SMB IT SECURITY REPORT FACT SHEET

Untangle surveyed more than 350 SMBs globally to learn more about the state of IT security at these organizations. We've compiled data on IT trends that include budget and resource constraints, breaches, IT infrastructure, cloud adoption, and the general state of IT.

KEY FINDINGS

- SMBs are very concerned about security, but face resource constraints ranging from limited budgets to the lack of in-house expertise.

- Most SMBs do not have a dedicated IT security professional on staff, increasing the need for simple, effective security solutions.

- Attacks on SMBs have continued to escalate, often via ransomware or phishing attempts.

- SMBs are looking at alternative ways to deploy their IT infrastructure, including public cloud and SD-WAN solutions.

STATISTICS-AT-A-GLANCE

- Almost 80% of respondents rank security as very important to the business.

- More than 50% of businesses distribute IT security responsibilities across other roles.

- Less than 30% of businesses have a dedicated IT security professional on staff.

- 75% of SMBs have fewer than 5 physical locations.

- 60% of SMBs have fewer than 100 end-user devices.

- More than 50% of respondents had less than $5,000 per year for IT security, and half of those had less than $1,000 per year.

- Budget constraints (47%), limited time to research and understand new threats (37%), and lack of manpower to monitor and manage security (34%) are the biggest challenges SMBs face when it comes to IT security.

- 34% of respondents stated they do not have a BYOD policy.

- More than 80% of businesses either do not allow any third parties on the network or have a separate network for third parties to use.

- Firewall and network security solutions were ranked the highest of importance when it comes to purchasing, followed by anti-virus or anti- malware solutions.

- Most SMBs (76%) have 75% or more of their infrastructure deployed on premise, while a majority of organizations (82%) have less than 25% of their IT infrastructure deployed in the cloud.

- Over 30% of SMBs have already, plan to or are looking into implementing SD-WAN solutions.

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