Cyber Resilience Insights

Exploring cyber resilience gaps, evolving threats, AI-driven defenses, and recovery strategies in EMEA

Cyber resilience challenges are intensifying as cyberattacks and data protection gaps drive increased risks of disruption. Organizations with mature resilience strategies* are nearly three times more likely to recover successfully. By modernizing resilience strategies, enhancing detection capabilities, and prioritizing continuous optimization, IT leaders can minimize risks and strengthen confidence in their ability to adapt to evolving threats.

Leadership Overconfidence

59% of IT professionals believe their leadership overestimates cyber event readiness. When overconfidence takes the wheel, it creates dangerous blind spots that delay critical investments and leave vulnerabilities unaddressed.

The Confidence vs. Capability Gap

99.8% of organizations have cyber resilience strategies in place

Yet **59%** failed to recover effectively from their last test or incident

Prevention vs. Recovery: An Unbalanced Approach

74% believe their organization focuses more on preventing attacks than preparing to recover from them

Yet only **26%** have a comprehensive platform for threat detection across primary storage, backup storage and network infrastructure

And only **36%** successfully contained and recovered from an attack or cyber incident drill with minimal impact

Consequently, when breaches inevitably occur, many organizations are unprepared for the recovery phase that determines business survival.

The Path Forward:
Mature Organizations Deliver Results

Organizations with mature cyber resilience strategies are nearly 2.7x more likely to recover successfully

Strategic maturity across three essential pillars work together to create unbreakable resilience.

SECURE:
Building Your Foundation of Trust

Organizations with mature cyber resilience strategies are:

- **1.3x** more likely to protect devices using firmware/BIOS-level security controls
- **More likely** to utilize cyber vaults to protect critical data from evolving threats

But security is just the beginning. The real advantage comes from intelligent detection that spots threats before they compromise your most valuable assets.

DETECT:
Intelligence That Never Sleeps

The Visibility Challenge:
Only 26% of organizations have robust threat detection across backup storage, primary data storage, and network infrastructure

The AI-Powered Solution:

- **61%** are prioritizing investments in AI/ML-powered threat detection
- **40%** extensively scan backup data with AI/ML for indicators of compromise
- Organizations with mature strategies are **3.6x more likely** to use AI/ML tools with proactive mitigation and response playbooks

RECOVER:
Where Preparation Meets Performance

The Testing Advantage:

- **51%** of organizations conducting monthly or more frequently simulated cyberattacks successfully recovered from incidents
- **64%** of organizations testing less than monthly did not successfully recover from incidents

The Result:
Organizations that test frequently are significantly more likely to meet both recovery time objectives and recovery point objectives than those that test sporadically.

Your Path to Cyber Resilience Excellence

Organizations with mature cyber resilience strategies are 1.9x more likely to consistently meet their SLAs

Building Your Robust Foundation
Prioritize both prevention and rapid recovery.

- **Secure:** Reduce risk with BIOS-level security controls, data encryption, and cyber vaults for critical data.
- **Detect:** Use real-time AI/ML to detect and respond to threats across all storage, including primary and protection storage.
- **Recover:** Test recovery often—organizations that do so monthly are far more likely to meet recovery objectives.

Ready to enhance your cyber resilience?

Ready to enhance your cyber resilience? Read all the key findings from the *Dell 2026 Cyber Resilience Insights Research.*

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Source: Vanson Bourne and Dell Technologies Cyber Resilience Survey 2025.

*Organizations with mature cyber resilience strategies are defined as those with a strategy that is fully established and continuously optimized, using predictive analytics, automation, and real-time insights (e.g., threat intelligence feeds, ML-driven adjustments, KPIs guiding improvements)