

Closing the Gap in Cybersecurity Talent: Another Approach

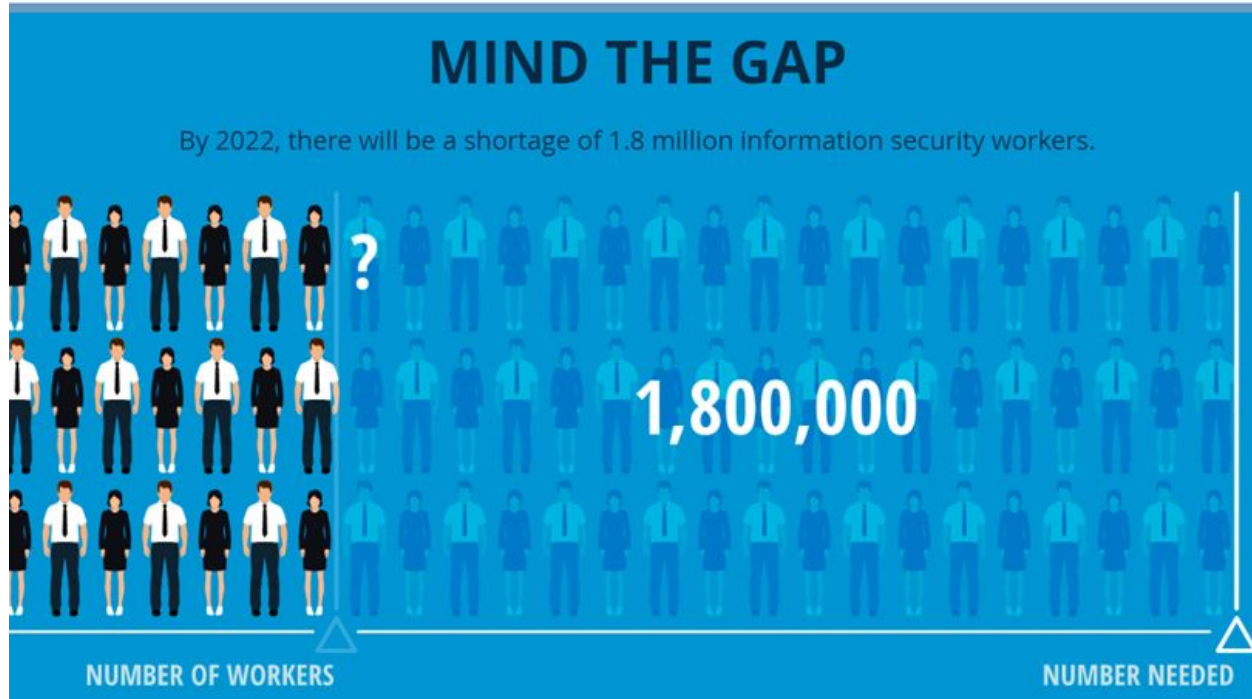
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The 1.8 Million Gap



NIST NICE Cybersecurity Workforce Framework

Categories (7) – A high-level grouping of common cybersecurity functions

Specialty Areas (33) – Distinct areas of cybersecurity work

Work Roles (52) – The most detailed groupings cybersecurity work comprised of specific knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform tasks in a work role

KSAs (1180) – Attributes required to perform Tasks, generally demonstrated through relevant experience or performance-based education and training.

Tasks(1007) – Specific defined pieces of work that, combined with other identified Tasks, composes the work in a specific specialty area or work role

