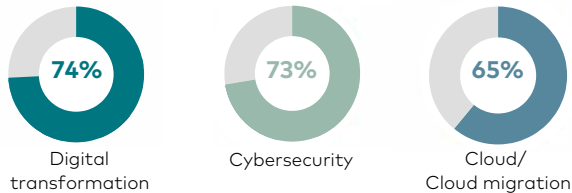# Benchmark IT Tech Spend in 2022

See how procurement and IT managers spend their budgets in 2022 and how it helps their digital transformation initiatives.

Key findings from Flexera Tech Spend Pulse 2022 report based on an IT spending survey of 501 IT executives from around the world.
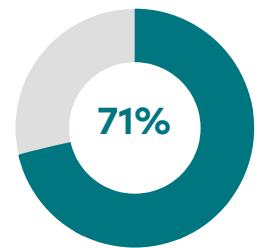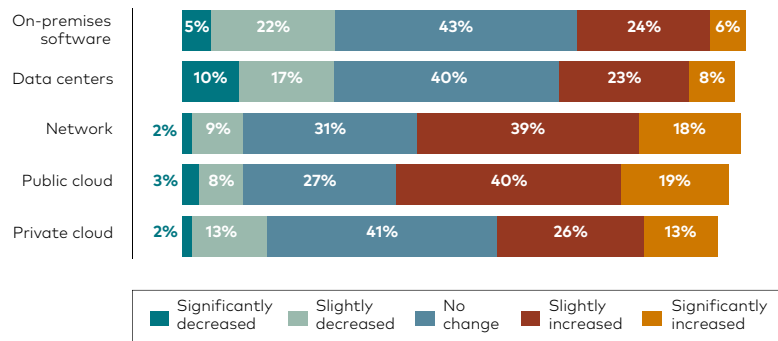
Top 3 priorities for IT managers

74%
Digital transformation

73%
Cybersecurity

65%
Cloud/ Cloud migration

Thanks to the pandemic, the pace to migrate to the cloud has increased

Increased willingness to move to cloud
| 70% | 47% |

Percentage experiencing budget impacts to date due to COVID-19

COVID-19 continues to drive up cloud spend and drive down on-premises software spend. Organizations turn to SaaS and move more apps and data to the cloud to support remote employees. These trends are continuing as budgets for items more directly related to enabling a remote work force increase, such as SaaS (69%), public cloud (59%) and desktop/laptops (55%). Conversely, spending associated with legacy office environments had decreased, such as data centers (-27%), servers (-28%) and on-premises software (-27%).
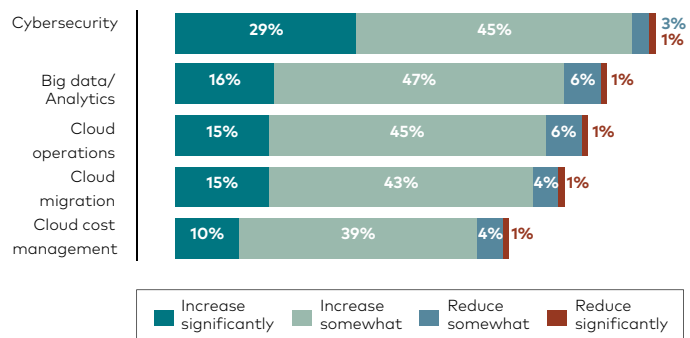
Category	Significantly decreased	Slightly decreased	No change	Slightly increased	Significantly increased
On-premises software	5%	22%	43%	24%	6%
Data centers	10%	17%	40%	23%	8%
Network	2%	9%	31%	39%	18%
Public cloud	3%	8%	27%	40%	19%
Private cloud	2%	13%	41%	26%	13%

Legend:
- Significantly decreased
- Slightly decreased
- No change
- Slightly increased
- Significantly increased

71%

The vast majority expect their IT budgets to increase in the next year, regardless of their region of the world.

Planned changes to use external IT resources

The top five areas in which external partners will play a supplemental role are:

1. Cybersecurity
2. Big Data/analytics
3. Cloud operations
4. AI/machine learning
5. Automation

All five are rapidly growing areas requiring specialized skill sets.

Area	Increase significantly	Increase somewhat	Reduce somewhat	Reduce significantly
Cybersecurity	29%	45%	3%	1%
Big data/ Analytics	16%	47%	6%	1%
Cloud operations	15%	45%	6%	1%
Cloud migration	15%	43%	4%	1%
Cloud cost management	10%	39%	4%	1%

Legend:
- Increase significantly
- Increase somewhat
- Reduce somewhat
- Reduce significantly

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