Managed Security Services Trends
2020
Herjavec Group, a global leader in cybersecurity operations, has partnered with Cybersecurity Insiders to produce the Managed Security Services Trends 2020. This report summarizes the results of a comprehensive survey of 400,000 information security professionals and aims to highlight the challenges and considerations that organizations have when it comes to Managed Security Services Providers (MSSP).

The results here reflect the opinions of IT security decision makers from a variety of industries including, but not limited to, Software & Technology, Government, Healthcare, Professional Services, Education, and Manufacturing. Most businesses represented in this survey support anywhere from 1,000 to 10,000 network-connected endpoints (servers, laptops, workstations, IOT, printers, etc.).

Ultimately, we all recognize that technology alone cannot prevent today’s cyber attacks. Most organizations believe they will likely experience a security incident in the next 6-12 months and acknowledge that quality and speed of response is of utmost concern. The results confirm that internal security teams are challenged to proactively detect and monitor threats 24/7, cutting through the noise of false positives. Many are challenged to keep up with emerging technologies, new threats, and trends. Also, most teams lack internal support or the tools and automation to achieve these objectives.

So where are security leaders prioritizing their security investments?
Where are organizations leveraging third-party service providers to complement their in-house capabilities? What specialized managed services are at the forefront of these offerings?

Read more to learn from your executive peers about the key Managed Security Services considerations for 2020 and check out the important questions you should be asking yourself as an IT business leader.

About Herjavec Group

Dynamic IT entrepreneur Robert Herjavec founded Herjavec Group in 2003 to provide cybersecurity products and services to enterprise organizations. We have been recognized as one of the world’s most innovative cybersecurity operations leaders, and excel in complex, multi-technology environments. We have expertise in comprehensive security services including Managed Security Services (SOC Operations, Threat Detection, Security Technology Engineering) & Professional Services (Advisory Services, Identity Services, Technology Architecture & Implementation & Incident Response). Herjavec Group has offices and Security Operations Centers across the United States, United Kingdom, India and Canada.
A majority of organizations confirm that their security programs are primarily operated in-house (54%). This is followed by a quarter of organizations (25%) who operate in a hybrid fashion of in-house and outsourced resources, and organizations who outsource all of their security operations (8%).

How is your security operations program currently sourced?

- In-house: 54%
- Hybrid of in-house and outsourced: 25%
- Outsourced to a managed security service provider: 8%
- No security program in place: 6%
- Outsourced to managed threat detection and response provider: 5%
- Other: 2%
The top three security operations challenges experienced by IT organizations include the continuing shortage of cybersecurity skills in-house (51%), followed by the cost and complexity of building in-house security operations (38%), tied with the lack of continuous 24x7 security coverage (38%). These are the exact issues managed security services are designed to address.

What are the top three security operations challenges for your IT organization?

- **Cybersecurity skills shortage in-house**: 51%
- **Cost and complexity of building in-house**: 38%
- **Lack of 24x7 security coverage**: 38%

Other challenges include:

- Speed of incident response issues: 32%
- No visibility into overall security posture: 29%
- Lack of detection and response capabilities: 27%
- Speed of deployment and provisioning issues: 26%

Other issues:

- Lack of customization of correlation rules and reports: 19%
- Not able to meet compliance requirements: 17%
- Getting adequate budget approved: 14%
- Can’t effectively deal with cloud security: 6%
- Other: 8%
Threat Preparedness

Respondents have varying levels of threat monitoring and response coverage, but as much as 14% have no skilled security analysts or incident response personnel in-house. Less than a third of organizations (27%) confirm they can only perform ad-hoc monitoring as the need arises and about one-quarter (24%) have a team for responding to security incidents when they occur, but they do not perform continuous monitoring.

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Security Incident Impact

In the past 12 months, 37% of businesses reported disruption to business activities due to security incidents as their biggest negative impact, followed by reduced employee productivity tied with the deployment of IT resources to triage and remediate security issues (32%).

What negative impacts have security incidents had on your company in the past 12 months?

- Disrupted business activities: 37%
- Reduced employee productivity: 32%
- Deployment of IT resources to triage and remediate issue: 32%
- Not applicable/ we haven’t had any incidents: 29%
- Increased helpdesk time to repair damage: 25%
- Reduced revenue/ lost business: 11%
- Loss/compromise of intellectual property: 11%

Corporate data loss or theft: 10% | Regulatory fines: 8% | Lawsuit/legal issues: 7% | Other: 5%
**Risk of Compromise**

Thirty-seven percent of businesses think it is moderately likely that their organization will become compromised by a successful cyber attack in the next 12 months.

What do you believe is the likelihood that your organization will become compromised by a successful cyberattack in the next 12 months?

