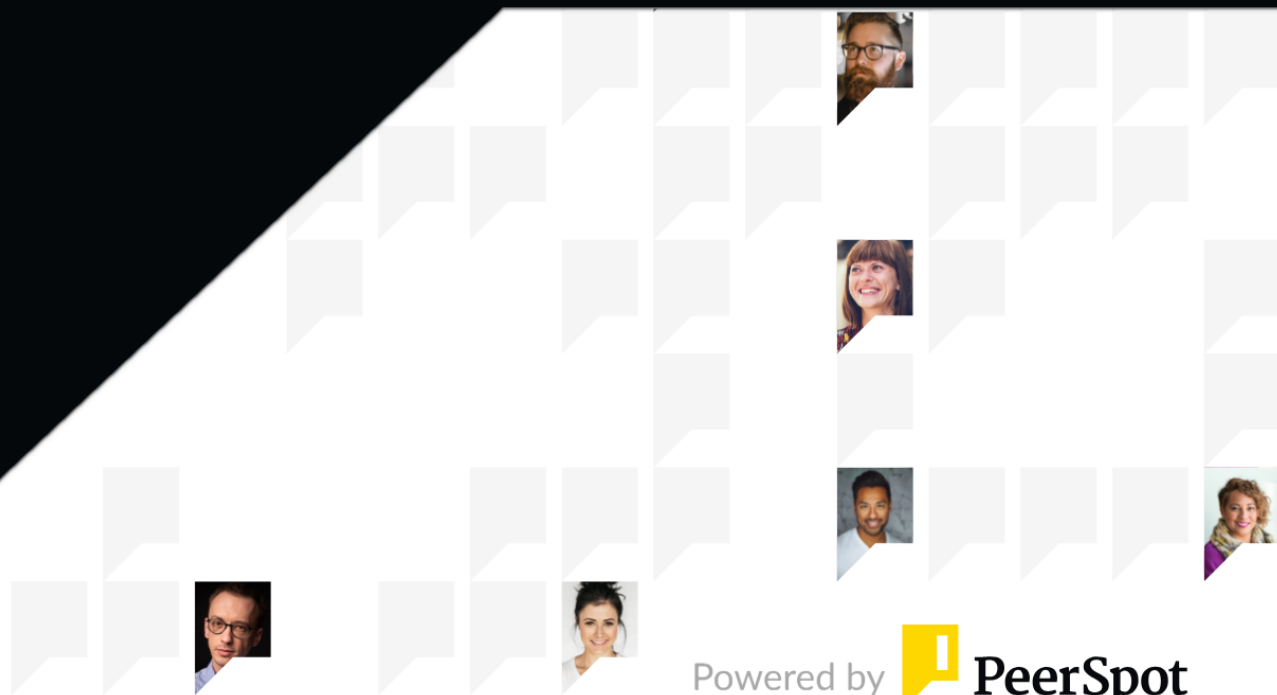




Cohesity DataProtect

Reviews, tips, and advice from real users



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Product Recap

 Cohesity DataProtect

Cohesity DataProtect Recap

Cohesity DataProtect integrates with VMware and cloud services like AWS and Azure, offering rapid VM restores and mass recovery, ransomware protection with immutable snapshots, intuitive UI, and scalability. It also consolidates data management, reducing data fragmentation.

Cohesity DataProtect provides comprehensive data protection and management through a user-friendly platform. It offers seamless integration with existing infrastructure, minimizing downtime and maximizing data security. Intuitive features like automated processes, centralized management, and robust search capabilities enhance operational efficiency. Despite areas needing improvement in reporting, interface usability, and legacy support, the platform remains a reliable choice for data backup, recovery, and ransomware protection. Users benefit from its compatibility with VMware, SQL, and Exchange and its ability to replace outdated tape systems while supporting cloud replication and test environments.

What key features does Cohesity DataProtect offer?

- **Rapid VM Restores:** Quickly recover virtual machines to mitigate downtime.
- **Instant Mass Recovery:** Simultaneously restore multiple systems.
- **Efficient Deduplication:** Reduces data redundancy effectively.
- **Ransomware Protection:** Secure data with immutable snapshots.
- **Intuitive UI:** Navigate the platform with ease and efficiency.
- **Software Immutability:** Safeguard data against unauthorized changes.
- **Multi-Factor Authentication:** Enhance security with layered authentication.
- **Role-Based Access Control:** Manage permissions based on user roles.

