

# 2024 City & County IT Forecast

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Once again, it is that time of the year when we dust off our digital crystal balls and develop predictions for the year ahead. This year's predictions are remarkably different with far-reaching implications. And as we present these predictions, we must also consider the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

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## Artificial intelligence for cities and c

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It appears that artificial intelligence (AI) is everything, everywhere and at all times. However, despite the hype, few dismiss it as just another high-tech fad, depending on how one is counting in the ever-evolving digital age.

As early as 2016, the National Science and Technology Council laid out the American AI Initiative was promulgated through an executive order setting the stage for American leadership in AI, setting AI research and development priorities.

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## How can local governments regulate generative AI—Just ask ChatGPT

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Hardly a day goes by without some new warning or danger being reported about artificial intelligence (AI) and, in particular, generative AI. State and local governments have little choice but to confront AI with proactive policies regarding their usage policy given the vast amounts of personal data collected and stored on government systems. The governor of Connecticut recently signed a bill into law calling for an AI Bill of Rights aimed at protecting citizens. The legislation follows a similar initiative from the White House, which presented a framework for an AI Bill of Rights at the federal level. Professors across the nation worry that students will turn to generative AI to research and write class assignments and even dissertations. To add to the growing list of warnings and concerns, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has opened an investigation into the company Open AI that makes ChatGPT over whether the chatbot has harmed consumers.

