# Women in CyberSecurity (WiCyS)



A community of women, men, allies, and advocates that support the WiCyS mission to recruit, retain and advance women in cybersecurity as part of a workforce solution.

**4.3** M cybersecurity professionals are needed worldwide— a 19% increase year-over-year. ISC2 Workforce Study, Sept 2024

As baby boomers retire by 2030, organizations risk losing critical cybersecurity expertise.

World Economic Forum, Apr 2024

Cyber roles see attrition rates 8% higher than other industries, weakening security and increasing costs. STIG.net, Jan 2024

Many women in cybersecurity hit a glass ceiling **6–10 years** into their careers, contributing to attrition.

WiCyS/Aleria, Jan 2024

Cyber roles take **21% longer** to fill than other IT jobs. CyberSeek, May 2024

#### **WICYS MEMBERS**

HIGH-PERFORMING FUTURE-READY

According to the 2025 SANS Workforce Study, 52% of organizations cite skills as their biggest concern, versus headcount. This growing emphasis on skills over sheer numbers highlights the value of WiCyS members, who are highly skilled and uniquely positioned for advanced roles in cybersecurity.

## The WiCyS Edge

WiCyS members outperform peers in the N2K/Skillrex skills assessment of the NICE Framework:

- 16 of 20 specialty areas
- 4 points higher overall → **Nearly a** 10% performance advantage
- Demonstrating standout technical + leadership strength



#### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & INITIATIVES**

WiCyS fosters meaningful connections, career growth and professional advancement through a wide range of accessible, data-informed programs designed to support cybersecurity professionals at every stage of their journey.





### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The WiCyS Annual Conference is the go-to event for cybersecurity professionals, students and organizations. The conference is the flagship event for workforce development and to recruit, retain and advance women in cybersecurity.

#### WICYS COMMUNITY & IMPACT

11k+

40k+

**Members** 

**Professional Affiliates** 

**Newsletter Subscribers** 

107 **Countries**  315 **Student Chapters**  46k+ **Webinar Subscribers** 

**Fiscal Year** 2025:

123 **Programs** 

with

50k+ **Participants** 















