

# STKI Analysis of Cybersecurity Staffing Ratios and Tool Implementation in Israeli High-Tech Sector

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Israeli high-tech companies - most of them are SaaS companies



# Part 1: Staffing ratios



# **Part 1**

## **Among the factors that influence the cyber security effort:**

Was the company (or its managers) hit by cyber attack before?

Industry

International presence (localization – regulations – local sites)

Mobile vs. Web vs. both

Consumer vs. B2B

Sensitive Data

On premise vs. Cloud single tenant vs. Cloud multi tenants



# Cyber personal: "Who handles cybersecurity in the organization?"



Dedicated cyber personal in cyber team Examples: Analyst in SEC Ops team



Dedicated cyber personal in "none cyber team" Example: DevSecOps engineer, part of DevOps team



Not Dedicated cyber personal doing "cyber job" (example FW). Other organizations might have dedicated cyber personal for this job



Cyber effort that is part of other job. Example – "secure development" is part of the developer's responsibility



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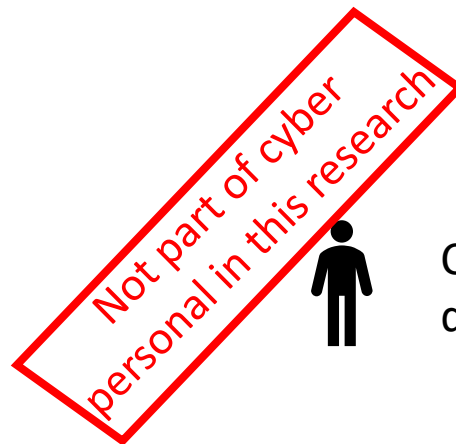
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# **In this part the participants were asked (for example)**

How many developers are in the company?

How many app sec personal are in the company (in FTE Full Time Employee) ?

## **And the metric we've calculated here is: Developers / App Sec personal**



# Executive summary: Survey Ratios (Median)

Employees

Per total Cyber Personal is 82

Developers

Per total cyber personal is 21

Employees

Per CISO team member is 302

Sec Ops 0 to 1 FTE

(Full Time Employee)

Employees

Per IT security member is 500 (cloud companies)

Employees

Per APP SEC member is 450

Developers

Per APP SEC member is 125

Employees

Per (Cloud Sec + DevSecOps) (cloud companies): 263

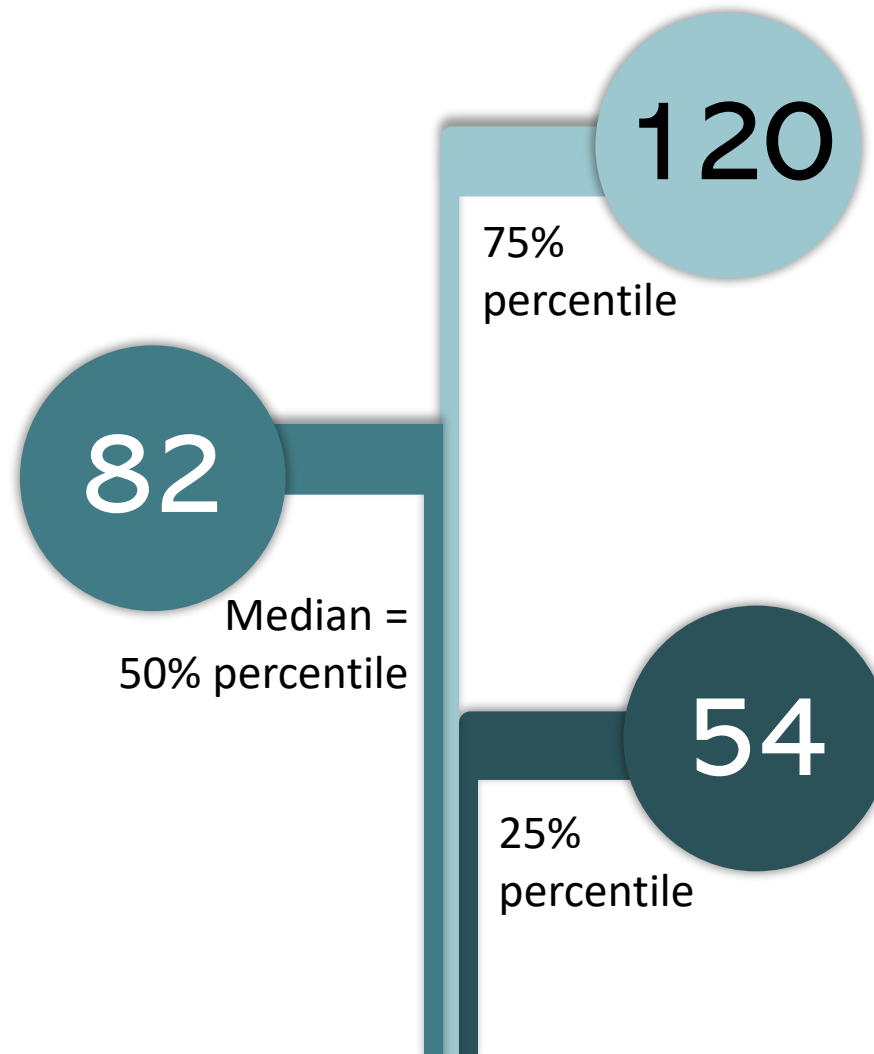
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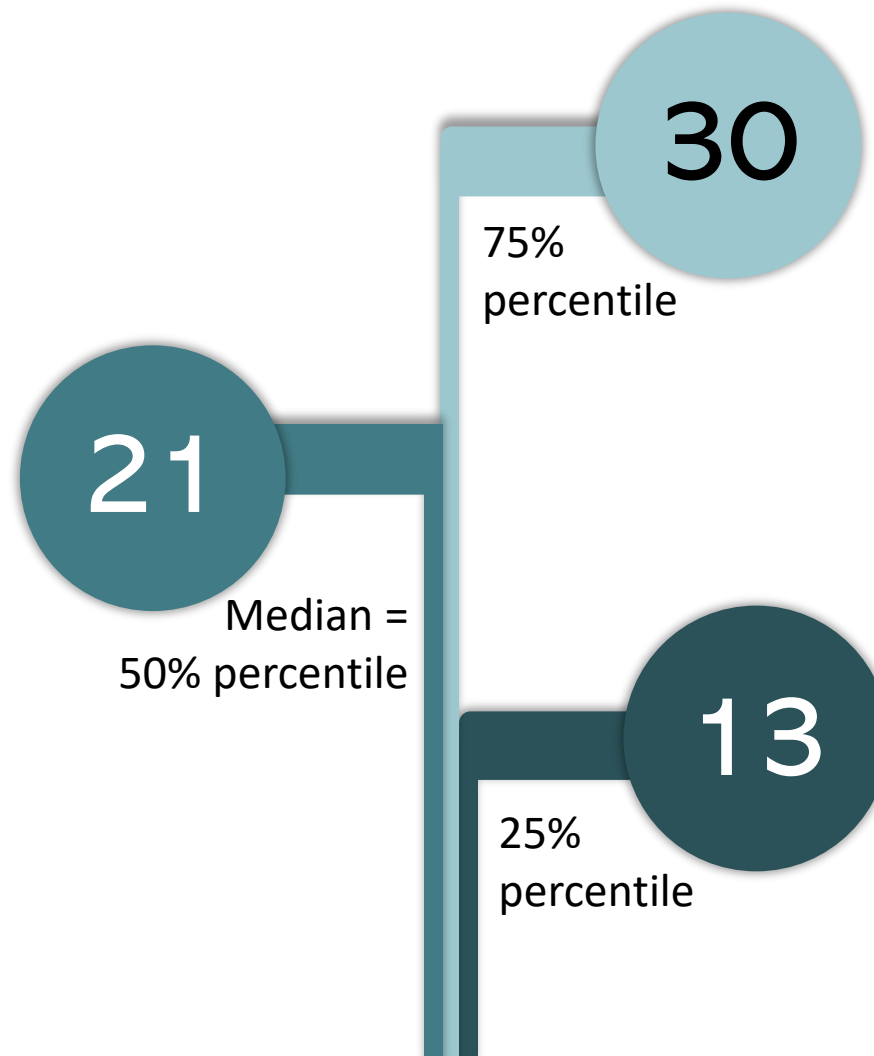




