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UNDERSTANDING THE COVID BOUNCE

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Business is bouncing back from COVID-19, but so is cybercrime

Cybercrime dropped significantly in 2020. As pandemic restrictions were lifted in 2021, it came roaring back.



Increased detections across operating systems

Windows, Mac, email, and stalkerware detections all increased.

Windows

From 2020 to 2021

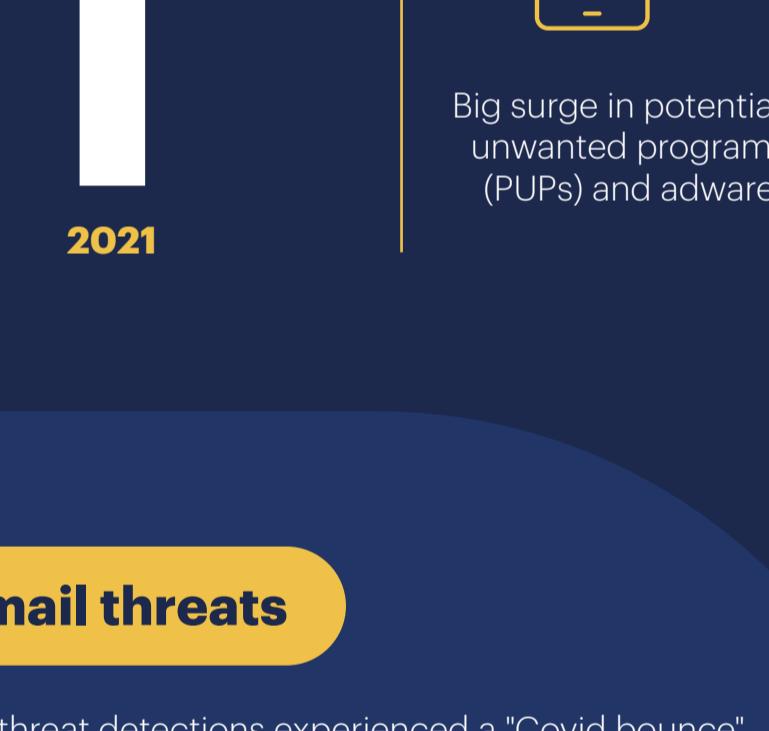
77% ↑

Malicious software

200% ↑

Adware, spyware, and worms

Windows malware detection totals 2019-2021



Mac

Mac detection totals 2019-2021



From 2020 to 2021



Big surge in potentially unwanted programs (PUPs) and adware

Email threats

Email threat detections experienced a "Covid bounce" in 2021, but have declined significantly over the last four years, as attacks have become more targeted.

Stalkerware

2021 was the worst year ever for stalkerware

From 2020 to 2021

4.2% ↑

increase in monitor detections

7.2% ↑

increase in spyware detections

56%

Increase in email threat detections between the first and second half of 2021



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