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2026 GLOBAL THREAT REPORT

An in-depth analysis of the adversaries, tradecraft, and trends that defined 2025

- **24** newly named adversaries
- **281+** adversaries actively tracked by CrowdStrike

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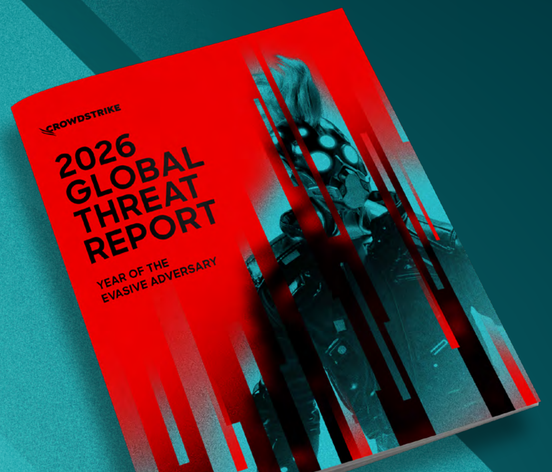

The Race Against Time: Adversary Speed Accelerates

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27 seconds was the fastest eCrime breakout time on record

29 minutes was the average eCrime breakout time, a **65% increase** in speed year-over-year

4 minutes was the time it took for CHATTY SPIDER to attempt to exfiltrate sensitive data after gaining access

Adversaries Exploit the Gaps: Edge Device and Cross-Domain Attacks Escalate

40% of vulnerabilities exploited by China-nexus adversaries targeted edge devices that lack comprehensive monitoring

266% increase in cloud-conscious intrusions by state-nexus threat actors

42% increase in zero-day vulnerabilities exploited prior to public disclosure

The Dual Threat of AI: The Adversary's Advantage and Enterprise's New Attack Surface

89% increase in attacks by AI-enabled adversaries

90+ organizations had their own legitimate AI tools exploited by threat actors to generate malicious commands and steal sensitive data

Nation-State Threat Acceleration: Strategic Targeting and Financial Theft

85% increase in China-nexus activity against logistics organizations, with a **38% increase** across all sectors

130% increase in North Korea-nexus incidents, including the largest single financial theft (1.46B USD) ever reported[1]

Adversaries Are Blending In: Malware-Free Tradecraft Dominates

82% of detections in 2025 were malware-free, up from **51%** in 2020

1. https://www.ic3.gov/psa/2025/psa250226