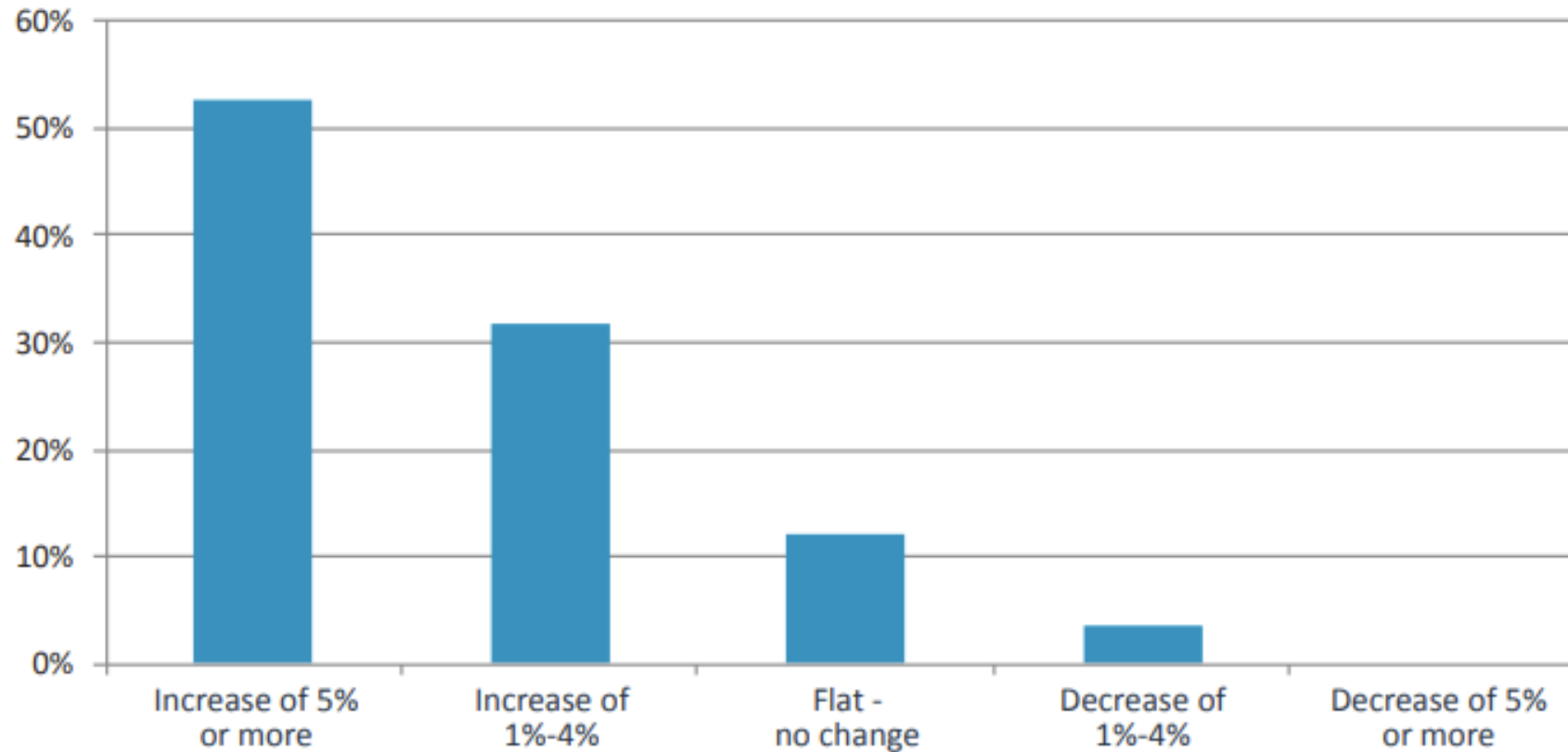


# Top Ten State of City/County IT National Survey 2023 – Two-Year Outlook



1. Cybersecurity
2. Modernizing outdated IT systems
3. Innovation
4. IT Workforce – recruitment & retention
5. Launching or updating digital services for citizens
6. Migrating systems / applications to the cloud
7. Addressing integrating disparate systems
8. Addressing data silos
9. Streamlining procurement processes

