

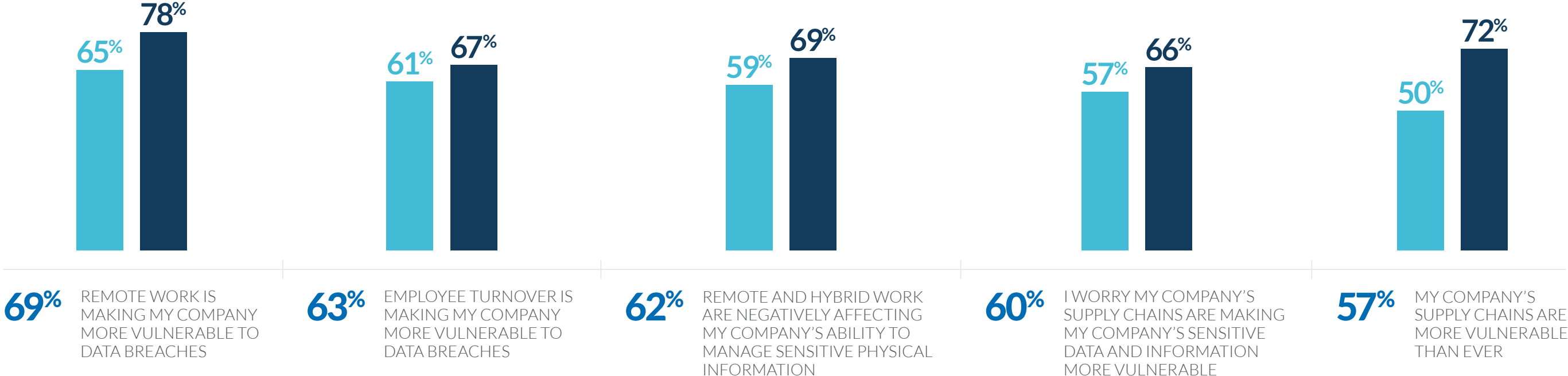
Small Business Leaders Face Challenges in Protecting Their Company's Sensitive Data and Information

Despite their best efforts to prioritize and invest in data protection, the vast majority (90%) of Small Business Leaders (SBLs) admit it has never been harder to keep their company's sensitive data and information safe, and at least two-thirds feel anxious or fearful about the safety of their company's data. While only 23% of SBLs say they have experienced a data breach, 66% fear their business is vulnerable to data breaches. Remote work (69%), employee turnover (63%), and supply chain vulnerabilities (60%) are all driving factors of small business owners' data protection challenges and concerns today.



Top Driving Factors of Data and Information Protection Challenges

— TOTAL — U.S. — CANADA



69% REMOTE WORK IS MAKING MY COMPANY MORE VULNERABLE TO DATA BREACHES

63% EMPLOYEE TURNOVER IS MAKING MY COMPANY MORE VULNERABLE TO DATA BREACHES

62% REMOTE AND HYBRID WORK ARE NEGATIVELY AFFECTING MY COMPANY'S ABILITY TO MANAGE SENSITIVE PHYSICAL INFORMATION

60% I WORRY MY COMPANY'S SUPPLY CHAINS ARE MAKING MY COMPANY'S SENSITIVE DATA AND INFORMATION MORE VULNERABLE

57% MY COMPANY'S SUPPLY CHAINS ARE MORE VULNERABLE THAN EVER

We protect what matters.™

Source: Stericycle, Shred-it Data Protection Report, 2022.

