

Employers Looking to Hire, Retain, and Build Diverse Cybersecurity Teams



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Women are a must, not a “nice to have”

- According to the 2022 US Census, **168 Million** Americans, or (**50.5%** of the US population) are women.
- Without them joining us and growing in the security community we will lose.

#ourattackersarediverse



Talent retention is a must!

Cyber Pros are Recruitable

- **7 out of 10** professionals are considering quitting their jobs in the next year.
- If the employees were feeling burnt out (58% said 'yes'), they were **89% more** likely to be considering a new job.



Understanding the Landscape

64% of respondents say their security teams are being forced to do more with less, citing fines, compliance, evolving threats, and fewer tools as challenges.

Source: The Register, 2020

C-suite business leaders expect a **42% increase** in staffing across cybersecurity in 2023.

Source: (ISC)², 2023

By 2025, nearly **half** of cybersecurity leaders will **change jobs, 25%** for different roles entirely due to multiple work-related stressors.

Source: Gartner, 2023



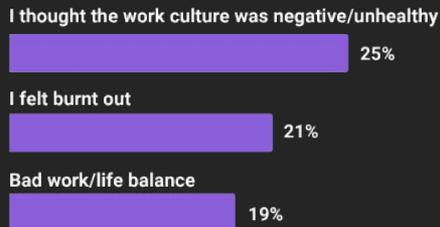
Source: (ISC)² Cybersecurity Workforce Study, 2022

5,102 global cybersecurity professionals who have worked in their current role for 2 or fewer years

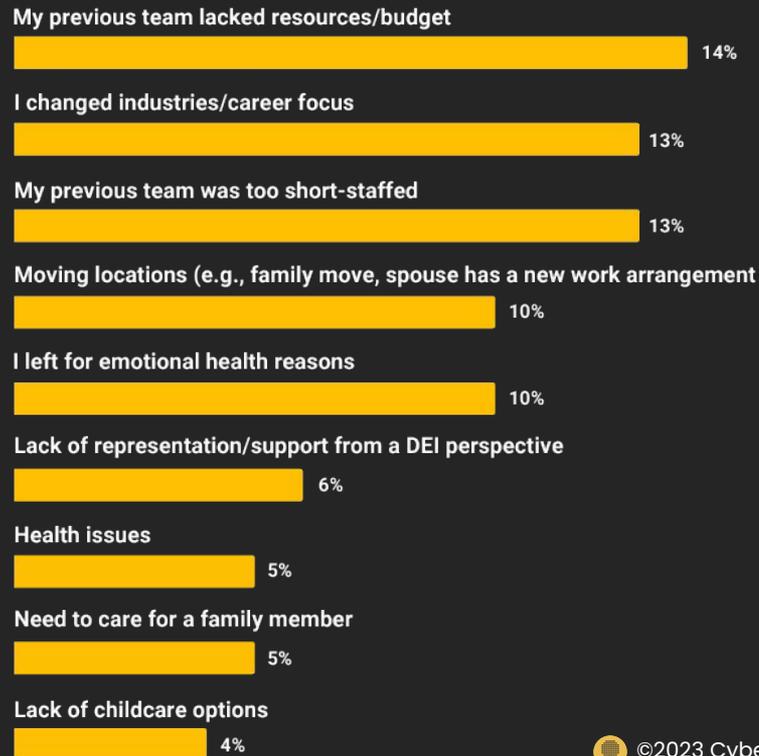
You indicated that you left a job within the past two years, what were the biggest reasons behind you making this move?



Growth
Opportunities



Negative
Culture



Source: ISACA, State of Cybersecurity, 2022

2051 respondents, 913 from cybersecurity

Why Cybersecurity Professionals Leave Their Jobs: Top 10 Factors

Recruited by other companies	59%
Poor financial incentives (e.g., salaries or bonuses)	48%
Limited promotion and development opportunities	47%
High work stress levels	45%
Lack of management support	34%
Poor work culture / environment	30%
Limited remote work possibilities	24%
Inflexible work policies	21%
Limited opportunities to work with latest technologies	20%
Desire to work in a new industry	16%

Competing for these professionals means understanding why they would leave their jobs, where to find them, and how to match them to your job.



