

MID-YEAR UPDATE SONICWALL CYBER THREAT REPORT

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AS WORKING SITUATIONS EVOLVED IN 2021,

so did the methods of threat actors and motivated perpetrators.

Threat actors are using any means necessary — lax security controls, unpatched vulnerabilities, zero-days and supply-chain weaknesses — for malicious gain and global unrest.

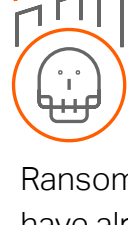


DISRUPTION & DISCORD

The disruption of a global pandemic impacted everything from the highest levels of federal government down to the way kindergartners learned to read. Cybercriminals exploited the changing environment.

“This latest data shows sophisticated threat actors are tirelessly adapting their tactics and embracing ransomware to reap financial gain and sow discord.”

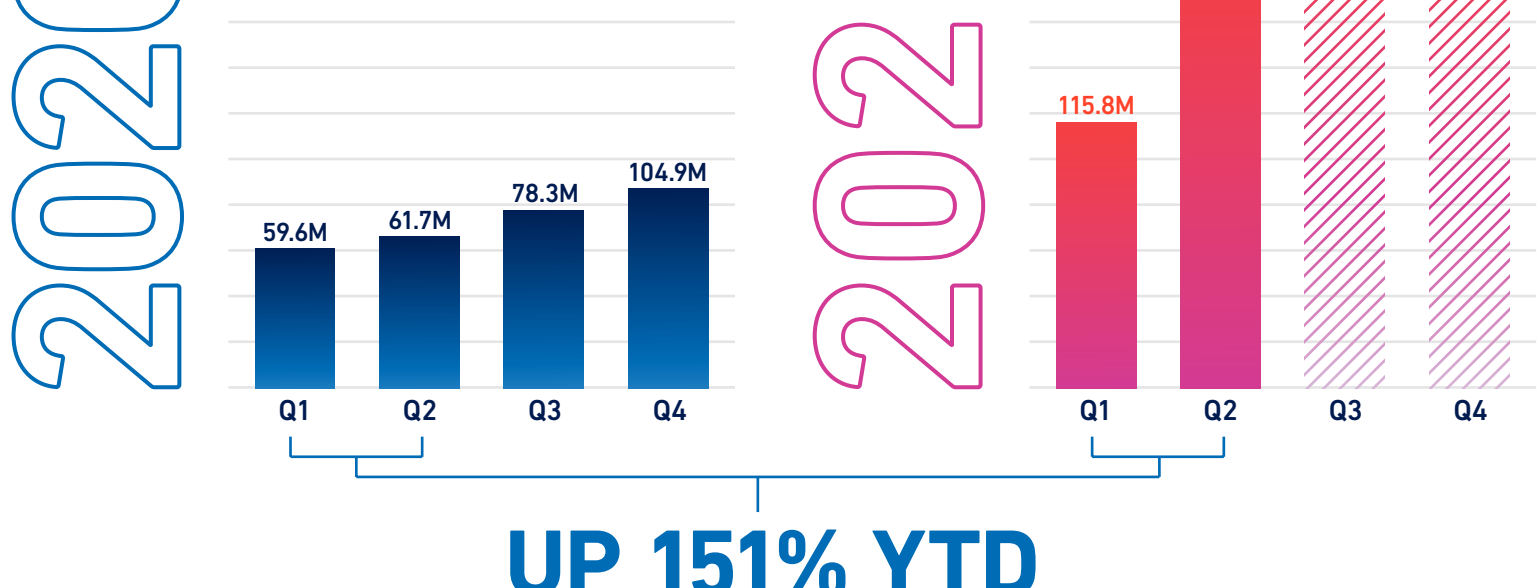
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RANSOMWARE AT ALL-TIME HIGH

Ransomware attacks in the first half of 2021 have already eclipsed the entire volume total of 2020 — a **151% year-to-date increase**.

In the **first six months** of 2021, global ransomware volume reached an unprecedented **304.7 million attempted attacks**.



