



## IT Risk Management Poll Results, April 2013

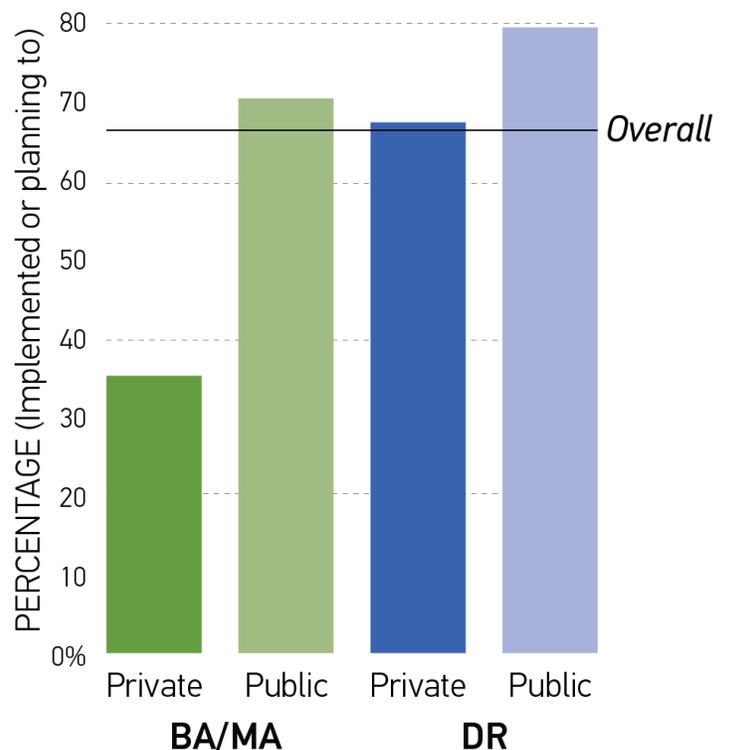
In March 2013, ECAR conducted a quick poll on IT risk management in the *ECAR Update* subscriber newsletter. The poll was intended to informally assess the higher education community's thoughts on this important topic. Results of the poll, which had 104 respondents, are presented below and will be used to inform upcoming ECAR research.

Most of the responses to our poll came from four-year institutions (58% doctoral, 17% baccalaureate, and 15% master's); just 6% of the responses came from associate's institutions. Among the respondents, 62% identified their college or university as a public institution and 38% as a private institution. Most responses were provided by institutional IT leaders (60%), CIOs (18%), or other IT staff (18%).

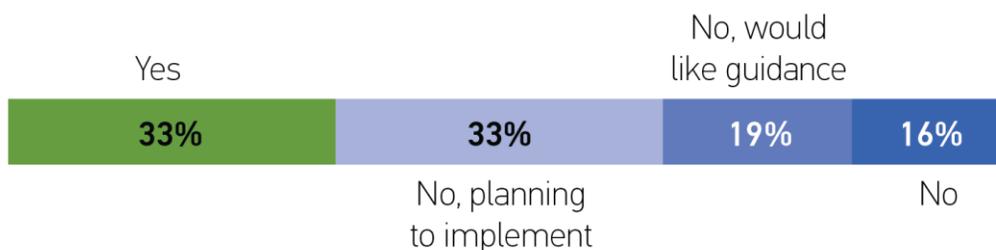
One-third of the poll respondents indicated that their institutions have implemented an IT risk management program and/or methodology. An equal percentage indicated that their institutions are planning to implement such a program and/or methodology.

The poll also found that private baccalaureate and master's institutions are considerably less likely than their public counterparts and doctoral institutions to have implemented or be planning to implement a risk management program or methodology.

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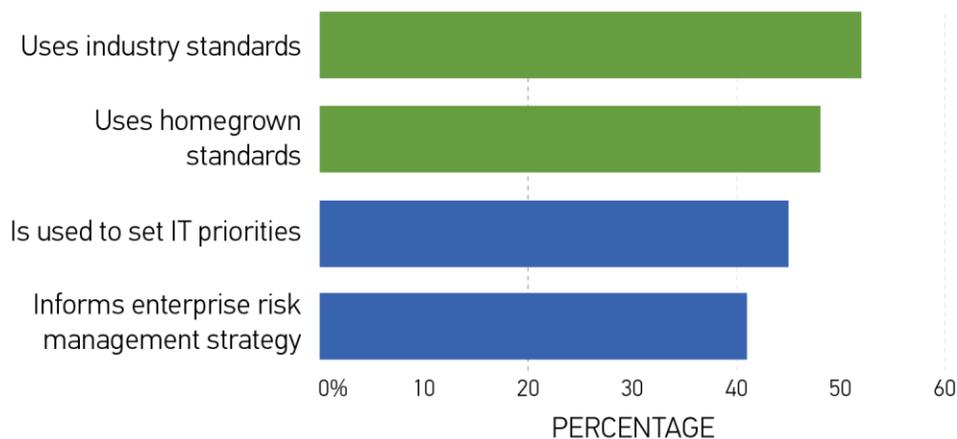


\* Sum of percentages is 101% due to rounding

Our poll found that the use of industry standards appears to be widespread in the IT risk management arena. Over half of the poll respondents (52%) indicated that their institution uses industry standards such as COBIT, ISO, NIST, or MoR. Nearly half of the poll respondents (48%) indicated the use of homegrown methodologies that do not rely on industry standards. Free-form text responses indicated that some institutions apply a mix of industry standards and homegrown methodologies to their IT risk management programs.

Close to half of poll respondents (45%) indicated that their institution's IT risk management program and/or methodology is used to set IT priorities and direct IT capital investment. A similar percentage (41%) also reported that the IT risk management program and/or methodology is used to inform the institution's enterprise risk management program. Sample sizes were not sufficient to test for differences by Carnegie Class or control (public vs. private).

### If your institution has adopted an IT risk management program and/or methodology, which of the following apply to your program?



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