52 Work Roles

Authorizing Official/Designating Representative

Security Control Assessor

Software Developer

Secure Software Assessor

Enterprise Architect

Security Architect

Research & Development Specialist

Systems Requirements Planner

System Testing and Evaluation Specialist

Information Systems Security Developer

Systems Developer

Database Administrator

Data Analyst

Knowledge Manager

Technical Support Specialist

Network Operations Specialist

System Administrator

Systems Security Analyst

Cyber Legal Advisor

Privacy Officer/Privacy Compliance Manager

Cyber Instructional Curriculum Developer

Cyber Instructor

Information Systems Security Manager

Communications Security (COMSEC) Manager

Cyber Workforce Developer and Manager

Cyber Policy and Strategy Planner

Executive Cyber Leadership

Program Manager

IT Project Manager

Product Support Manager

IT Investment/Portfolio Manager

IT Program Auditor

Cyber Defense Analyst

Cyber Defense Infrastructure Support Specialist

Cyber Defense Incident Responder

Vulnerability Assessment Analyst

Threat/Warning Analyst

Exploitation Analyst

All-Source Analyst

Mission Assessment Specialist

Target Developer

Target Network Analyst

Multi-Disciplined Language Analyst

All Source-Collection Manager

All Source-Collection Requirements Manager

Cyber Intel Planner

Cyber Ops Planner

Partner Integration Planner

Cyber Operator

Cyber Crime Investigator

Law Enforcement /CounterIntelligence Forensics

Analyst

Cyber Defense Forensics Analyst

Challenges

1. NIST NICE requires all IT professionals become security professionals
2. Don't have enough young adults interested in STEM or security
3. US does not produce enough CS/security graduate

4. We need to re-educate experienced professionals into cybersecurity field to fill the gap



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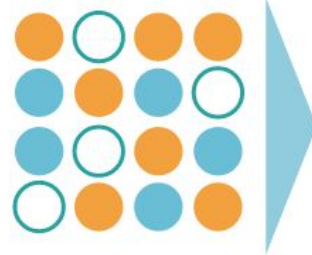
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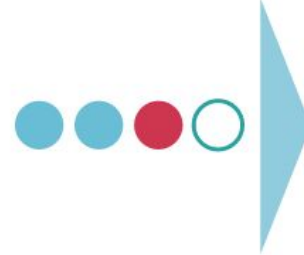
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A New Pipeline for Cybersecurity

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CYBER501x – Cybersecurity Fundamentals

