

2020 CYBERSECURITY SALARY SURVEY RESULTS

FOREWORD

The following document summarizes the results of the 2020 Cybersecurity Salary Survey conducted on December 2019.

By aggregating and correlating the results of 1,324 security pros who filled out the survey, we were able to compile an actionable and intuitive tool that delivers clear insight into the state and contributing factors of key cybersecurity roles.

The data that was received provided us the means to profile five security positions:



Security Analyst/Threat Intelligence Specialist



Penetration Tester



Network Security Engineer



Security Architect/ Cloud Security Architect



Security Director/ Manager

For each of these, we provide a detailed analysis of the overall salary range, as well as the impacts of the following:



Company profile: size, scope, industry, geolocation.



Individual profile: experience and certification.

In addition, we have included a section on existence, size and frequency of a bonus component. This is a tool that is ready to use for your needs.

Individual Contributor: match yourself against the profile and see how your compensation benchmarks against your peers.

Decision Maker/Team Manager: get the knowledge you need to build a competitive compensation plan to recruit and retain the talent you need.

KEY INSIGHTS



Geolocation matters.

Security Analysts in NAM get a significantly higher salary than in EMEA and APAC, with more than 80% earning between 71K and 110K in contrast to less than 35% in EMEA and 21% in APAC.



Pivoting pays. Individuals that pivoted from an IT position to a cybersecurity one earn more than their peers that started out in cybersecurity.



Degree doesn't guarantee higher compensation. All analyzed positions feature similar salary range distribution for both employees with or without a degree in computer sciences or a related engineering filed.



Bonuses are common practice.

With the exception of security analysts, all other positions include periodic bonuses with annual 1%-10% as the leading pattern.



Banking and Finance lead with payment range and distribution for both management and individual contribution positions.



Women are hard to find. There is a significant shortage of women in security positions. The highest percentage is in the 20-29 age group with 6% in overall positions.



Quality beats experience.

Surprisingly, across all analyzed positions we have found both individuals with little experience at the top of the payment curve and seasoned veterans at its bottom.



Women in management. Within the five analyzed positions, the highest percentage of women were found in the security director/manager position at 10%.



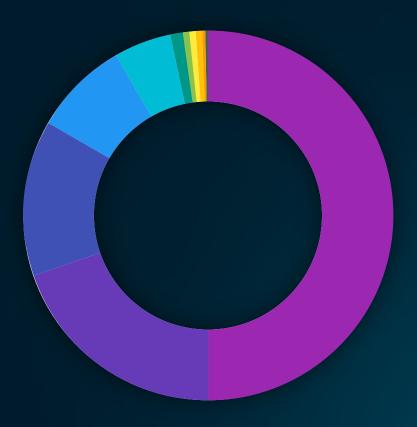
FINDINGS: SECURITY POSITION BREAKDOWNS



Security Analyst/Threat Intelligence Expert

Security analysts are tasked with various levels of alert triage, response and proactive threat hunting, often employing threat intelligence in the course of their operations. Security analysts are placed on the front lines and are a basic necessity for any organization.

General Salary Breakdown



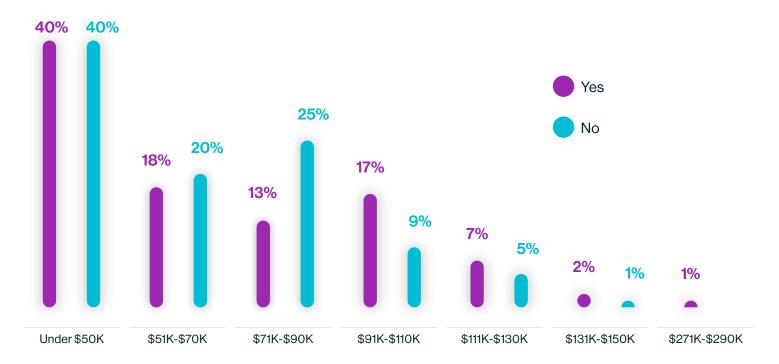
50%	•	Under \$50K
19%	•	\$51K-\$70K
14%	•	\$71K-\$90K
8%		\$91K-\$110K
5%		\$111K-\$130K
1%		\$131K-\$150K
1%	•	\$151K-\$170K
1%	•	\$171K-\$190K

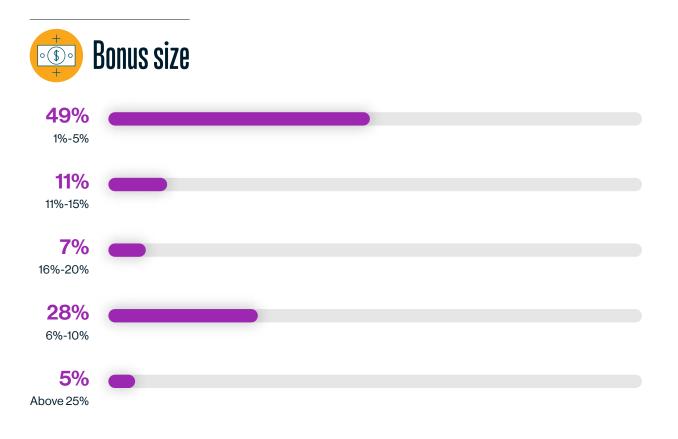
SALARY FACTORS





Is there a bonus component in the salary?





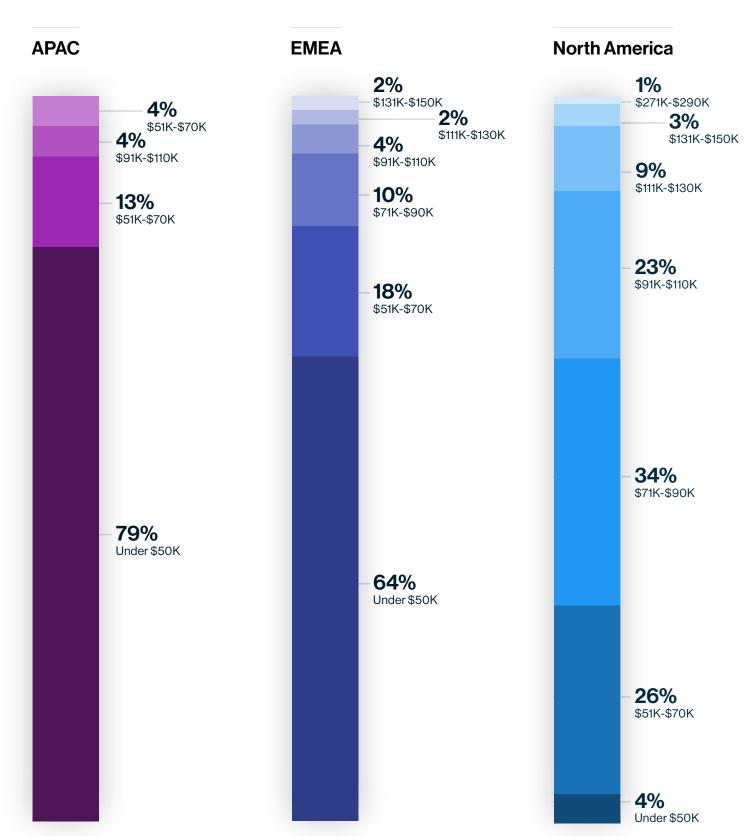


SALARY FACTORS / ORGANIZATION





Impact of organization's geolocation on the salary.