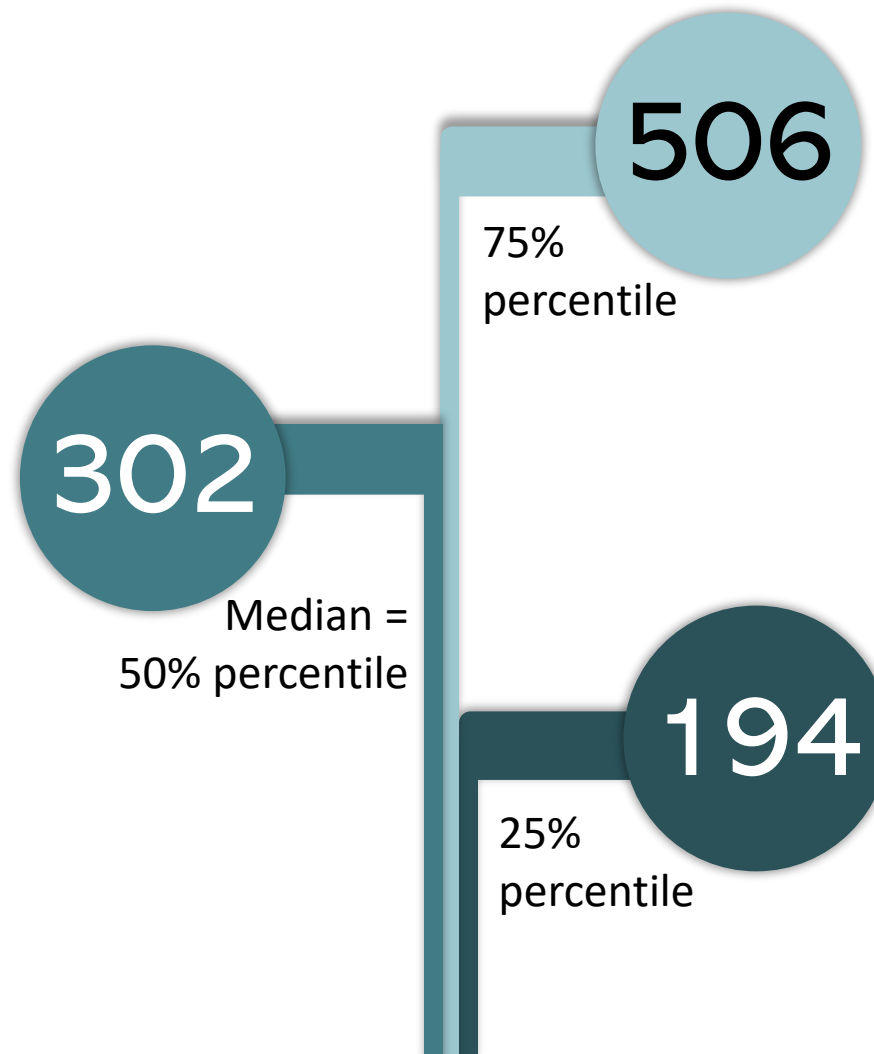
# Employees / total Cyber Personal



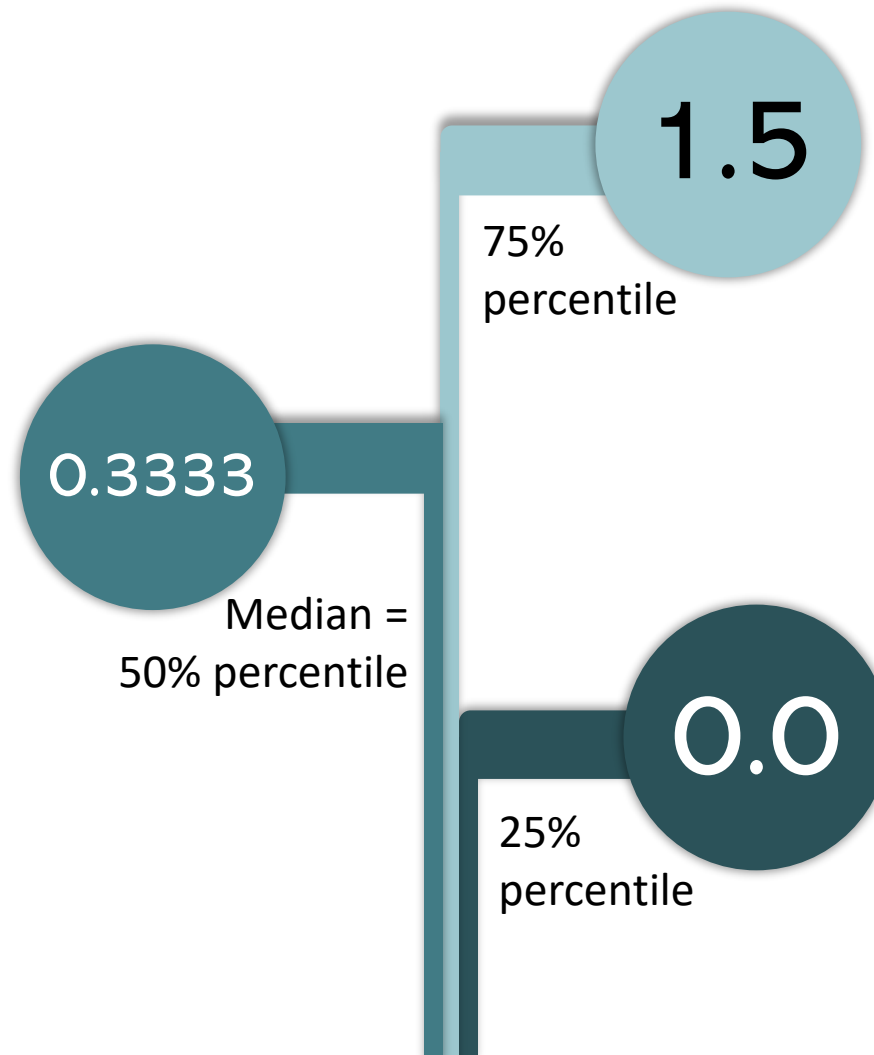
**Developers /  
total cyber  
personal**



**Employees /  
CISO team  
including  
regulations,  
architecture, PT,  
Awareness  
Not including DPO**



# SOC operations FTE (Full Time Employees) for cloud companies



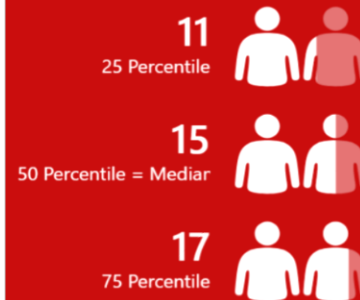
Many organization  
use MSP for  
SIEM\SOC



# Big difference from SIEM/SOC in the STKI staffing report for enterprises:

## SIEM/SOC staffing

Source : STKI Research



Typically : "2-3 in a shift during day 1-2 during night + 2 managers = 14 employees "

This is why SIEM/SOC as a service is becoming popular

Sometimes : outsourced first level of SOC but analyst are internal

What about change management in outsourced SOC?



