

Career Opportunities

Five Reasons To Pursue A Cybersecurity Career In 2018

(NAPSA)—Cybersecurity, as an industry, is one of the highest-paying, fastest-growing and most in demand in the U.S., yet there are not enough skilled professionals in the pipeline to fill open positions, leading to a sizable skills gap. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) finds that the demand for information security analysts who can prevent data breaches is expected to be very high over the next decade. From 2016–2026, BLS projects employment to grow 28 percent, with 28,400 additional jobs added by 2026¹.

Despite the growing need, a University of Phoenix College of Information Systems and Technology survey found that only 18 percent of the 2,016 U.S. adults surveyed were interested in pursuing a cybersecurity education or profession. Cybersecurity can be a rewarding career, especially for those who want to help organizations or be part of a dynamic industry.

Maurice Gibson, assistant dean at University of Phoenix, shares five reasons to pursue a cybersecurity career in 2018.

1. Cybersecurity Careers Are Here to Stay

With the rise of technology comes increases in cybercrime, according to data from Cybersecurity Ventures². Gibson believes technology has converged with nearly all industries, meaning more companies will need trained professionals to combat hackers in the future. In fact, LinkedIn listed network information security as the sixth most in-demand skill for today's digitally advanced working world³. Cybersecurity spending is expected to exceed \$1 trillion between 2017 and 2021, finds Cybersecurity Ventures, driving the need for more qualified professionals.

2. Job Opportunities Across Nearly All Industries

As technology converges with business, Gibson says nearly all companies will soon become tech companies, providing cybersecurity professionals with myriad job opportunities across numerous industries⁴. Cybersecurity jobs are no longer shoe-horned into only the government, finance or technology industries. From retail and health care to media and start-ups, cybersecurity professionals may have the option to choose an industry they most want to work in.

3. Competition for Jobs Remains Low

With more open jobs than people to fill them, competition continues to remain

low in the cybersecurity workforce. The BLS projects employment of information security analysts to grow 28 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations⁵. Gibson says individuals seeking a growing career with plenty of job opportunities should look no further than cybersecurity.

4. Near Top in Compensation

For many Americans, a good salary is vital for job satisfaction. Glassdoor found that nearly 70 percent of people say that compensation is among their top considerations when pursuing a job⁶. High salaries is another reason to pursue these careers, according to Gibson. BLS reports the median annual wage of an information security analyst is \$92,600⁷. Salaries can even exceed six figures in top markets as companies compete for skilled professionals⁸.

5. Skill Set Is Transferable to a Number of Industries

With a deficit of skilled cybersecurity professionals in today's workforce, IT employees may be expected to help manage system security and infrastructure. For this reason, Gibson suggests that having cybersecurity experience can help when changing careers. He says many of the IT skill sets that cybersecurity professionals possess—such as coding, systems administration and data analytics—can be useful résumé additions for just about any job in the tech industry.

1) <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/information-security-analysts.htm#tab-6>

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Hints For Homeowners

Stay Powered Up All Winter Long

(NAPSA)—The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts that it will be a wetter-than-average winter across most of the northern United States, extending from the northern Rockies to the eastern Great Lakes and the Ohio Valley. This could mean hazardous weather in some regions, including ice storms and windstorms that could knock out power. Now is the time to prepare the home in case of power outages.

A recent storm in the New England area brought down tree limbs and whole trees onto power lines, leaving more than a million people in the dark, with some of those power outages affecting homeowners for several days. Having emergency backup power is one way that homeowners can be prepared for whatever winter has in store, as well as any future storms.

Portable vs. home standby power

Two basic options exist for homeowners: portable generators and home standby generator systems. Both solutions can keep the house lights on, appliances working, and in the event of a weather-related power outage or other emergency, will keep the home the safest place to ride out the storm.

Portable gasoline generators work well as a quick solution to roll out during an outage. Generally, a portable unit is low maintenance, but Generac Power Systems reminds users that they should check and run their generator and even refresh the tank of gasoline to be ready for the season. Additionally, Generac advises on portable generator safety: these units need to be taken outside and kept far away from an opening to the home to keep carbon monoxide fumes outside.

A more complete option is a permanently installed home standby generator. A Generac home standby unit is connect-



For safety's sake, prepare now for rough weather to come.

ed to a home's existing natural gas or propane line, turning on automatically when utility power fails. Unlike portable generators, home standby generators must be professionally installed and sized to fit the home, so homeowners should allow time for an installation process.

Prepare your winter preparedness kit

In addition to having emergency backup power, homeowners should also have a winter emergency kit ready to go in case of a storm. Here's a list of some items to be sure to include:

- A working carbon monoxide detector
- Gas to run generator
- Extension cord
- Water—one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food—at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food
- Can opener
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Prescription medication
- Shovel—to create a safe space for the generator outdoors.
- Rubbing alcohol—for use as a deicer
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survey found that only 18 percent of U.S. adults are interested in a cybersecurity career. Learn more about cybersecurity degree offerings at phoenix.edu/cybersecurity.

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