What benefits or ROI can users expect?

- **Ease of Setup:** Simple installation process saves time.
- **Centralized Management:** Unified control over data assets.
- **Powerful Search Capabilities:** Quickly locate and retrieve data.
- **Seamless Scalability:** Easily expand data management as needed.
- **Reduced Downtime:** Efficient recovery processes enhance business continuity.
- **Comprehensive Coverage:** Broad support for multiple environments.

Cohesity DataProtect is successfully implemented across industries such as finance, healthcare, and education, optimizing data protection and compliance needs. Organizations leverage its robust backup and recovery capabilities, ensuring data integrity and security while facilitating efficient resource use and operation management.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



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Kalaiarasan Meganathan

Specialist at HCLSoftware



“Cohesity DataProtect is usually recommended for bank companies, insurance companies, and other energy companies, and we are working with several of these types of companies, all of which have Cohesity DataProtect as part of their deployments.”



Carlos Castells

CIO at a consultancy with 51-200 employees



“Cohesity DataProtect has reduced my operational complexity and management overhead by consolidating infrastructure requirements.”



Ravi Theja Rachamadugu

Infrastructure Architect at Krish Services Group, Inc



“Cohesity DataProtect is a converged solution that simplifies backup and allows use of the backed-up data.”



Stefan-Motsch

Evangelist / CTO at fgnext



“The customer service and support are fast and professional.”



Giovanni Golinelli.

Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa



“Cohesity DataProtect is easily manageable, and you can see every option from the user interface.”



ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express



“Several features enable us to perform fast recovery, such as instant fast recovery. All our virtual machines protected with the product can be quickly restored to another healthy environment with minimal downtime for our main customers. These features have significantly improved our recovery time objectives.”



Vishnu Mohan

Service Delivery Manager Cloud And Datacenter Operations at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees

What users had to say about valuable features:

“The platform is highly customizable and adapts well to changing conditions. The snapshot features are the most valuable because they allow rapid restoration and provide dedicated space for longer snapshot retention..”

Andreas Kuncoro

Product Specialist at Mitra Sistematika Global

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Some of the most valuable features of Cohesity DataProtect for me include instant mass restore, anomaly detection, and its ability to handle large data volumes effectively. The Helios interface is quite good for monitoring all aspects of this and provides real-time monitoring capabilities.

Brian Supple

Technical Director at Procloud

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“The best features include global deduplication capabilities, which significantly impact my data protection strategy. The policy-driven automation has been valuable in streamlining operations. Cohesity DataProtect offers incremental forever backups that positively affect how I approach data protection..”

Ravi Theja Rachamadugu

Infrastructure Architect at Krish Services Group, Inc

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Cohesity DataProtect is a converged solution that simplifies backup and allows use of the backed-up data. It is not just a storage solution, but it enables evaluating backups for heuristics or virus traces. The platform is based on a scale-out architecture with each node having compute, RAM, SSD, and HDD. It reduces interfaces and components, making it easier to run and maintain.

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“When compared to other tools, the deduplication in Cohesity DataProtect is very fast, and the restore performance is better than other tools. Global deduplication ensures that only unique data blocks are stored, significantly reducing storage consumption. Cohesity DataProtect's dashboard displays options and errors clearly, making it easy to access and understand how to fix issues. Cohesity DataProtect's ability to start processes automatically without manual selections enhances its reliability.

“Cohesity DataProtect's architecture ensures that agent installations automatically reflect in the dashboard, allowing for seamless integration into backup jobs. This improves operational efficiency, ensuring backups can be triggered without manual refreshes. Additionally, the user interface is intuitive, and the respect of the N-1 rule during updates helps prevent client-affecting issues..”

Kalaiarasan Meganathan

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“We are mostly providing backup and recovery with Cohesity DataProtect.

“Cohesity DataProtect is usually recommended for bank companies, insurance companies, and other energy companies. We are working with several of these types of companies, and all of them have Cohesity DataProtect as part of their deployments.