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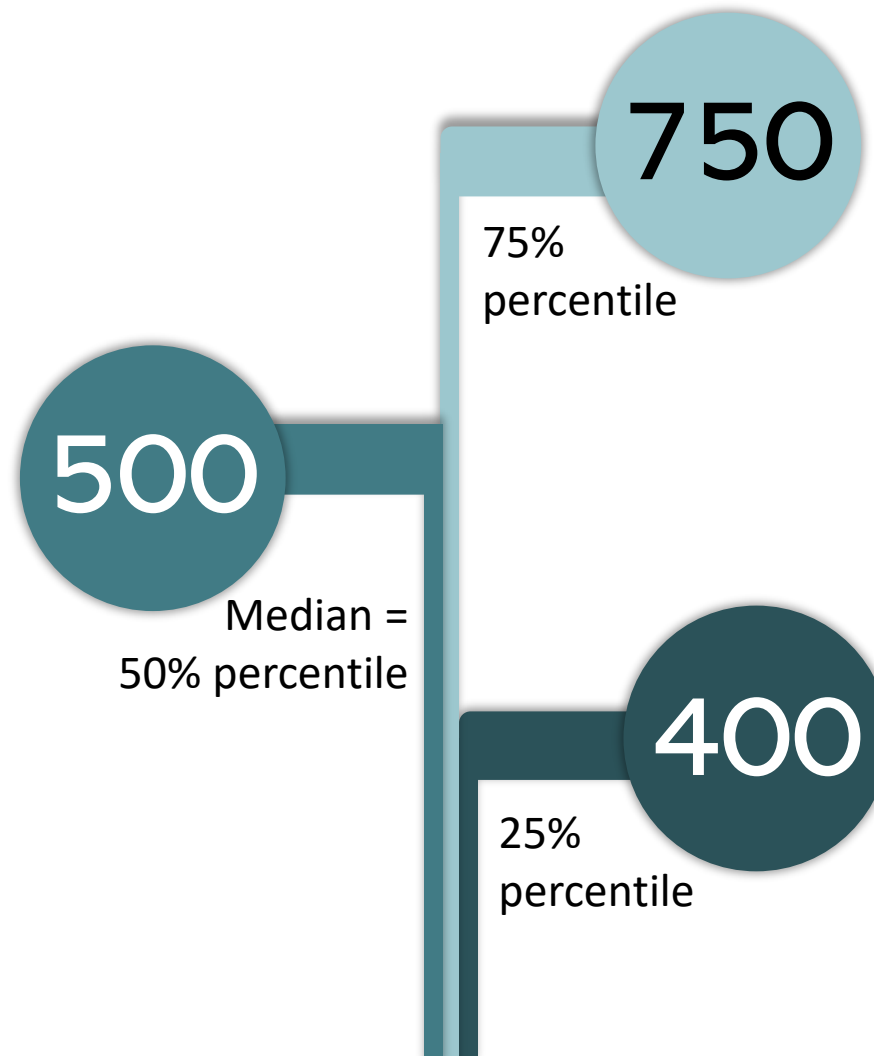
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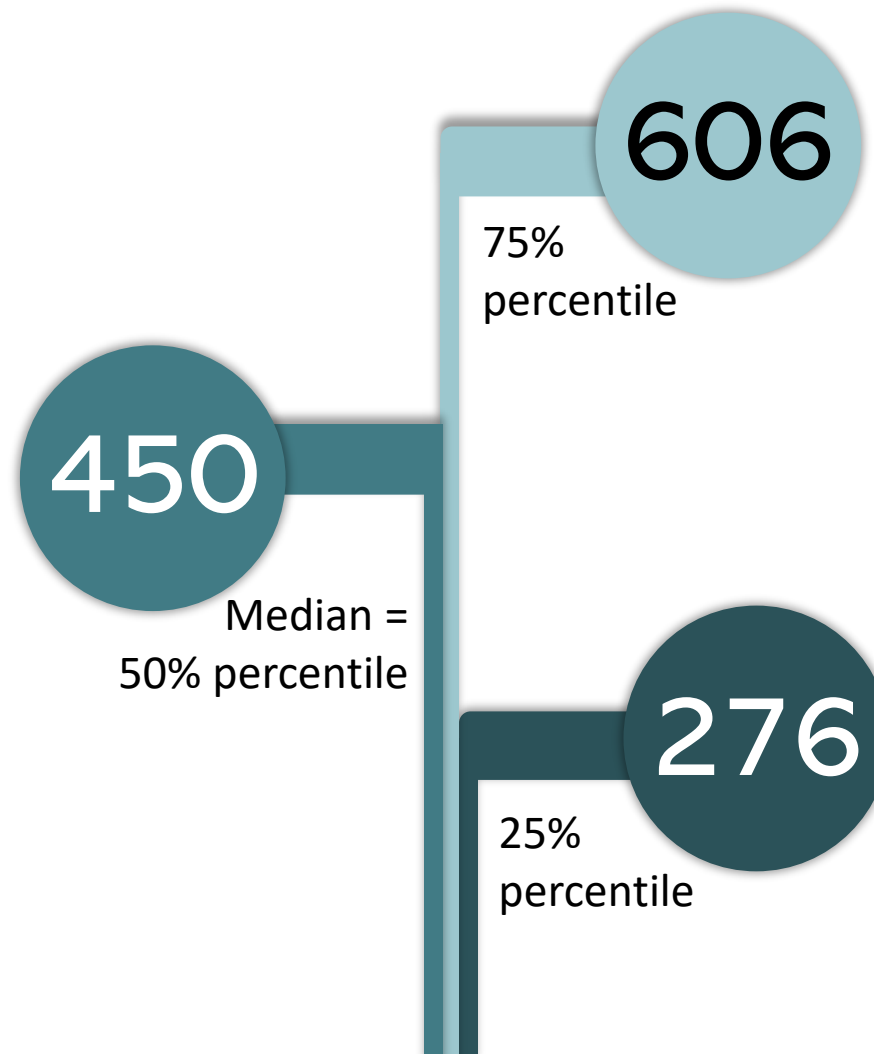
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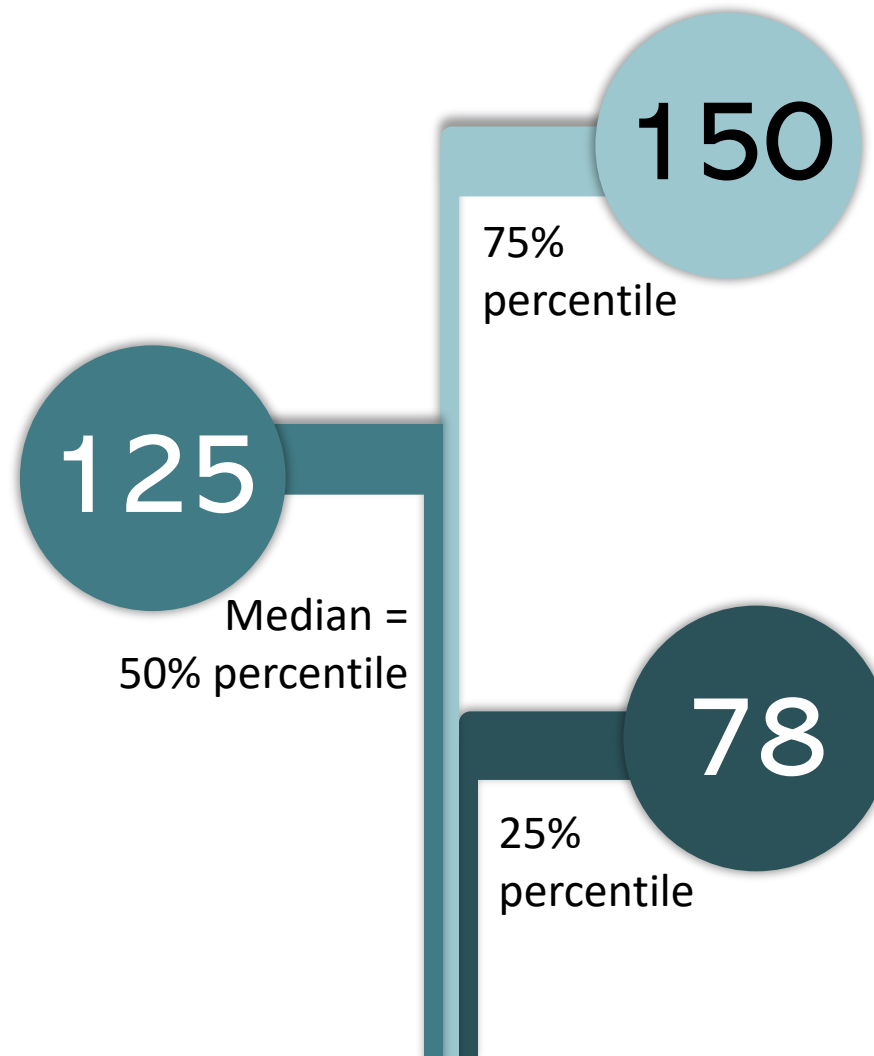
# Employees / IT security Team for cloud companies



