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Executive Summary

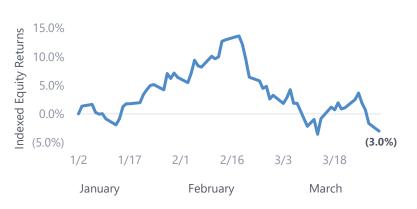
Q1 2025 in Review

Executive Summary

- Q1 displayed signs of a resilient M&A market, despite the backdrop of tariff activity and macroeconomic uncertainty; however, public markets were impacted following "Liberation Day."
- Continued growth in the volume and velocity of capital investments demonstrate sustained investor demand and willingness to deploy dollars.
- We **anticipate activity to rise throughout 2025** alongside growing tariff and macroeconomic clarity.
- This past quarter, Okta and Rapid7 saw the greatest stock price movements, with the former surging 33.5% and the latter falling 32.7%.

Pressure on Public Companies

Houlihan Lokey Cybersecurity Index⁽¹⁾



Q1 2025 Report Themes



Cybersecurity providers are proactively preparing for the impact of quantum computing.



Threat actors are targeting connected vehicles to gain access to sensitive personal information.



Traditional cybersecurity offerings are being perceived as ineffective against the latest Al-powered threats.



The ransomware ecosystem is evolving rapidly, requiring modern solutions and strategies to properly combat these threats and build cyber resilience.



Integrating Al-powered security tools and addressing Al-related skills gaps are strategic imperatives for strengthening cybersecurity posture.



Organizations are increasingly focused on implementing GRC solutions to ensure compliance and enhance internal controls.

M&A Volume Soars, Driven by Large-Cap Deals

	Q1 ′25	VS. Q1 '24	VS. Q1 '23
Volume	\$37.9B	7 113.9%	⋾ 546.9%
Number of Deals	86	7 34.4%	7 11.7%
WIZ ⁺ \$32,000M	SC	plarwinds \$4,419M	IDnow. \$300M

Financing Volume Continues to Grow

	Q1 ′25	VS. Q1 '24	VS. Q1 '23
Volume	\$3.9B	7 17.7%	7 7.5%
Number of Deals	193	7 16.3%	7 53.2%
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\$500M	\$	5250M	\$140M



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Future-Proof Security: Preparing for the Quantum Era

PKWARE offers the only data discovery and protection solution that locates and secures sensitive data to minimize organizational risks and costs, regardless of device or environment, including the mainframe.

How Quantum Computing Works

Computing Today	Quantum Computing
Uses single bit having single value	Qubit multi-bit having multiple states
Can be only 0 or 1, not both	Can simultaneously be 00, 01, 10, 11

Various approaches to building quantum hardware capable of creating and processing gubits:



Superconductors: Special metal circuits, such as those made from niobium, act as qubits and are controlled using microwave signals to perform quantum operations.



Neutral Atoms: Individual atoms are trapped in place using lasers or magnetic fields, with their electronic states used to store and process quantum information.



Photons: Quantum computers use particles of light, called photons, as qubits, manipulating them with optical components like mirrors and beam splitters while encoding information in their polarization or spatial properties.

Understanding the Threat

Quantum computers exploit the principles of superposition and entanglement to perform calculations in a fundamentally different way. This allows them to potentially solve these problems significantly faster, rendering current encryption methods vulnerable.

RSA and Prime

RSA encryption relies on the difficulty of factoring large prime numbers, a task hard for classical computers. A 20,000-gubit quantum computer could break RSA-2048 in about 100 days, with future advancements potentially reducing this to seconds.

ECC

ECC encryption, like RSA, depends on complex mathematical problems that quantum computers, using algorithms like Shor's, could solve much faster than classical computers.

AES

AES, a symmetric encryption algorithm, is more resistant to quantum attacks than RSA and ECC, but advances in quantum computing could still pose a threat, with larger key sizes (e.g., 256 bits) offering longer-term security.

SHA

Hash functions like SHA-256 ensure data integrity and are more resilient to quantum attacks than asymmetric encryption, especially with longer bit lengths.

Prepare for the Future

Preparing for the potential impact of quantum computing on cybersecurity and encryption requires proactive measures and strategic planning. Here are key steps organizations can take to prepare for the future of quantum computing:

Assess Data Lifetimes and Sensitivity



Assess data sensitivity and longevity to determine which information needs protection now and in the future, considering potential quantum threats in five, 10, or 15 years.

Explore Quantum-Resistant Cryptography



Explore quantum-resistant cryptography by seeking vendors that offer post-quantum algorithms designed to withstand attacks from both classical and quantum computers.

Engage in Research and Collaboration



By proactively assessing risks, adopting quantum-resistant cryptography, and enhancing security practices, organizations can prepare for quantum threats and ensure data protection.

PKWARE at a Glance

Redefining Data Security and Compliance



One of the first quantum safe encryption solutions in market.



Protecting sensitive data for nearly 40 years, trusted by 21 of the top 25 global banks.



End-to-end discovery and protection for sensitive data



Seamless encryption and compliance across all platforms.



Ensuring unmatched security and efficiency.

The future of cybersecurity won't be won with yesterday's tools. As quantum threats loom and data volumes explode, the perimeter is long gone and the only strategy left is to protect the data itself. At PKWARE, we've spent nearly 40 years future-proofing data security, not chasing trends. We've built quantum-ready encryption capabilities and automated, policy-driven discovery and protection that secures data the moment it's created and follows it everywhere. Data-centric security isn't just where things are headed—it's the only strategy that actually works today, tomorrow,



Spencer Kupferman CEO. PKWARE

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and into the future.





Recognition and Awards













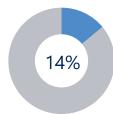
Darktrace: The State of Al Cybersecurity

DARKTRACE

Cybersecurity is evolving rapidly due to the rise of Al, with defenders and attackers racing to outpace one another. Organizations are increasingly deploying Al to manage risk, but many still feel underprepared despite growing awareness and investment.

Confidence in Traditional Cybersecurity Tools Is Waning...

How confident are you in traditional cybersecurity solutions (i.e., ones not featuring AI technology) to detect and block Al-powered threats and attacks?



Only 13.9% of cybersecurity professionals are "extremely confident" in non-Al tools' ability to defend against Al-powered threats.