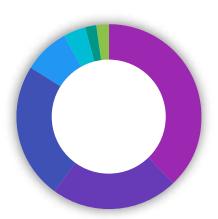






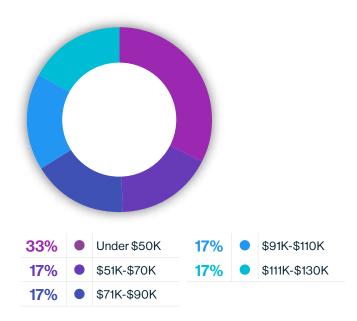
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Banking and Finance

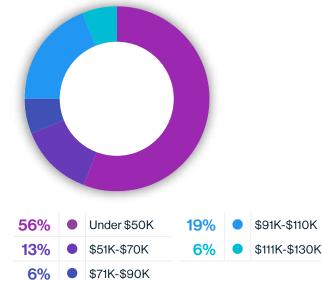


38%	•	Under \$50K	4%	•	\$111K-\$130K
22%	•	\$51K-\$70K	2%	•	\$131K-\$150K
24%	•	\$71K-\$90K	2%		\$271K-\$290K
8%		\$91K-\$110K			

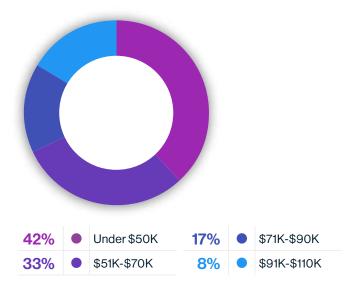
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Industrial



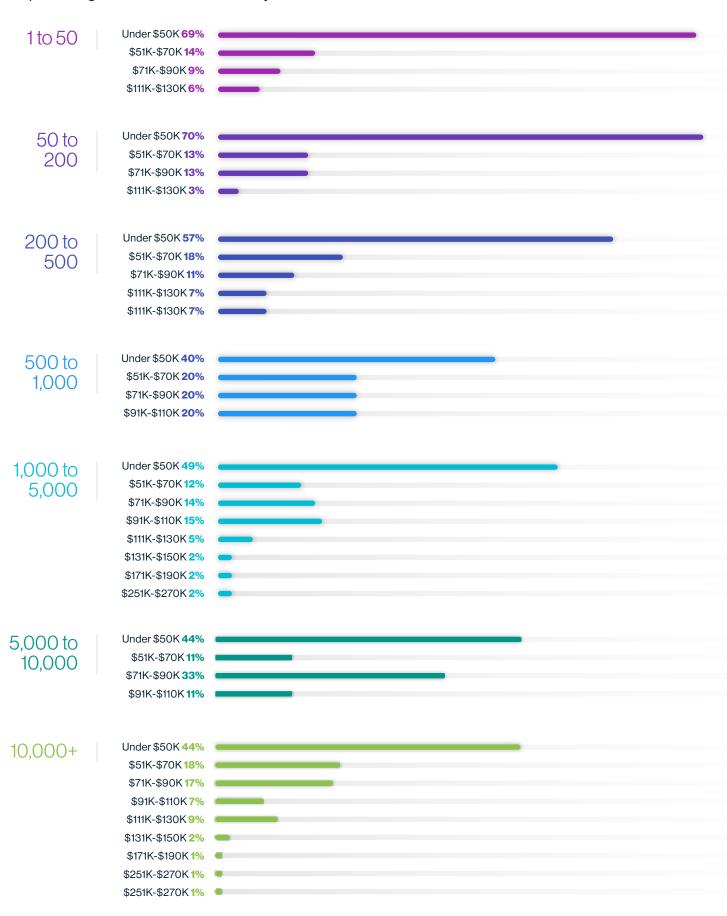
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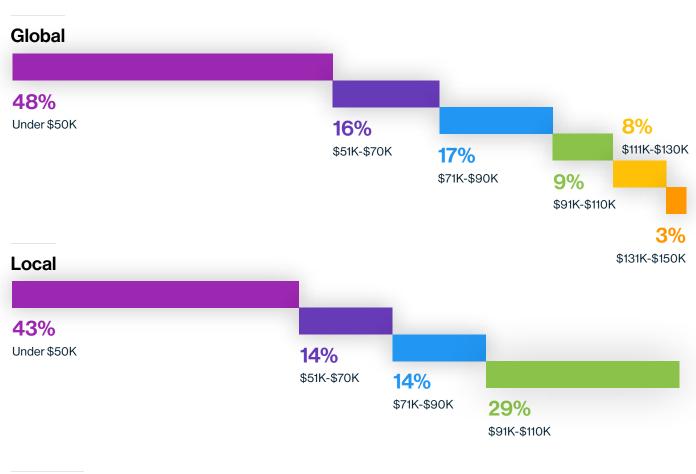
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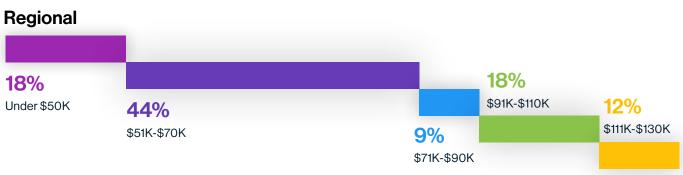


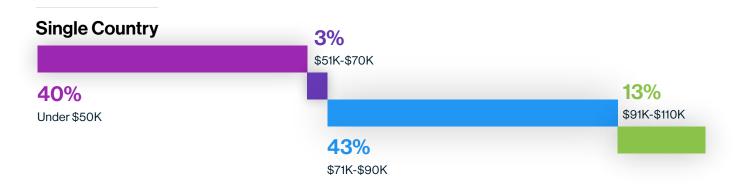




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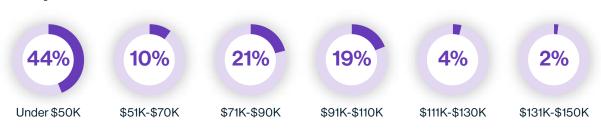


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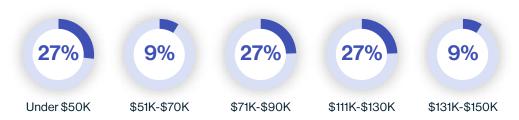
1-3 years