## What is your expectation for your jurisdiction's IT budget in the next fiscal year?





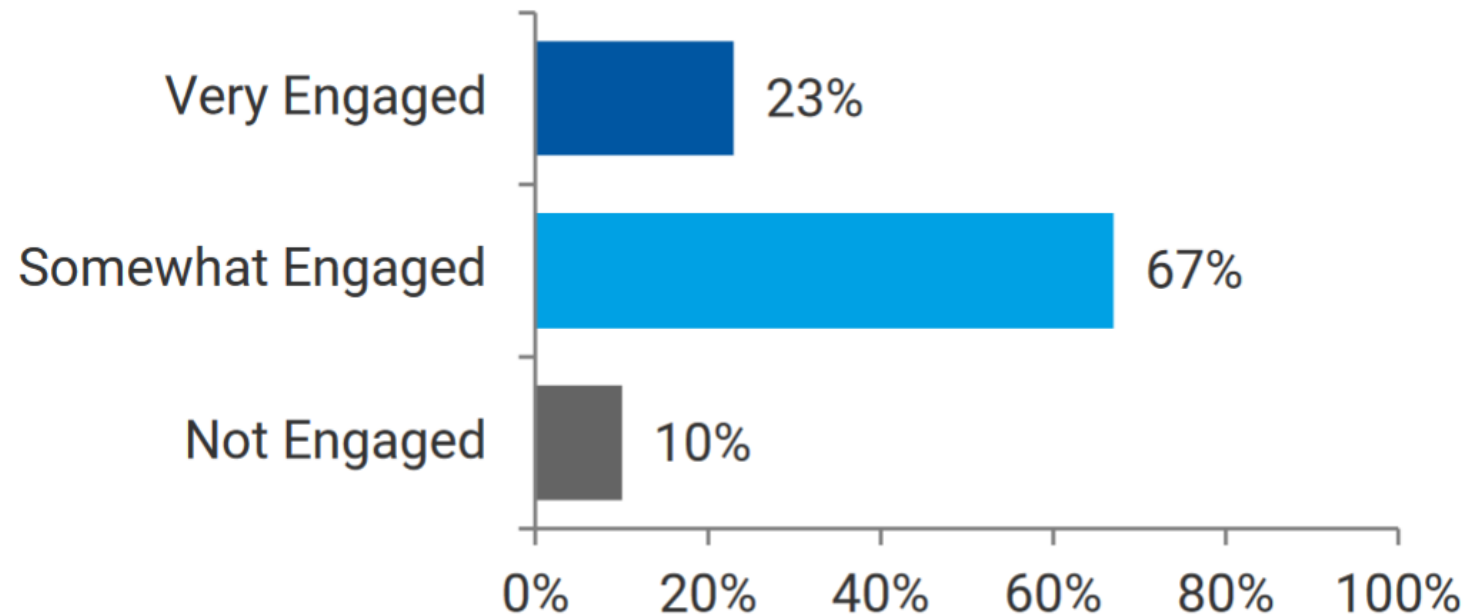


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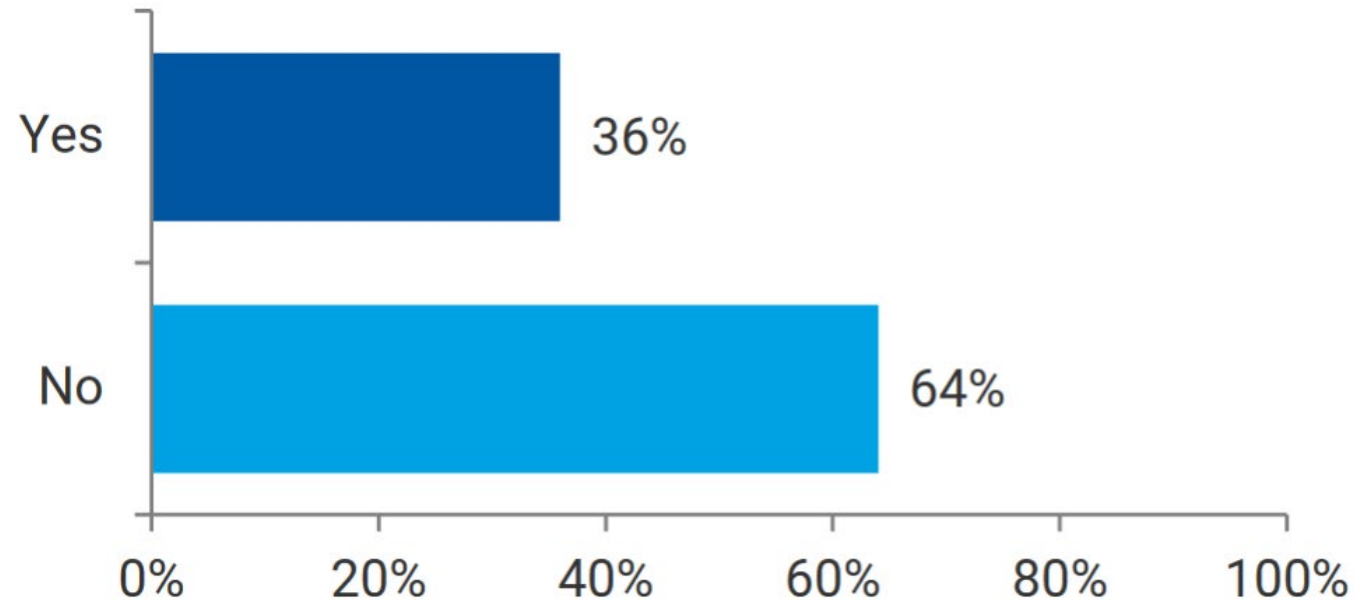
# **2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CYBERSECURITY NATIONAL SURVEY**

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## How engaged and familiar are your elected officials with regards to your organization-wide cyber security efforts?