Over 50% express low to moderate confidence—highlighting a growing need to modernize the cyber stack with Al-driven capabilities.

Areas With Greatest Concern About Malicious Use of Al



Novel social engineering attacks

powered by AI are harder to detect and more readily bypass traditional defenses.



More advanced attacks at speed and scale

delivered by less capable threat actors due to easy access to Al.



Attacks targeting AI systems

by attackers who are going after machine learning models, training data, and the APIs and interfaces through which they are accessed.

Areas/Domains Defensive AI Is Expected to Impact the Most



Improving detection of new or unknown threats

Improving threat detection in general

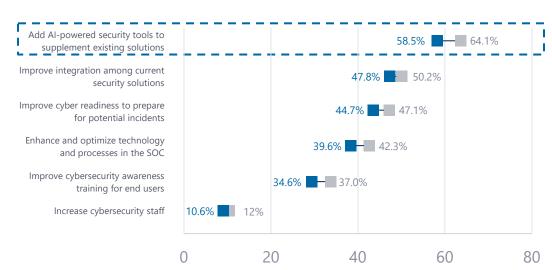


Autonomously responding to threats

... Causing Security Stakeholders to Shift Priorities Toward Al Tools

% of security professionals prioritizing each theme





Key Conclusions

- The adoption of AI is no longer optional. While some organizations lead in AI maturity, many are struggling to keep pace.
- Addressing the skills gap, improving policy implementation, and prioritizing platform-based Al tools will be critical to future cyber resilience.

Check Point: The State of Cybersecurity 2025



From state-backed sabotage to Al-generated social engineering, the global threat landscape is more complex than ever. Organizations face growing pressure to modernize defenses, secure hybrid environments, and build resilience against a rapidly maturing cybercrime economy.

Headline Cybersecurity Trends



Geopolitics as Cyber Conflict

- · Nation-state cyber activity surged in 2024, especially from China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea.
- Attacks ranged from election interference (e.g., Moldova, Venezuela) to infrastructure disruption (e.g., Volt Typhoon targeting U.S. critical systems).



Ransomware Ecosystem **Evolution**

- Ransomware tactics shifted from encryption to data exfiltration extortion (DXF) to avoid detection and maximize leverage.
- Healthcare became the second most targeted sector (22% of all ransomware incidents), surpassing government and education.
- RansomHub emerged as the dominant actor post-LockBit and ALPHV takedowns, responsible for highprofile breaches.



Cloud Environment Security Complexities

- Hybrid cloud environments became attack enablers—bidirectional lateral movement lets attackers pivot from on-prem to cloud assets.
- Incidents like the Snowflake breach involved infostealer-obtained credentials reused to compromise the cloud infrastructure of 165+ companies.
- Threat groups like Storm-0501 and Mango Sandstorm leveraged SSO weaknesses (e.g., Microsoft Entra ID) to escalate privilege and persist across cloud platforms.



The Rise of Infostealers

- Infostealer infections surged 58% YoY, with malware like Lumma, StealC, and RedLine gaining traction.
- Law enforcement disruption of botnets like IcedID, Pikabot, and Trickbot (Operation Endgame) led to cybercriminal migration to infostealers.
- Logs harvested are widely sold on platforms like Russian Market, with top-targeted platforms including Google, Discord, and Roblox.



Edge Devices and **ORBs: The New** Perimeter Weakness

- · Edge devices like routers, firewalls, VPNs, and IoT are increasingly exploited using zero-day vulnerabilities (e.g., Ivanti CVE-2024-3400, PAN-OS).
- Attackers, especially from China (e.g., Pacific Rim campaign), are building operational relay boxes (ORBs) to anonymize and control network traffic.
- Thousands of unsupported and EoL (end-of-life) devices are actively being abused to bypass conventional perimeter defenses.

CISO Recommendations



Adopt a Multilayered Security Stack

Combine EDR, phishing simulation, strict access controls, patching, and regular backups. This layered approach is essential to defending against ransomware, infostealers, and hybrid threats.



Secure Cloud and Hybrid Environments

Implement zero-trust architecture, enforce least-privilege access, and use CSPM/CWPP tools. Cloud-native threats and identity abuse (e.g., Snowflake, Entra ID) demand hardened controls at every layer.



Leverage AI for Threat Detection and Response

Use Al-driven tools for triage, anomaly detection, and automated containment. Al helps security teams keep pace with fast-moving and low-noise attacks like infostealers and DXF ransomware.



Achieve 360° Visibility Across the Attack Surface

Monitor users, endpoints, edge devices, cloud workloads, and APIs. Comprehensive visibility is critical to identifying lateral movement and hidden persistence.



Streamline and Automate SecOps

Reduce tool sprawl, close talent gaps, and consolidate workflows using unified platforms. Security efficiency and scalability are essential as alert volumes rise and skilled talent remains scarce.



Breach Overview

Leading provider of cloud-based education **Platform** technology solutions for K-12 institutions **Description** globally. Date of January 2025 **Breach** A 19-year-old hacker, Matthew Lane, exploited stolen contractor credentials to access What Happened PowerSchool's customer support portal, exfiltrating sensitive student and teacher data. Names, contact details, Social Security numbers, **Outcome** birth dates, medical information, and academic of Breach records were leaked.

Key Stats

\$2.9M

Paid by PowerSchool to prevent public release of the data

Teachers affected

Attack Methodology and Rationale



The attacker acquired login credentials from a PowerSchool contractor via compromised credentials likely purchased or obtained through prior phishing or data leaks involving third parties.



Once inside the PowerSource environment, Lane escalated access to backend systems supporting PowerSchool's Student Information System platform. This lateral movement allowed him to exfiltrate structured datasets, including personally identifiable information from school districts using PowerSchool's hosted services.

Expert Opinion and Commentary





This came very close to being the worst-case-scenario cyber incident for the K-12 sector. There aren't many systems as sensitive as a student information system. At the same time, for the vast majority of customers, it appears there was very little they could have done to prevent this. This was a cybersecurity failure at PowerSchool that customers had no reasonable expectation of being able to detect or prevent. I think it has scared a lot of people.

Doug Levin National Director, K12 Security Information Exchange

The Outcome



Matthew Lane pleaded guilty to cyber extortion, unauthorized access to protected computers, and aggravated identity theft.



