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Identity Under Attack:

Key findings from the 2026 RSA ID IQ Report

Insights from over 2,100 cybersecurity, IAM, and IT professionals

Identity Breaches Surge: More Frequent, More Costly

69%
of organizations experienced an identity-related breach in the last three years
This was a 27% YoY increase, representing a 64% relative jump.

45%
said identity breach costs exceeded the cost of typical security incidents

24%
reported costs exceeding $10M
A 3 percentage-point increase from last year.

Help Desk Hijacks: A Top Threat Emerges

65%
of organizations are seriously concerned about attacks on their IT Help Desk, including social engineering and MFA bypass

51%
consider service desk bypass their organization's MOST significant risk

Passwordless Promise: Hurdles Remain

90%
of organizations reported challenges in moving toward passwordless authentication

57%
of users still use passwords as their primary authentication method

AI: Optimism High, Adoption Soaring

83%
expect AI to help cybersecurity MORE than cybercrime in the next three years

91%
of organizations plan to implement AI in their tech stack this year
A 12 percentage-point increase year-over-year

"Identity simply fails too many organizations too often. The likelihood of a breach—and the cost of inaction—are simply too high to maintain the status quo."
—Greg Nelson, RSA CEO

Assess your identity capabilities. Prioritize action. Stay secure.

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