

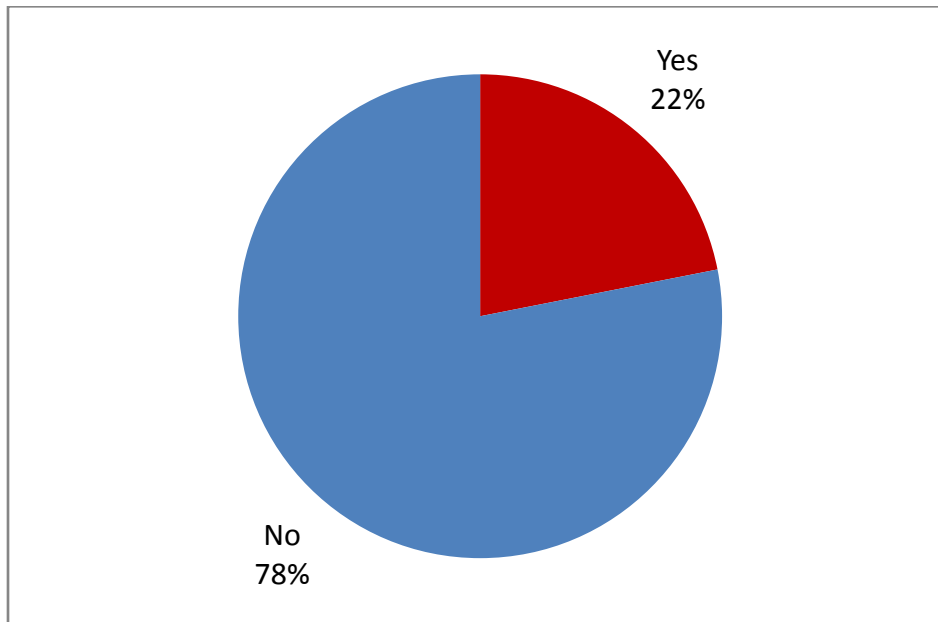
# E-discovery: How prepared are IT leaders for requests?

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When electronically stored information (ESI) is subject to discovery, it is referred to as **e-discovery**, and it must be located, secured, and searched for use as evidence in a trial.

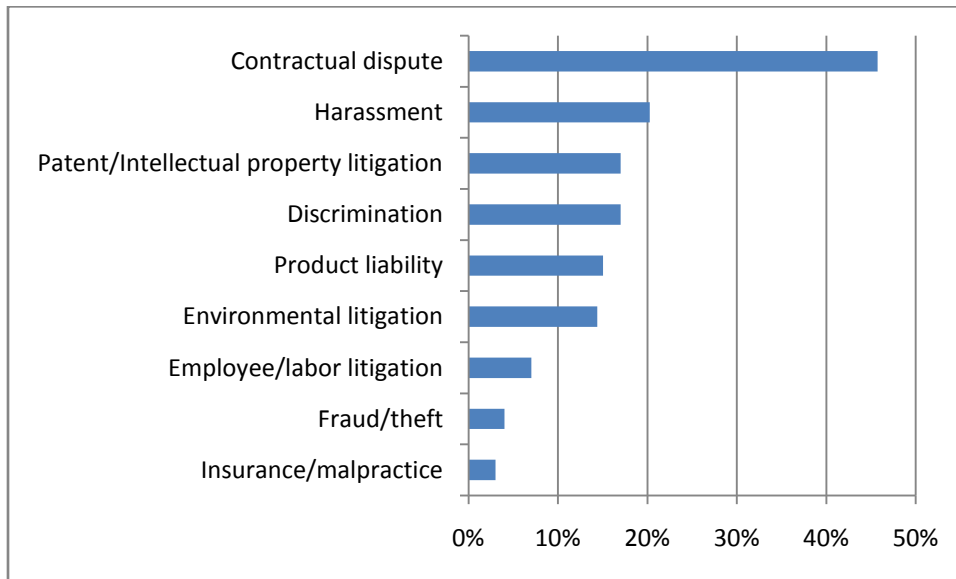
In August 2008, we conducted a Web-based survey of 711 TechRepublic members to better understand how companies are supporting e-discovery. Here are the survey results.