PowerSchool implemented enhanced security protocols, including multifactor authentication and comprehensive password resets.



The company offered two years of free identity protection and credit monitoring services to all affected students and educators.

Key Takeaway

Reinforce Vendor Access and Layered Defenses



The attacker exploited compromised contractor credentials to access highly sensitive data highlighting that third-party users can be the weakest link. Organizations must enforce leastprivilege access, multifactor authentication, and continuous monitoring for all external partners.



PowerSchool's unified platform made it a highvalue target, with vast data exposure across thousands of districts. To mitigate this blast radius, organizations must adopt zero-trust architectures, network segmentation, and behavioral anomaly detection to contain breaches before they escalate.

62.4M

Students affected across 6,505

school districts in the U.S.,

Canada, and other countries



Breach Overview

Platform Description	Globally used, end-to-end encrypted messaging app owned by Meta, enabling private text, voice, and video communication.
Date of Breach	January 2025
What Happened	Meta confirmed WhatsApp users were targeted by a sophisticated zero-click spyware attack. The attack exploited a vulnerability that allowed spyware installation without any user interaction.
Outcome of Breach	Meta disrupted the spyware campaign, notified affected users, and issued a cease-and-desist letter.

Key Stats

90+

Users affected, including journalists, human rights activists, and members of civil society organizations

20+

Countries were impacted, highlighting the global scale and high-value focus of the attack

Attack Methodology and Rationale



Paragon Solutions is an Israeli spyware vendor reportedly behind the attack. The company develops surveillance tools—like the Graphite spyware—designed to covertly extract data from mobile devices. Paragon markets its tools to government agencies, positioning itself as a lawful surveillance provider, similar to NSO Group.



The attackers utilized Graphite. This spyware could be installed on a target's device without any action from the user, granting the attacker full access to messages, calls, and other sensitive data.

Expert Opinion and Commentary



The discovery of Paragon spyware targeting WhatsApp users is a reminder that mercenary spyware continues to proliferate, and as it does, we continue to see familiar patterns of problematic use.

John Scott-Railton Senior Researcher at Citizen Lab

The Outcome



Meta issued a cease-and-desist letter to Paragon Solutions and is exploring further legal options.



WhatsApp has implemented additional security measures to prevent similar attacks in the future. Affected users have been notified and provided with information on how to secure their accounts.

Key Takeaway

Zero-Click Exploits and Mercenary Spyware Remain Issues



The attack required no user interaction—spyware was silently installed via a crafted message. This underscores the challenge of defending against zero-day, zero-click exploits that bypass user awareness entirely.



Victims included journalists, civil society members, and activists—suggesting a widening scope of surveillance targeting. Commercial surveillance vendors like Paragon are selling turnkey spyware platforms globally, often with minimal oversight.

Cybersecurity Predictions for 2025

Industry Predictions

GRC Solutions Are an Organizational Necessity



- GRC solutions will be increasingly utilized to enhance internal controls, manage business risk, ensure compliance, and drive strategic alignment.
- Al/ML deployments within GRC will further the value proposition, enabling organizations to proactively manage cybersecurity posture and consolidate data sources.

Shortage of Al-Proficient Professionals

- 34% of surveyed security teams referenced a lack of Al-skilled cybersecurity talent, especially relating to the handling of new attack avenues and vulnerabilities.
- Comprehensive training, particularly around the deployment of AI, is quickly becoming an essential component of cybersecurity preparedness.

What Happened

- 2025 marks a transformative year for GRC as businesses shift from siloed, reactive compliance to strategic, tech-enabled, and reputation-conscious risk governance. The convergence of AI, vendor scrutiny, evolving regulations, and digital reputational risk will define GRC maturity—and separate resilient leaders from laggards.
- Despite a **global shortfall of ~5 million cyber professionals**, most organizations are prioritizing Al integration over hiring in 2025. 71% of organizations **have unfilled cybersecurity roles**, yet only 11% plan to hire more staff in 2025, relying instead on Al tools to augment stretched teams.

GRC Cyber Highlights

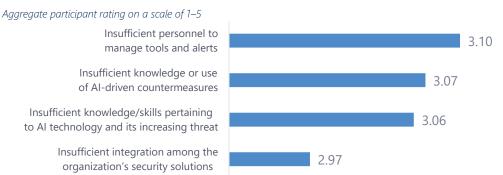
60%

of organizations cite supply chain/vendor issues as the No. 1 GRC risk

40%

of GRC platforms are expected to adopt Al governance tools by 2026

Greatest Inhibitors of Organizations' Abilities to Defend Against Al-Powered Threats



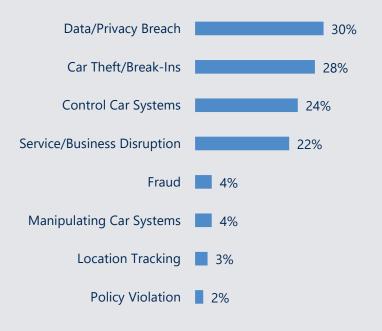
What Was Not Predicted: Connected Cars Are Cyber Targets

Connected vehicles are **increasingly exposed to remote hacking risks**, with attackers potentially gaining access to critical functions (e.g., engine start/stop, door locks) and sensitive personal data through flaws in telematics platforms.

Minimal user information—such as a license plate or phone number—can be enough to compromise access, underscoring the urgency for stronger identity verification, access control, and back-end API security in automotive systems.

