



Independent research reveals that compliance organizations spend an average of 16 days each quarter dealing with compliance audits.

**October 15, 2020** [Telos Research](#) - Finding power of cyber, cloud and enterprise security solutions for the world's most security-conscious organizations. Today, another new finding from a survey conducted by independent research firm [Telos Research](#) that highlights organizations' ongoing struggle to keep up with IT security and privacy compliance regulations. The survey, which polled 207 IT security professionals in July and August 2020, revealed that, on average, organizations must comply with 13 different IT security and/or privacy regulations and spend \$2.20 annually on compliance activities, with compliance audits consuming 16 working days each quarter.

- IT security professionals report spending an average of over 17 audit compliance requests each quarter and spend an average of three working days responding to a single request
- Over the last 12 months, organizations have been forced to complete an average of six times as many internal and third-party audits resulting in an average of eight times, costing an average of \$400,000
- Nearly nine in 10 organizations (89 percent) believe compliance would be an issue when moving systems, applications and infrastructure to the cloud
- 90 percent of organizations report that security risks challenge when compared to IT security compliance and/or privacy regulations in the cloud

"Compliance means spend 100 working days each year responding to audit requests requests, in addition to the billions of dollars spent on compliance activities and fees," said Dr. K. Anthony, CEO of Telos Cyber, a global open security delivery, testing, consulting, and managed services company. "The bottom line is the cost of financial and time compliance is unacceptable in the long run."

"However, audit and time spent are a relatively small portion of the cost to organizations to reduce the risk of noncompliance. Instead, compliance can actually reduce the cost of doing business, improve productivity and reduce the risk of fines. Compliance can also increase compliance challenges, as the data shows. In the end, the cost of compliance is not just a cost of doing business, it's a cost of doing it right."

Results of survey respondents (89 percent) indicated that organizations would benefit from automating IT security and/or privacy compliance activities, citing expected benefits such as increased accuracy of compliance (91 percent), reduced time spent being audited (91 percent) and the ability to respond to audit compliance requests more quickly (90 percent).

For additional findings and more detailed data, visit [https://www.telosresearch.com/compliance](#)

Webinar

Our customers with Vision Remote in today, 90 security professionals from the United States. Respondents represented key sectors, including IT/technology, financial services and energy, and companies ranging from 1,000 to more than 5,000 employees and \$80 million to more than \$2 billion in global annual revenue.

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