## **22% have been involved in a lawsuit in the past five years in which data retrieval or e-discovery was involved**



Source: TechRepublic E-Discovery Survey, August 2008

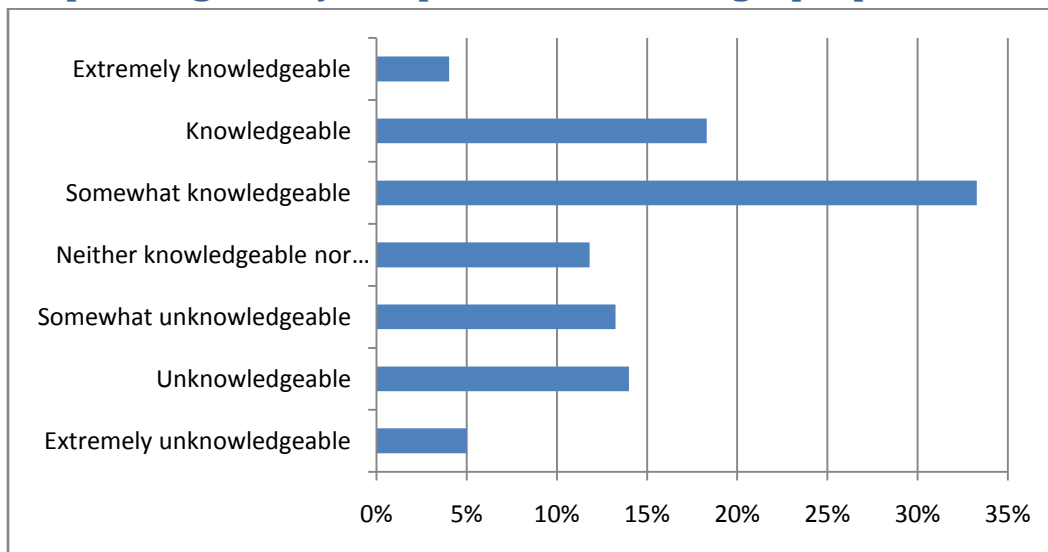
## Contract disputes, harassment top the list of reasons for the lawsuit(s)



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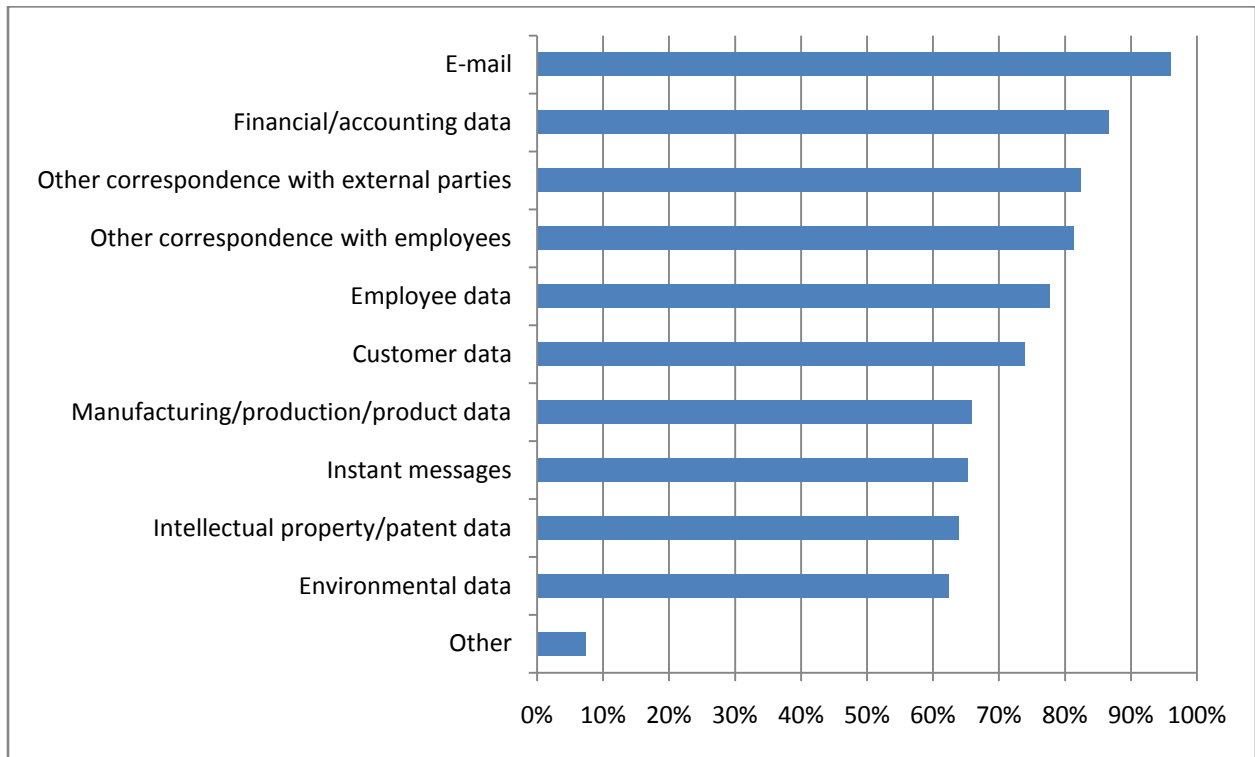
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## 33% are knowledgeable about the required electronic documents to keep for regulatory compliance or other legal purposes



