

## Cybersecurity is now a top business priority for small and medium businesses (SMBs)

## Data shows a trend of SMBs understanding the cost of an attack and seeking protection

Rapid technology adoption and remote work have increased the cyberattack threat for SMBs. New research\* reveals that safeguarding against escalating and evolving threats is now considered key to business success.



**1 in 3** SMBs have experienced a cyberattack



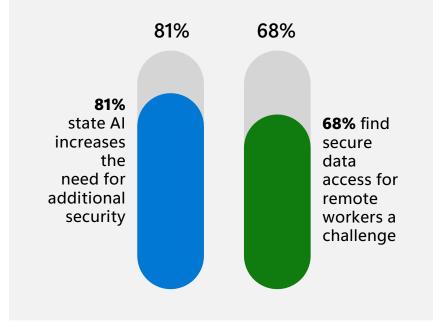
Average cost of cyberattacks for SMBs is **over \$250K** 



**94%** consider cybersecurity critical to their business

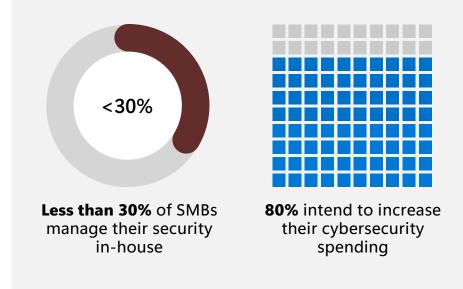
## Al and devices are top focus for SMBs

Nine in ten SMBs agree that cyberthreats are an increasing peril to business.



## The need to secure SMBs

Without the tools and expertise to keep people, data, and devices secure, SMBs are vulnerable to escalating and evolving threats.



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**Methodology** \*An online survey of 2,000 IT Security product decision-makers/influencers at U.K. and U.S. businesses from September 10-26, 2024. Data in this infographic focuses on SMBs with 25-299 employees.