

# STATE OF CYBERSECURITY POSTURE MANAGEMENT

ESG survey of ~400 IT and cybersecurity professionals reveals key insights into how organizations approach cybersecurity posture management, what some of the coverage gaps are, and how they plan to improve it.



## ONE OF THE LEAST MATURE AREAS OF CYBER SECURITY



70% have more than 10 security tools



73% agree spreadsheets remain a key aspect of security posture management



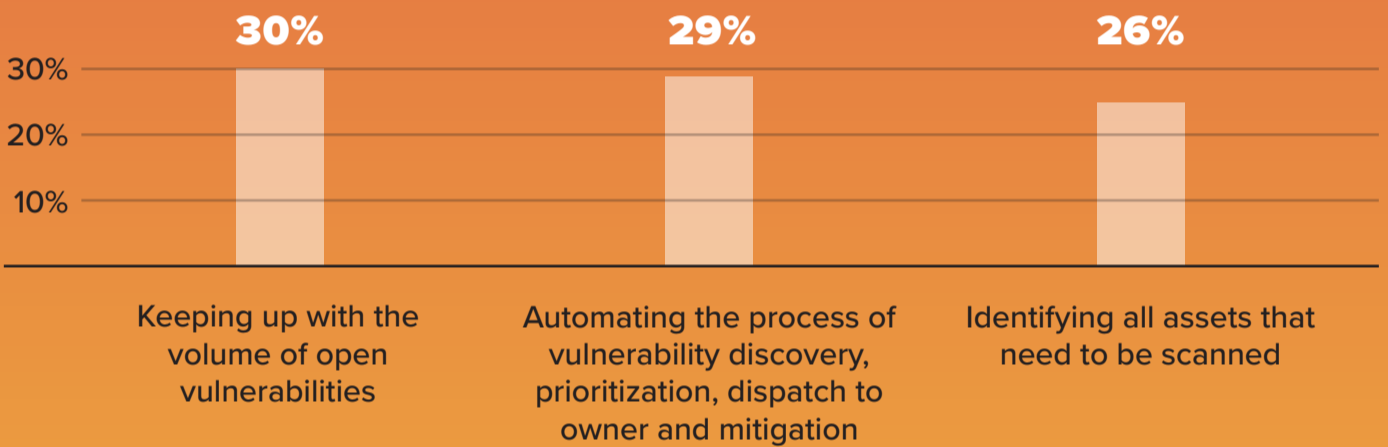
69% feel that it has become more difficult over the past 2 years

As a result, consolidating the data and output from disparate tools or manual processes is a huge challenge. Lack of integration between the tools results in inaccurate and incomplete visibility.

## SECURITY TEAMS ARE OVERWHELMED

### Question:

"Which of the following are the biggest challenges associated with vulnerability management at your organization?"

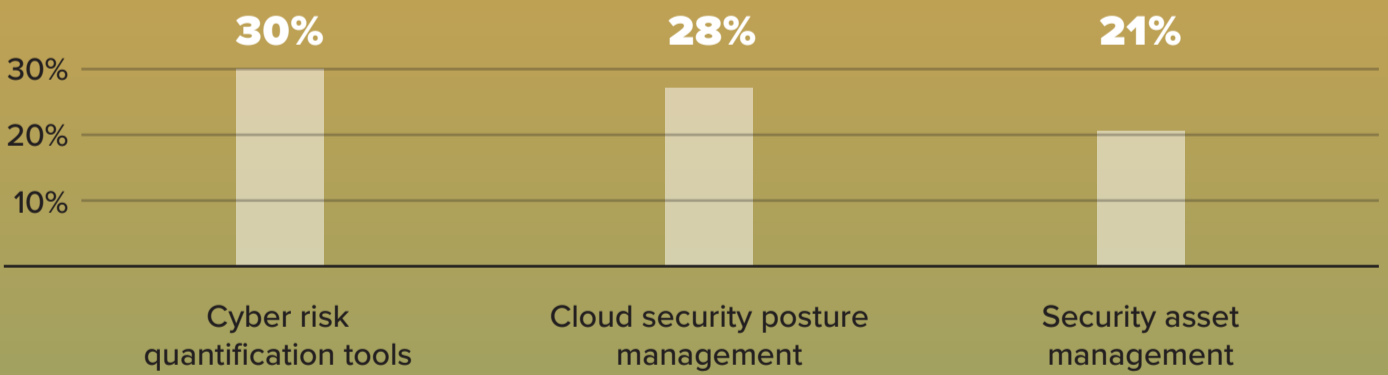


## SPENDING TRENDS FOR SECURITY HYGIENE AND POSTURE MANAGEMENT



80% of organizations will increase their spending on security hygiene and posture management over the next 12 to 18 months.

## KEY AREAS OF INVESTMENT



## ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT METRICS: CALCULATING CYBER RISK IN MONETARY TERMS



36% say calculating cyber risk in terms of dollars, euros, etc. is the one of the most important security posture management metrics for their organization. Money is a common language that allows everyone involved to make better decisions.

Source: ESG Research study, *Security Hygiene and Posture Management Trends*, October 2021.

