



## CISOs in Only 46% of Organizations: IT Trends Study

SIM's IT Trends Research Team is currently writing up the findings from 2016's 37th Anniversary Study in which 1213 SIM members, from 801 unique organizations (up from 785 in 2015), participated, including 490 CIOs (up from 485).

This year the Study included some new cybersecurity-specific questions. **Only 45.8% of 705 responding organizations reported having a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) or equivalent position.** This is a surprisingly low percentage given the attention cybersecurity has received the past several years by regulators and the media. There is some evidence that organizations investing more heavily in IT are more likely to have a CISO, **organization size appears to be a stronger indicator of whether an organization has a position dedicated to cybersecurity.**

Smaller organizations, in terms of both total revenues and total FTEs, are less likely to have a CISO. **Nearly 71.0% of organizations with annual revenues in excess of \$1 billion have a CISO or equivalent (still a surprisingly low number), while only 18.2% of organizations with revenues less than \$100 million have one.** For additional insights into cybersecurity and other IT trends, stay tuned for the full report.

**A big thanks to all of you who participated in this year's Study. We know your time is quite valuable and we truly appreciate your sharing it!** This year's **Personal Benchmarks Reports will go out by early October to all those who participated in this year's Study.** The full report will be presented at the SIMposium 2016 conference, held this year at the Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino from October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there! For those who cannot attend SIMposium, the "Comprehensive Report" and slidedeck will be available to all SIM members shortly after the conference.

We would also like to extend a big thanks to this year's **IT Trends Study Sponsors** for supporting SIM's 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IT Trends Study!

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