4-8 years



9-15 years



16 or more years

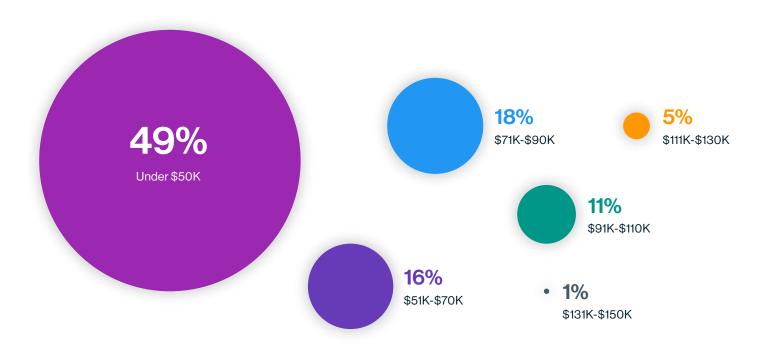




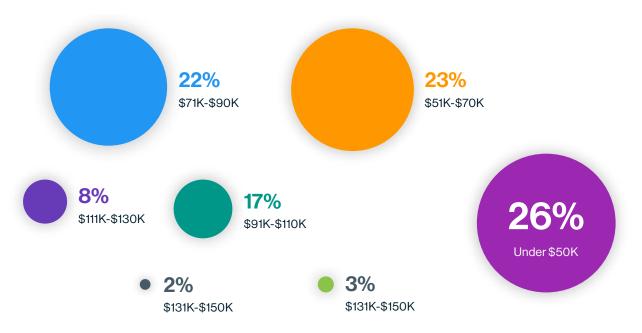


Impact of academic degree in CS/engineering on the salary.

Academic Degree



No Academic Degree







Penetration Tester

Penetration testers are engaged in proactive testing of the organization's defenses, employing a vast array of ethical hacking techniques. While traditionally found at MSSPs and other service providers, an increasing number of organizations prefer to have its in-house pen-testing workforce.

General Salary Breakdown



60%	•	Under \$50K		
20%	•	\$51K-\$70K		
4%	•	\$71K-\$90K		
9%	•	\$91K-\$110K		
5%	•	\$111K-\$130K		
3%	•	\$131K-\$150K		

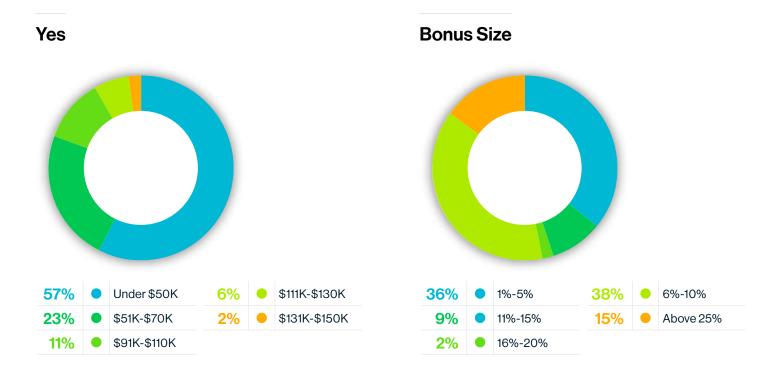
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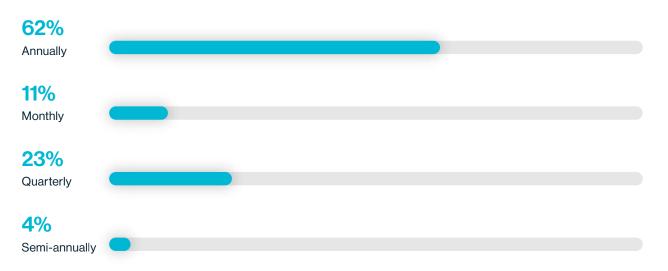




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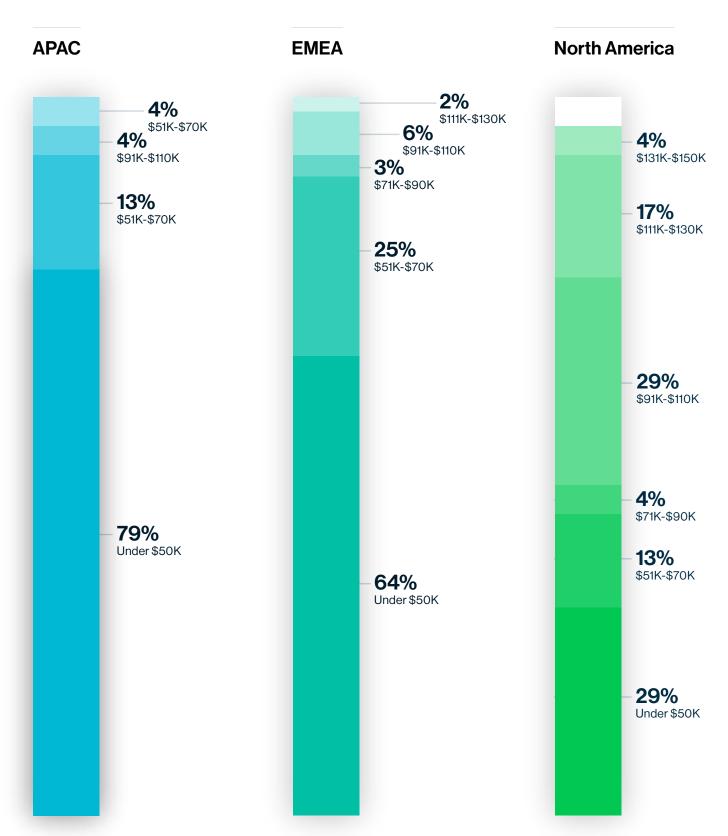


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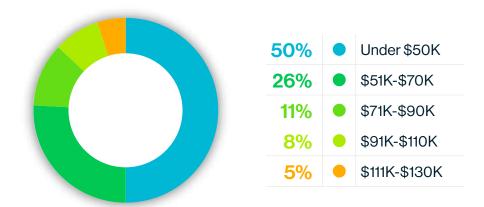




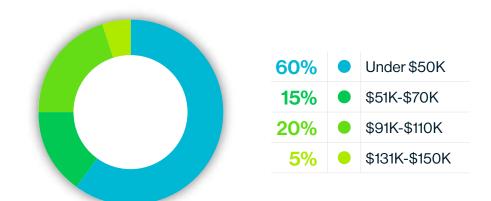


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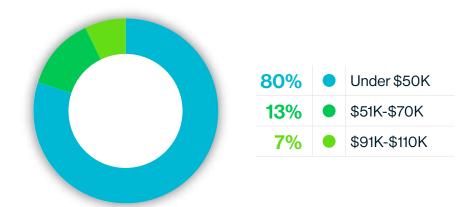
IT / Security Service Provider



