

The True Cost Of

Financial Crime Compliance In South Africa

In this 2023 commissioned study, Forrester Consulting conducted a global online survey of **1,181** senior decision-makers at financial institutions to evaluate the cost, current state, and challenges presented by financial crime compliance operations. Survey participants from Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, include 482 senior decision-makers across 9 EMEA markets.

Below are some of the key results for South Africa.

The ever-changing geopolitical environment, as well as frequent legislative changes, have intensified compliance requirements for financial institutions. 98% of institutions report an increase in financial crime compliance costs, illustrating undeniable regulatory pressures.

While digital transformation and emerging technologies have offered institutions great growth opportunities, it has also exposed them to new risk typologies, as criminal groups may misuse digital services and emerging technology.

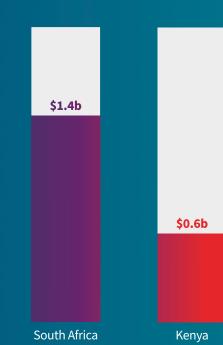


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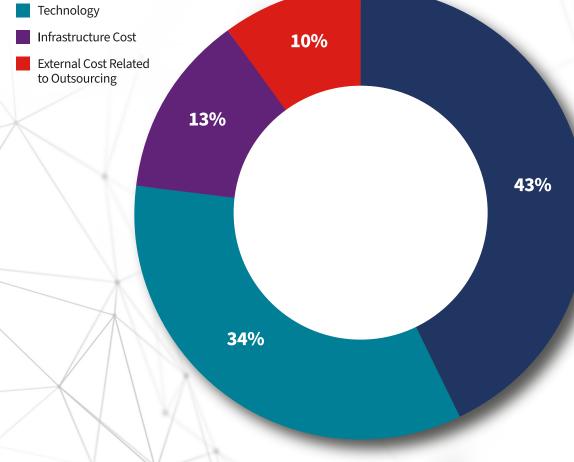
financial institutions in the surveyed markets and survey data regarding financial crime costs. A spend amount is generated for each region by multiplying its average reported total cost of financial crime compliance operations by the number of financial institutions in that region.

Note: The total annual cost of financial crime compliance is calculated using the number of



Compliance Costs In South Africa Labor

Labor is the Biggest Cost Driver To Rising



Laundering Activities In South Africa Both trade-based money laundering schemes and corruption and bribery within supply chains are perceived as a growing concern, noted by 58% and 60% of respondents, respectively. This indicates a shifting focus on international trade.

Overall Increase In Financial Crime And Money

Corruption and Bribery Financial Crime Within Supply Chain Involving Digital **Payments**



Efficient Resolution of Alerts





KYC for Account Onboarding



Regulatory Reporting

Sanctions Screening



Processing Non-Latin Scripts

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