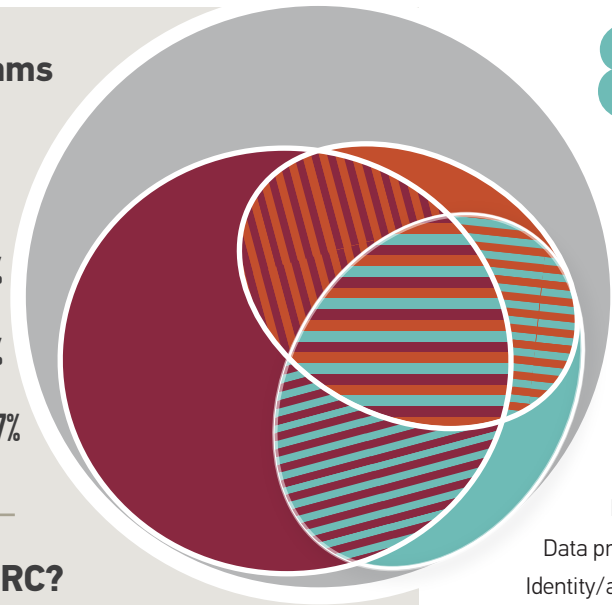
# IT GOVERNANCE, RISK, and COMPLIANCE in Higher Education

## IT GRC programs in place



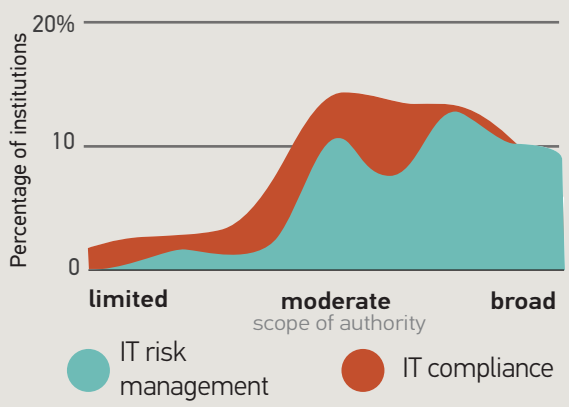

## Who leads IT GRC?

*If* formal programs exist,

**CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICERS *OR* CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS**

are most likely to lead them.

They lead with a moderate to broad scope of authority, meaning they have adequate leadership involvement and backing for decisions made.




## GRC maturity

Institutions with either an enterprise risk management or an IT risk management program have higher scores on all four maturity dimensions.

Institutions with more-mature IT risk management programs have stronger IT governance and IT compliance programs.

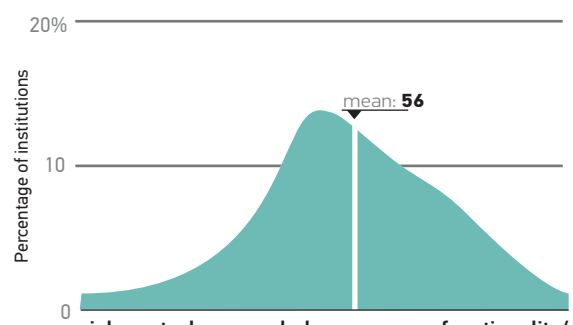
**81%** of institutions ***do not*** **include IT risk** in their institution's strategic plan

## The most important IT risks to address concern information security, privacy, and access.

The gaps between the importance of and the effectiveness in addressing these IT risks are large.

## central IT *nearly always* has sole or partial responsibility for managing IT risk

### Higher education institutions maintain a balance between risk control and functionality/openness.




For the unique mission of higher education, risk management leads must hone the soft skill of negotiating between the provision of risk control and ensuring data and processes are accessible and useful.

## Institutions with formal IT governance bodies

- are more likely to involve others in decision making
- make better investment decisions
- have more support from leadership, faculty, and other stakeholders
- participate more in strategic planning and policy making

## When it comes to IT compliance:

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The EDUCAUSE IT GRC program provides resources that help you define and implement IT governance, risk, and compliance activities on campus. educause.edu/it-grc.

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