Job Searching is Broken

(it's a matter of National Security
AND you must be recruiting)



“We are short 500k Cybersecurity professionals in the US” and yet....

“How can there be 500,000 open cybersecurity jobs, and I can’t find one?”

“It took me 1 year to find my current role.” - CISOs

“I have had 20 interviews and none of them were a fit!”

“Should I apply to the job when I’m not sure what they’re looking for?”

“Why is this job description for a new-to-cyber role, and yet requires a CISSP?”

“Applying to jobs is an awful experience. I hate it.”

No Plan, No Diversity

87% of women surveyed were concerned about the lack of diversity, but only **1/4** of their companies report having diversity initiatives in place

ISACA Report, "[Breaking Gender Barriers](#)", 2019



Why is Job Searching Broken?



Poor job
description and
resume matching



SEO to blame



Job seekers
don't get to see
all jobs for which
they are qualified

Job postings are cheap

Garbage In .. Garbage Out



Matching poor content to poor content.
Datasets of unstructured content.

Employers and Professionals must speak to understand if qualified and/or interested.

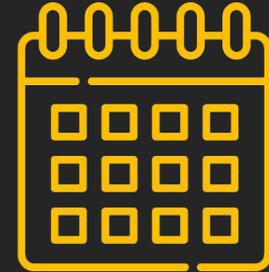
Why Else is Job Searching Broken?



Unreliable salary
data



Internal HR hiring
practices (5+ step
interview process)



Delayed in engaging
specialized recruiters

Hiring Managers, own it :)

Understand the
market



Understand the role and
responsibilities



Demand: HR & cybersecurity teams need to align on business value

- Nearly one in three (29%) professionals said the HR departments at their organizations likely **exclude** strong job candidates because they *don't understand the skills necessary to work in cybersecurity*.
- **One in four** also said job postings at their organizations tend to be unrealistic, demanding too much **experience**, too many **certifications**, or too many specific **technical skills**.
- Nearly a third (30%) suggested CISOs try to better educate HR and recruiters on real-world cybersecurity goals and needs and **28%** said job recruitments need to be **more realistic** with the typical levels of experience cybersecurity professionals have.

Job Descriptions Matter

Security Operations Center (SOC) Manager

CyberSN | [Multiple Locations](#) • [OnSite](#) | \$125,000 - \$150,000 / Yearly

30% Leadership: Employee Management 30% Leadership: Security Operations 25% Leadership: Security Architecture 15% Incident Response

 Permanent

 Visa Transfer not available

 Industry - Manufacturing

 OnSite

RESPONSIBILITIES

30% Leadership: Employee Management

- Provide team management and leadership
 - Provide staff development and retention plans
 - Perform staff contingency management
 - Establishing and overseeing operating budgets
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30% Leadership: Security Operations

- Provide strategic guidance, oversight and leadership to threat prevention
 - Data Protection
 - Data Encryption
 - Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
 - Database and record encryption
 - Email Security
- Network Security
 - Firewalls and application proxies
 - IDS/IPS

25% Leadership: Security Architecture

- Provide strategic guidance, oversight and leadership to security architecture and design
 - Network segmentation and defense in depth
 - Cloud security solutions
 - Cloud security event visibility

15% Incident Response

- Respond to incidents involving malware
- Respond to network based attacks
- Monitor system events, logfiles and alerts
 - SIEM Events
 - Firewall Events
 - Endpoint security products (AV, EDR, etc)
 - Cloud based events
- Perform incident detection
 - Endpoint incidents
 - Network incidents
 - Anomalous events (misconfiguration and misuse)
 - Utilize security orchestration and automated response (SOAR)

Roles and Responsibilities Clearly Defined

CyberSN represents cybersecurity positions in 10 categories consisting of 45 functional roles

Compliance **Defense** Develop Educate Manage Offense Plan Research Response
Sales

CLOUD SECURITY ENGINEER >	CYBER INSIDER THREAT ANALYST >	CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE ANALYST >
CYBERSECURITY ADMINISTRATOR >	CYBERSECURITY SPECIALIST >	DATA LOSS PREVENTION ENGINEER >
DATA SECURITY ENGINEER >	IDENTITY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT ENGINEER >	PKI PROFESSIONAL >
SECURITY ANALYST >	SECURITY ENGINEER >	VULNERABILITY/THREAT MANAGEMENT ANALYST >