## Is your cyber security budget adequate to support cybersecurity initiatives?

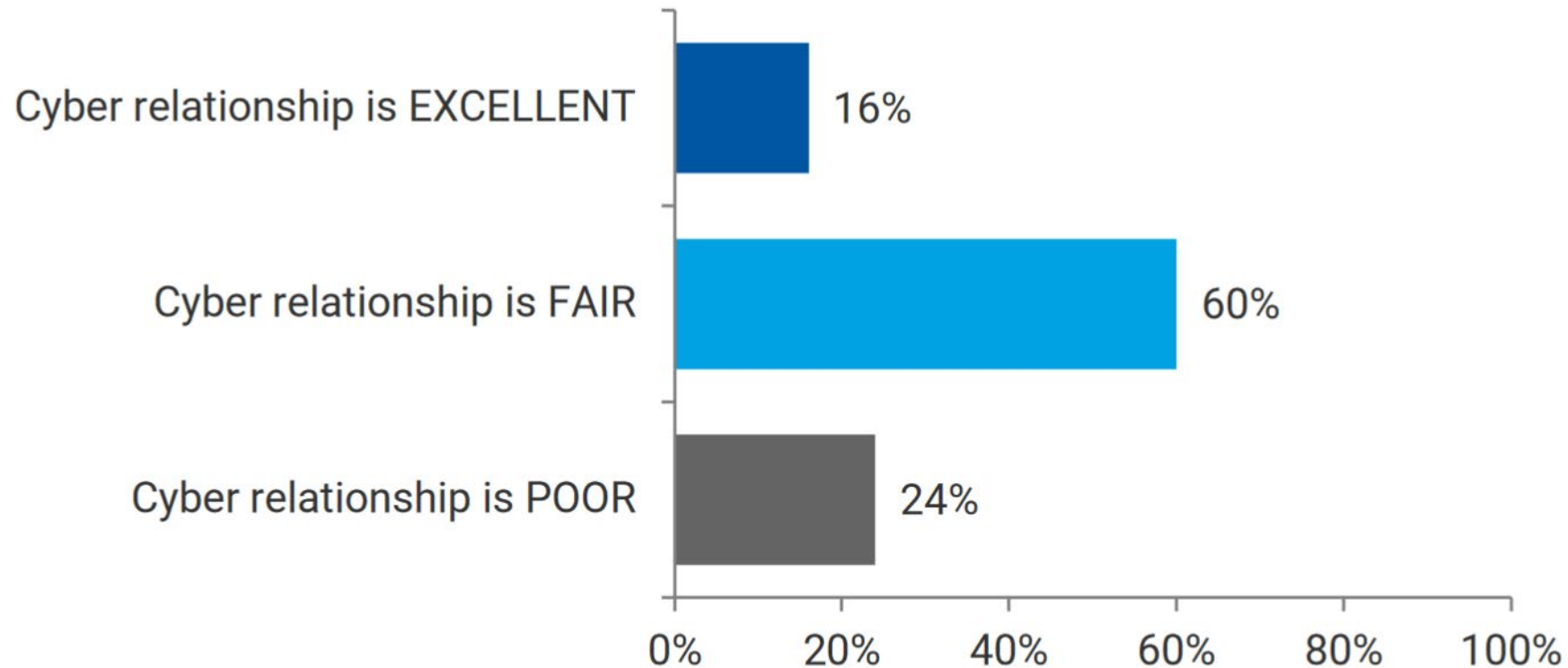


## Priority Initiatives for the next 12 months





# How Would You Rate Your Relationship