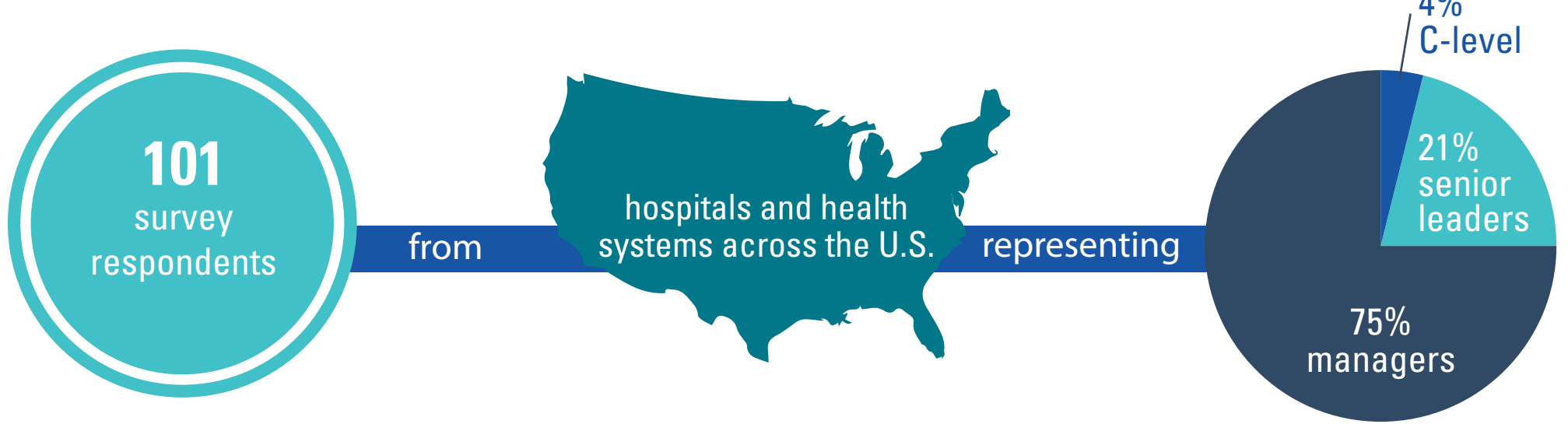


# How healthcare IT departments work behind the scenes to prepare for the cloud

Survey results from 100+ IT professionals

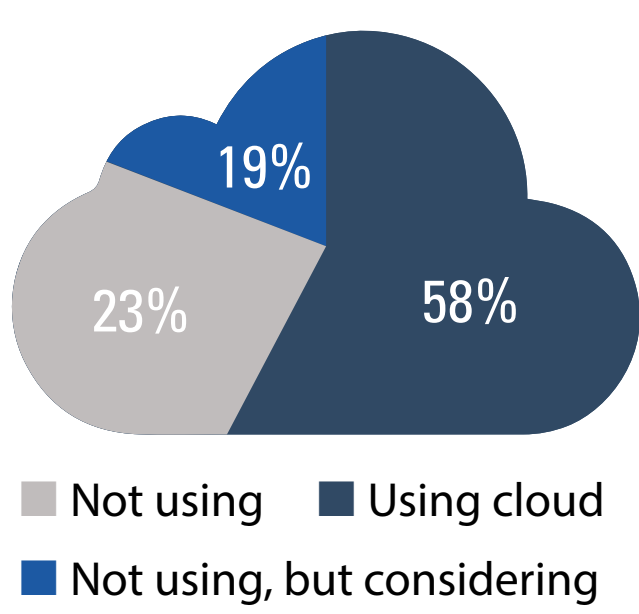
## Survey demographics: Who responded?