Banking and Finance



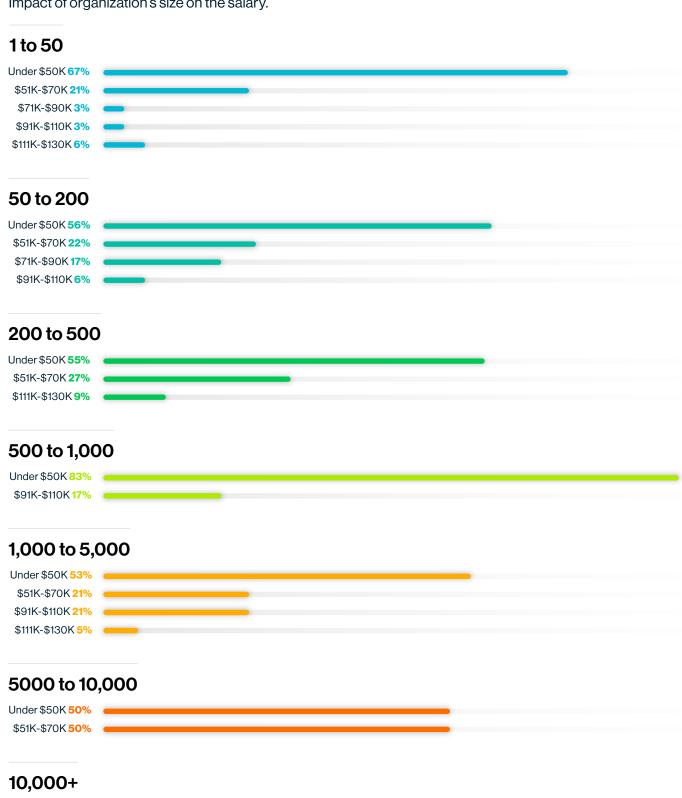
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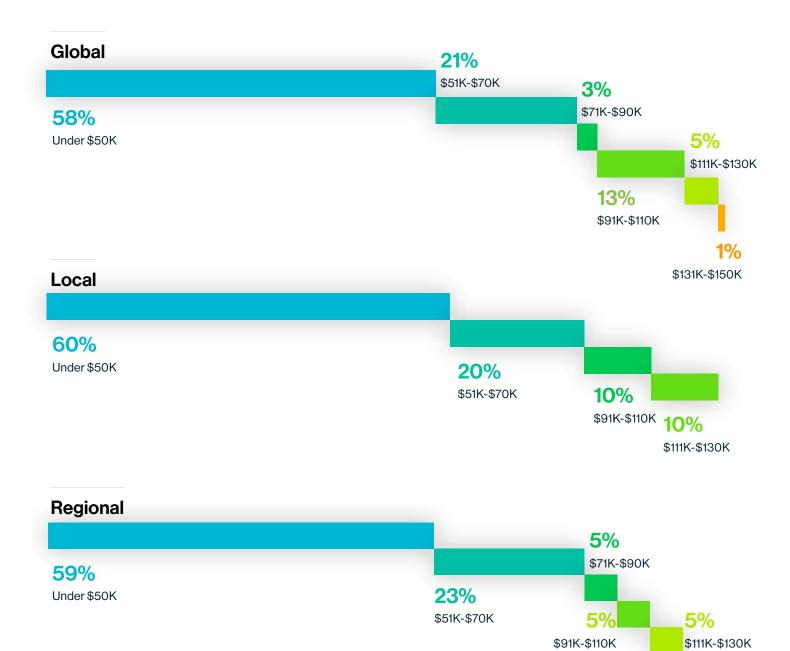


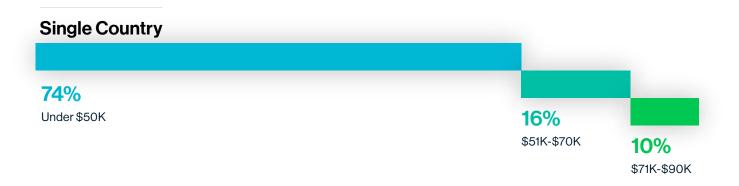
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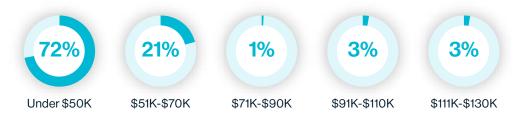
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Impact of of number of years in security position on the salary.

1-3 years



4-8 years



9-15 years

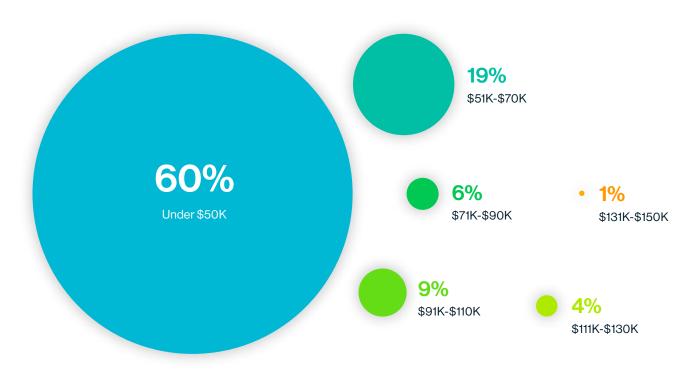




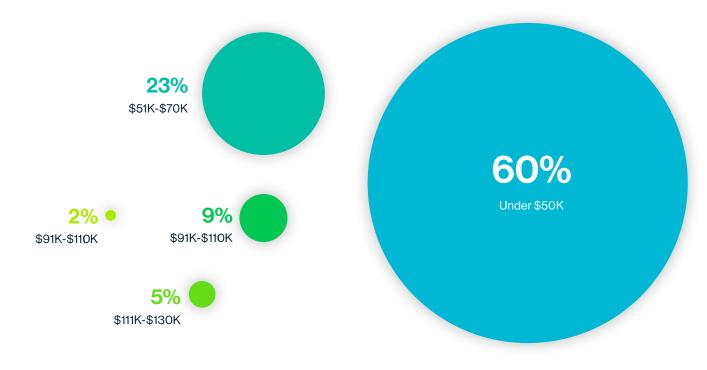


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Academic Degree



No Academic Degree





Network Security Engineer

Networking security is perhaps the oldest of the security related positions and is tasked with maintaining the north-south and east-west network defenses through configuration and operation of the firewall, IDS/IPS and other network security measures.

General Salary Breakdown



38%	•	Under \$50K
18%	•	\$51K-\$70K
17%	•	\$71K-\$90K
7%	•	\$91K-\$110K
8%	•	\$111K-\$130K
10%		\$131K-\$150K

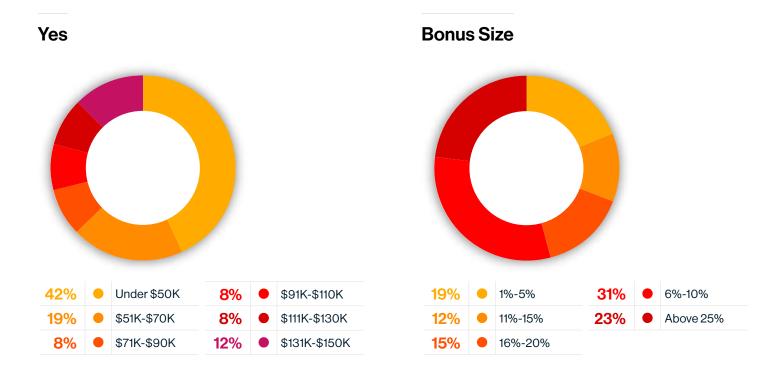
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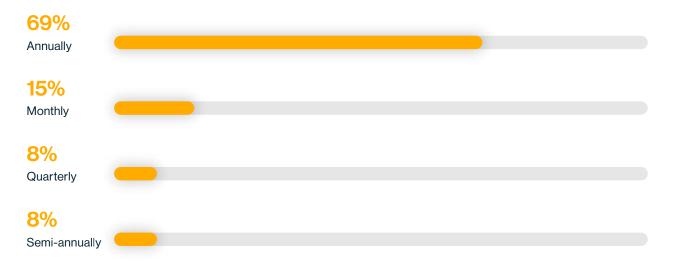