Between Your IT Organization and Your State's IT Organization?



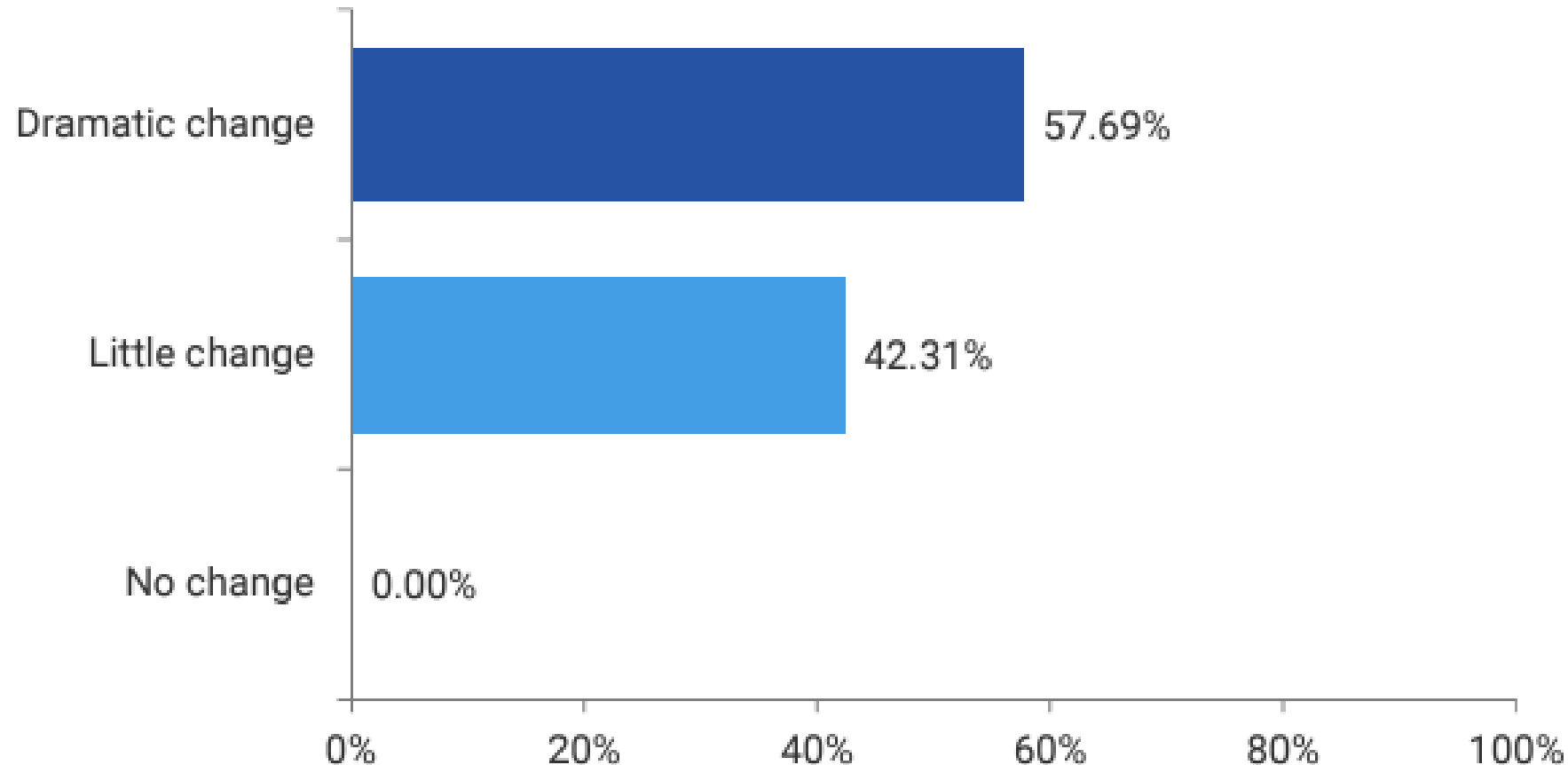


*What's Trending:*  
**AI IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IT**  
**PTI SURVEY RESULTS**