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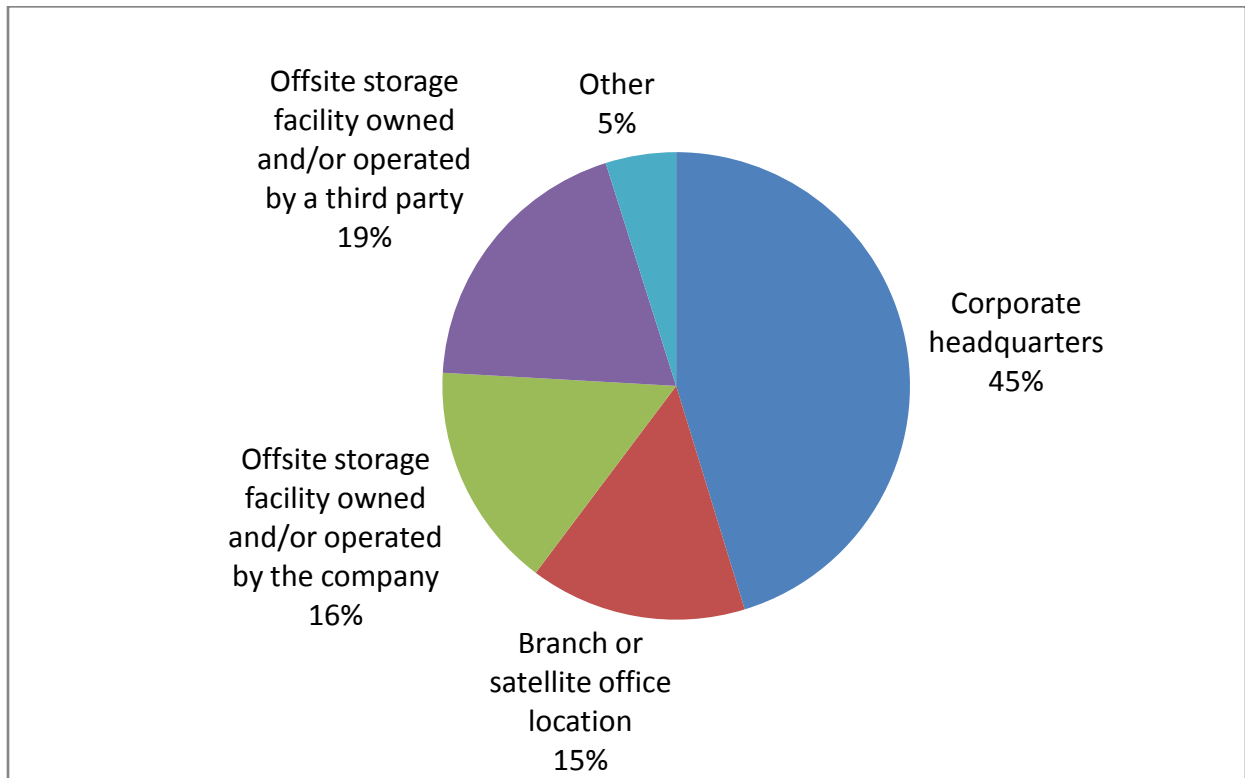
## Electronic documents that are subject to discovery during a lawsuit