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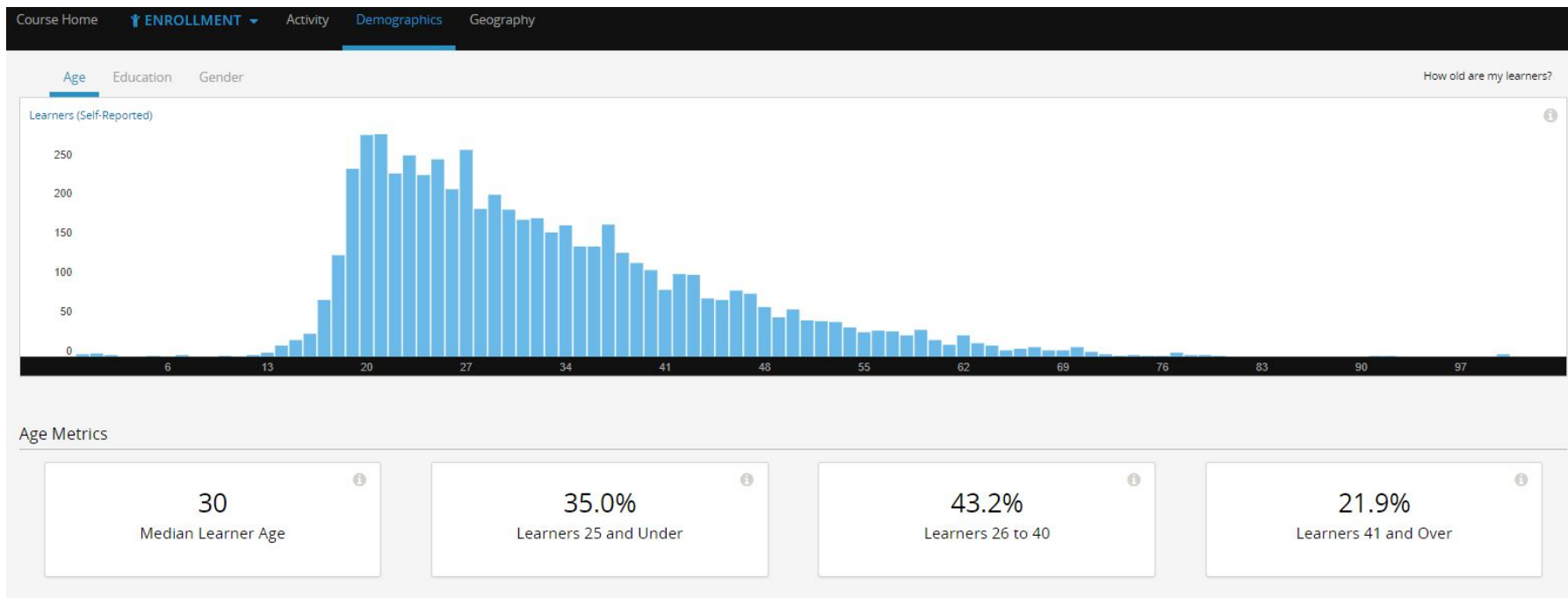
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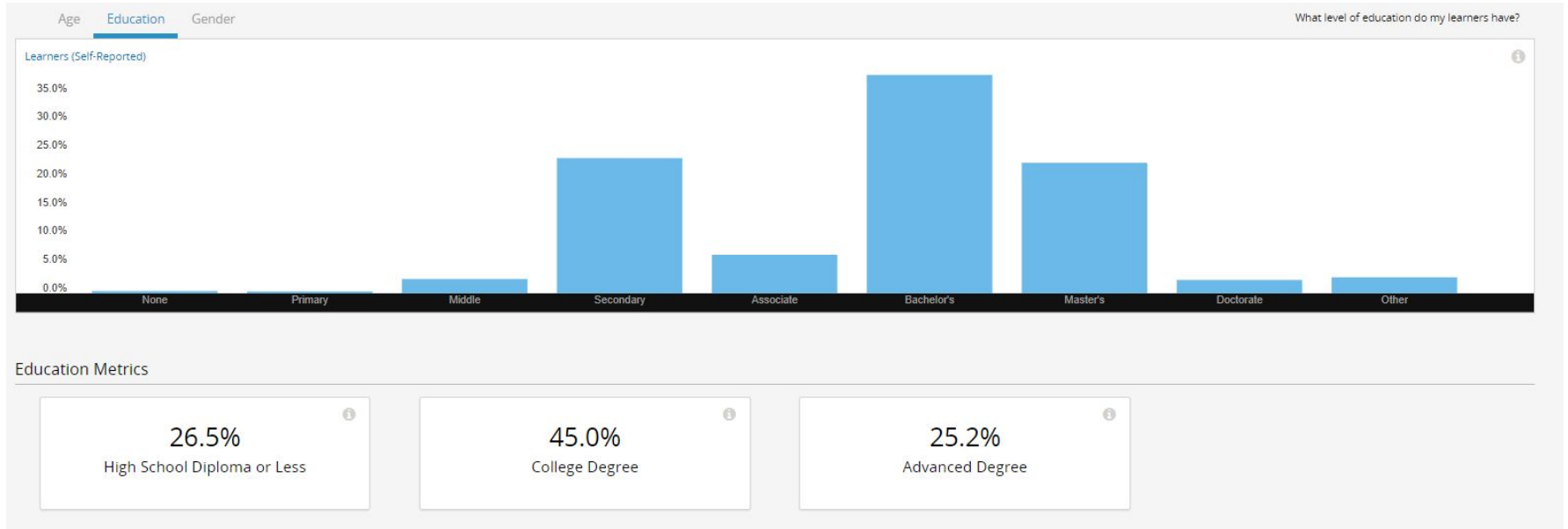
Broader Impact

- 6 course modules completed
- 3 course modules are running currently
- Total learners: **176K**
- Verified learners: **4K**