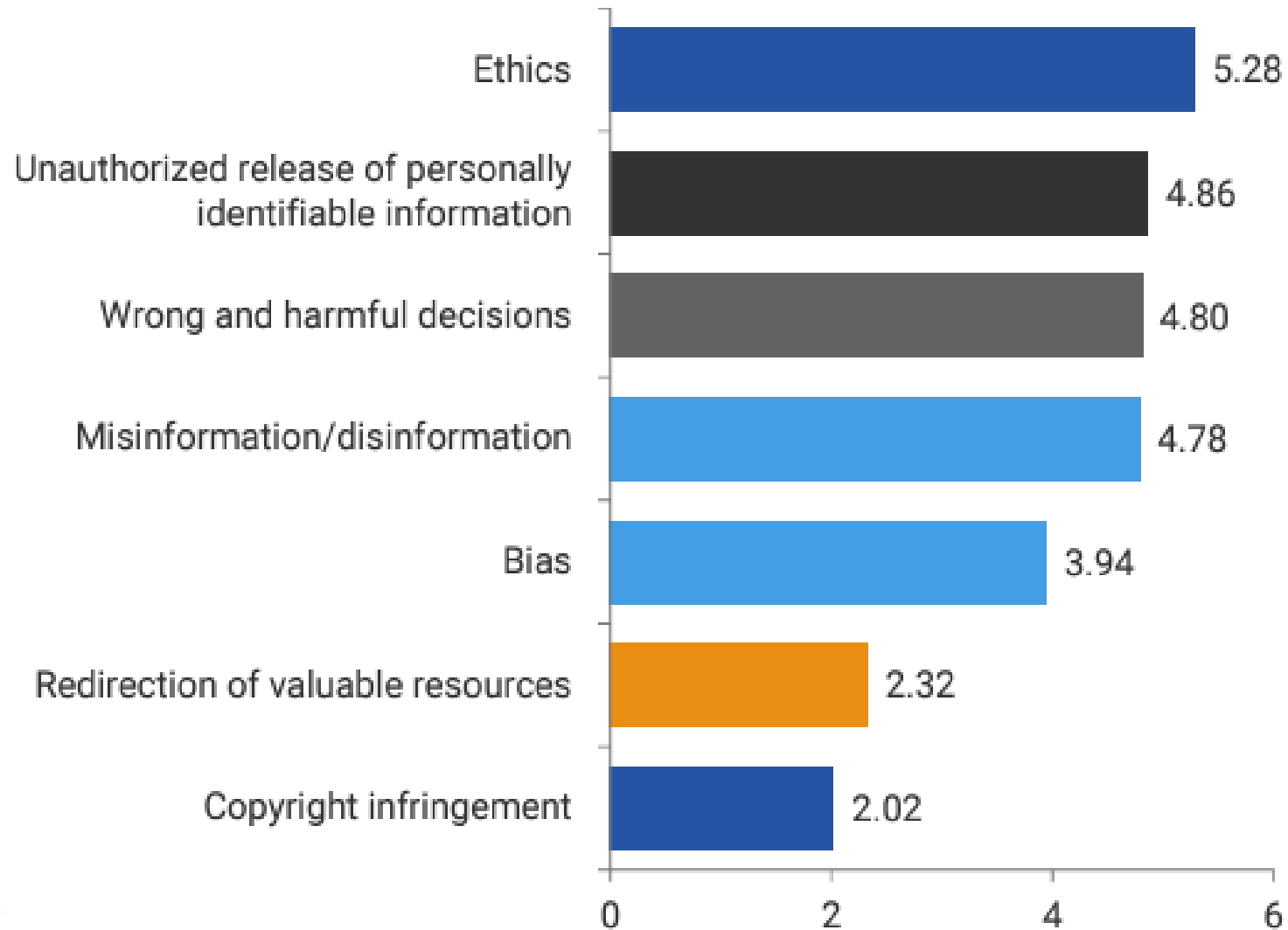
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## What impact do you believe that AI will have on local government operations and service delivery over the next three years?

