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## **One Third of U.S. Companies Breached Last Year**

A third of companies in the U.S. were breached in 2016, according to a study from Bitdefender issued on Tuesday.

The statistics are a warning for CEOs and board members who "face increasing internal and external security risks that could ruin customer trust and business forecasts," the study stated.

While the good news for security professionals is that the increasing threat landscape has motivated executives to regard CIOs as top C-level managers – joining COOs and CFOs in business decisions – indications are that not all C- suites include CIOs/CISOs in the business decision-making process.

As the study found, some of the largest threats companies are facing involve advanced targeted threats and APTs, that are specifically aimed at a single target and usually take months to detect, Arsene told SC. "By the time IT security teams find the data breach, attackers might have already exfiltrated vital company information, customer data, and even intellectual property."