

# Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) and NIST Cybersecurity Framework Support Strong Security



The NIST framework describes security outcomes for U.S. critical infrastructure. Rapid changes in threats require more detailed standards for payment security. PCI DSS focuses on specific security outcomes for payment data, while supporting other PCI SSC efforts to reduce its criticality and value to attackers.



PCI SSC works with retailers, service providers, financial institutions, and others in the payments industry. This enables PCI SSC to be a resource for many government entities by providing valuable industry expertise as well as education and awareness about standards, guidelines and best practices in payment security.



The PCI SSC's mapping of PCI DSS to the NIST Framework may help entities meeting PCI DSS demonstrate how NIST Framework outcomes are achieved for payment environments.



While the NIST framework and the PCI DSS provide solid security approaches, they are not interchangeable because they are for different audiences and uses.

To learn more about the mapping of PCI DSS to the NIST framework visit [pcisecuritystandards.org](https://pcisecuritystandards.org).