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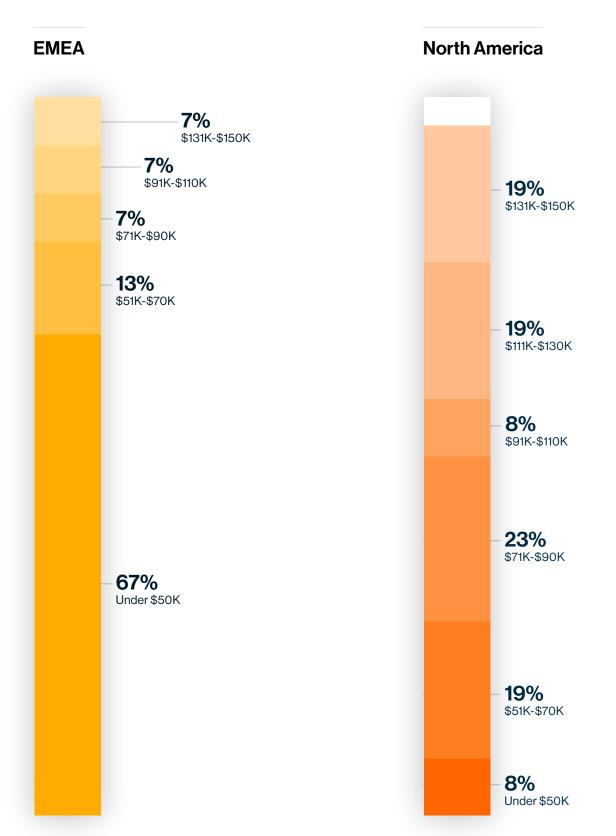


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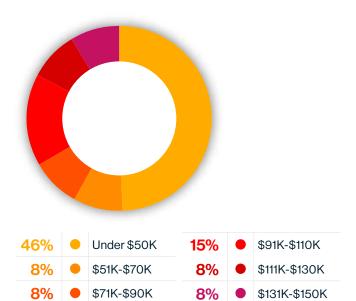




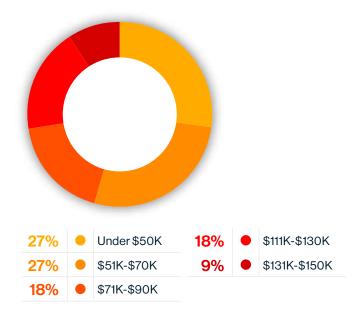


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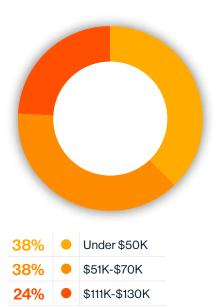
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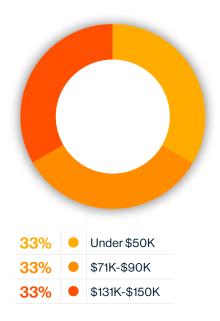
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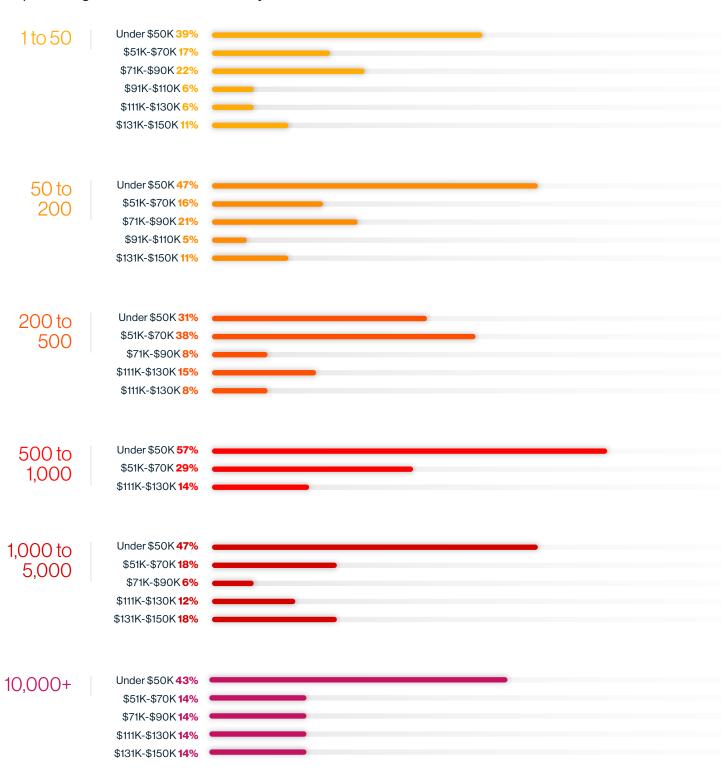
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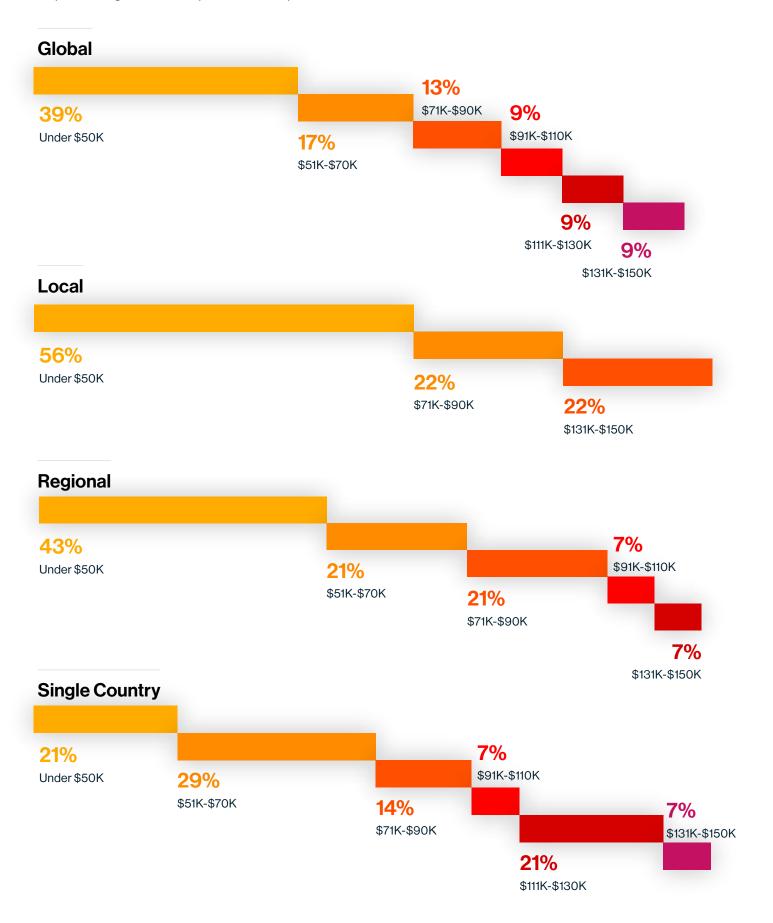
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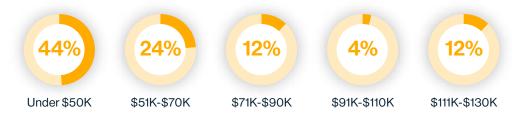
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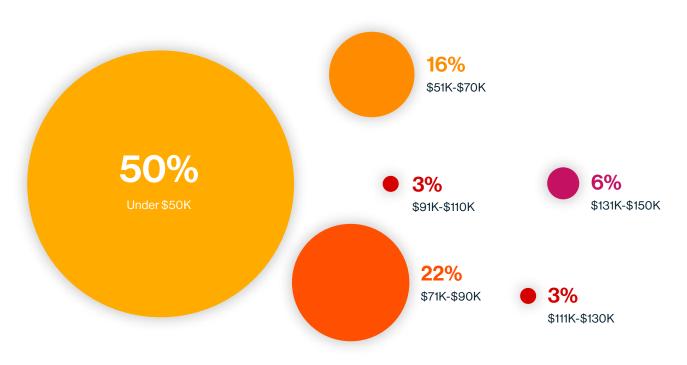




