secrets  
*(up 1 point from 2021)*



**70%** Customer harm from data breach  
*(up 1 point from 2021)*



**30%** Organization's stock price, finances  
*(up 2 points from 2021)*



**49%** Supply chain attack, business disruption  
*(down 5 points from 2021)*



**New ISACA research:**  
[www.isaca.org/supply-chain-security](https://www.isaca.org/supply-chain-security)

# Top 5 Threat Actors That Impacted Your Organization in the Last Year



25%

Cybercriminals  
*(up 2 points from 2021)*



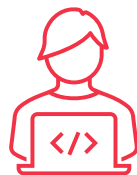
11%

Nation/state  
*(up 2 points from 2021)*



18%

Hackers  
*(up 1 point from 2021)*



11%

Malicious insiders  
*(up 1 point from 2021)*



8%

Non-malicious  
insiders  
*(no change from 2021)*



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# Top 5 Attack Types That Impacted Your Organization in the Last Year



13%

Social engineering  
*(down 1 point from 2021)*



10%

Ransomware  
*(up 1 point from 2021)*



12%

Advanced Persistent Threats  
*(up 2 points from 2021)*



10%

Security misconfiguration  
*(up 2 points from 2021)*



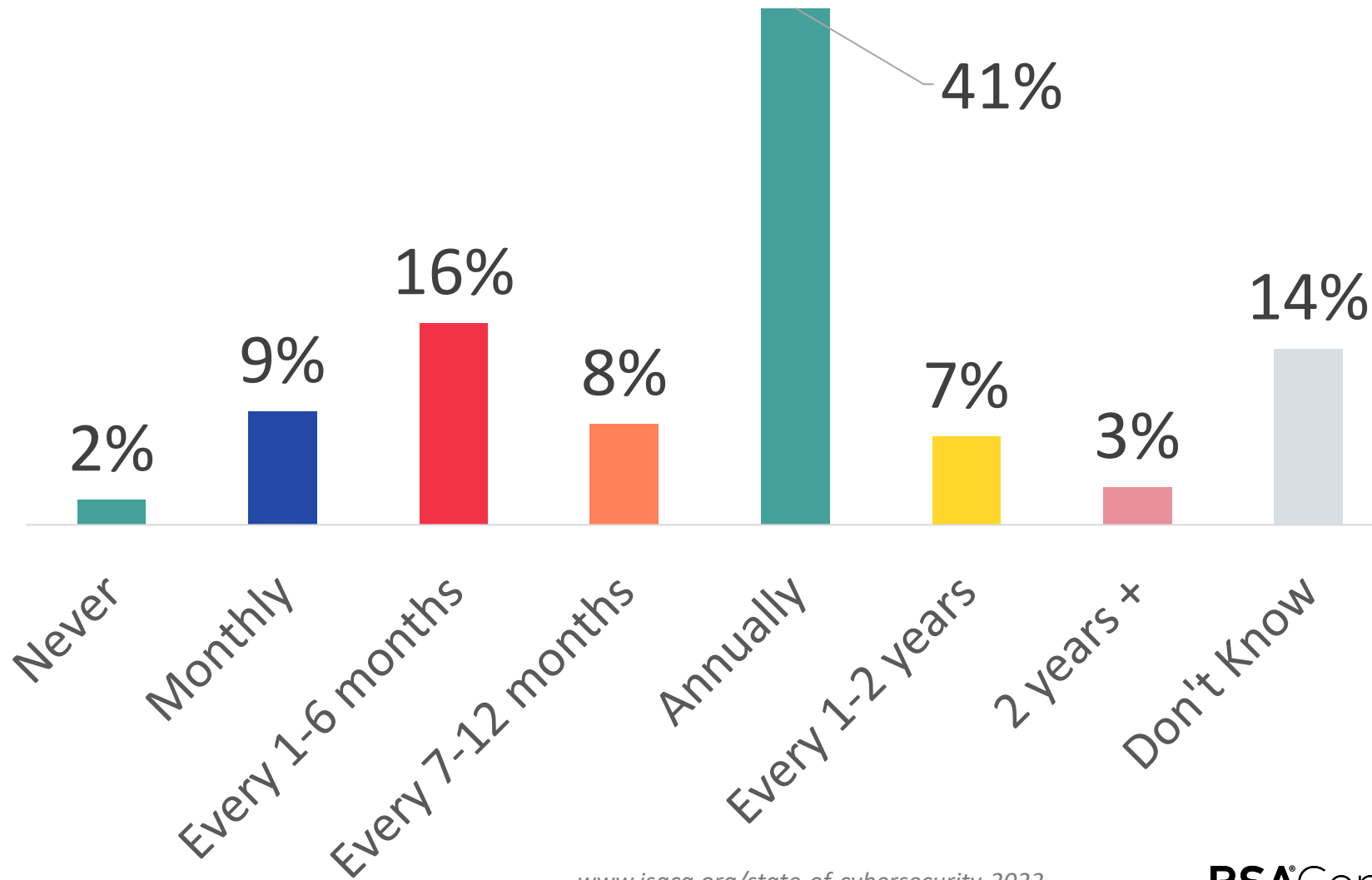
9%

Unpatched system  
*(no change from 2021)*

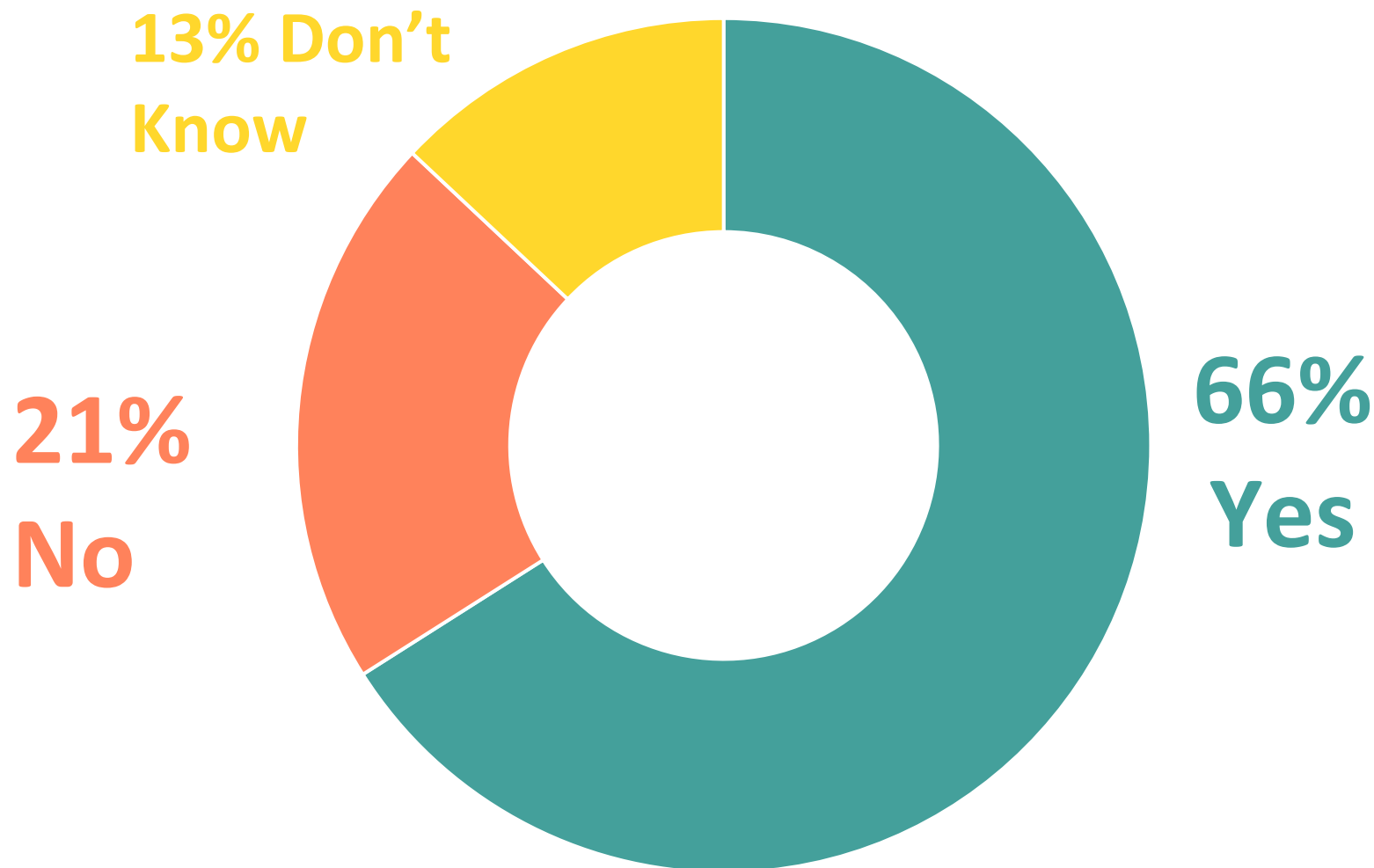


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# How Often Does Your Organization Do a Cyberrisk Assessment? *New data for 2022 survey*




# Does Your Organization Currently Assess its Cybermaturity? *New data for 2022 survey*







# Top 5 Obstacles to Completing a Cyberrisk Assessment *New data for 2022 survey*




**43%** Time commitment 

**21%** Leadership buy-in 

**40%** Not enough staff to complete assessment 

**21%** No obstacles 

**21%** Lack of internal expertise 

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# It's All Connected – and What We Can Do About It

**A conversation between Rob Clyde and Jenai Marinkovic**



# Apply What You Have Learned Today

- Next week you should:
  - Read the ISACA State of Cybersecurity 2022 research, research related to empathy in business, and the ISACA Supply Chain Security 2022 research
- In the first three months following this presentation you should:
  - Identify how you are decreasing technical and soft skills gaps at your organization
  - Explore your organization's approach to cyber risk assessments
- Within six months you should:
  - Have a plan in place that helps mitigate skills gaps on your team
  - Implement new strategies for reskilling candidates into cyber professionals

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## Thank You!

