



# Pearl Meyer

## Cyber Security, AI, and Data Science Salary Survey

2023 Prospectus



## About the Survey

**The Cyber Security, AI, and Data Science Salary Survey** reports competitive base salary, short-term incentives, and total cash compensation for professionals working in cyber security, artificial intelligence, robotics, and data science roles. One Hundred and Thirty-One (131) leading organizations participated in the survey providing current pay information for over 23,000 employees.

### COMPREHENSIVE

- 7 Positions
- 23,000 Employees
- **Exclusive Insight** into Policies & Practices



### CREDIBLE

- 131 Institutions
- Rigorous quality assurance process



### CUSTOMIZED

- Dedicated account manager
- Online tools for easy data submission and practices



The Cyber Security, AI, and Data Science Salary Survey provides you with a best-in-class compensation information solution, offering you a rare combination of accuracy and affordability.



## COMPREHENSIVE

You will be assigned a dedicated account manager to walk you through the survey submission process, making it easy to integrate and match your information to our database.

Our account managers have several years of survey experience, ensuring you receive the highest quality of guidance and confidentiality.

### Streamlined Policies and Practices Information

- Hiring & Retention of Staff
- Cyber Security Certifications & Skills Sought
- Cyber Security Role Structure
- Internships/Grad Hiring
- Compensation/Benefits
- Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence
- Telecommuting
- Turnover/Acceptance Rates

## Policies and Practices

### Hiring & Retaining Cyber Security Staff

What approaches have you taken or are considering to address challenges in retaining cyber security staff?

#### Hire at upper end into defined pay range

- Use this approach
- Considering using this approach
- Don't use and not considering this approach

#### Pay over maximum of pay range

- Use this approach
- Considering using this approach
- Don't use and not considering this approach

### Telecommuting

Do cyber security employees at your organization telecommute (work from home)?

Yes	48.6%
No	30.3%
Other	21.1%

What is the required tenure (years of service) to be eligible for telecommuting?

No tenure required	85.1%
3 months to less than 6 months	4.1%
6 months to less than 1 year	1.4%

### Internship/Grad Hiring

Does your organization have a cyber security internship program?

Yes	39.0%
No	61.0%

At what degree level does your company hire interns?

Associate's Degree	27.1%
Bachelor's Degree	90.6%
Master's Level Degree	51.8%
Doctorate/Post Master's Degree	28.2%
Other	10.6%



## Access to Detailed Data

**131**  
Participating  
Institutions



**3**  
Countries  
(US, UK, Canada)



**7**  
Positions



### Key Data Reported:

- Base Salary
- Short-Term Incentives
- Long-Term Incentives\*

\*reported for Top Cyber Security position only

**19,000**  
Employees



## Job Families

Top Cyber Security  
External Cyber Security  
Internal Cyber Security  
Cyber Security Roll-Up

Artificial Intelligence Engineer  
Robotics Engineer  
Data Scientist



## 2023 List of Participants

Accenture LLP  
Air Products & Chemicals  
Altria Client Services Inc.  
American Institutes for Research  
American University  
Amplify Education  
Applied Physics Laboratory/University of Washington  
Argonne National Laboratory  
ASM Research  
Bank of the West  
Battelle Memorial Institute  
Bechtel Global Corporation  
Black & Veatch Corporation  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana  
BNSF Railway Company  
Brookhaven National Laboratory  
Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company  
Burns & McDonnell Engineering  
CACI International, Inc.  
Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute  
Caterpillar  
CDM Smith Inc.  
Charter Communications, Inc.  
Cherokee Nation Businesses, LLC  
Ciena Corp  
CIGNA Corporation  
Cisco Systems, Inc.  
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.  
Comcast Corporation  
Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC  
Day & Zimmermann  
DISH Network Corporation  
Draper Laboratory  
Duke Energy  
Edwards Lifesciences  
Entegris, Inc.  
Epsilon Data Management, LLC  
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
Fidelity Investments  
Fluor Marine Propulsion  
Framatome  
Fujitsu America, Inc.  
General Dynamics Mission Systems  
General Motors Company  
George Washington University