“We use Cohesity DataProtect for backup and recovery and replications. We are introducing the backup of containers, and this year we have been able to introduce container backup functionality in Cohesity DataProtect. The option to maintain evidence in Europe for regulatory compliance, the ability to maintain the backup with the same technology and same control plane, along with the same solutions to use backup solutions such as S3 or similar services in AWS, is what we are working with..”

Carlos Castells

CIO at a consultancy with 51-200 employees

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Other Solutions Considered

“We were going against another option. It was between Cohesity and another vendor, a pretty big player, called Rubrik. The pricing was better with this solution..”

Nelson Sendino

Coordinator, Network Architecture & Cybersecurity at San Mateo County
Office of Education

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“I have previously worked with other solutions like Commvault Rubrik. I switched to Cohesity DataProtect because of its better performance, accessibility, maintenance, and cost..”

ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express

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“Before going with Cohesity, we spoke with Pure, Commvault, and with Rubrik and Cohesity and Rubrik were identified as the two finalists and we did a proof of concept for both of those..”

David Comer

Systems Engineering Manager at a legal firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“Cohesity DataProtect is better than Dell EMC. I prefer working with it primarily because of its central management console, which is user-friendly and provides excellent visibility into what is being protected across different sites. Previously, everything was in silos, and I had to look at each site in isolation. With Cohesity DataProtect, I now have a consolidated view. .”

Vishnu Mohan

Service Delivery Manager Cloud And Datacenter Operations at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees

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“Before Cohesity DataProtect, I used Veeam only.

“For other products, I have noted that EMC NetWorker does not have major options, and recovery windows take longer because everything needs to be selected manually. In Cohesity DataProtect, such issues do not arise, and it starts the process automatically..”

Kalaiarasan Meganathan

Specialist at HCLSoftware

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“At the moment, we are only focusing on Backup and Recovery. We are thinking of deploying other parts of Rubrik and other solutions. Currently, in the projects and services we have, we are using traditional solutions for backup and recovery, and we are speaking with our customers to deploy other parts of Rubrik that are involved in their solutions.

“We provide both Rubrik and Cohesity DataProtect. We have customers with Cohesity DataProtect.

“We are trying to introduce solutions with AI that Rubrik has, along with other technologies, but this is the new part of our business this year..”

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

Using Cohesity DataProtect is easier to manage, and it simplifies various components into one architecture, reducing the need for extensive human resources to manage backups. It offers a declarative approach to backups, improving efficiency.

Stefan-Motsch

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“This is difficult to measure and quantify but the time saved across the regions baby-sitting the previous solution would be about eight hours per week..”

Validated user

Infrastructure Architect at a manufacturing company with 5,001-10,000 employees

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“Unfortunately, I am not privy to the business side of this decision, however, we've recovered from ransomware successfully without paying any ransom. Considering the organization wouldn't exist any longer without Cohesity, I would say it was worth it. .”

Validated user

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Network Engineer at Sky Lakes Medical Center

“I don't have an exact figure, but when you save dozens if not hundreds of hours for multiple engineers, the savings add up quickly. We've been able to focus our attention on bigger issues and some other lingering problems instead of worrying about our backups..”

StewartSJ3

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Network Engineer at a healthcare company with 1,001-5,000 employees

“It's hard to estimate a dollar value for the peace of mind in knowing that my files and backups are there and they work. In the face of ransomware and other threats, I can roll back in a few clicks. Upgrades are simple and Cohesity has a security focus. I wish we could have made the change years ago..”

Joshua Van Camp

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Network Administration Supervisor at a comms service provider with 1-10 employees

“In terms of ROI, the time of management is lower than what we were previously using so we are getting some cycles back from an engineering perspective. Also, we were able to reclaim our exchange environment in terms of resources, so there was some return there that we were able to recoup immediately, and then just the overall cost across the duration of the licensing and the hardware is expected to be lower than what we previously had..”

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Use Case

“Most customers use the solution for file backups, particularly for NAS file sharing. They back up files from Microsoft Windows OS to ensure they can restore data when needed. They also perform periodic temporary restores to verify the functionality of their backups..”

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“We have opted for Cohesity DataProtect to protect ourselves from ransomware due to its remarkable backup capabilities. We are transitioning from our previous solution, which was the Dell EMC..”