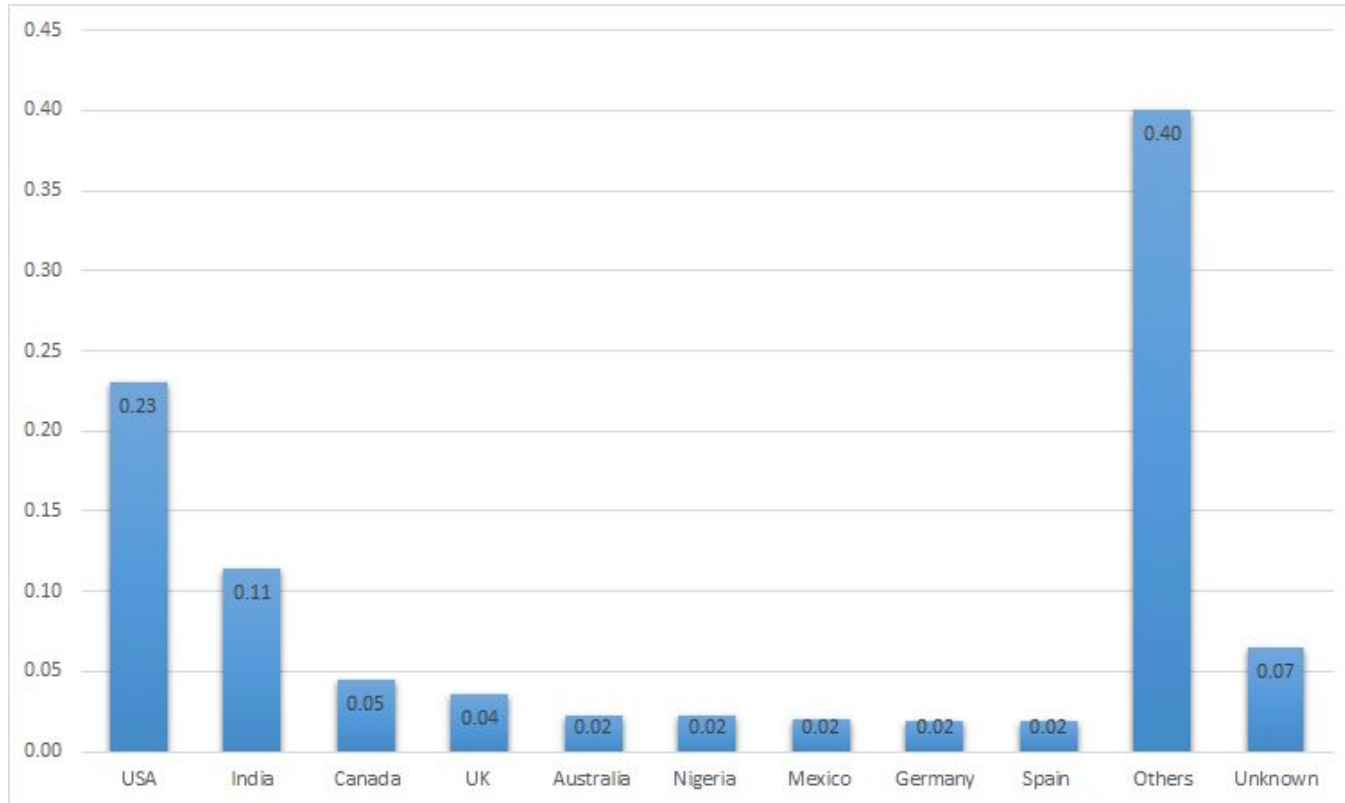
Learners Ages Distribution



Learners Education Levels



Learners Countries



Learners Gender Ratio

Male	Female
82%	18%

Conclusions

1. To fill the talent gap, we need a hybrid model in high education to re-educate experienced professionals for cybersecurity
2. Online learning might be more friendly to female learners in cybersecurity
3. Online learning plus hands-on labs might be a scalable approach