CyberSN Career Center, "10 Categories, 45 Functional Roles", cybersn.com

Training is Opportunity

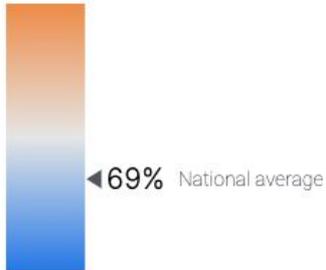


Supply & Demand (USA, Private Sector)

National Level

SUPPLY/DEMAND RATIO ⓘ

NATIONAL, 2023



TOTAL CYBERSECURITY JOB OPENINGS ⓘ

NATIONAL, 2023

663,434



TOTAL EMPLOYED CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE ⓘ

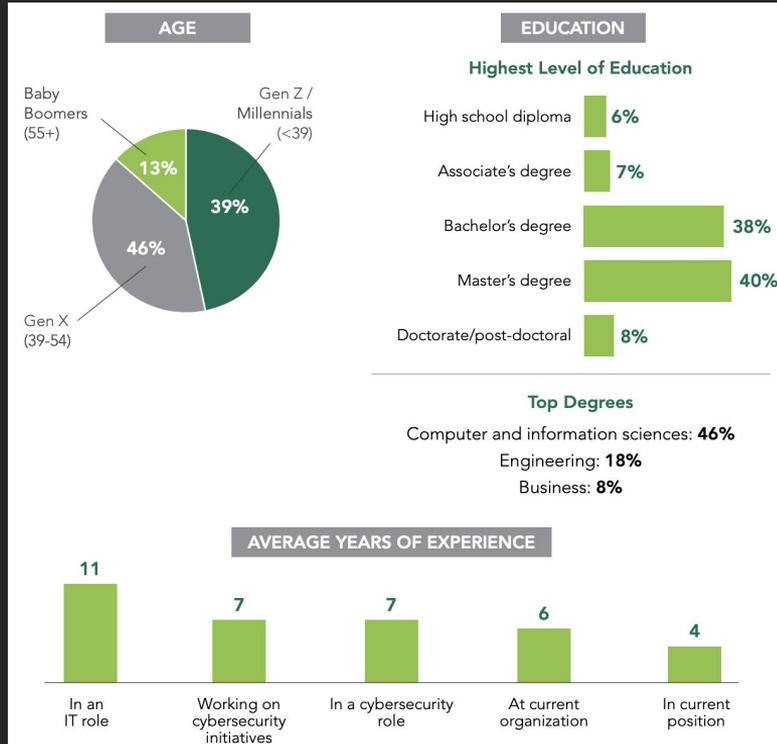
NATIONAL, 2023

1,129,659



Source: [CyberSeek, 2023](#)

Who is in Cybersecurity?

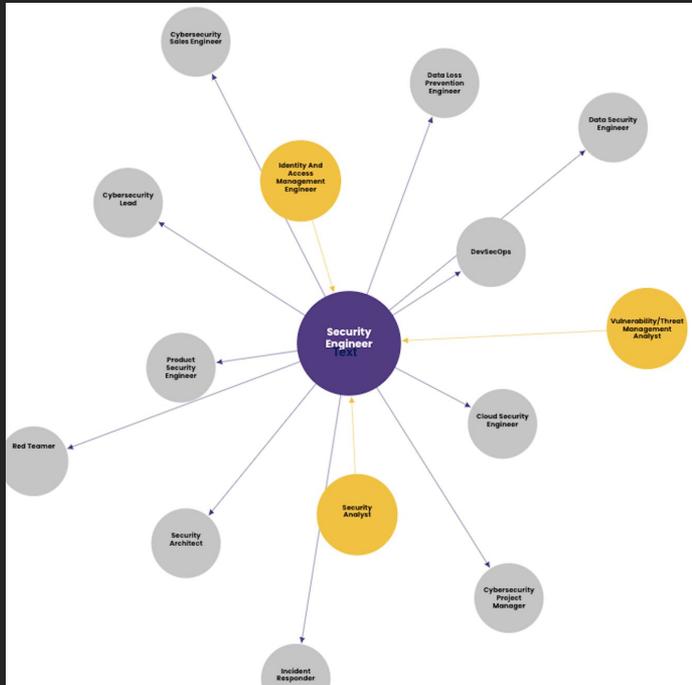


Source: [\(ISC\)² 2022 Cybersecurity Workforce Study](#)

So how do you hire?