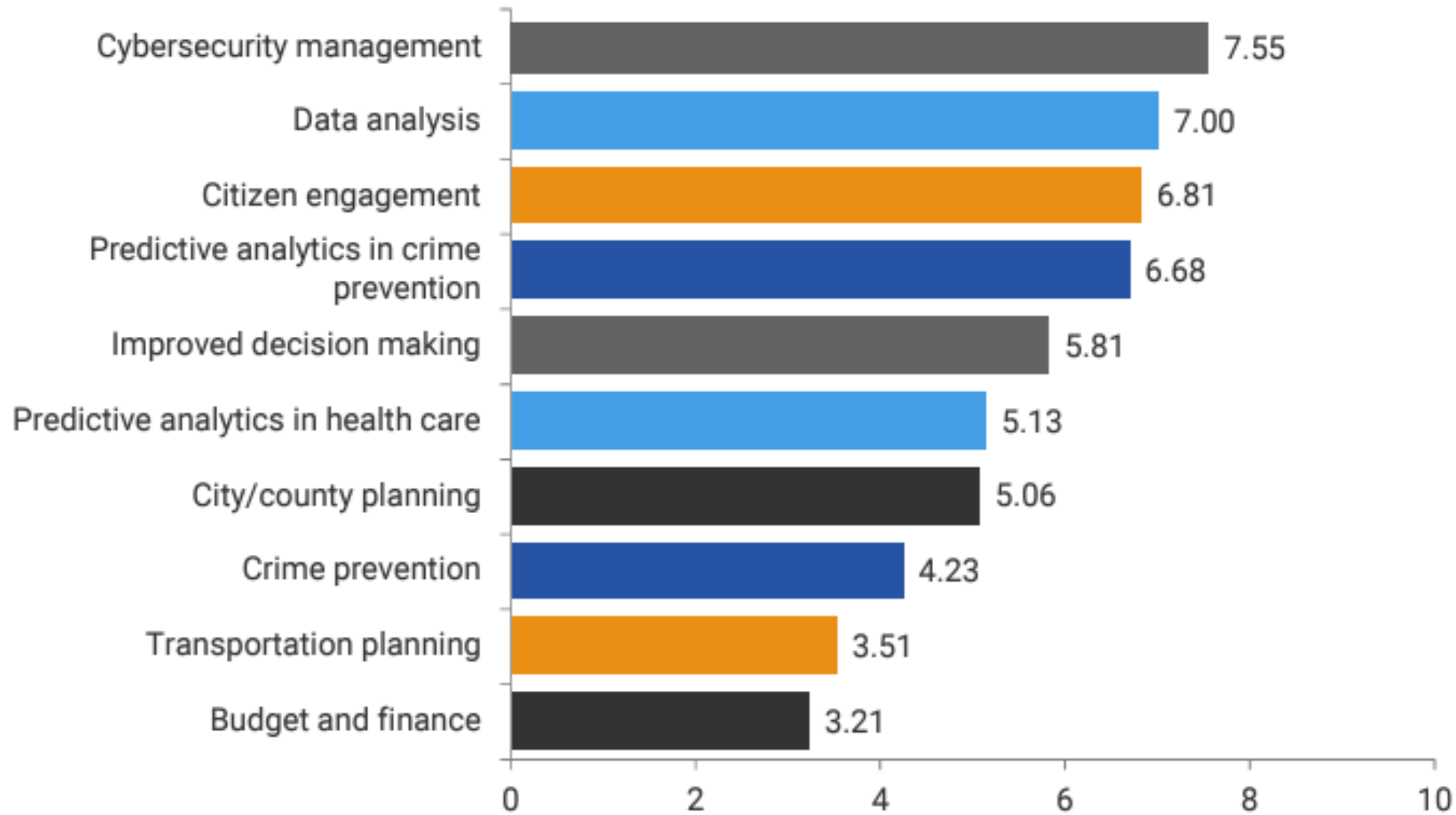


**Which issues regarding AI concern you the most?**  
(Table based on average weighting of data collected).





**Which of the following functions of local government do you feel can benefit the most from AI?**  
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# 2024 – The Trends Ahead.....