- Not at all likely: 9%
- Slightly likely: 28%
- Moderately likely: 37%
- Very likely: 22%
- Extremely likely: 4%

**ASK YOURSELF**

- How does your MSSP use threat management protocols or threat research frameworks?
- How does your technology stack fare in terms of its prevention and detection ability?
- How strong is your vulnerability management program? Are you utilizing a risk-based approach in how your team prioritizes vulnerabilities?
Sixty-seven percent of respondents are not utilizing a Managed Security Service Provider to continuously manage and assess identity governance and technical controls.

**Identity Governance & Technical Controls**

Is your company utilizing a Managed Security Service Provider to continuously manage and assess identity governance and technical controls?

- 67% NO
- 33% YES

**ASK YOURSELF**

- What does my current Identity governance plan look like? Do I have the necessary technical controls in place?
- When was the last time I assessed my organization's existing Identity program? How have my controls and processes changed since the assessment?
- Which parts of my identity provisioning and access control process are automated vs manual?
Insider Threat

Today’s most damaging security threats do not originate from malicious outsiders or malware, but from trusted insiders with access to sensitive data and systems. Regardless of whether a user is malicious or negligent, insider threat is one of the largest risk to your business. Of organizations surveyed, 55% do not have enough security resources in-house to contain or deter insider threat.

Do you have enough security resources in-house to contain or deter insider threat?

55% NO

45% YES

ASK YOURSELF

☐ Can my organization benefit from Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR) technology to account for a lack of in-house resources?

☐ Am I leveraging employee security awareness training programs to prevent insider threat?

☐ Could my organization benefit from a managed phishing service to support the prevention, detection and remediation of phishing attacks end-to-end?
A concerning 39% of respondents are not currently leveraging SOAR. Of the organizations already utilizing Security Orchestration Automation and Response (SOAR), 27% have deployed SOAR in-house, followed by hybrid deployments of in-house platforms and outsourced services (19%).

**How are you currently leveraging Security Orchestration Automation and Response (SOAR)?**

- **In-house** 27%
- **Hybrid of in-house and outsourced** 19%
- **Outsourced to a Managed Security Service Provider** 16%
- **Outsourced to Managed Threat Detection and Response Provider** 9%
- **No SOAR security programs in place** 39%

Other 4%

**ASK YOURSELF**

- Is my organization currently considering adopting SOAR technology in-house?
- What is my current mean time to detect and mean time to notify for security events?
- What tasks are my security analysts doing that could be automated using a SOAR tool?
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Fourty-five percent of teams do not perform an annual penetration test or red team operations to test their security controls.

Do you perform at minimum an annual penetration test and red team operations to check security controls?

45% NO

55% YES

ASK YOURSELF

☐ What are my crown jewels? Have I identified the data and assets that are most at risk in a cyber incident?

☐ How am I currently identifying exploitable flaws in my security architecture, detective controls, and preventative controls?

☐ Is my team prepared to respond to a targeted cyber attack that leverages the latest adversarial TTPs (tactics, techniques, and procedures)?
Security Workshops

Risk and Vulnerability Management are the most popular annual workshops conducted, while Identity Strategy Development remains low on the list of priorities for many organizations.

Have you held a security workshop with your internal team to assess your capabilities in at least one of the following areas in the past 12 months?

- Risk Management: 48%
- Vulnerability Management: 48%
- Threat Management: 40%
- Security program strategy: 39%
- Security KPIs and reporting: 25%
- Technology Optimization: 25%
- None of the above: 22%
- PCI Compliance: 21%
- Identity Strategy Development: 15%

**ASK YOURSELF**

- Does the one-time gap assessment feedback I get reflect my business needs and help me prioritize what to tackle first?
- Does my security roadmap reflect my enterprise maturity, risk profile and unique organizational goals?
- Have I undergone an assessment that takes into consideration my security strategy, service needs and technology investments?
Key Threats

Of all the cyber threats facing organizations, respondents list ransomware as the top concerning threat to their business (73%). This is followed by loss of customer data (57%) and email account compromise (39%).

What are the most concerning threats to your organization?

- Ransomware: 73%
- Loss of customer data: 57%
- Email account compromise: 39%
- Compliance findings/finances: 36%
- Other: 4%

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Do you have a formal incident response plan defined?

- 29% No, we have not formally defined what takes place
- 38% Yes and we have done a security exercise to test it
- 33% Yes, but we have never tested it

**ASK YOURSELF**

- Do I have an Incident Response retainer in place with a security provider?
- Is my company staff, especially the executive team, aware of my security program’s readiness, plans for improvement, and capacity for response?
- Have I conducted regular “live-fire” incidents and simulations to test my readiness for a potential security incident?

Only 38% of businesses have an incident response plan in place and have done a security exercise to test it.
Cybersecurity For the C-Suite

For 37% of organizations security is a top priority for their executive management team.

How important is security to your organization?