# Employees / APP SEC personal

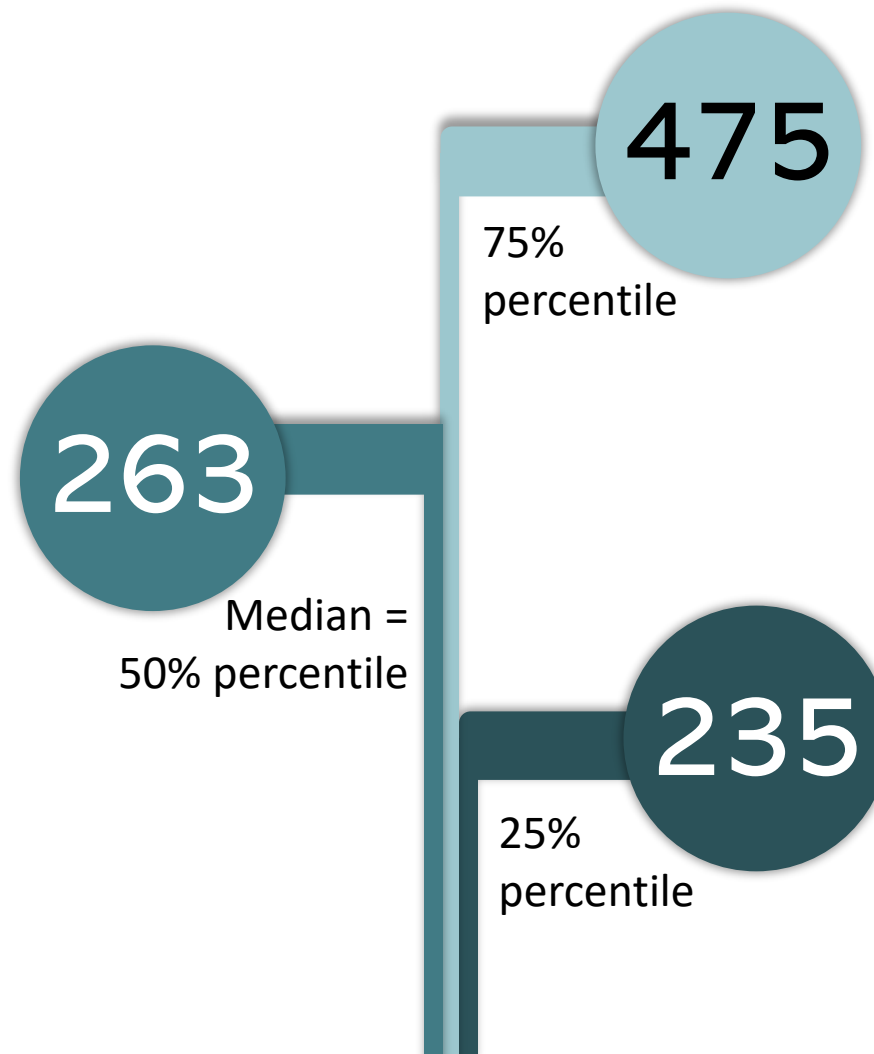


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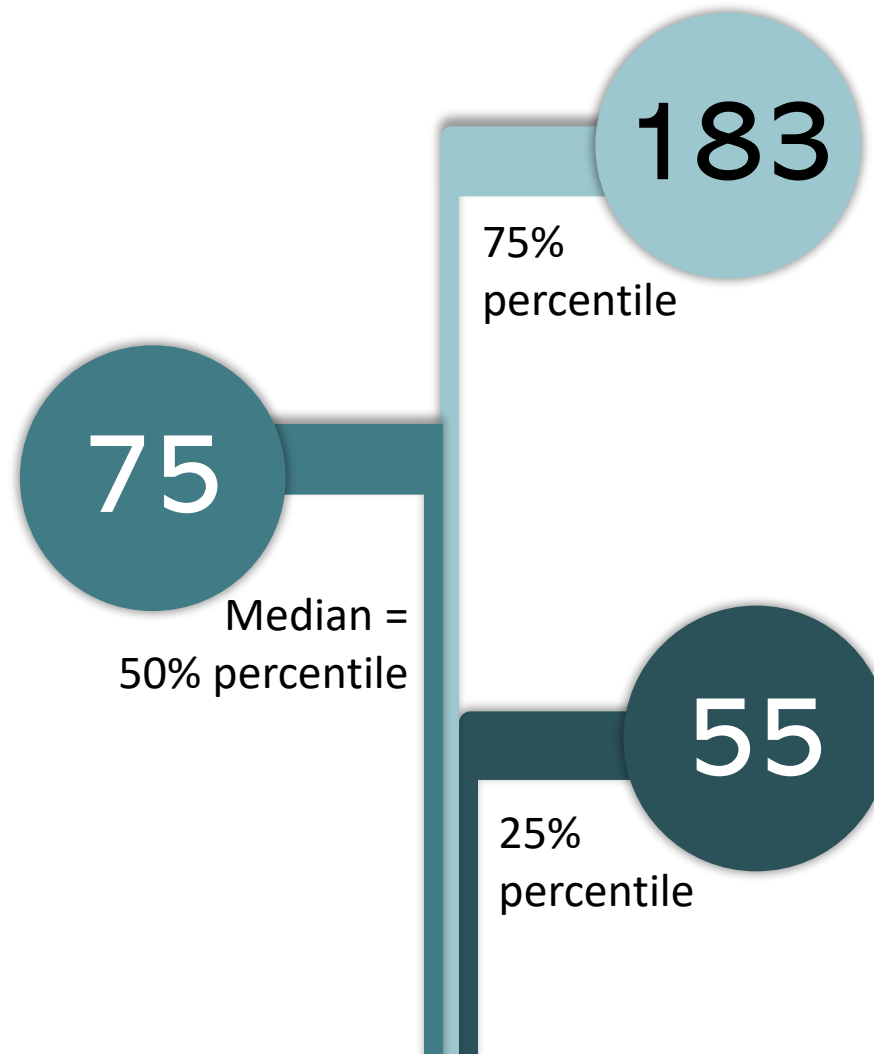




# Employees / Cloud Sec + DevSecOps (for cloud companies)



# Developers / Cloud Sec + DevSecOps (for cloud companies)



**Developers' effort for cybersecurity (SDLC) is between 5% and 10% for total development effort**



**DevOps effort for cybersecurity is  
between 15% and 25% of total DevOps effort**



**IT effort for cybersecurity is  
between 10% and 20% of total IT effort**



# Security Architecture

In all small-medium companies the CICO is responsible for security architecture (of product and IT)

For bigger companies product security architects and/or IT security architects might be part of R&D or IT (hence the CISO org. will be smaller)



# Security Sales Enablement team (or InfoSec)

A "security sales enablement" team empowers sales professionals with the knowledge, tools, and content necessary to effectively communicate a company's cybersecurity posture and address potential customers' data safety concerns.

Only in large companies

Large variety of in effort in this field – many (large) company do not have this team but when exist it might be big team

In this research “Security Sales Enablement” is considered part of CISO but it might also report to others



**DPO is not part of CISO**  
**In most cases it will be part of the**  
**Legal Department**





# Miscellanies

- In some small companies IT is reporting to the CISO
- In small – medium companies PT outsourced and is managed by the CISO
- In large companies there might be dedicated PT team and/or PT personal that manages the outsourced PT. They might be part of R&D (and not part of CISO)
- DevSecOps might report to CISO and might report to R&D
- APPSEC might report to CISO and might report to R&D
- Cyber security in R&D is :
  - Cloud security (build the cloud so it is secure)
  - DevSecOps (secure pipelines)
  - App Sec (code security)



# The most significant trend is AI (by CISO's):

Secure usage of AI

Protect the organization from AI attacks

How to use AI in the “day to day” work?



# **The most significant Usage of AI is in the SIEM SOC**

Reduce / Replace the first level in soc operations

Replace totally the SOC ?



# Other trends

Application Security

New generation of DLP (based on AI)

Password-less access

Browser security

Risk based vulnerability

Product consolidation (platforms)



# **Part 2: Products Usage and vendors in Israeli High-Tech companies**



# In this part the participants were asked for each product category:

Do you use a product in this category?