## 2023 List of Participants (continued)

Georgia Tech Research Institute  
Graham Management Services LP  
Greif, Inc.  
Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, The  
HDR, Inc.  
Hilton Grand Vacations  
HP Enterprise Services  
ICW Group  
Idaho Forest Group  
Idaho National Laboratory  
Institute for Defense Analyses  
Jackson National Life Insurance  
Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.  
Jefferson Laboratory  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
Klein Tools, Inc.  
Kohls Corporation  
Kronos Incorporated  
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory  
Lockheed Martin Corporation  
Lookout, Inc.  
Los Alamos National Laboratory  
Lower Colorado River Authority  
ManTech International Corporation  
Marriott International, Inc.  
McCain Foods  
Merck & Co., Inc.  
Michael Baker International  
Micron Technology, Inc.  
MIT Lincoln Laboratory  
Motorola Solutions  
National Renewable Energy Laboratory  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
NEC Corporation of America  
NextEra Energy, Inc.  
Noblis, Inc.  
Northrop Grumman Corporation  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory UT-Battelle, LLC  
Olsson  
Oncor Electric Delivery Company  
PACCAR Inc  
Parsons Corporation  
Penn State Health



## 2023 List of Participants (continued)

Peraton  
POWER Engineers  
Propetro Holding Corp  
Publix Super Markets, Inc.  
QUALCOMM Incorporated  
RAND Corporation  
Raytheon Technologies  
Regency Centers  
Ricoh Americas Corporation  
Ryder System Inc.  
SAIC, Inc.  
Salt River Project  
Sandia National Laboratories  
Sanofi Pasteur  
SaskTel  
Savannah River National Laboratory  
Schreiber Foods Inc.  
Serco  
Siemens Energy  
Sierra Nevada Corporation  
SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory  
Southwest Research Institute  
Stanford University  
Stantec Inc.  
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company  
Stryker Corporation  
Target Corporation  
Terracon Consultants, Inc.  
The Aerospace Corporation  
The Applied Research Laboratory at PSU  
The Capital Group  
The Coca-Cola Company  
The MITRE Corporation  
The TJX Companies, Inc.  
Toyota Motor North America  
United Launch Alliance  
University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR)  
Wawa, Inc.  
Westinghouse Electric Company  
Wood  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution  
Worley  
WSP



## CUSTOMIZED

Looking for a snapshot into the pay practices of your peers? Look no further than our comprehensive and objective compensation report.



### Flexible Report Formats

Survey results are easily downloaded from the Pearl Meyer survey client website and available in PDF and Excel. Data in excel gives you the ability to isolate key data points and identify salary trends.

