



## TSA Readies For Return to Travel with Security Hiring

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is ramping up hiring of Security Officer (TSO) positions in anticipation of a busy summer travel season.

After a full year of significantly reduced air travel due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the agency said in a statement it wants to fill more than 6,000 TSO positions by this summer.

"TSOs are a critical first line defense in securing our nation's commercial air transportation system," said Melanie Harvey, acting executive assistant administrator for TSA's Security Operations. "Each day, our officers screen hundreds of thousands of airline travelers ensuring they arrive at their destinations safely. We expect to screen a higher number of travelers regularly by the summer months and will need additional officers to support our critical mission."

TSA officials said based on anticipated seasonal travel trends in the months ahead and the progress...

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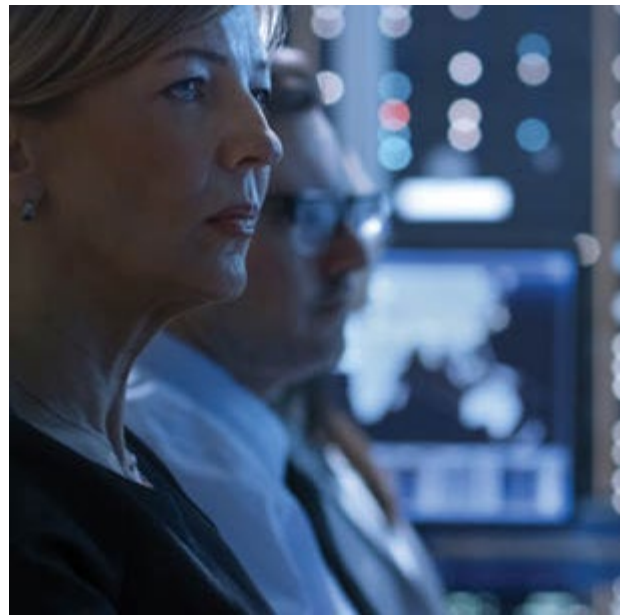
## More Than Half of US Households Own Smart Home Devices, Security ‘Key Motivator’

Smart home devices continue to grow in importance as half of U.S. consumers now own at least one smart home device. That’s up from 35 percent in January of 2020, according to the latest Home Automation Ownership & Usage Report from NPD’s Connected Intelligence,

NPD’s Retail Tracking Service data finds security systems purchases grew 44 percent, smart garage door openers were up 21 percent, and smart lighting purchases increased by 19 percent over the last year.

“Security is a key motivator in smart home device purchases, and as such security cameras have been the leading volume driver for the past four years,” NPD said..

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## Survey: Security Leaders Say Physical Threats on the Rise

A dramatic rise in in physical threats is putting corporate leaders under massive financial, reputation and liability pressures to keep employees and customers safe from physical harm. More than 80 percent of organization leaders feel under pressure today due to digital transformation of physical security and physical threats.

Ontic Center for Protective Intelligence surveyed 300 chief security officers, chief legal officers, chief compliance officers and physical security decision-makers at U.S. companies with over 5,000 employees, to understand their current physical security operations, what keeps them up at night, the challenges and opportunities they foresee in 2021, and the pressing need for physical security modernization through technology.

Among the findings, 78 percent said..

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