In your perspective, who is the market leader in Israel in this category and who follows?  
Even if the participant is not using a tool in this category

## Categories are:

EDR	App Sec	File sharing
Secure Browsing	Email Security	SOAR
CSPM	DNS security	NHI
Threat Intelligence	SASE / SSE	Awareness tools
Vulnerability Management	Device management	Compliance assistance
SIEM	IDP	Third party risk management



# All users have EDR



Perception survey conducted  
among couple of dozens CISOs  
from Israeli high-tech  
companies to assess the  
relative

# positioning for EDR tools



CrowdStrike is leading the pack with significant lead

SentinelOne and Microsoft Defender

PaloAlto Cortex





# Israel High-tech market Browser Security

All organizations:

Using dedicated tool

60 %

Not using dedicated tool

40%

Larger organizations:

Using dedicated tool

50 %

Not using dedicated tool

50%



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positioning for

# Browser Security Tools



PaloAlto is leading the pack followed by Island

Seraphic and LayerX



# **All users have CSPM Cloud Security Posture Management**



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dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative

# positioning for CSPM



According to the survey results, Google Wiz is the clear leader, significantly ahead of the competition

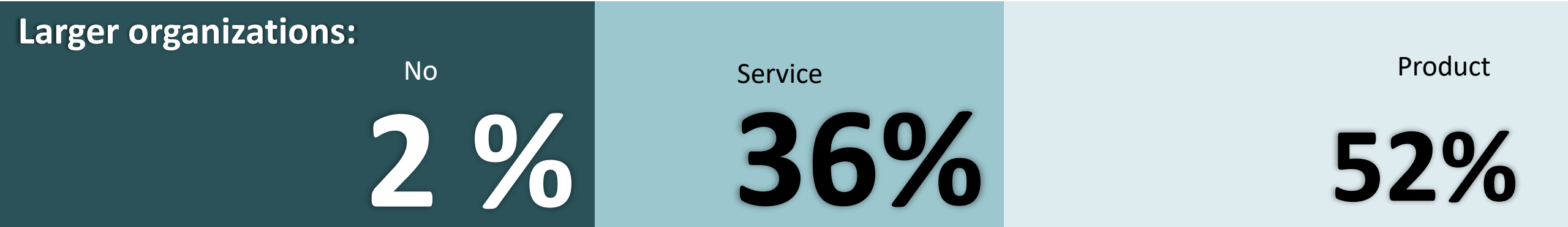
Orca and Palo Alto Networks follow in the next tier

Upwind and Cloudwize positioned behind

Crowdstrike rounds out this ranking



# Israel High-tech market Threat Intelligence



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dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative  
positioning for **Thread  
Intelligence tools  
and services**



According to the survey results, Recorded Future is the leader

CyberInt (by Checkpoint)

Kela

Mediant (by google)

Luminar (by Cognyte), ClearSky, Digital Shadows, CrowdStrike, IntSights (Rapid7) sharing the same positioning



# Israel High-tech market dedicated Vulnerability Management tools

**All organizations:**

Using dedicated product

**62 %**

Not using dedicated product

**38%**

**Larger organizations:**

Using dedicated product

**60 %**

Not using dedicated product

**40%**

Companies with no “dedicated vulnerability management” product are using CSPM or EDR, etc.



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assess the relative  
positioning for  
**Vulnerability  
Management  
tools**



According to the survey results, Tenable (Nessus Vulcan) is the leader

Google (Wiz) is following

Orca Acunetix Palo Qualys Crowdstrike Rapid7 Pentra sharing the same positioning





# Israel Hightech market DLP

All organizations:

Not using  
**44 %**

Using  
**28%**

Partly  
**28%**

Larger organizations:

Not using  
**41 %**

Using  
**59%**

Quit a few negative responses on DLP adoption



# Israel Hightech market SIEM tool

All organizations use SIEM tool

All  
organizations:

Owned by organization

95 %

owned by  
SOC  
provider  
(as a service)

5%



# Israel High-tech market SOC strategy

## All organizations:

SOC is Operated by org

**39 %**

SOC is Operated by MSP

**16%**

SOC is Operated by org with MSP

**45%**

## Larger organizations:

SOC is Operated by org

**61 %**

SOC is Operated by org with MSP

**39%**



Perception survey conducted  
among couple of dozens  
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companies to assess the  
relative  
positioning for **SIEM**  
tools



According to the survey results, Cisco (Splunk) is the clear leader

Microsoft, PaloAlto (inc. Qradar) and Elastic

Crowdstrike, Google Sumologic

And closing the ranking are Datadog, Rapid7 and Exabeam



# Israel Hightech market SOC service (MSP) mentioned



Trustnet



Citadel



2Bsecure



WeAnkor

Other MSP mentioned:  
Bezeqint , Qmasters



# Israel Hightech AppSEC

**All use APP SEC tools**

**DAST is the less used while SAST and Component CSA are the most used**

**Container security is also considered as part of APP SEC**



Perception survey conducted  
among couple of dozens CISOs  
from Israeli high-tech  
companies to assess the relative

## positioning for Application Security Vendors (all types of tools - SAST DAST SCA, etc):

Checkmarx



SYNOPSYS®

According to the survey results, Checkmarx, Snyk and Synopsys are the leaders

Google Wiz, Arnica, PaloAlto and OX Security

Then lots of other tools including Coverity (Synopsys) , Github, Veracode, Mend, JFrog, Bright, Oligo, Backslash and SonarQube



# Israel Hightech Email Security dedicated tools

All  
organizations:





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dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative  
**positioning for  
Dedicated  
email security  
tools**

**FORTINET.**

**proofpoint.**

According to the survey results, Fortinet (Perception Point) is the leader, with small edge over Proofpoint.

Cisco, Checkpoint and Abnormal

Forcepoint, Ironscales and PaloAlto



# Israel High-tech Email DNS security

All organizations:

Using  
**47 %**

Not using

**53%**

Larger organizations:

Using  
**58 %**

Not using

**42%**



**Perception survey  
conducted among  
couple of dozens CISOs  
from Israeli high-tech  
companies to assess the  
relative positioning for  
DNS security**



According to the survey results, Cisco is the clear leader

Cloudflare

ThreatStop and PaloAlto



**All users utilize VPN, ZTNA or  
SASE/SSE**



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dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative  
positioning for **ZTNA**  
and **SASE/SSE**  
services



According to the survey results, Cato is the clear leader

PaloAlto

Zscaler

Cloudflare

Netskope

Cisco

Checkpoint (Perimeter81) and Fortinet



# Israel High-tech market Device management - All have



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high-tech companies to  
assess the relative  
**positioning  
for Device  
Management  
tools:**



According to the survey results, results Microsoft Intune is the leader

Kandji (for Macs)

by Jam f (for Mac) and JumpCloud (for both Mac and PC)



# Israel Hightech market IDP Identity Provider - All have





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dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative  
**positioning**  
**for IDP**  
**(Identity Provider**  
**Services)**



According to the survey results, Okta is the clear leader

Microsoft EntraID

OneLogin and Google



# Israel Hightech market SOAR tools



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assess the relative  
**positioning  
for SOAR  
tools**

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According to the survey results, Torq is the clear leader

PaloAlto (Demisto)

Tines

Splunk, Google, Crowdstrike and BlinkOps that share the same positioning.



# Israel Hightech market Honeypots (deception) tools

All organizations:

Using

19 %

Not using

81%

Larger organizations:

Using

25 %

Not using

75%

Some users utilize open source solutions



# Israel Hightech market Secure file sharing tools

All  
organizations:

Using

**87 %**

Not

**13%**



Perception survey  
conducted among couple of  
dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative

# positioning for File Sharing services:



According to the survey results, Google (drive) and Box are the clear leaders

Microsoft (Onedrive) and Kiteworks

DocuSign, Egnyte, Dropbox and GoAnywhere that share the same positioning



# Israel Hightech market NHI Non Human Identities tools

All organizations:

Using  
**31 %**

Not using

**69%**

Larger organizations:

Using  
**39 %**

Not using

**61%**



Perception survey  
conducted among couple of  
dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative

positioning for **NHI**  
**Non Human**  
**Identities**

 **Astrix**

**Clutch**

Astrix Security , Clutch

Axonius Silverfort, Oasis, and Okta





# **ALL**

## **Israel High-tech market use Employee Awareness Tools or Services**



Perception survey  
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dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative  
positioning for

# Employee Awareness tools & services



According to the survey results, KnowBe4 is clear leader

Dcoya (Ninjio) and Ironscales, Consienta, Wizer  
and Riot that share the same positioning.