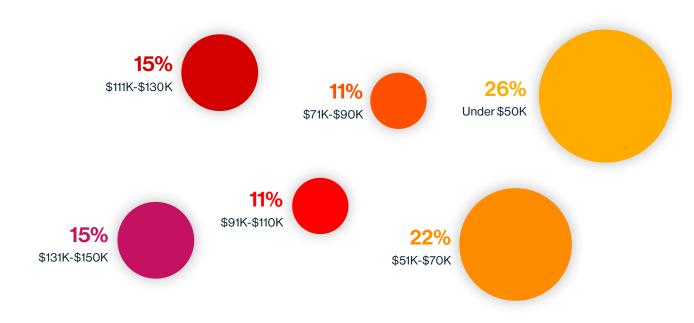


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No Academic Degree







Security/Cloud Architect

The security architect is the technical authority behind the decision making of the organization's security stack and acts as a subject matter expert in all aspects of purchase, deployment and maintenance of the various security products within the organization's environment.

General Salary Breakdown



	Under \$50K
	\$51K-\$70K
	\$71K-\$90K
•	\$91K-\$110K
•	\$111K-\$130K
•	\$131K-\$150K
	\$151K-\$170K
•	\$171K-\$190K
•	\$191K-\$210K
•	Over \$290K
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Overall salary range for Security Analyst/Threat Intelligence Expert

SALARY FACTORS / BONUS





Is there a bonus component in the salary?

Bonus Size Yes 25% Under \$50K 14% \$131K-\$150K 1%-5% 11% \$51K-\$70K 11% **7**% \$151K-\$170K 11%-15% **7**% \$71K-\$90K 4% \$171K-\$190K **7**% 16%-20% **7**% 14% 21%-25% \$91K-\$110K 11% \$191K-\$210K 7% \$111K-\$130K 4% Over \$290K 32% 6%-10% 14% Above 25%

Frequency





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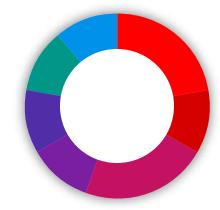
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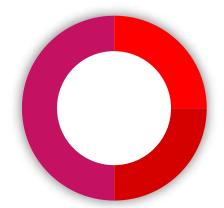
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8%	•	\$91K-\$110K	8%		Over \$290K
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Industrial



22 %	•	Under \$50K	11%	
11%		\$51K-\$70K	11%	
22%		\$71K-\$90K		
11%	•	\$91K-\$110K		
11%	•	\$111K-\$130K		