UP 151% YTD

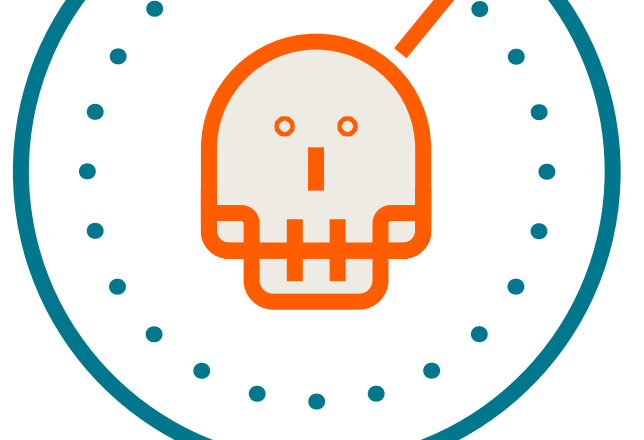
Why is ransomware rising? [See the full report to learn more.](#) »

RYUK THE TOP RANSOMWARE ... AGAIN

The top ransomware of 2021, Ryuk, was recorded by SonicWall nearly **every nine seconds** during its peak in June. In the first half of 2021, **93.9 million instances of Ryuk** were recorded.

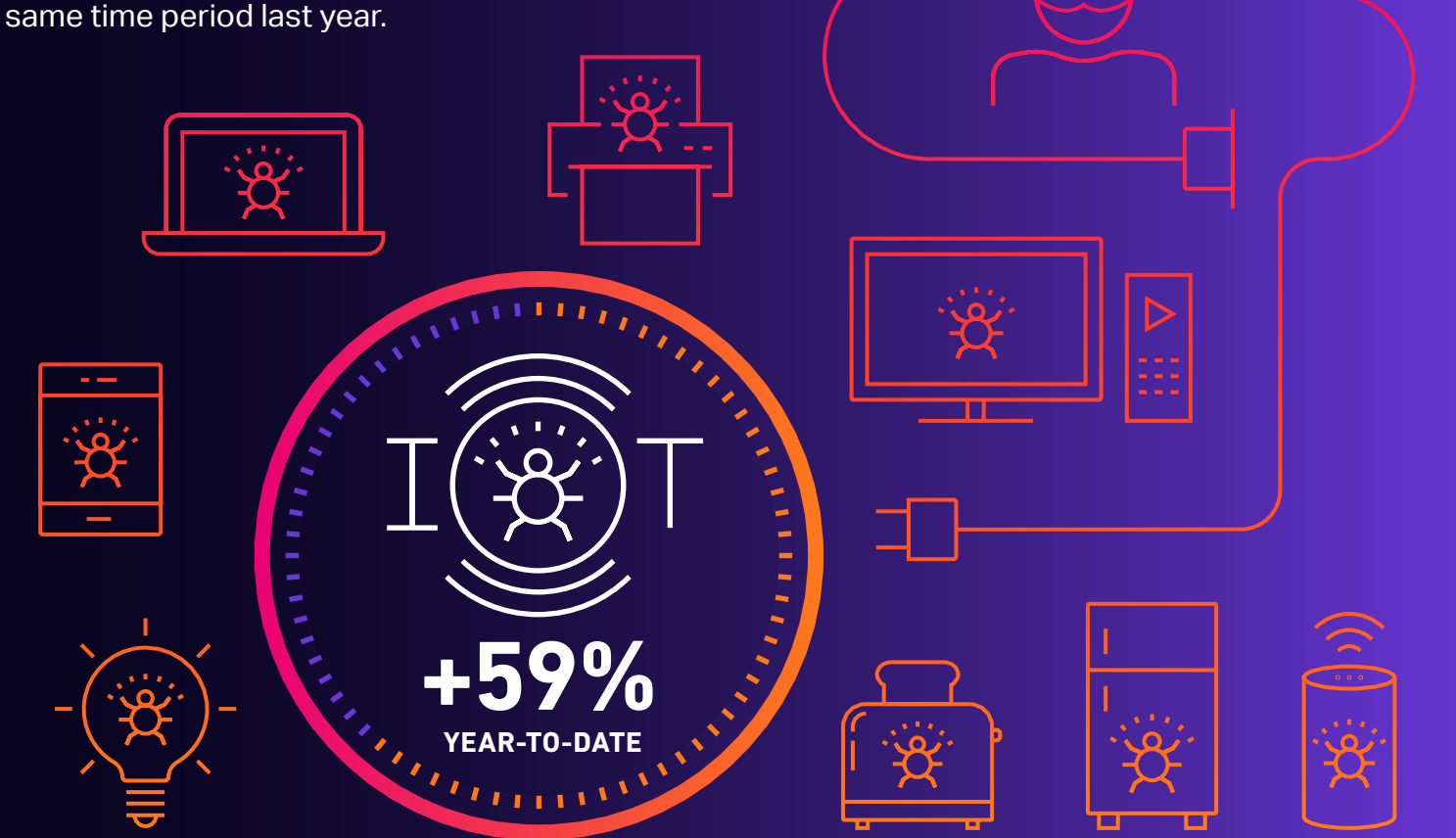
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That's **nearly 3x** the number of Ryuk attempts seen in the first six months of 2020.