Vishnu Mohan

Service Delivery Manager Cloud And Datacenter Operations at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees

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Our customers typically use Cohesity DataProtect for backup and restoration solutions. We are partners, not end customers, and our typical use case involves comparing Cohesity DataProtect with other backup tools, like Veeam and Rubrik. Customers often run tenders to find more modern solutions than just basic backup and restore.

Stefan-Motsch

Evangelist / CTO at fgnext

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“We use not only DataProtect but also the platform and all the service subscriptions to manage both data protection and other services like SmartFiles.

Our customers use it to replace other data protection solutions, not only for the orchestration of the process but also for the data repository.

With Cohesity, we have one solution for managing data protection. We also have a very useful storage system to be used, not only as a static repository but also for test environments and so on..”

Giovanni Golinelli.

Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa

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“We have been supporting on-premises environments without cloud using Veeam. We also use storage devices like tape libraries and data domains, and StoreOnce to store Veeam backups. We have been checking cloud-related repositories for interruptions and network issues, and, if necessary, engage Dell support to fix network issues. We also maintain data, upgrade client systems with patching activities, and handle client requests for data restoration using three clusters. We are engaged in routine operations and backup failures, frequently working with the VM team to restart Cohesity DataProtect services or fix communication issues. Additionally, we manage incremental backups daily and ensure quick restoration processes..”

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“I participated in the initial setup and deployment of Cohesity DataProtect three years ago. We conducted LLD and HLD, and it was quite straightforward..”

Kalaiarasan Meganathan

Specialist at HCLSoftware

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“We sometimes face issues while deploying the solution, which we can fix with the help of the support team. There are no long pending issues while deploying Cohesity DataProtect..”

ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express

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“The installation process requires a couple of straightforward connectors to be installed on our servers, and the setup is quite simple. It's a one-time task, and overall, we haven't encountered any issues with the setup..”

Validated user

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Lead HANA DBA at a manufacturing company with 11-50 employees

“The initial setup required some assistance to complete. However, it was not a long drawn-out process.

I rate the initial setup of Cohesity DataProtect a seven out of ten..”

Validated user

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Data Center Manager at a logistics company with 10,001+ employees

“The initial setup is relatively easy and involves configuration, integration with backup targets, and virtualization management. The deployment process usually takes about two weeks from the initial setup to installation, depending on the availability of hardware. It typically involves preparing the server, configuring it with either Linux or Windows, integrating it with the backup solution, connecting it to source storage, and managing the backup targets.

I rate the process a nine out of ten. .”

Andreas Kuncoro

Product Specialist at Mitra Sistematika Global

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“The deployment depends on the environment. Deploying on VMs is relatively simple. But for most of our customers, we implement physical clusters with at least three configured hosts using the existing model. So, it depends on the setup.

Implementing DataProtect itself wasn't particularly challenging. One key requirement for successful DataProtect deployment is proper network configuration. If the network setup isn't right, you won't achieve optimal performance.

We have developed a service for some of our customers where they implement an appliance or physical cluster of Cohesity at the customer site.

Then, we use cloud clustering to replicate, and even in production, a second copy of the protected data. And in some cases, we have developed some disaster recovery procedures using Cohesity..”

Giovanni Golinelli.

Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa

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Customer Service and Support

The support from Cohesity is good, but it is not as exceptional as Nutanix. The support can depend on the region, and for larger customers, I advise having a Technical Account Manager for better assistance. However, for smaller installations, the typical support might fall short.

Stefan-Motsch

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“The product's technical support is quite good. It is available 24/7 and has a high response rate, although it sometimes requires multiple communications to resolve issues fully..”

Andreas Kuncoro

Product Specialist at Mitra Sistematika Global

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“The solution's technical support team is very responsive. Their technical account managers proactively monitor the account and pitch in immediately if we need any help..”

ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express

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“For the support, I can provide a rating of four only because they initially provide some steps, but later say they are not sure, which is a problem in a production environment. Similar challenges have been faced with the technical team regarding vendor support..”

Kalaiarasan Meganathan

Specialist at HCLSoftware

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“The customer service and support are fast and professional, and we have a dedicated support colleague who acts as a DataProtect wizard, confidently handling any issues we can't resolve ourselves..”