Healthcare

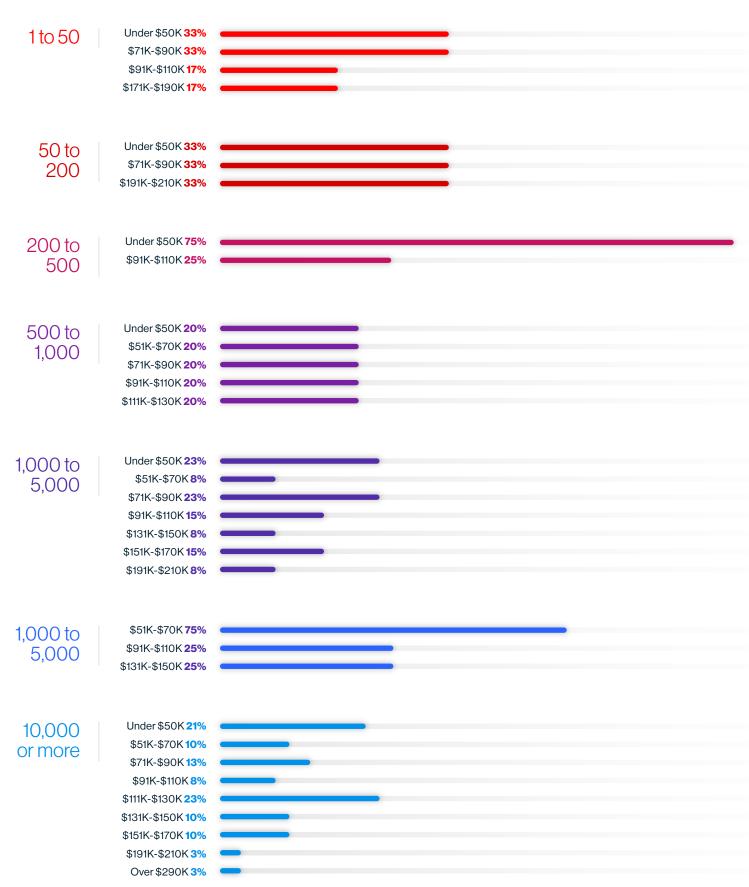


25%	•	\$111K-\$130K
25 %	•	\$131K-\$150K
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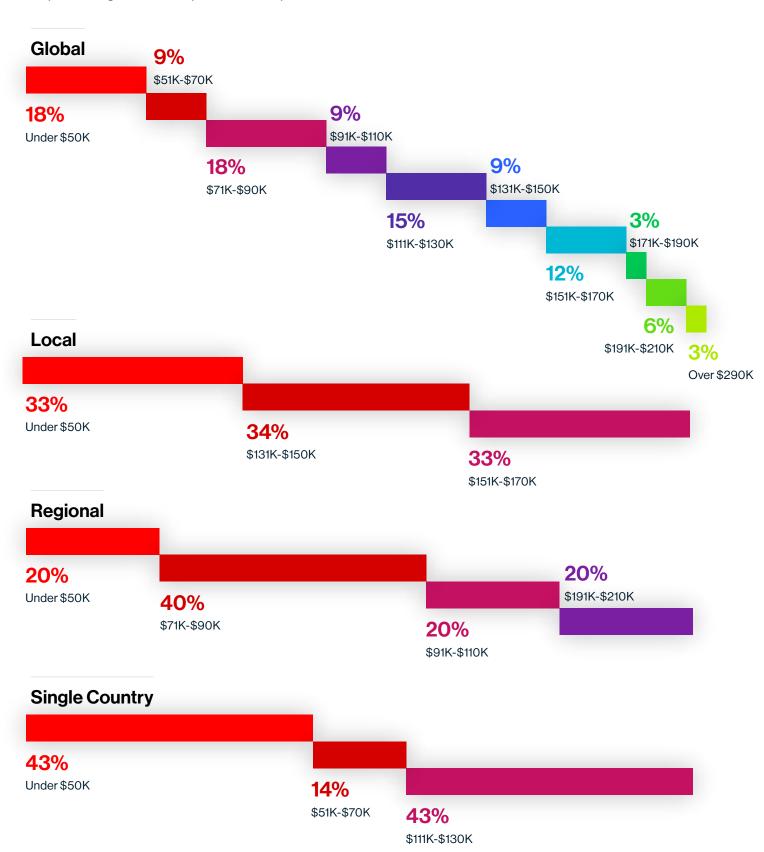
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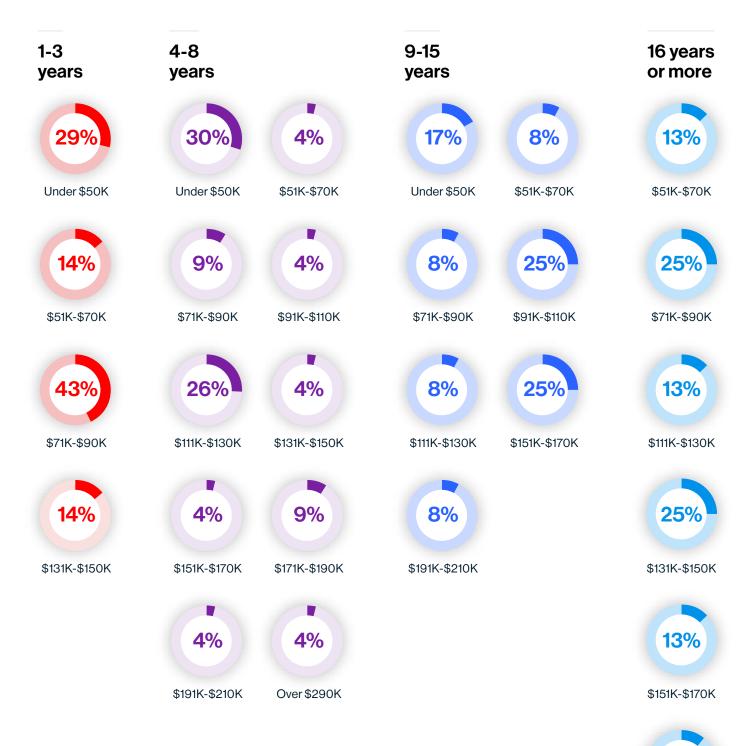


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Impact of of number of years in security position on the salary.



11%

\$191K-\$210K





Impact of academic degree in CS/engineering on the salary.

Academic Degree



No Academic Degree







Security Director/Manager

The security director is tasked with the orchestration of the entire security team, recruitment, setting procedures and workflow, and acting as the connecting link between security operations and the organization's management.

General Salary Breakdown



17%		Under \$50K
9%		\$51K-\$70K
14%		\$71K-\$90K
9%	•	\$91K-\$110K
14%		\$111K-\$130K
8%		\$131K-\$150K
11%	•	\$151K-\$170K
2%	•	\$171K-\$190K
6%	•	\$191K-\$210K
2 %	•	\$211K-\$230K
5%	•	\$231K-\$250K
2 %	•	\$251K-\$270K
3%		Over \$290K

Overall salary range for Security Analyst/Threat Intelligence Expert

SALARY FACTORS / BONUS





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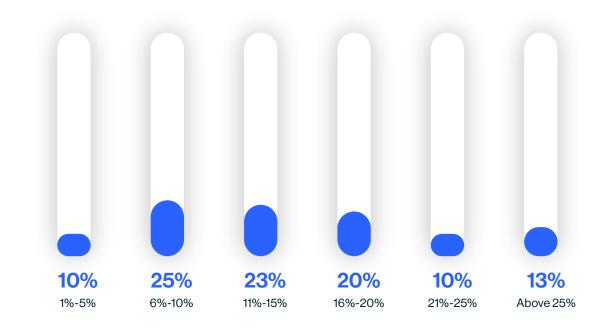
Yes



10%		Under \$50K
13%		\$51K-\$70K
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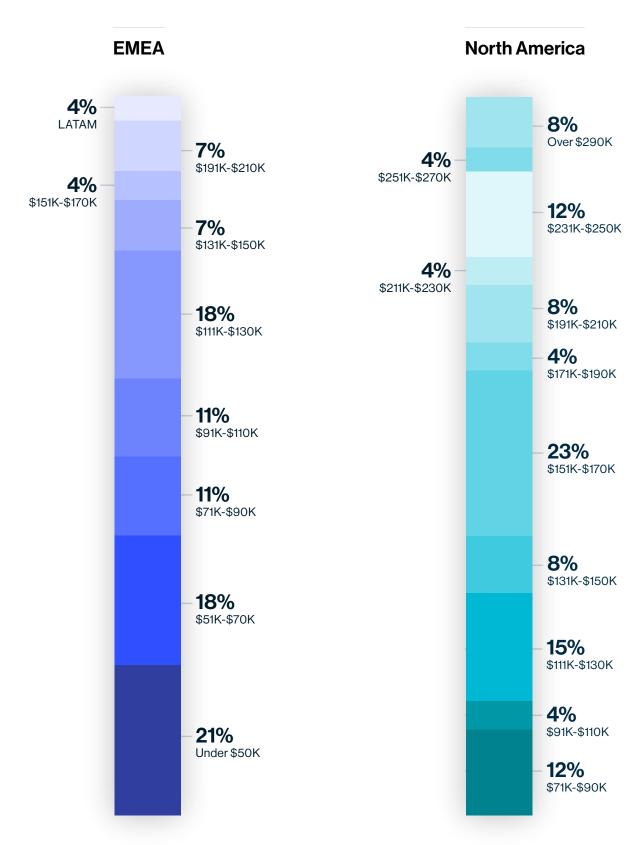


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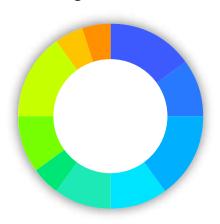