Hoxhunt



# **ALL**

## **Israel High-tech market use Password Management tools or Services**



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high-tech companies to  
assess the relative  
**positioning  
for Password  
Management  
tools**

 1Password

According to the survey results, 1Password is the clear leader

LastPass

Keeper

IBM (Hashicorp)

Bitwarden

Cyberark



# Israel Hightech market Compliance Automation

All organizations:

Using  
**38 %**

Not using

**62%**

Larger organizations:

Using  
**22 %**

Not using

**78%**



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conducted among couple of  
dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative  
**positioning  
for Cyber  
Compliance  
Automation:**

DRATA

anecdotes

According to the survey results, Drata and Anecdotes are the clear leaders.

Cypago

Scytale and Vanta that share the same positioning.



# Israel Hightech market Third Party Risk Management

All organizations:

Using  
**62 %**

Not using

**38%**

Larger organizations:

Using  
**56 %**

Not using

**44%**



Perception survey  
conducted among couple of  
dozens CISOs from Israeli  
high-tech companies to  
assess the relative

# positioning for Third Party Risk Management tools



According to the survey results, Panorays is the clear leader

Rescana and BitSight that share the same positioning

Sling Score, Security Scorecard and Commugen that share the same positioning





# **Part 3 Research Methodology and Participant Demographics**

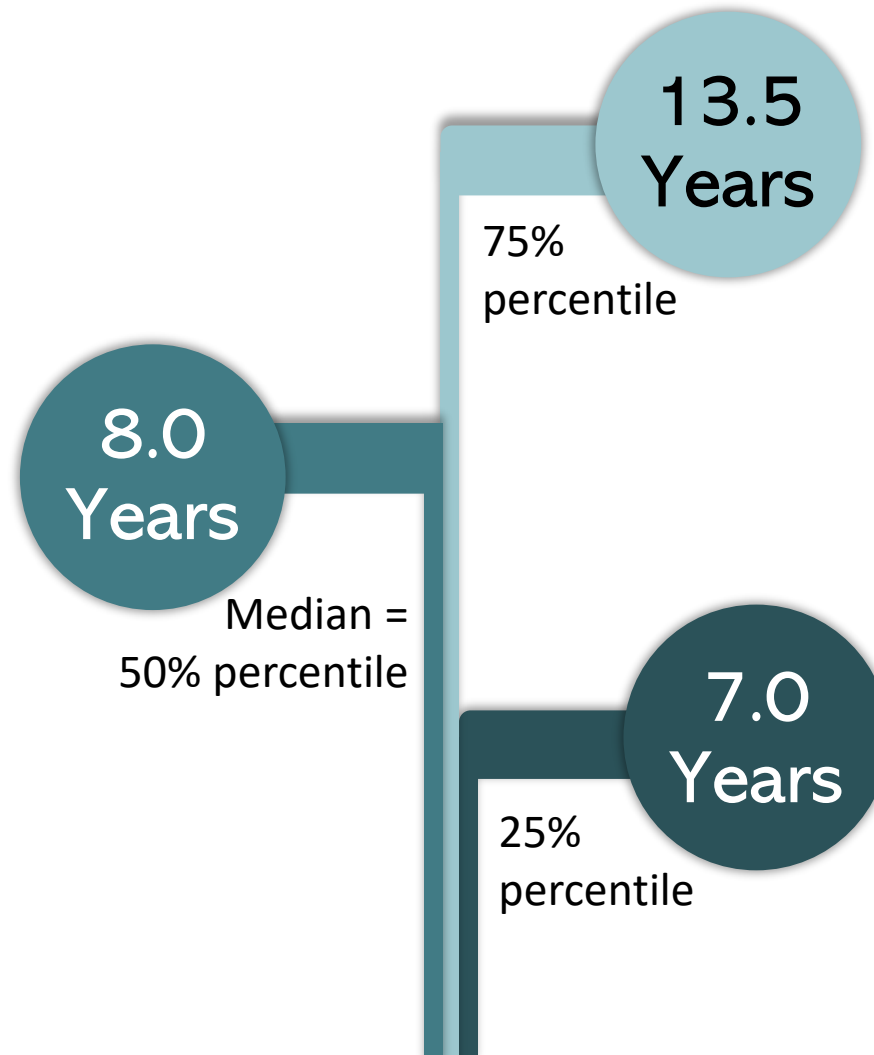


# Research Methodology and Participant Demographics

The survey included diverse participants from various industries.  
Data collected from dozens of CISOs in Israeli high-tech companies.  
Focus on understanding cybersecurity practices and tools.  
Insights were gathered on company size  
Analysis aimed at identifying trends in cybersecurity adoption



# How old is the company in years



Private :  
**62.5 %**

Public :  
**37.5%**



# Industry

Fintech  
39%

Martech  
12%

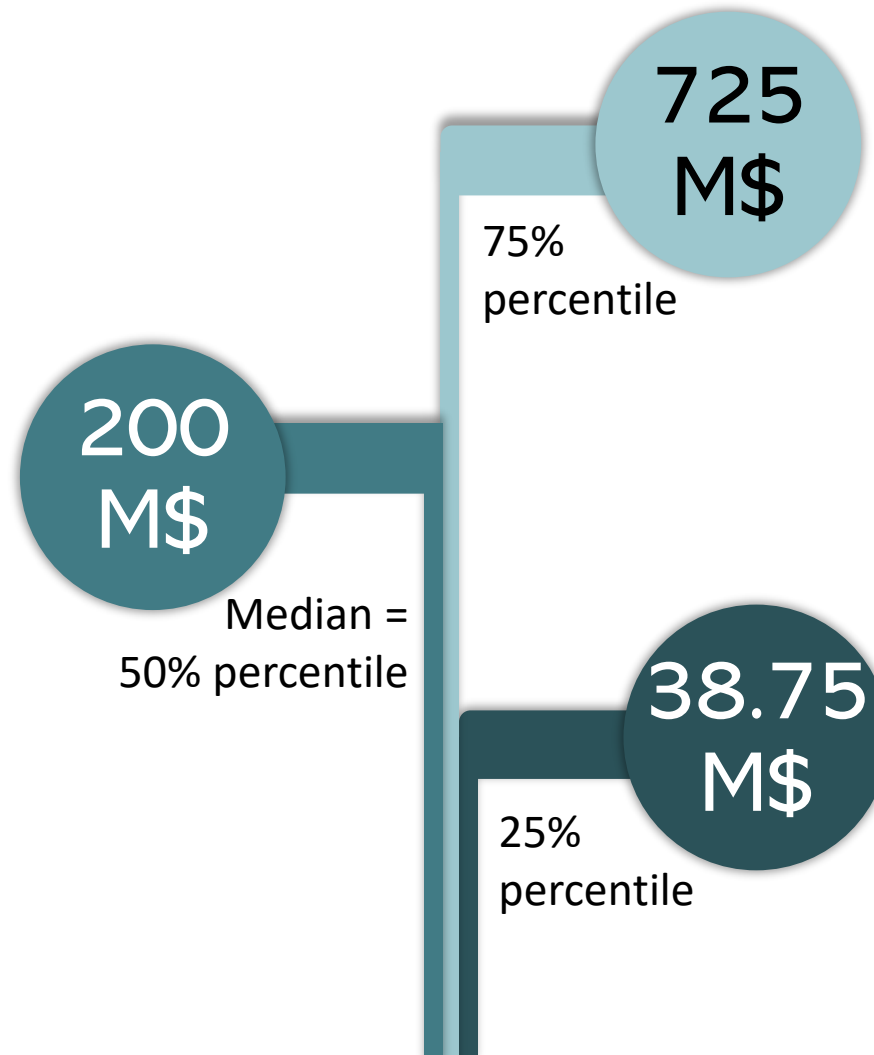
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14%