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## Overcoming CIO irrelevance

Written by Dr. Alan R. Shark 9th January 2024



Doing the leader of the IT organization has never been easy, whether one's title is director of information services or chief

# 2024 – Predictions.....

- ✓ **2024 is an election year...**

Misinformation/disinformation, IT is a “key ingredient” in election integrity

- ✓ **AI Governance**

- ✓ **AI and Cybersecurity**

- ✓ **AI Aimed at Disrupting Government Operations & Systems**

- ✓ **Outsourcing Growth**

MSPs will continue to fill the talent gap

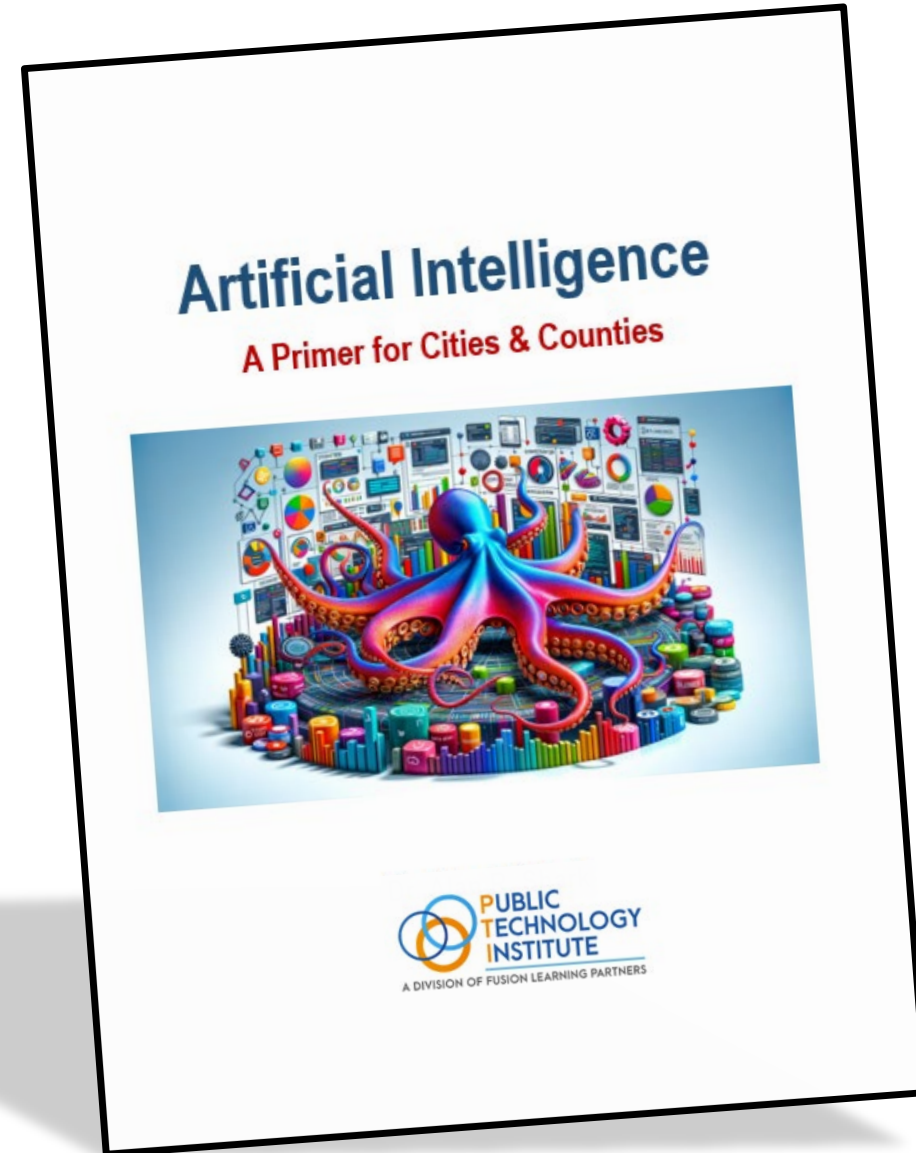


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