



THE RANSOMWARE LANDSCAPE

WHAT IS RANSOMWARE?

A form of malware that targets your critical data or systems for the purpose of extortion.

PHISHING EMAILS MAY LOOK LEGITIMATE, BUT THEY ARE THE MOST POPULAR VEHICLE USED TO SPREAD RANSOMWARE.

16.2 days

Average time a ransomware incident lasts¹



187 million

Number of ransomware attacks detected in 2019 by a single cyber security firm²



WHICH INDUSTRIES ARE TARGETED THE MOST?

Top **5** industries affected by ransomware¹



1. Professional Services



2. Healthcare



3. Software Services



4. Public Sector



5. Consumer Services

HOW CAN BUSINESSES REDUCE THE RISK OF A RANSOMWARE ATTACK?



1. Train your employees



2. Disable Microsoft Office macros when not needed³



3. Block Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)



4. Strengthen controls over privileged access



5. Leverage open-source intel



6. Review and test backup and recovery capabilities



Learn more about the risks of ransomware and how cyber insurance can help protect your business. Visit travelers.com/cyber

¹ www.coveware.com/blog/2020/1/22/ransomware-costs-double-in-q4-as-ryuk-sodinokibi-proliferate
² www.sonicwall.com/2020-cyber-threat-report/
³ www.microsoft.com/security/blog/2016/03/22/new-feature-in-office-2016-can-block-macros-and-help-prevent-infection/

