

The Cost of the TPRM Maturity Gap

What data from 1,465 global organizations reveals about third-party risk assessments in 2026

CONFIDENCE VS EFFECTIVENESS

66% of large orgs and **40%** of small orgs say their TPRM assessments are effective

Confidence is driven by having processes in place, not by proven outcomes (see below...)



BREACH FREQUENCY

An organization experiences an average of **12 breaches per year**

Third-party incidents are a recurring operational reality, not rare events.



ASSESSMENT TIMELINES

64% of large organizations take more than 4 months to complete assessments

Slow vendor responses and internal bottlenecks stretch assessments into months.



EMPLOYEE TIME BURDEN

63% of assessments require more than 40 manual hours across internal teams

Manual, spreadsheet-driven processes concentrate risk work on individuals.



A PEEK INTO THE RESEARCH

The 2026 report is based on original survey data from ProcessUnity and the Ponemon Institute, and evaluated:

- ▶ 1,465 third-party risk managers and practitioners
- ▶ Companies across seven different industries
- ▶ Assessment experiences across the US, APAC, and EMEA regions
- ▶ 34 questions surround assessment experience, roadblocks, risk levels, and more

Only **one-third** of large orgs and only **one-fifth** of small orgs assess fourth-party risk

Risk doesn't stop at direct vendors, but visibility often does.

Download the ProcessUnity State of Third-Party Risk Assessments 2026 for complete survey findings, industry benchmarks, and company-size comparisons.

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