

## Investment in IT Security companies soars

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In the US, IT Security accounts for 50% of security companies financed in 2007. This is 10% higher than in Europe. 46% of privately-owned US IT security companies financed in 2007 were based in or around Silicon Valley.

According to VBR, enabling technologies (dual-use technologies), IT Security and emergency response have been the three sub-sectors to have attracted the most significant funding. Together these three sub-sectors secured 83% of investment entering the sector in 2007. [www.vbresearch.com](http://www.vbresearch.com)