Impacts on Automakers Over Past Decade

% occurrence of impacts from cyber attack (multiple impacts can occur)

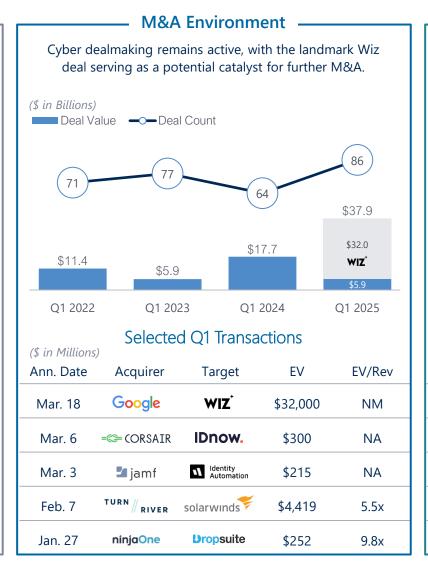


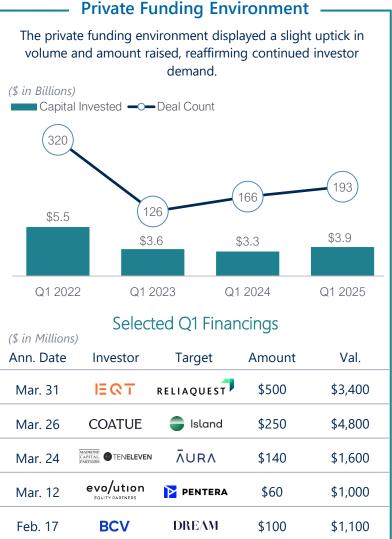


Trends Update

Cybersecurity Dashboard

The cybersecurity sector experienced a minor setback, but medium-growth candidates remain resilient. **1.9%** | **7** 5.2% High-Growth **-**///> Index Performance⁽¹⁾ Q1 '25 | LTM **7** 0.7% | **7** 13.0% Medium-Growth **-**VV**-**Index Performance⁽²⁾ Q1 '25 | LTM **4.7%** | **4.6.6%** ---Index Performance⁽³⁾ Q1 '25 | LTM Selected Cybersecurity Performance Q1 2025 okta W/TH **33.5% 7** 28.2% CHECK POINT TREND **7** 23.5% **7** 23.0% **Zscaler** 7 9.2% **7** 5.8% F-Secure. F#RTIDET. **7** 3.2% **7** 1.6%

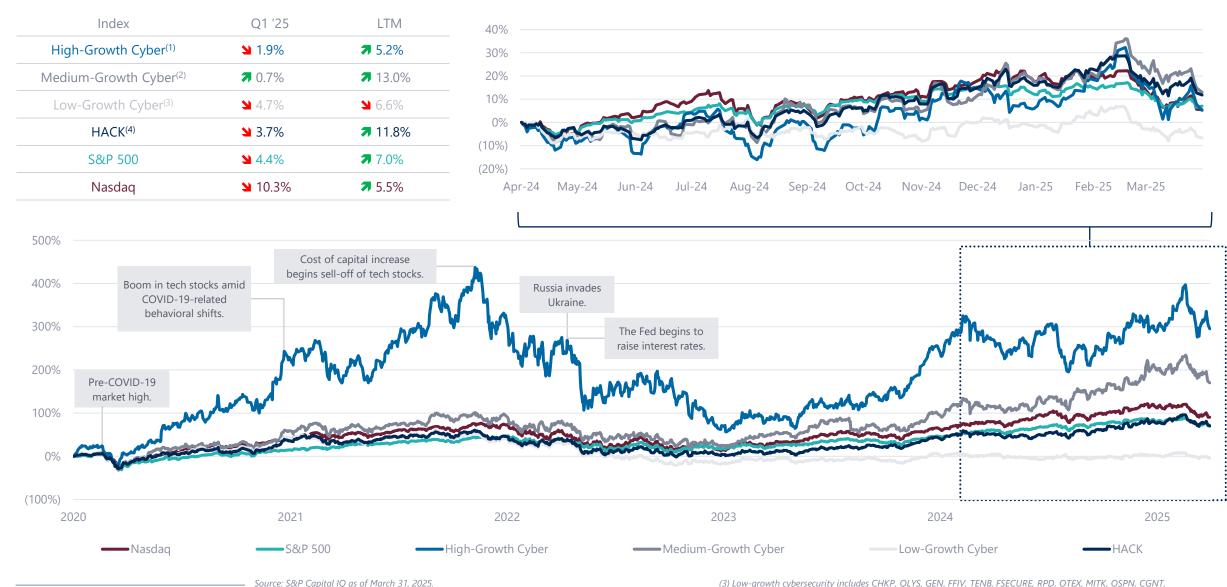




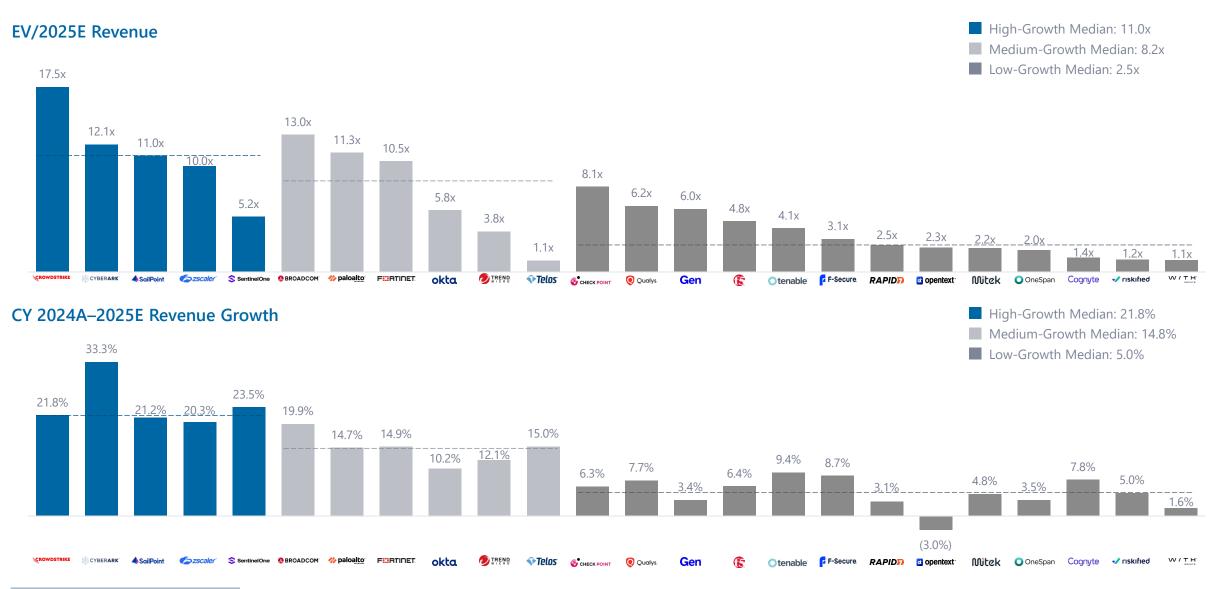
Segments of Cybersecurity and Broader Indexes

(1) High-growth cybersecurity includes CRWD, CYBR, SAIL, ZS, and S.

