Ransomware attacks against education skyrocket

More ransomware attacks in 2022 than in the previous 5 years combined.¹

Approximately 2,000 schools known to be affected by ransomware in 2022.²

#2 industry, behind only government, in ransomware attacks.³

64% of higher ed and 56% of K-12 worldwide report being affected by ransomware.⁴

136% increase in the average ransom demand in the U.S. between 2022 and 2023.⁵

$4 billion Cost to schools in 2022 just for the downtime associated with ransomware.⁶

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