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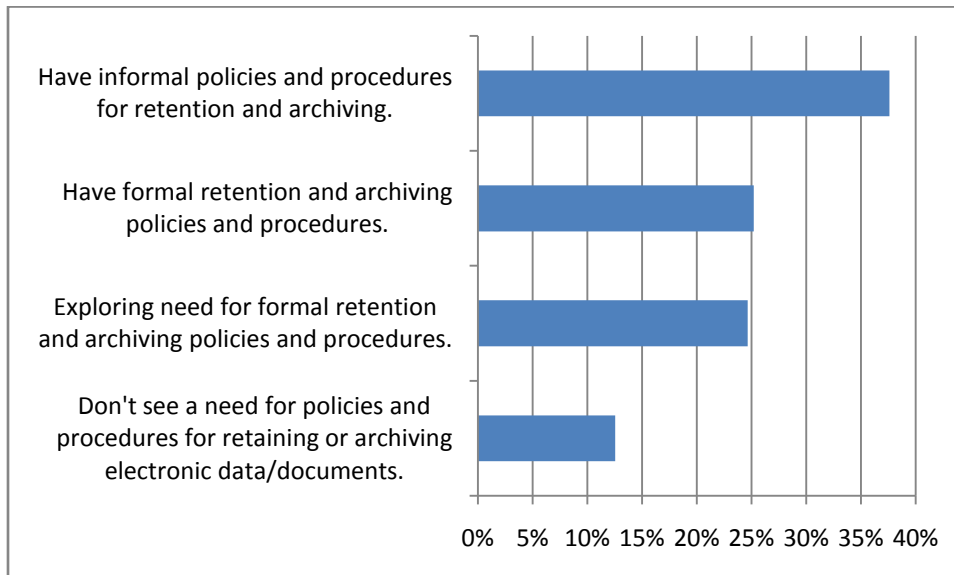
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## 45% store archived electronic data and documents at HQ



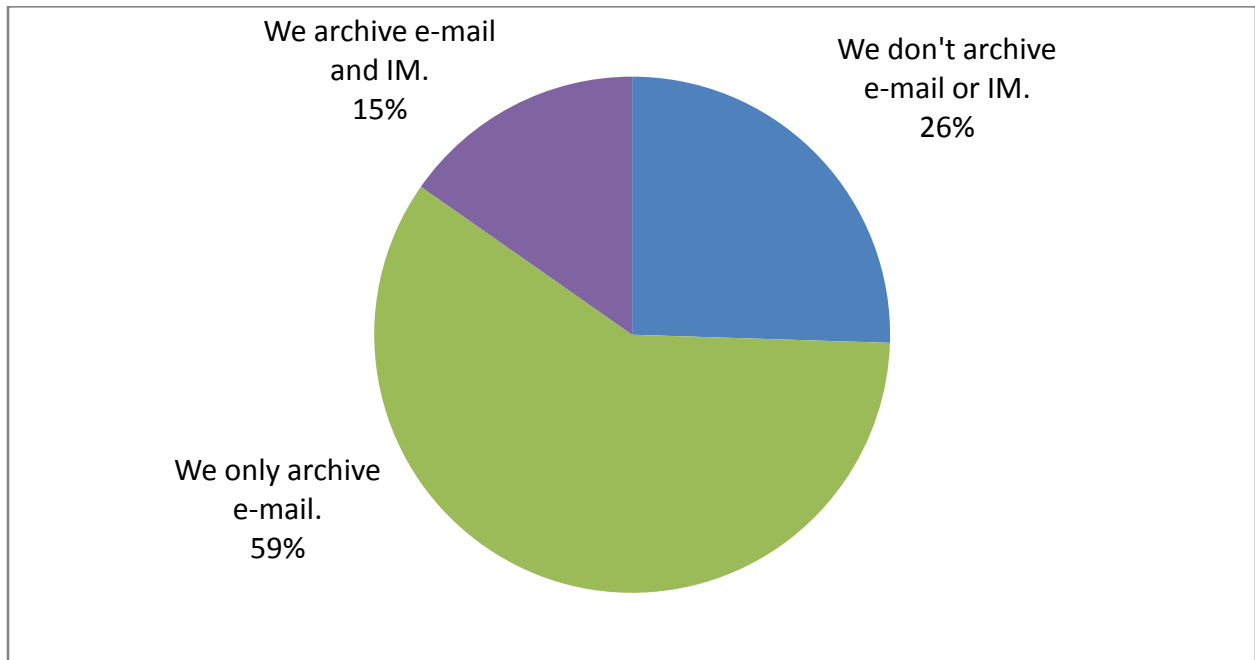
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## 38% of companies have informal policies and procedures for retention, archiving



