Cyber security facts 2022
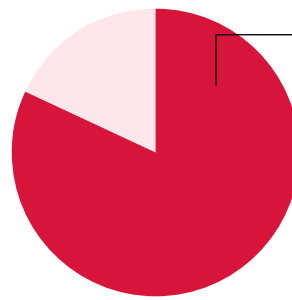
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Australians aged over 65 reported the greatest losses to scams since January, totalling over

$17 million

Other age groups most at risk are 25-34 and 35-44 year olds. Scams and reports by Australians under the age of 18 also increased by over 50%.

The human element continues to drive breaches.

82%

of all breaches involved the use of stolen credentials, phishing or simply an error.

People continue to play a large part in cyber security incidents and data breaches.

In 2022, ransomware continued its upward trend with an almost

13% rise

This is an increase as big as the last five years combined.

There has been an 85% spike in online scams since 2021, totalling over $72 million, with education, healthcare and government being the top sectors affected.
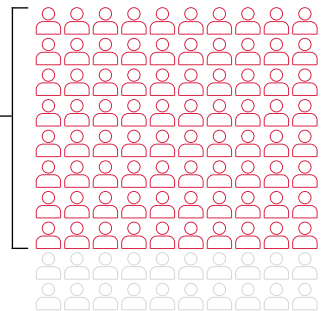
The average cost of a data breach in Australia is

$3.35 million

Approximately

80%

of these data breaches involved customers' personal information.