Map out your career path to understand potential role relationships



Security Engineers may also be referred to as:

- Blue Team Security Engineer
- Cybersecurity Asset Management Engineer
- Cybersecurity Defense Engineer
- Cybersecurity Device Engineer
- Cybersecurity Systems Engineer
- Cybersecurity And Business Continuity Engineer
- Cybersecurity Engineer
- Cybersecurity Industrial Control Engineer
- Embedded Device Security Engineer
- Firewall Security Engineer
- Hardware Security Engineer
- Information Assurance Engineer
- Infrastructure Security Engineer
- IT Security Support Engineer
- Mainframe Security Engineer
- Mobile Security Engineer
- Network Security Engineer
- Network Security Operations Engineer
- SecOps Engineer
- Security Operations Engineer
- Systems Security Engineer
- Vehicle Cybersecurity Engineer
- Cyber Fusion Center Engineer
- Cybersecurity Automation Engineer
- Cybersecurity Design Engineer
- Cybersecurity Intern
- Cybersecurity Tools Implementation Engineer
- Cybersecurity Consultant
- Cybersecurity Engineer Intern
- Cybersecurity SOAR Engineer
- Endpoint Security Engineer
- Firmware Security Engineer
- Industrial Controls Security Engineer
- Information Systems Security Engineer (ISSE)
- IoT Security Engineer
- Linux Security Engineer
- Medical Device Security Engineer
- Network Information Security Engineer
- Network Security Intern
- Offensive Cyber Operators Engineer
- Security Engineer Intern
- SIEM Security Engineer
- User Fraud Security Engineer

Prep and Package



Ask prep
questions



Ask logistical
questions



Understand the
dress code



Test software prior to
video interview

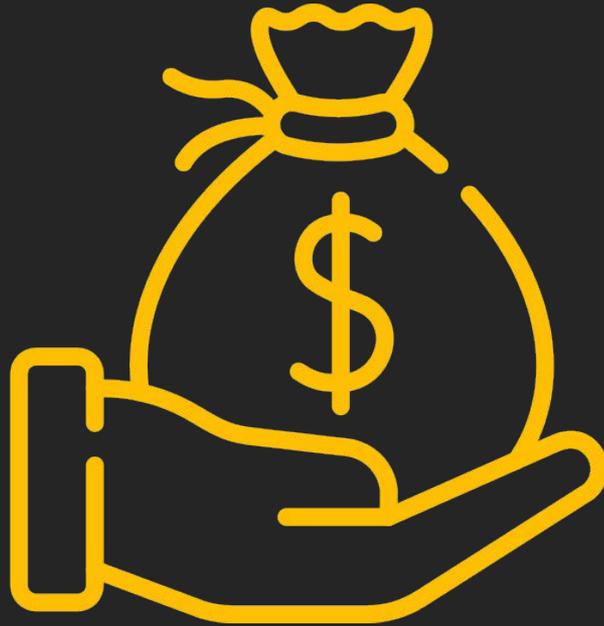
We spend countless time prepping for an interview technically, but overlook the logistics to interviewing. Prepare for any and every scenario including where to park, how to enter the building, how to dress. If the interview will be via video, test the software and internet connect prior to the interview.

“Be Interesting and Interested”

Interview Prep – Why?

1. To demonstrate your interest in the job.
2. To learn about the company's culture, mission and values.
3. To better align yourself to the company.
4. To help craft meaningful questions.
5. To find common threads between you and the hiring manager/interviewer.
6. To determine if it's the right fit for you.
 - a. You are not only being interviewed. You are interviewing the hiring manager.

The Salary Talk



Job Seekers



Market yourself socially



Community participation and networking events

This cyber industry is still very small, become involved in your local meetups. Additionally resumes while still a necessary formality, are slowly becoming deprecated with the rise of services such as LinkedIn. Maintain an online profile for prospective companies and recruiters to find you.

Get in touch



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