Results By Position														
External Cyber Security - Specialist Level Professional (EC3/4)														
Data Effective 1/1/2020	# Firms	# Empl	Avg Base	25th Tile	50th Tile	75th Tile	% Base	% Elig STI	% Row	Avg Awd	Avg Total	25th Tile	50th Tile	75th Tile
			Base	Base	Base	Base			(%)		Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash
<b>All Firms</b>	54	1719	\$140,086	\$124,300	\$140,041	\$154,800	87.2%	57.4%	\$22,482	\$152,961	\$129,030	\$145,300	\$160,537	
<b>Degrees</b>														
Comp Sol w/ Engineering Emphasis - Bachelors	12	99	\$147,305	\$135,013	\$145,749	\$158,000	75.3%	42.5%	\$27,713	\$159,087	\$136,621	\$150,255	\$166,173	
Comp Sol w/ Engineering Emphasis - Masters	12	104	\$154,247	\$140,087	\$152,800	\$166,280	90.0%	63.4%	\$56,989	\$162,256	\$147,000	\$160,070	\$207,000	
Comp Sol w/ Engineering Emphasis - PhD	6	23	\$156,638	\$138,480	\$151,000	\$178,500	74.6%	66.1%	\$63,140	\$166,402	\$145,736	\$178,500	\$205,400	
Comp Sol w/ Info Security Emphasis - Bachelors	5	13	\$130,025	\$124,446	\$135,818	\$145,200	75.5%	58.9%	\$3,861	\$132,122	\$125,948	\$139,072	\$147,200	
Comp Sol w/ Info Security Emphasis - Masters	12	36	\$148,374	\$135,000	\$147,971	\$157,300	91.7%	53.9%	\$8,631	\$151,028	\$138,010	\$152,000	\$166,376	
Comp Sol w/ MIS&S Emphasis - Bachelors	10	98	\$137,553	\$121,805	\$140,590	\$149,839	75.5%	55.2%	\$15,580	\$146,154	\$127,055	\$145,000	\$156,600	
Comp Sol w/ MIS&S Emphasis - Masters	10	87	\$147,828	\$127,317	\$147,659	\$161,400	84.6%	54.9%	\$25,571	\$161,857	\$129,877	\$149,500	\$173,336	
Comp Sol w/ MIS&S Emphasis - PhD	3	10												
Systems Engineering - Masters	4	61												
Software Engineering - Masters	5	13	\$142,884	\$133,288	\$136,848	\$161,200	75.5%	75.5%	\$37,711	\$171,158	\$134,288	\$138,948	\$171,498	
Other - Bachelors	26	336	\$138,524	\$122,899	\$139,704	\$154,500	88.1%	47.6%	\$9,316	\$142,960	\$125,887	\$140,387	\$156,816	
Other - Masters	19	289	\$143,586	\$139,474	\$142,000	\$157,000	88.2%	49.6%	\$30,636	\$158,720	\$130,000	\$145,877	\$161,000	
Other - PhD	15	45	\$155,239	\$139,769	\$152,235	\$170,300	82.0%	47.3%	\$56,508	\$169,708	\$142,861	\$165,400	\$190,000	
Associates Degree	12	45	\$125,245	\$114,800	\$122,000	\$135,901	76.0%	48.4%	\$8,615	\$128,593	\$115,000	\$122,000	\$135,000	
<b>Degree Level</b>														
Bachelors	31	578	\$139,721	\$124,992	\$140,358	\$154,500	83.1%	49.0%	\$11,497	\$146,337	\$127,000	\$142,000	\$156,000	
Masters	25	590	\$146,833	\$132,275	\$148,000	\$159,431	91.0%	59.5%	\$30,777	\$165,147	\$135,000	\$150,000	\$170,000	
PhD	16	94	\$156,483	\$143,908	\$153,100	\$169,700	84.9%	53.3%	\$60,765					
<b>WGS Department</b>														
R&D Engineering	11	278	\$160,000	\$145,000	\$155,800	\$170,040	73.0%	43.9%						
IT Group (internal)	15	117	\$126,169	\$113,869	\$125,000	\$140,005	59.0%	53.8%						
IT Group (internal/external)	11	406	\$124,013	\$113,818	\$122,000	\$135,000	91.8%							
Cust Solutions Development & Implementation	5	247	\$129,623	\$115,720	\$131,891	\$144,622								
Other	6	93	\$129,612	\$116,108	\$122,491	\$141,140								
<b>Type of Security Clearance</b>														
TSP/CI	9	151	\$139,060	\$113,880	\$133,870	\$145,000								
Top Secret	12	341	\$142,511	\$129,899	\$138,000	\$150,000								
Secret	10	111	\$130,851	\$113,300	\$120,000	\$130,000								
Dept. of Energy O Clearance	3	48												
Unknown	12	338												
<b>Regions</b>														
Central / Midwest	19													
MA 128495														
Mid-Atlantic														
Mountain States														
Northeast														
Pacific Northwest/Northern CA														
Silicon Valley														
Southeast														
Southern CA														
Southwest														
Texas														

All of this provides you with the most accurate, affordable, reliable data that you can use to attract and retain your most important, and often most expensive, asset.

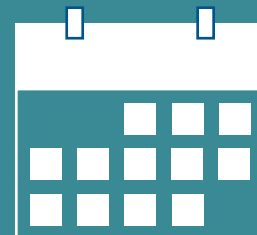
The high-level data from the survey is complimentary to participants. Full survey results and/or a custom peer group report are available for an additional fee. Contact our survey team to purchase.

## Survey Dates

**Data Effective Date:** January 1, 2023

**Data Submission Due Date:** February 10, 2023

**Survey Results Published:** April 14, 2023







## Contact Us

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Your account manager will email you a link to the submission materials, your log-in credentials, and instructions on how to complete and return your survey data.

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## About Pearl Meyer ([www.pearlmeyer.com](http://www.pearlmeyer.com) | [www.pearlmeyer.com/surveys](http://www.pearlmeyer.com/surveys))

Pearl Meyer is the leading advisor to boards and senior management on the alignment of compensation with organizational and leadership strategies, making pay programs a powerful catalyst for value creation and competitive advantage. Our survey team provides organizations with accurate, on-point information supporting effective business decisions. Pearl Meyer's global clients stand at the forefront of their industries and range from emerging high-growth, not-for-profit, and private companies to the Fortune 500. The firm has offices in Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, and San Jose.





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