Gaming  
11%

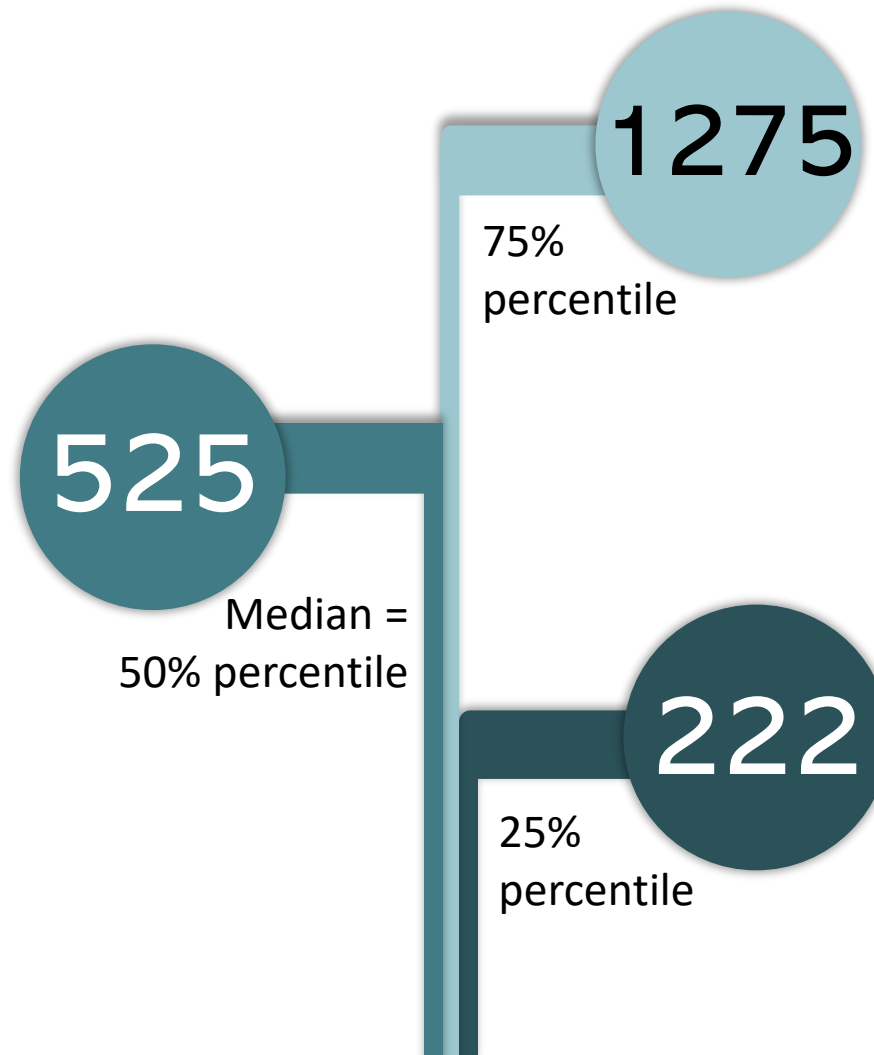
Other  
24%



# Revenues



# Number of Employees



Cloud companies :

**84 %**

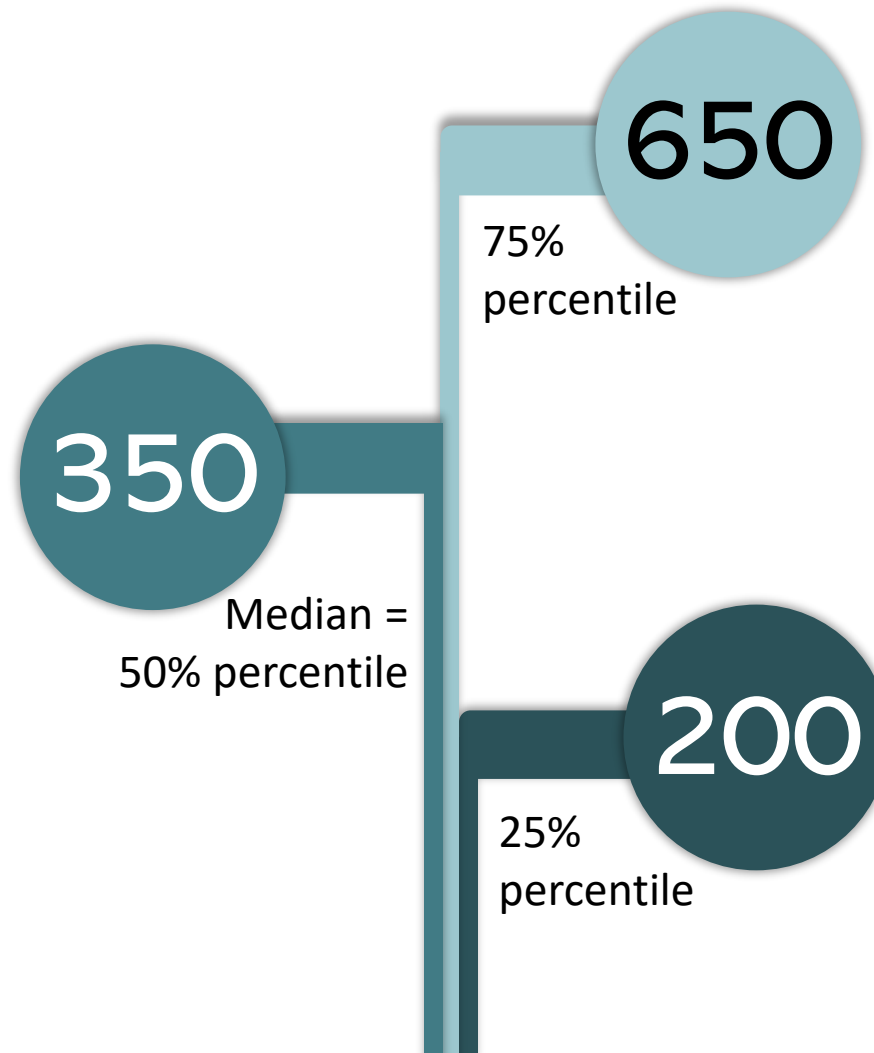
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companies :