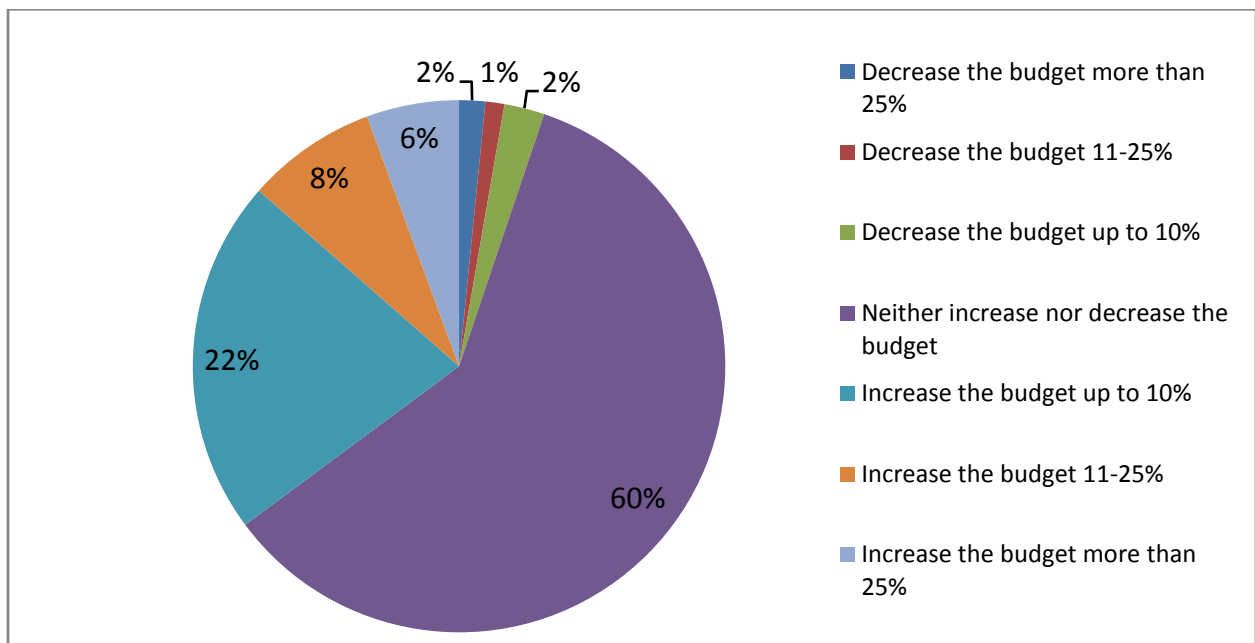
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## 59% of companies archive e-mail but not IM