Giovanni Golinelli.

Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa

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“The support quality is commendable – upon opening a ticket, a responsive and capable team promptly assists. However, managing cases with a global team working across different time zones can pose challenges in terms of knowledge transfer and handovers between teams. Occasionally, the transition between teams for a specific case doesn't go smoothly, resulting in the need to repeat explanations for each new team member involved. I would rate it seven out of ten..”

Validated user

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Other Advice

Having a Technical Account Manager for the first year or two can significantly improve the support experience. I would rate Cohesity DataProtect as a nine in Europe and a ten in the US. The perception differs by region, with US users often being more optimistic. The overall product rating I give is 10.

Stefan-Motsch

Evangelist / CTO at fgnext

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“I do not work with Rubrik products directly. My company does, but I do not work with them in my part of the company. My overall review rating for Cohesity DataProtect is eight..”

Carlos Castells

CIO at a consultancy with 51-200 employees

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“Integrating the platform with the Acropolis Nutanix management solution is particularly valuable. It simplifies management by providing a unified interface for backup solutions.

Overall, I rate the solution a seven..”

Andreas Kuncoro

Product Specialist at Mitra Sistematika Global

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“My recommendation would be that if you have an intent to use all of Cohesity's feature set, then you should probably consider using Cohesity cloud services, especially if you're a service provider, and you're going to be delivering Cohesity to more than one customer as a managed service.

I rate the solution an eight out of ten. .”

Christopher Fallon

Product Manager at Iomart

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“I would recommend Cohesity DataProtect for things like Oracle backups and SQL backups. I rate the solution ten out of ten for its effectiveness in managing backups across multiple environments or clouds.

We chose Cohesity DataProtect because its SQL Clones and SQL backups were very good. The solution's instant restoration of virtual machines is very quick. The solution's integration with [Azure](#) is very good, and it uses cloud block storage for long-term retention.

Overall, I rate Cohesity DataProtect a nine out of ten..”

Alex Hart

Manager, Storage, Backup & Database Domain at Quilter

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“Over the last 12 months, we have been working with on-premises only, and regarding the cloud-related activities, we have been checking if any repositories have been interrupted or any network issues occurred between the Veeam server and the cloud.

“I have been working on Cohesity DataProtect, and the new device we introduced is [Rubrik](#), which we started supporting just one month ago, and I am learning it as well. I have a certification for Commvault.

“I work in the operations team. Everything is displayed in the dashboard itself, so if anything needs checking, options and errors are in front of the dashboard, making it easy to access and understand how to fix issues.

“I use Cohesity DataProtect internally in the company. If we have the data in replication, we will do the restore and update the customer. We also engage in daily routine operations and work on backup failures frequently, engaging the VM team to restart Cohesity DataProtect services or fix issues related to communication. We do not have major issues with this operation so far.

“I work with the on-premises version of Cohesity DataProtect. I have not taken any external training for Cohesity DataProtect; I have learned by checking options and working independently.

“I have provided an overall review rating of 8 for Cohesity DataProtect..”

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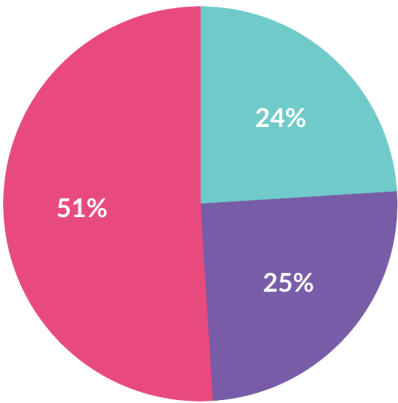
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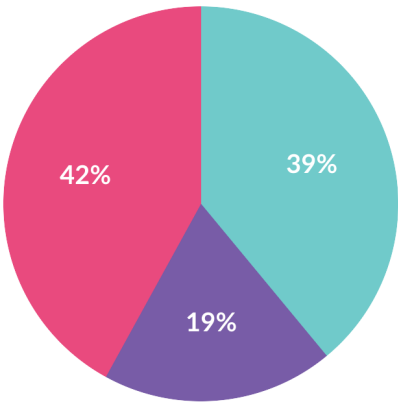


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