(2) Medium-growth cybersecurity includes AVGO, PANW, FTNT, OKTA, 4704, and TLS.



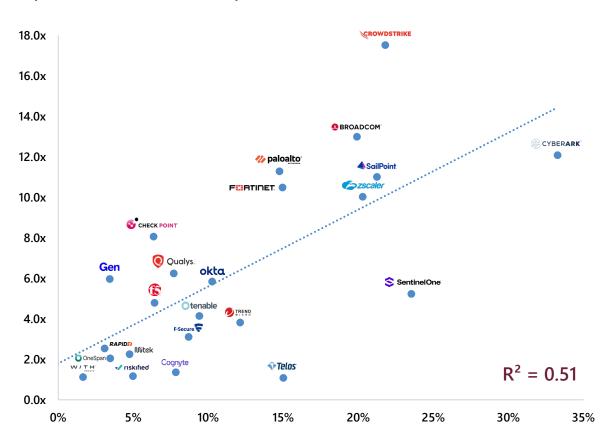
Public Company Benchmarking Cybersecurity Software



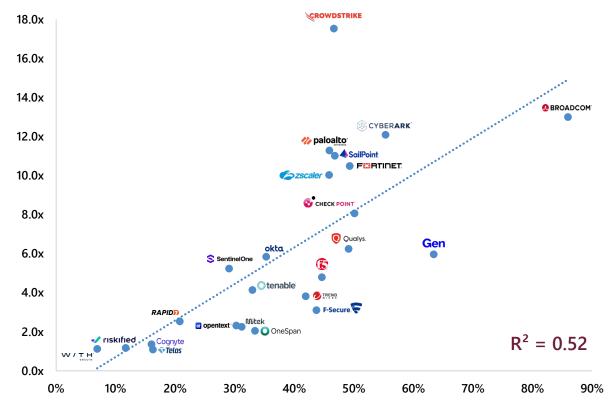
Public Investors Continue to Value a Balance of Growth and Profitability

Low-Revenue Growth Rate	Medium-Revenue Growth Rate	High-Revenue Growth Rate	Below Rule of 40	Above Rule of 40
Mean: 5% 3.5x	Mean: 14% 7.6x	Mean: 24% 11.2x	Mean: 7% 2.6x	Mean: 15% 9.0x
Median: 5% 2.5x	Median: 15% 5.8x	Median: 22% 11.0x	Median: 5% 2.2x	Median: 15% 10.0x

EV/2025E Revenue to 2025E/2024A Revenue Growth



EV/2025E Revenue to Rule of 40



Cybersecurity M&A Activity

Historical Q1 M&A Summary

(\$ in Billions)

Deal Value — Deal Count



Annual M&A Summary

(\$ in Billions)



Featured M&A Transactions

(\$ in Millions)

Acquirer	Target	EV	EV/Rev
Google	WIZ ⁺	\$32,000	NM
WVARONIS	Cyral	NA	NA
ARMIS.	otorio	\$120	NA
=©= CORSAIR	IDnow.	\$300	NA
2 jamf	Identity Automation	\$215	NA
() IONQ	(IDQ	\$155	NA
deepwatch	DASSANA	NA	NA
CYBER ARK °	© zilla	\$165	NA
TURN // RIVER	solarwinds	\$4,419	5.5x
©tenable •	VULCAN.	\$150	NA
ninjaOne	D ropsuite	\$252	9.8x
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Cybersecurity Financing Activity

Historical Q1 Financing Summary

(\$ in Billions)





Annual Financing Summary

(\$ in Billions)



Featured Minority Transactions

(\$ in Millions)

Ann. Date	Investor	Target	Amount	Valuation
Mar. 31	EQT	RELIAQUEST	\$500	\$3,400
Mar. 26	COATUE	Island	\$250	\$4,800
Mar. 24	MADRONE CAPITAL PARINERS	ĀURΛ	\$140	\$1,600
Mar. 12	evo/ution	PENTERA	\$60	\$1,000
Feb. 27	G/ MENLO VENTURES	MIMIC	\$50	\$412
Feb. 17	BCV	DREAM	\$100	\$1,100
Feb. 12	TWO MEAN CAPITAL	QuSecure	\$28	\$233
Feb. 11	ACTIVANT	sardine	\$70	\$680
Jan. 30	SAGEVIEW	① Closinglock	\$34	\$200
Jan. 27	jump_ m pantera	O Humanity®	\$20	\$1,100
Jan. 27	Notable Capital	token [\$20	\$69
Jan. 14	intel Capital TEAMS.	i Orchid	\$36	\$104



Recent Conferences and Events RSA Conference 2025

San Francisco: April 28-May 1, 2025



- RSA Conference is one of the largest and most influential cybersecurity events in the world, providing a platform for cybersecurity professionals to discuss the latest trends, threats, and technologies in the industry.
- The event features industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers discussing critical cybersecurity topics and offers workshops, tutorials, and track sessions.
- The various educational sessions offer technical deep dives as well as strategic insights to promote an all-around grasp of everything happening in cybersecurity.
- Exhibitions offer a showcase of the latest cybersecurity products and services from leading companies and startups.



Source: RSA Conference website.



SF Giants Game

Houlihan Lokey's global Cybersecurity team hosted a day at the ballpark for C-level executives from leading companies and investors across the cybersecurity ecosystem.