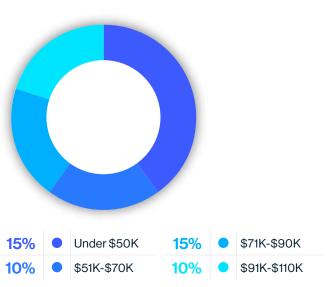
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Banking and Finance

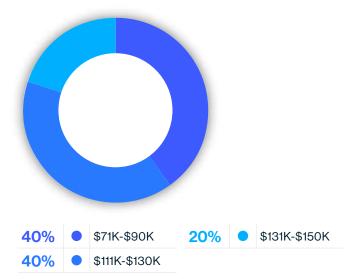


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10%	951K-\$70	OK 10%	•	\$151K-\$170K
15%	971K-\$90	OK 15%	•	\$191K-\$210K
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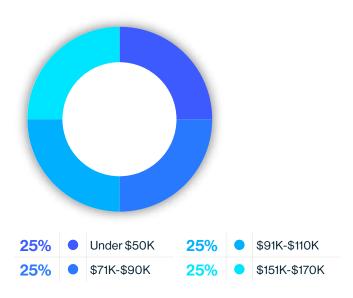
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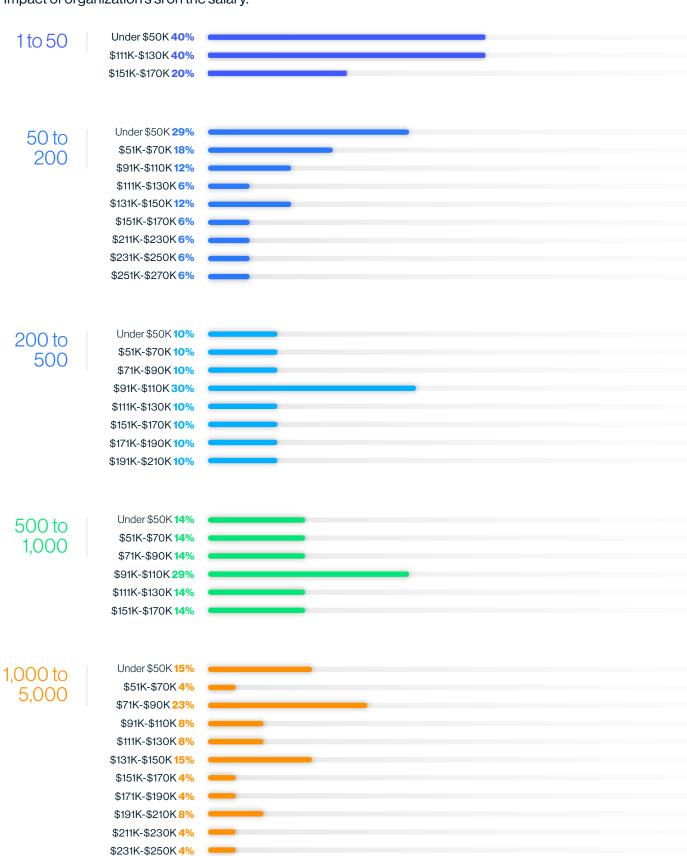
Education







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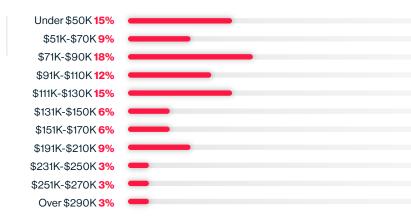


Impact of organization's size on the salary.





10,000 or more

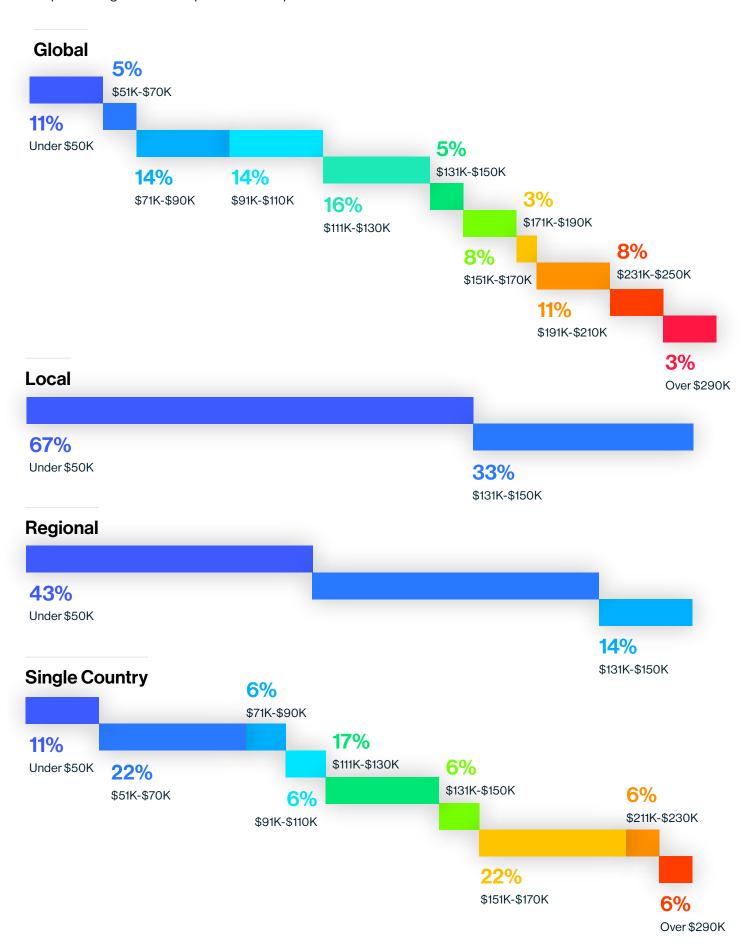








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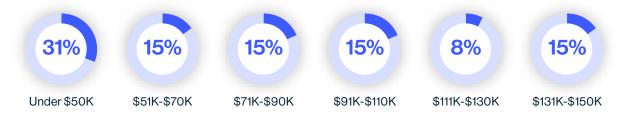
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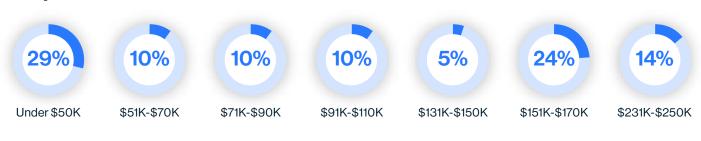


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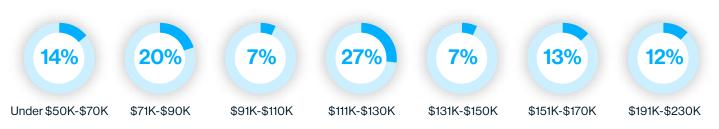
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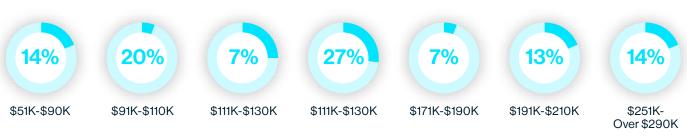
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