

Cyberthreat Minute

Cybercrime is big and growing bigger. As the threat landscape evolves and security perimeters expand, we aim to frame a macro problem on a micro scale. To illuminate the top threats organizations face in a year, we have broken down a year's cybercrime research by the minute.

Today's threat landscape

In any given 60-second window, the following malicious activity is happening.

Password attacks	34,740 per minute ¹
IoT-based attacks	1,902 per minute ²
DDoS attacks	19 per minute ³
Phishing attacks	7 per minute ⁴
SQL injection attacks	1 per minute ⁵
New threat infrastructure detections	1 every 35 minutes ⁶
Supply chain attacks	1 every 44 minutes ⁷
Ransomware attacks	1 every 195 minutes ⁸

The new threat infrastructure detections insight comes from internal RiskIQ data. Microsoft acquired RiskIQ in 2021 to help organizations assess the security of their entire digital enterprise.

Microsoft security data

Microsoft operates global services at a massive scale, allowing us to see, aggregate, and correlate threat signals across the globe and from a variety of industries. Our diverse spectrum of threat data from endpoints, identities, applications, and the cloud are reasoned over by our security researchers, who help to generate a high-fidelity picture of the current state of the threat landscape.

48,706
Brute force authentication attacks (blocked by Azure Active Directory) per minute⁹

17,123
Endpoint threats blocked by Microsoft per minute¹²

1,065
Open ports detected by Microsoft per minute⁴

18,265
Malware threats (blocked by Microsoft Defender for Endpoint) per minute⁹

58,980
Identity threats blocked by Microsoft per minute¹¹

60,882
Email threats blocked by Microsoft per minute¹³

Cost of cybercrime

Cybercrime is a disruptive and economically corrosive force that causes trillions of dollars in damages every year. The cost of cybercrime comes from damage done to data and property, stolen assets—including intellectual property—and the disruption of business systems and productivity.

\$285,388
Global cybersecurity spend per minute¹⁵

\$38,051
Global ransomware damages per minute¹⁸

\$4,566
Total cost of a business email compromise per minute²⁰

\$5
Average cost of malware attack per minute²²

\$1,141,553
Worldwide economic impact of cybercrime per minute¹⁵

\$38,052
E-commerce payment fraud losses per minute¹⁷

\$3,615
Amount lost to cryptocurrency scams per minute¹⁹

\$8
Average cost of a breach per minute²¹

The expanding internet

As the internet continues to expand, opportunities for cybercrime expand too. And the same applies to organizations. The cloud migration, new digital initiatives, and shadow IT increase the size of the attack surface, and at the enterprise level, that can mean a vast estate spanning multiple clouds and massively complex ecosystems. Meanwhile, flourishing cheap infrastructure and flourishing cybercrime economies grow the threat landscape that organizations must track.

New hosts
79,861 per minute²³

New IoT devices
7,620 per minute²⁴

New domains
150 per minute²⁵

New active LetsEncrypt SSL certificates
53 per minute²⁶

New mobile apps created
23 per minute²⁷

Conclusion

The threat landscape is dynamic, and Microsoft has an unparalleled view. We track more than 24 trillion signals every day to develop dynamic, hyper-relevant threat intelligence that evolves with the attack surface and helps us to detect and respond to threats rapidly.

We also offer this intelligence directly to customers, giving them a deep and unique view of the threat landscape, a 360-degree understanding of their exposure to it, and tools to mitigate and respond.

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