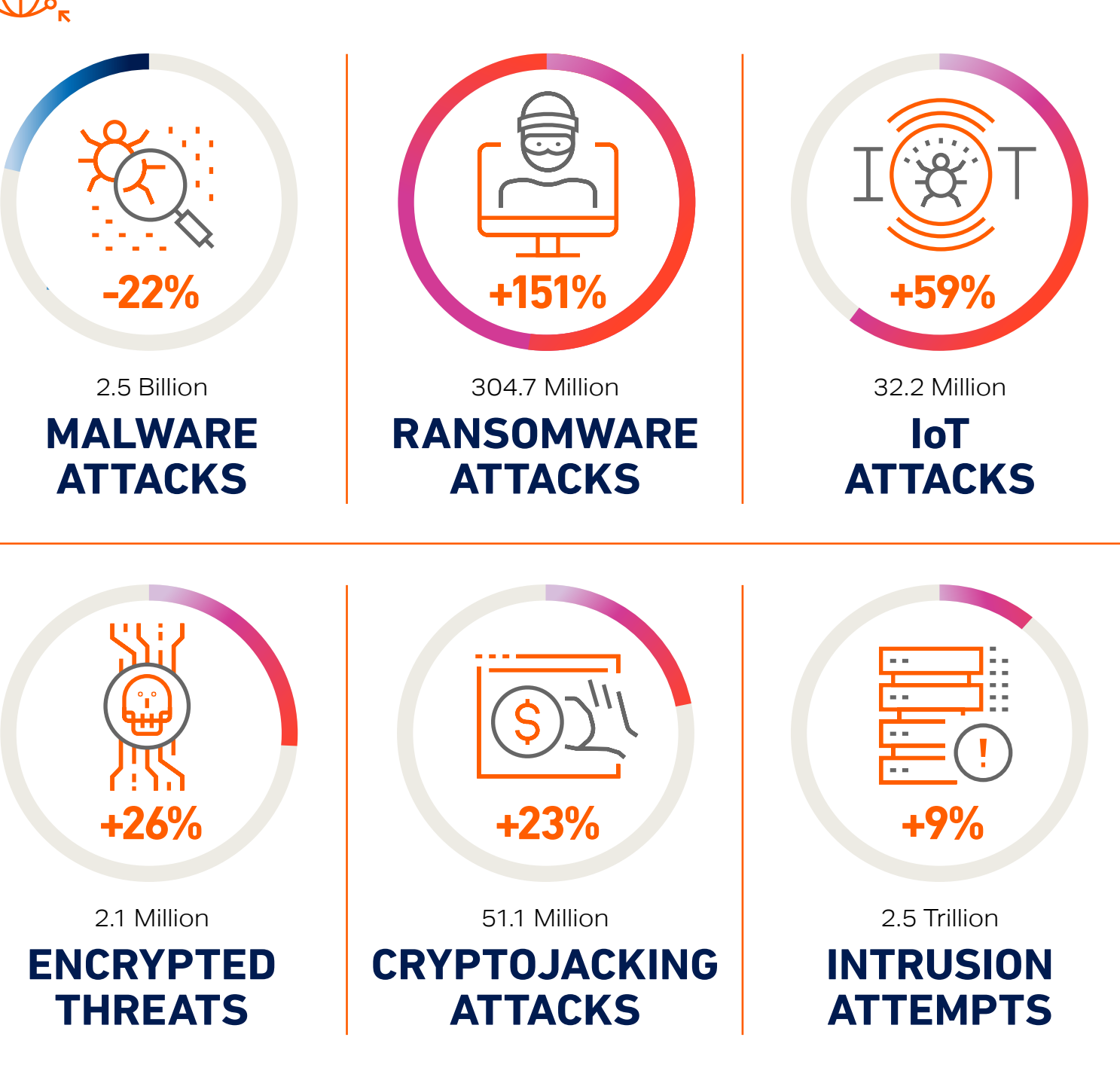


IoT CONTINUES ITS CLIMB

Savvy cybercriminals pushed IoT malware to a **59% year-to-date increase** in 2021. In all, **32.2 million IoT attacks** have been recorded so far compared with 20.2 million during the same time period last year.



GLOBAL CYBERATTACK TRENDS



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