Cyber Companies



Strategic/Corporate Development



Venture Capital/Private Equity



Conference Offerings

Early-Stage Expo

Innovation Sandbox

Launch Pad

RSAC Sandbox

Innovation Showcase

Keynote Presentations

RSA Conference

44,000+ Attendees

650+ Exhibitors

700+ Speakers

70+
Houlihan Lokey
Meetings

Recent Conferences and Events ONE Houlihan Lokey Global Conference

New York: May 13-15, 2025

Selected Sponsor/Strategic Attendees

































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Participating Cybersecurity Companies

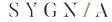














What Happened

- Panel Discussions From CEOs at High-Growth
 Companies: A wide range of speakers shared their insights about navigating current market conditions and positioning their companies for future success across a variety of technology sectors.
- Featured Speakers: The conference featured highprofile speakers and candid panel discussions with distinguished tech thought leaders, discussing a variety of topical themes.
- Targeted 1x1 Meetings: Houlihan Lokey arranged targeted 1x1 meetings for presenting companies over the course of the conference, advising on prospects, meeting structure, and materials and coordinating any follow-up.
- Networking Opportunities: An audience of strategic, financial, and institutional investors, as well as other capital providers, gathered for lunch and end-of-day cocktails.

Conference Highlights

380+
Participating
Companies

8 to 10
Targeted 1x1
Meetings per
Presenting Company

4,000 + Conference Attendees

Sector Conferences and Events

Date	Location	Event Overview
June 3–5, 2025	London, U.K.	Infosecurity Europe is a leading cybersecurity event in London. It features 13,000+ visitors, 380+ exhibitors, 200+ talks, and 90+ CPE credits.
June 9–11, 2025	National Harbor, MD	The Gartner Security & Risk Management Summit delivers actionable insights into the challenges of complex cyber environments.
June 16–18, 2025	Philadelphia, PA	AWS re:Inforce is an annual cloud-security event featuring keynote speakers, innovation talks, and opportunities to connect with cloud security professionals.
August 2–7, 2025	Las Vegas, NV	Black Hat offers specialized cybersecurity trainings, briefings on the latest research from cybersecurity experts, and networking and social events.
August 7–10, 2025	Las Vegas, NV	DEF CON is an annual conference that explores emerging cybersecurity threats and technologies through a variety of workshops and specialized hacker villages.
September 30 – October 1, 2025	London, U.K.	The International Cyber Expo attracts a variety of key industry players, offering immersive cybersecurity demonstrations and relevant information sessions.
October 20–23, 2025	Orlando, FL	Explore the latest AI and cybersecurity insights to enhance digital transformation at the Gartner IT Symposium/Xpo $^{\rm M}$ 2025 conference.
October 1, 2025	Nieuwegein, Netherlands	Join IDC's analysts and security vendor thought leaders to learn about the latest trends in European cybersecurity and the future of security in an Al-driven world.
October 27–29, 2025	Lake Buena Vista, FL	The InfoSec World community will share real-world solutions and professional expertise to reinvent the practice of security in 2025, and chart new paths forward for the industry and the profession.
December 8–10, 2025	Grapevine, TX	This is the premier conference for IAM leaders and architects to tackle priorities like IAM program management, automation, identity threat detection and response (ITDR), and more.
	June 3–5, 2025 June 9–11, 2025 June 16–18, 2025 August 2–7, 2025 August 7–10, 2025 September 30 – October 1, 2025 October 20–23, 2025 October 27–29, 2025	June 3–5, 2025 London, U.K. June 9–11, 2025 National Harbor, MD June 16–18, 2025 Philadelphia, PA August 2–7, 2025 Las Vegas, NV August 7–10, 2025 Las Vegas, NV September 30 – October 1, 2025 October 20–23, 2025 Orlando, FL October 1, 2025 Nieuwegein, Netherlands October 27–29, 2025 Lake Buena Vista, FL



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2,702

Global Employees⁽¹⁾

Locations Worldwide \$12.19B

Market Cap⁽²⁾

\$2.4B

Annual Revenue⁽³⁾ ~25%

Employee-Owned

No Debt



CORPORATE FINANCE

2024 M&A Advisory Rankings All Global Transactions

	Advisor	Deals
1	Houlihan Lokey	415
2	Rothschild	406
3	Goldman Sachs	371
4	JP Morgan	342
5	Morgan Stanley	309

Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv). Excludes accounting firms and brokers.

No 1

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Leading

Capital Solutions Group

FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING

2024 Global Distressed Debt & Bankruptcy Restructuring Rankings

	Advisor	Deals
1	Houlihan Lokey	88
2	PJT Partners	59
3	Rothschild	48
4	Lazard	44
5	Perella Weinberg Partners	40

Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv).

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	Advisor	Deals
1	Houlihan Lokey	1,243
2	Duff & Phelps, A Kroll Business	1,045
3	JP Morgan	1,020
4	UBS	792
5	Morgan Stanley	698

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	Advisor	Deals
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	Advisor	Deals
1	Houlihan Lokey	101
2	Goldman Sachs	98
3	JP Morgan	93
4	Morgan Stanley	81
5	Rothschild	65

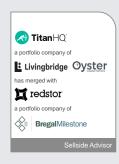
Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv). Excludes accounting firms and brokers.

2024 M&A Advisory Rankings U.S. Technology Transactions Under \$1 Billion

	Advisor	Deals
1	Houlihan Lokey	50
2	Moelis	43
3	William Blair	38
4	JP Morgan	37
5	Raymond James Financial	33

Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv).

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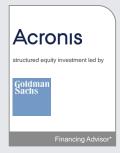












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Appendix

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High-Growth Cybersecurity Trading Metrics

(\$	in Millions, Except Price per	Share)								EV/Revenue		EV/EBITDA			
	Company	Stock Price	<u>52-Wk</u> <u>High</u>	% of 52-Wk High	YTD Stock Performance	Cash and ST Inv	<u>Equity</u> Mkt Cap			CY 2025E	CY 2026E	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E	
	CROWDSTRIKE	\$352.58	\$455.59	77.4%	1.5%	\$4,323	\$86,866	\$83,900	21.3x	17.5x	14.4x	NM	NM	NM	
	E zscaler	198.42	217.84	91.1%	9.2%	2,880	30,388	29,059	12.1x	10.0x	8.3x	48.9x	39.3x	30.5x	
	CYBERARK'	338.00	421.00	80.3%	0.7%	722	15,538	15,905	16.1x	12.1x	10.1x	NM	NM	42.2x	
	▲ SailPoint	18.75	26.35	71.2%	(18.5%)	121	10,436	11,361	13.3x	11.0x	9.2x	NM	43.1x	39.2x	
	SentinelOne	18.18	29.29	62.1%	(19.5%)	722	5,807	5,290	6.5x	5.2x	4.3x	NM	NM	NM	
						Top Quartile	\$30,388	\$29,059	16.1x	12.1x	10.1x	48.9x	42.1x	40.7x	
						Mean	29,807	29,103	13.9x	11.2x	9.3x	48.9x	41.2x	37.3x	
						Median	15,538	15,905	13.3x	11.0x	9.2x	48.9x	41.2x	39.2x	
						First Quartile	10,436	11,361	12.1x	10.0x	8.3x	48.9x	40.2x	34.9x	