**16%**

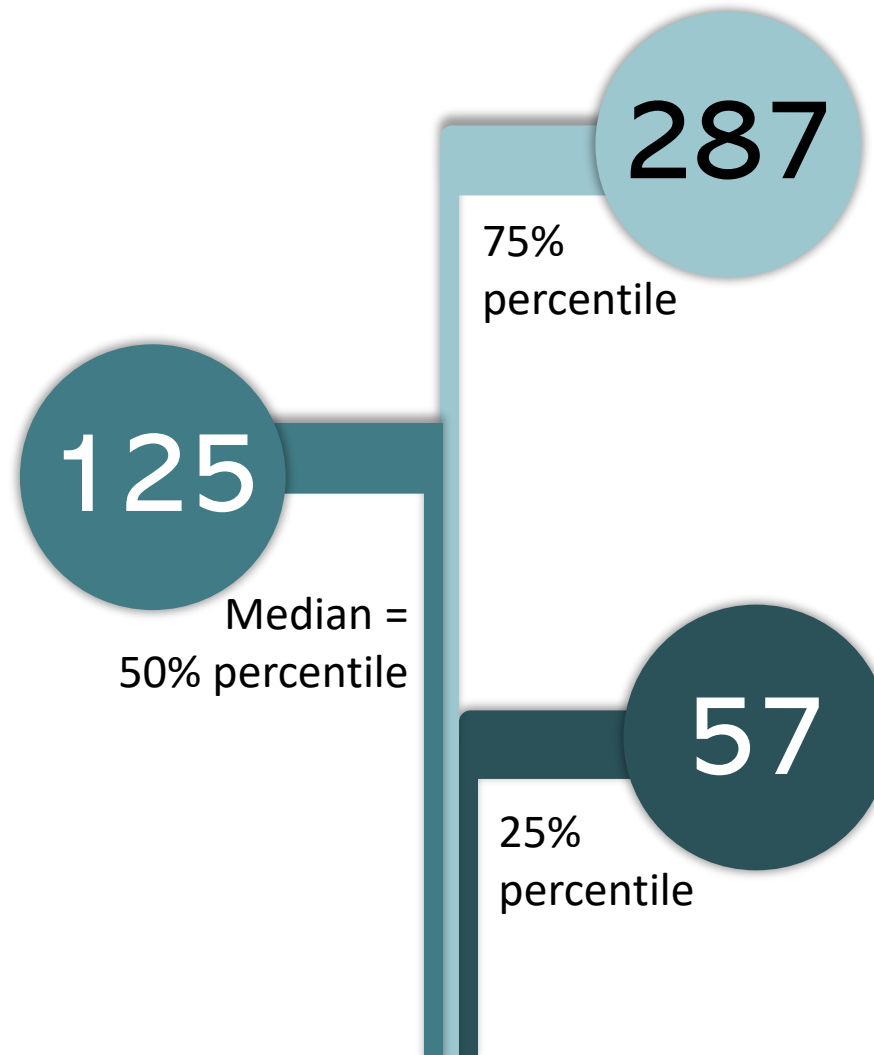




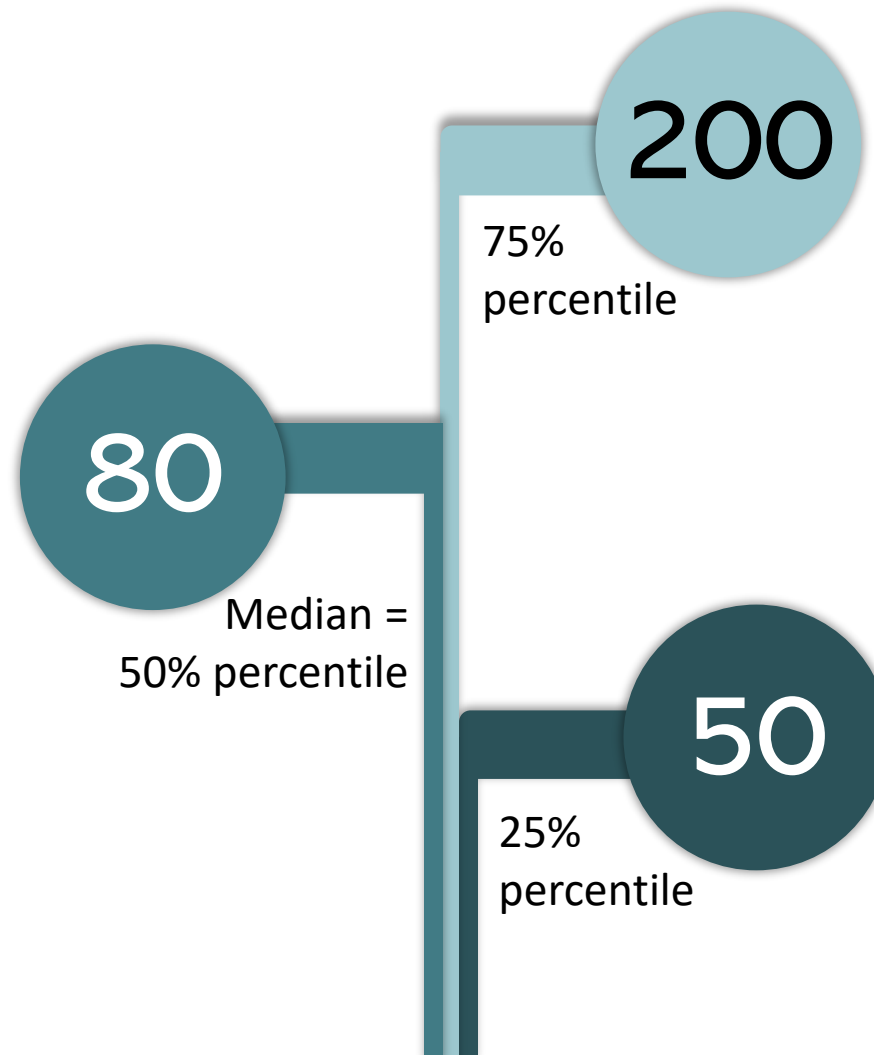
# Number of Employees for cloud companies



# Number of Developers



# Developers for cloud companies



# Survey methodology

Question to Org A – “How many Full Time Employees are in your APP SEC department?” “How Many Developers?”

Answer: “3500 Developers , 10 FTE (Full Time Employee) in the APP SEC team”

The Ratio is 350 Developers per each APP SEC team member



# Survey methodology

Org A : The ratio is 350 Developers per each APP SEC team member  
Org B: The ratio is 190

Org C: The ratio is 131

Org D: The ratio is 167

Org E: The ratio is 450

185, 213, 110, 367, etc...



# Survey methodology

110
131
167
185
190
213
350
367
450

110

131

**167** ← 25<sup>th</sup> percentile

185

**190** ← Median = 50<sup>th</sup> percentile

213

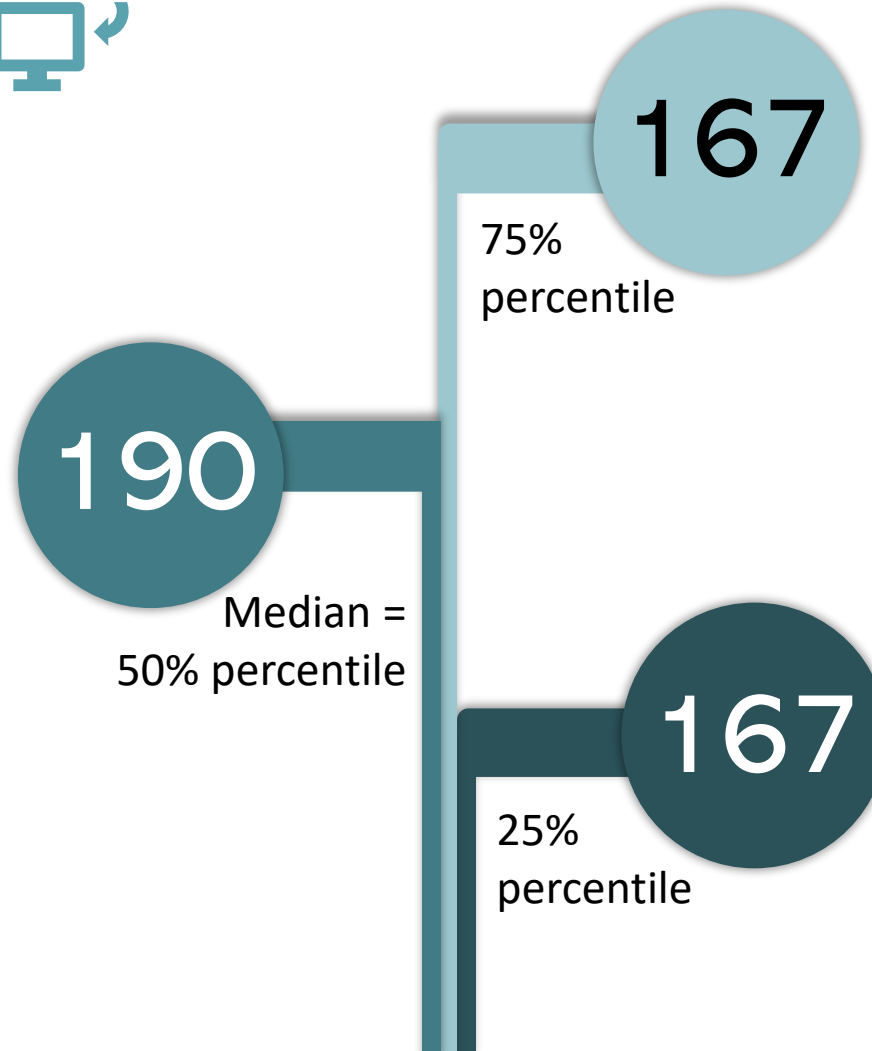
**350** ← 75<sup>th</sup> percentile

367

450



# Survey methodology





# Thank you

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