

# The World Employs 32,000 CISOs In 2023

*Chief information security officer headcount released by Cybersecurity Ventures*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- [Cybersecurity Ventures](#) estimates there are now at least [32,000 CISOs employed worldwide](#).

The good news is that most large organizations have a CISO or chief information security officer. The bad news is that most small businesses, and far too many mid-sized companies, have been left by the wayside and they do not have a dedicated full-time leader focused exclusively on cybersecurity.

Zippia, established through a database of 30 million profiles and verified against Census Bureau data, estimates over 7,523 chief security officers (an interchangeable term with CISOs) are “currently employed” in the U.S.

The 2022 Fortune 500 list suggests that the top businesses in the U.S. contribute approximately two-thirds of the country’s GDP in terms of revenue.

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*Cybersecurity Ventures*

According to Cybersecurity Ventures, 100 percent of Fortune 500 companies and the majority of Global 2000 organizations employed a CISO or an equivalent role in 2022, up from 70 percent in 2018.

There are 31.7 million small businesses in the U.S., and SMBs account for 99.9 percent of them. Over 80 percent of

SMBs are sole proprietors and have no employees. Despite this, 47 percent of the U.S. workforce is employed by small businesses.

It is estimated that over 600,000 new small businesses are opened every year in the U.S., and



100 million small companies open annually, worldwide.

Close to zero percent of these companies will employ a dedicated security officer, widening the chasm between adequate business protection and cyber threats every year.

To learn about CISO demographics, the talent crunch, inclusivity, and more, [download the free CISO Workforce & Headcount Report 2023](#) from CISO Global, sponsor of the report.

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