Medium-Growth Cybersecurity Trading Metrics

(\$ in Million	s, Except Price per	Share)								EV/Revenue		EV/EBITDA			
<u>C</u>	ompany	Stock Price	<u>52-Wk</u> <u>High</u>	% of 52-Wk High			<u>Equity</u> Mkt Cap	Enterprise Value	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E	
⊕ B	ROADCOM	\$167.43	\$251.88	66.5%	(27.8%)	\$9,307	\$807,096	\$844,519	15.6x	13.0x	11.1x	24.6x	19.7x	16.5x	
4/1	paloalto	170.64	208.39	81.9%	(5.6%)	3,233	120,890	110,718	12.9x	11.3x	9.9x	41.9x	36.3x	32.6x	
F	RTINET.	96.26	114.82	83.8%	1.6%	4,781	74,455	71,028	12.1x	10.5x	9.3x	33.9x	30.6x	27.0x	
okl	ta	105.22	118.07	89.1%	33.5%	2,523	18,798	16,723	6.4x	5.8x	5.3x	28.6x	23.4x	20.1x	
⊘т	REND	66.88	81.20	82.4%	23.0%	1,311	8,856	7,373	4.3x	3.8x	3.6x	14.7x	12.8x	11.5x	
₽ T	elos e	2.38	5.03	47.3%	(29.6%)	58	172	134	1.2x	1.1x	0.9x	NM	NM	8.4x	
						Top Quartile	\$109,281	\$100,796	12.7x	11.1x	9.8x	33.9x	30.6x	25.3x	
						Mean	171,711	175,082	8.8x	7.6x	6.7x	28.7x	24.5x	19.3x	
						Median	46,627	43,875	9.2x	8.2x	7.3x	28.6x	23.4x	18.3x	
						First Quartile	11,341	9,710	4.8x	4.3x	4.0x	24.6x	19.7x	12.8x	

Low-Growth Cybersecurity Trading Metrics

(\$ in Millions, Except Price pe	r Share)								EV/Revenue		EV/EBITDA			
Company	Stock Price	<u>52-Wk</u> <u>High</u>	% of 52-Wk High	YTD Stock Performance	Cash and ST Inv	<u>Equity</u> <u>Mkt Cap</u>	Enterprise Value	<u>CY 2024A</u>	<u>CY 2025E</u>	<u>CY 2026E</u>	<u>CY 2024A</u>	<u>CY 2025E</u>	<u>CY 2026E</u>	
Gen	\$26.54	\$31.72	83.7%	(3.4%)	\$1,006	\$16,561	\$24,005	6.2x	6.0x	5.8x	10.1x	10.0x	9.5x	
CHECK POINT	227.92	234.36	97.3%	23.5%	1,462	25,631	21,945	8.6x	8.1x	7.6x	19.4x	18.4x	17.4x	
(266.27	313.00	85.1%	5.8%	1,259	15,712	14,474	5.1x	4.8x	4.7x	13.7x	12.5x	11.8x	
	25.26	39.00	64.8%	(10.6%)	1,279	6,760	12,104	2.2x	2.3x	2.2x	6.7x	7.0x	5.9x	
Qualys.	125.93	174.20	72.3%	(9.4%)	441	4,674	4,066	6.7x	6.2x	5.8x	14.9x	15.1x	13.9x	
© tenable	34.98	50.07	69.9%	(10.2%)	460	4,177	4,053	4.5x	4.1x	3.8x	21.6x	17.6x	14.5x	
RAPID <mark>D</mark>	26.51	50.55	52.4%	(32.7%)	493	1,673	2,192	2.6x	2.5x	2.4x	11.8x	14.3x	11.9x	
F-Secure.	1.90	2.52	75.3%	3.2%	7	337	512	3.4x	3.1x	3.0x	9.2x	8.9x	8.2x	
Cognyte	7.80	11.12	70.1%	(9.6%)	113	579	512	1.5x	1.4x	1.2x	19.5x	16.7x	NA	
OneSpan	15.25	20.37	74.9%	(19.1%)	105	598	508	2.1x	2.0x	1.9x	7.7x	6.8x	6.4x	
Mitek	8.25	16.24	50.8%	(24.2%)	136	392	403	2.4x	2.2x	2.0x	7.3x	8.5x	6.8x	
✓ riskified	4.62	6.65	69.5%	(2.7%)	357	772	398	1.2x	1.2x	1.1x	23.9x	17.5x	8.1x	
W / T H'	1.00	1.24	80.6%	28.2%	25	165	175	1.1x	1.1x	1.1x	NM	21.4x	13.2x	
					Top Quartile	\$6,760	\$12,104	5.1x	4.8x	4.7x	19.4x	17.5x	13.3x	
					Mean	6,002	6,565	3.7x	3.5x	3.3x	13.8x	13.4x	10.6x	
					Median	1,673	2,192	2.6x	2.5x	2.4x	12.8x	14.3x	10.6x	
					First Quartile	579	508	2.1x	2.0x	1.9x	8.9x	8.9x	7.8x	