- 37% It is a top priority for our executive management team
- 30% It is a topic within the IT program
- 21% It is a top priority from the board of directors down to individual employees
- 10% It is important but not adequately funded
- 2% It is not a priority for our executive management team

Ask yourself

☐ Do I know how to effectively communicate security at the executive/board level?
☐ Does my organization have the proper executive metrics to measure progress and identify what risks remain to the organization?
☐ Does my security plan reflect the needs and pain points of the C-level?
☐ Do I have the data/findings to accurately portray the needs of the security program?
Why Use An MSSP?

The top three reasons why organizations are considering leveraging a Managed Services Provider are the lack of internal security personnel/expertise (43%), ability to respond to incidents (42%) and potential cost savings (41%).

If you’re NOT currently using a Managed Security Service Provider, what would drive you to do so?

- Lack of internal security personnel/expertise: 43%
- Ability to respond to incidents: 42%
- Potential cost savings: 41%

Meeting regulatory compliance mandates: 34%
Board/Executive level concern over our breach potential: 32%
A breach event at our organization: 26%
Customer/Partner demand: 17%

Deploying new cloud applications and infrastructure 10% | Mergers and acquisition activity 6% | Other 10%
Managed Security Priorities

The majority of businesses list Managed Detection and Response, Managed SIEM, and Firewall Management as their top 3 priorities when it comes to Managed Security Services.

What are the most important managed security services to your company?

- Managed detection and response: 26%
- Managed SIEM: 25%
- Firewall management: 14%
- Endpoint management: 9%
- Security assessment and/or penetration testing: 9%
- Compliance consulting and/or auditing: 7%
- Vulnerability scanning: 6%

Security Orchestration, Automation and Response (SOAR) 4% | Advanced Threat Intelligence 4% | Cloud application security 4% | Cloud infrastructure security 4% | Managed Phishing 2%
What are the top 3 factors that are most important to you when selecting a managed detection?

- **24/7 coverage of security operations**: 63%
- **Solution cost**: 54%
- **Ability to integrate/leverage our security technology stack**: 50%

- **Supported systems or technologies**: 41%
- **Reputation of company and leadership**: 39%
- **Ability to customize reporting**: 30%
- **Location/Proximity (Ability to interact with a local or regional analyst)**: 19%

Ability to easily see what MSSP analysts see at any time and what activity has been performed: 10%
Complete solution with consulting services (professional services including incident response, pen testing, etc.): 9%
Ability to support cloud applications and infrastructure security: 8%
Personalized customer service: 5%
Other: 4%
Managed Security Budgets

For 42% of organizations, budgets allocated to managed security services will increase. Only 14% expect a decline.

How will your budget for outsourced managed security change over the next 12 months?

- **42%** Budget will increase
- **44%** Budget will stay the same
- **14%** Budget will decrease

**ASK YOURSELF**

- Is my budget based on tools and technology, or rather a shared understanding of risks to our business and how to mitigate them?
- Is our budget aligned with a security roadmap for the next 12-24 months?
- Do we have a thorough understanding of our current tool stack licensing, renewal and support details?
- If my budget will remain the same, what are we doing to mitigate vulnerabilities and a growing threat landscape?
Methodology & Demographics

This report is based on the results of a comprehensive online survey of 317 IT and cybersecurity professionals conducted in April 2020. It reveals the latest trends and attitudes toward managed security, answering why organizations invest in security outsourcing, what challenges they are facing, and what requirements companies are prioritizing. The respondents range from technical executives to senior managers and IT security practitioners, across a spectrum of company sizes and industries, representing a balanced cross-section of organizations.

CAREER LEVEL

- CTO, CIO, CISCO, CMO, CFO, COO: 23%
- Director: 17%
- Manager/Supervisor: 15%
- Specialist: 15%
- Consultant: 13%
- Owner/CEO/President: 7%
- Other: 4%

DEPARTMENT

- IT Security: 45%
- IT Operations: 14%
- Operations: 10%
- Compliance: 5%
- Marketing: 5%
- Engineering: 4%
- Sales: 4%
- Other: 13%

IT SECURITY TEAM HEADCOUNT

- 1: 7%
- 2-5: 31%
- 6-10: 14%
- 11-20: 18%
- 21-50: 9%
- More than 50: 12%
- No dedicated security resources: 9%

COMPANY SIZE

- Fewer than 10: 10%
- 10-99: 16%
- 100-499: 18%
- 500-999: 11%
- 1,000-4,999: 20%
- 5,000–9,999: 7%
- 10,000-29,999: 9%
- Over 30,000: 9%

LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT IN SECURITY

- Involved in evaluating solutions: 72%
- Responsible for solution purchase: 46%
- Responsible for system administration: 40%
- Responsible for security program maturity and roadmapping: 9%
- None: 8%
- Other: 5%
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