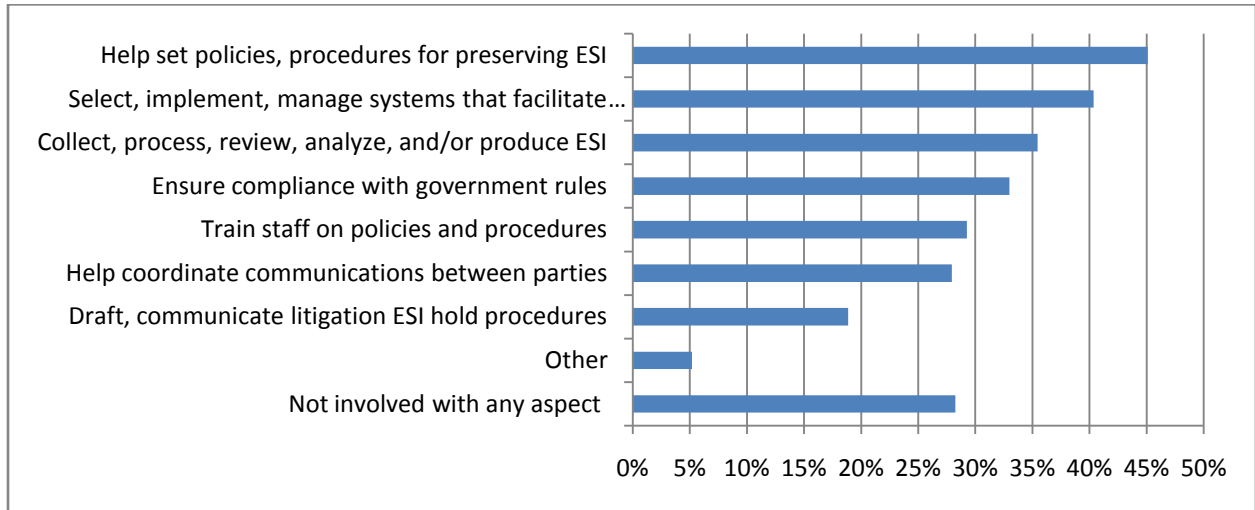
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## 60% have no plans to increase/decrease budget for data management in the next 12 months



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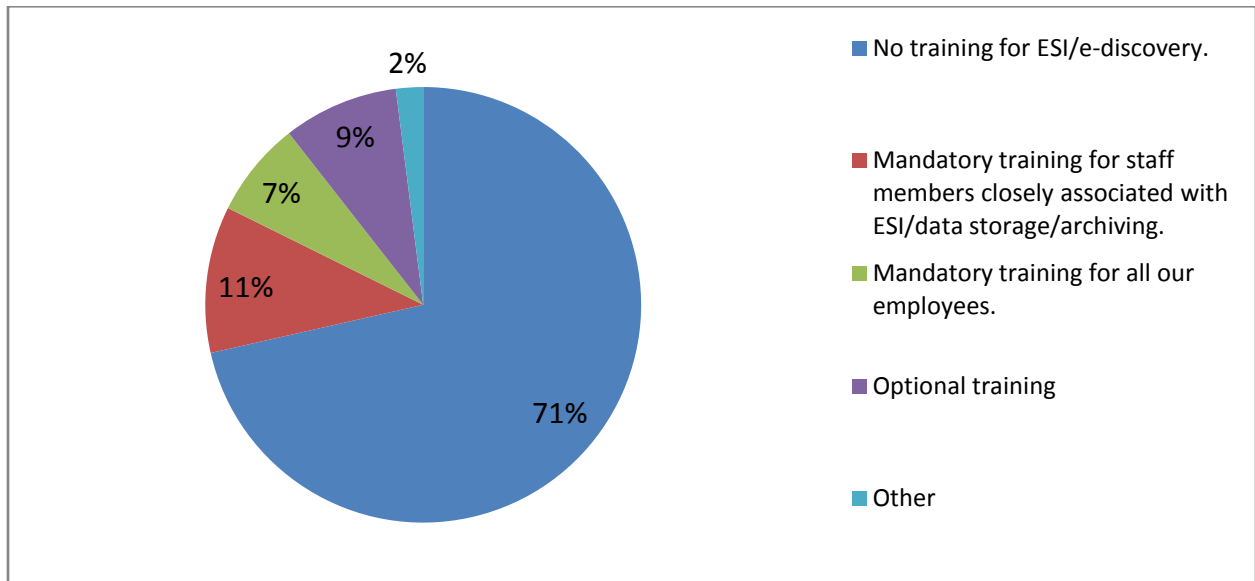
## 28% have no role in e-discovery at their organization



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## 71% report their company doesn't provide ESI/e-discovery training



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