High-Growth Cybersecurity Operating Metrics

(\$ in Millions, Except Pr		Revenue			EBITDA			Revenue Growth				in			
Company	Stock Price	<u>Equity</u> Mkt Cap	Enterprise Value	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E	2023A-2024A	2024A-2025E	2025E-2026E	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E
CROWDSTRIKE	\$352.58	\$86,866	\$83,900	\$3,931	\$4,788	\$5,839	\$987	\$1,189	\$1,554	28.7%	21.8%	22.0%	25.1%	24.8%	26.6%
Ezscaler	198.42	30,388	29,059	2,409	2,898	3,484	594	739	952	27.1%	20.3%	20.2%	24.7%	25.5%	27.3%
CYBERARK	338.00	15,538	15,905	988	1,316	1,579	155	290	377	31.4%	33.3%	19.9%	15.7%	22.0%	23.9%
▲ SailPoint	18.75	10,436	11,361	851	1,032	1,234	188	264	290	21.7%	21.2%	19.6%	22.1%	25.5%	23.5%
SentinelOne	18.18	5,807	5,290	818	1,011	1,239	(18)	55	103	31.8%	23.5%	22.5%	NM	5.5%	8.3%
	Top Quartile	\$30,388	\$29,059	\$2,409	\$2,898	\$3,484	\$594	\$739	\$952	31.4%	23.5%	22.0%	24.8%	25.5%	26.6%
	Mean	29,807	29,103	1,800	2,209	2,675	381	507	655	28.1%	24.0%	20.8%	21.9%	20.7%	21.9%
	Median	15,538	15,905	988	1,316	1,579	188	290	377	28.7%	21.8%	20.2%	23.4%	24.8%	23.9%
	First Quartile	10,436	11,361	851	1,032	1,239	155	264	290	27.1%	21.2%	19.9%	20.5%	22.0%	23.5%

Medium-Growth Cybersecurity Operating Metrics

(\$ in Millions, Except Pri	ce per Share)	Revenue			EBITDA			R	EBITDA Margin						
Company	Stock Price	<u>Equity</u> Mkt Cap	Enterprise Value	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E	2023A-2024A	2024A-2025E	2025E-2026E	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E
₽ BROADCOM	\$167.43	\$807,096	\$844,519	\$54,204	\$64,990	\$75,946	\$34,398	\$42,894	\$51,243	39.5%	19.9%	16.9%	63.5%	66.0%	67.5%
/// paloalto	170.64	120,890	110,718	8,553	9,814	11,141	2,642	3,054	3,395	13.6%	14.7%	13.5%	30.9%	31.1%	30.5%
F#RTINET.	96.26	74,455	71,028	5,892	6,772	7,662	2,097	2,324	2,632	11.1%	14.9%	13.1%	35.6%	34.3%	34.4%
okta	105.22	18,798	16,723	2,597	2,863	3,146	584	716	831	14.8%	10.2%	9.9%	22.5%	25.0%	26.4%
OTREND	66.88	8,856	7,373	1,723	1,932	2,047	501	575	640	(2.3%)	12.1%	6.0%	29.0%	29.8%	31.2%
₹ Telos	2.38	172	134	107	123	142	(13)	2	16	(26.1%)	15.0%	15.0%	NM	1.2%	11.3%
	Top Quartile	\$109,281	\$100,796	\$7,888	\$9,053	\$10,271	\$2,506	\$2,871	\$3,204	14.5%	15.0%	14.6%	35.6%	33.5%	33.6%
	Mean	171,711	175,082	12,179	14,416	16,681	6,701	8,261	9,793	8.4%	14.5%	12.4%	36.3%	31.2%	33.5%
	Median	46,627	43,875	4,244	4,818	5,404	1,340	1,520	1,732	12.3%	14.8%	13.3%	30.9%	30.4%	30.9%
	First Quartile	11,341	9,710	1,942	2,165	2,322	521	610	687	1.0%	12.8%	10.7%	29.0%	26.2%	27.4%

Low-Growth Cybersecurity Operating Metrics

(\$ in Millions, Except Pr		Revenue			EBITDA			Revenue Growth				EBITDA Margin			
<u>Company</u>	Stock Price	Equity Mkt Cap	Enterprise Value	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E	2023A-2024A	2024A-2025E	2025E-2026E	CY 2024A	CY 2025E	CY 2026E
Gen	\$26.54	\$16,561	\$24,005	\$3,891	\$4,024	\$4,165	\$2,367	\$2,412	\$2,534	2.9%	3.4%	3.5%	60.8%	59.9%	60.8%
CHECK POINT	227.92	25,631	21,945	2,560	2,723	2,876	1,130	1,190	1,262	6.0%	6.3%	5.6%	44.1%	43.7%	43.9%
(266.27	15,712	14,474	2,840	3,022	3,102	1,053	1,154	1,229	1.2%	6.4%	2.7%	37.1%	38.2%	39.6%
	25.26	6,760	12,104	5,394	5,232	5,395	1,806	1,738	2,041	(5.3%)	(3.0%)	3.1%	33.5%	33.2%	37.8%
Qualys.	125.93	4,674	4,066	605	651	698	272	270	293	9.1%	7.7%	7.1%	45.0%	41.4%	42.0%
() tenable	34.98	4,177	4,053	896	980	1,066	188	231	279	12.2%	9.4%	8.7%	21.0%	23.6%	26.2%
RAPID	26.51	1,673	2,192	840	866	913	186	153	183	8.0%	3.1%	5.4%	22.1%	17.7%	20.1%
F-Secure	1.90	337	512	152	165	173	55	58	62	5.3%	8.7%	4.9%	36.5%	35.0%	35.9%
Cognyte	7.80	579	512	349	377	410	26	31	NA	11.4%	7.8%	8.8%	7.5%	8.2%	NA
OneSpan	15.25	598	508	240	249	262	66	74	80	2.2%	3.5%	5.3%	27.6%	29.9%	30.4%
Mitek	8.25	392	403	171	180	198	55	47	59	4.6%	4.8%	10.2%	32.1%	26.4%	30.0%
✓ riskified	4.62	772	398	324	340	378	17	23	49	9.0%	5.0%	11.1%	5.1%	6.7%	13.0%
W/TH	1.00	165	175	153	156	165	2	8	13	26.0%	1.6%	6.3%	1.4%	5.2%	8.0%
	Top Quartile	\$6,760	\$12,104	\$2,560	\$2,723	\$2,876	\$1,053	\$1,154	\$1,237	9.1%	7.7%	8.7%	37.1%	38.2%	40.2%
	Mean	6,002	6,565	1,417	1,459	1,523	556	568	674	7.1%	5.0%	6.4%	28.8%	28.4%	32.3%
	Median	1,673	2,192	605	651	698	186	153	231	6.0%	5.0%	5.6%	32.1%	29.9%	33.1%
	First Quartile	579	508	240	249	262	55	47	61	2.9%	3.4%	4.9%	21.0%	17.7%	24.7%

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