

2026 AI SOC LEADERSHIP REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

What **450+** CISOs and security leaders reveal about AI's real impact on SOC operations

94%

use AI in the SOC in some capacity

7

AI tools per SOC on average

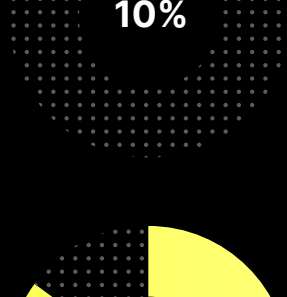
85%

want something different

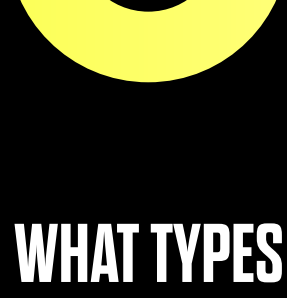
1. AI IS EVERYWHERE IN THE SOC — BUT UNIFIED NOWHERE



80% rely on fragmented point tools

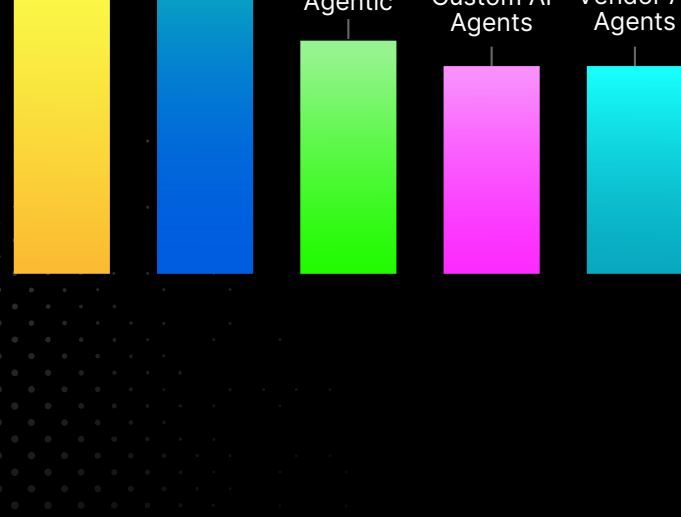


10% run more than 10 AI tools



85% would prefer a unified platform

WHAT TYPES OF AI ARE SOCS RUNNING?

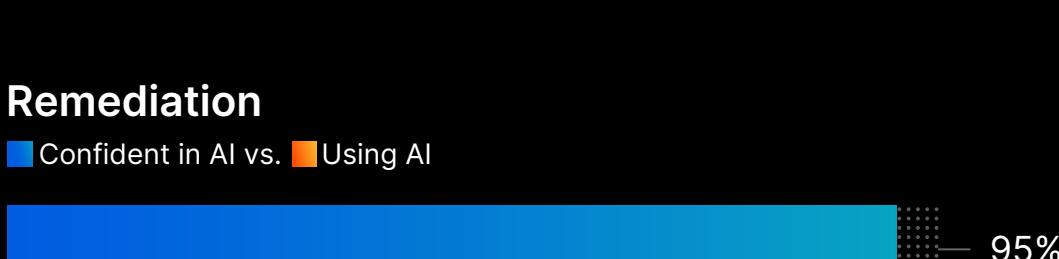


2. AI IS CARRYING THE LOAD; ANALYSTS MAKE THE CALLS

Teams believe AI can do the work. They're not letting it.

Triage

Confident in AI vs. Using AI



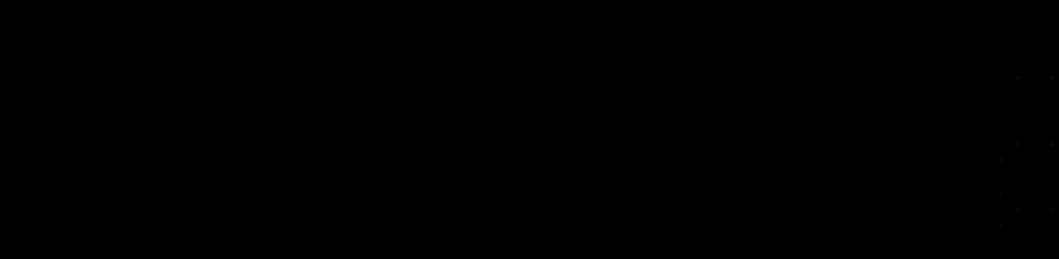
Remediation

Confident in AI vs. Using AI



Containment

Confident in AI vs. Using AI



72%

are comfortable with autonomous AI on medium-severity and below

3%

Only 3% want human approval on everything

3. THE ANALYST ROLE IS EVOLVING

8.6 hours/week on AI oversight

9 in 10 say AI improved workload

9 in 10 say AI reduced burnout

TOP IMPROVEMENTS TO DAILY SOC LIFE

- 1 Work-life balance and flexible scheduling
- 2 Fewer repetitive or manual tasks
- 3 Workload distribution and prioritization

TOP EXPECTED BENEFITS OF AI IN THE SOC

- 1 Improved quality of life and reduced burnout
- 2 Greater SOC capacity — alert disposition and remediation within SLA
- 3 Reduction in mean-time-to-respond (MTTR)

4. TRUST IS THE LIMITING FACTOR

92% cite at least one factor reducing trust.

TOP CONCERNS:

- 1 Data privacy
- 2 False negatives / missed threats
- 3 Data governance
- 4 False positives
- 5 Loss of control over AI decisions

WHAT WOULD BUILD CONFIDENCE IN AI?



5. THE MARKET KNOWS WHAT IT WANTS

WHAT MATTERS MOST IN A TRUE AI SOC



85%

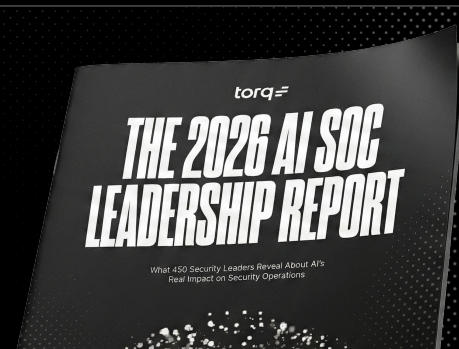
want a unified AI SOC platform

53%

say it would resolve their trust issues

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