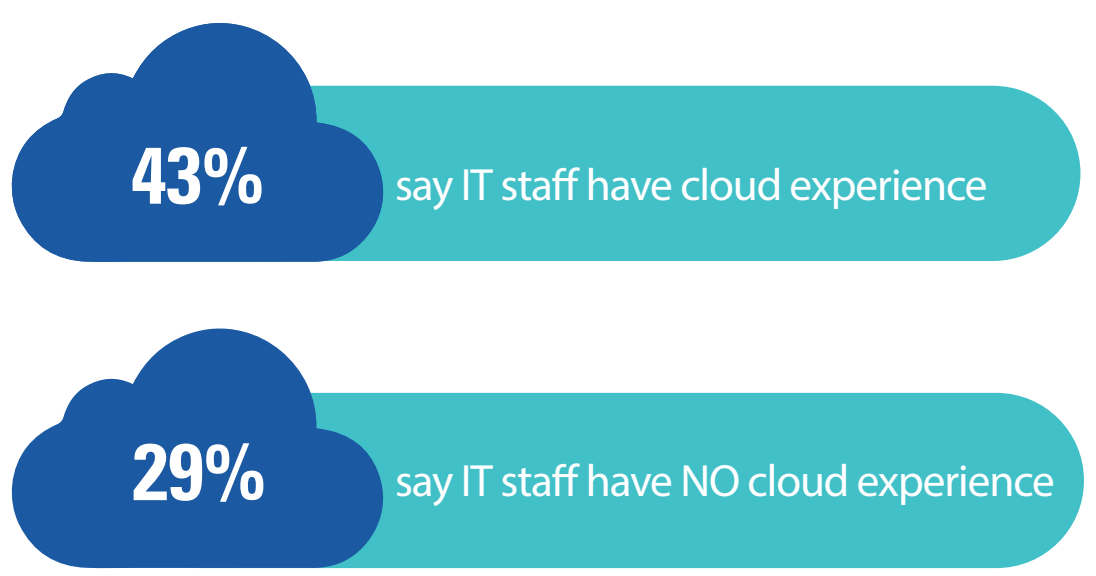
The titles of respondents cover a wide range of positions: Chief medical informatics officers (CMIO), senior IT leaders (CIO/CTO/VP/director), and their direct reports (IT managers/staff)

## Cloud technology is changing healthcare

### Who's using cloud for IT services?



### Are IT departments prepared?



## How are they addressing the talent gap?



**20%**  
Hiring/training IT staff for new roles



**2 in 10**  
Outsourcing management of cloud technology

## What are the most popular cloud drivers?

There's a strategic reason organizations move to the cloud. Identifying and prioritizing your 'cloud drivers' is key when developing and executing your cloud strategy.

### Most important

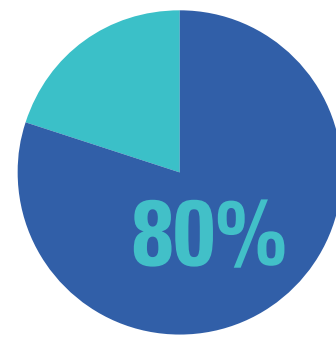


### Somewhat important



How many said **No.1** driver is reducing costs?

**4 in 10**

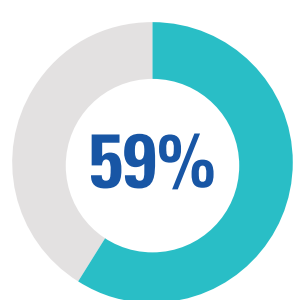


say 'preparing for future innovation' (i.e., IoT, AI, etc.) is the least important driver when implementing cloud tech

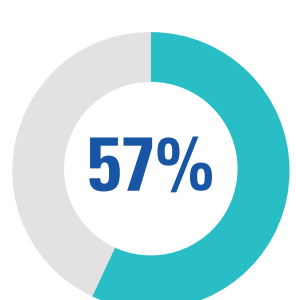
## 4 ways IT professionals learn cloud basics

For healthcare especially, moving data and applications to the cloud requires mindful consideration of uptime, data integration, interoperability, portability, and stringent rules for security and privacy required by HIPAA and related regulatory entities.

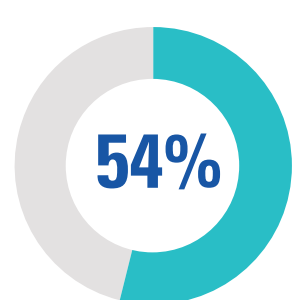
### 4 ways IT professionals 'stay in the know with cloud'



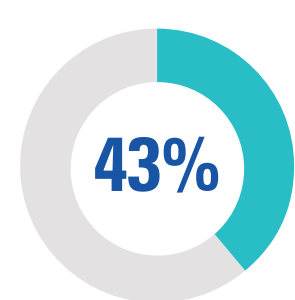
Conduct my own research



Rely on my peers and/or networking with professional groups



See what my vendors and partners know



Attend conferences and/or formal training

### Ready to learn more?

Discover how healthcare deploys Software as a Service (SaaS).

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Source: Spok, Inc. (2019). Developing a Realistic and Scalable Cloud Strategy. Web-based survey of U.S. hospitals and health systems, administered by Xtelligent Healthcare Media.