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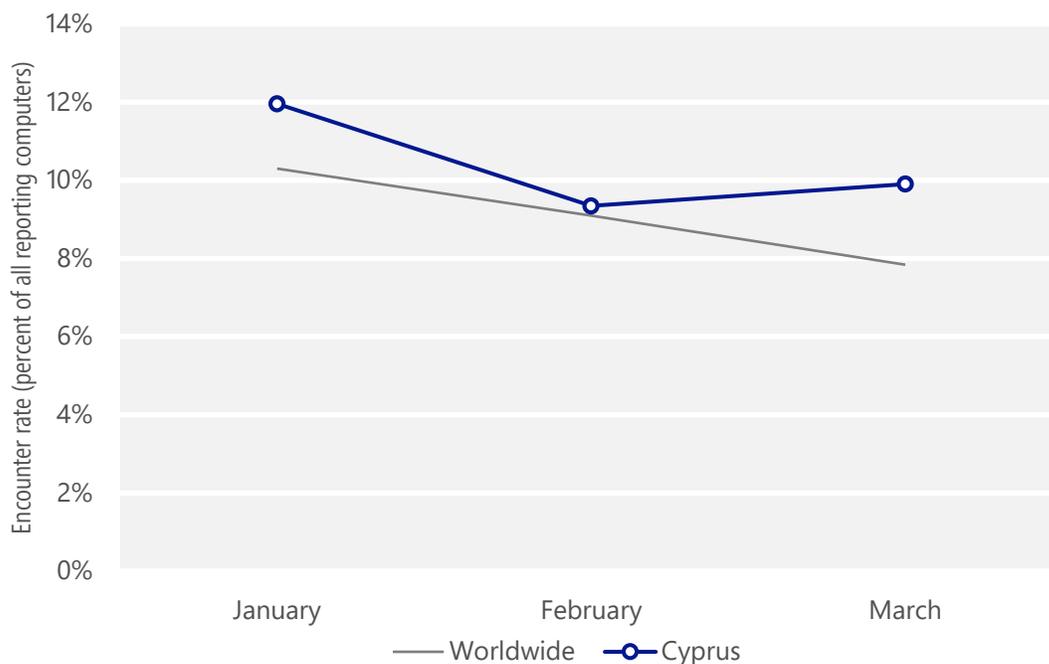
Cyprus

The statistics presented here are generated by Microsoft security programs and services running on computers in Cyprus in March 2017 and previous quarters. This data is provided from administrators or users who choose to opt in to provide data to Microsoft, using IP address geolocation to determine country or region.

Encounter rate trends

In March 2017, 9.9 percent of computers in Cyprus encountered malware, compared to the March 2017 worldwide encounter rate of 7.8 percent. The following figure shows the encounter and infection rate trends for Cyprus over the last three months, compared to the world as a whole.

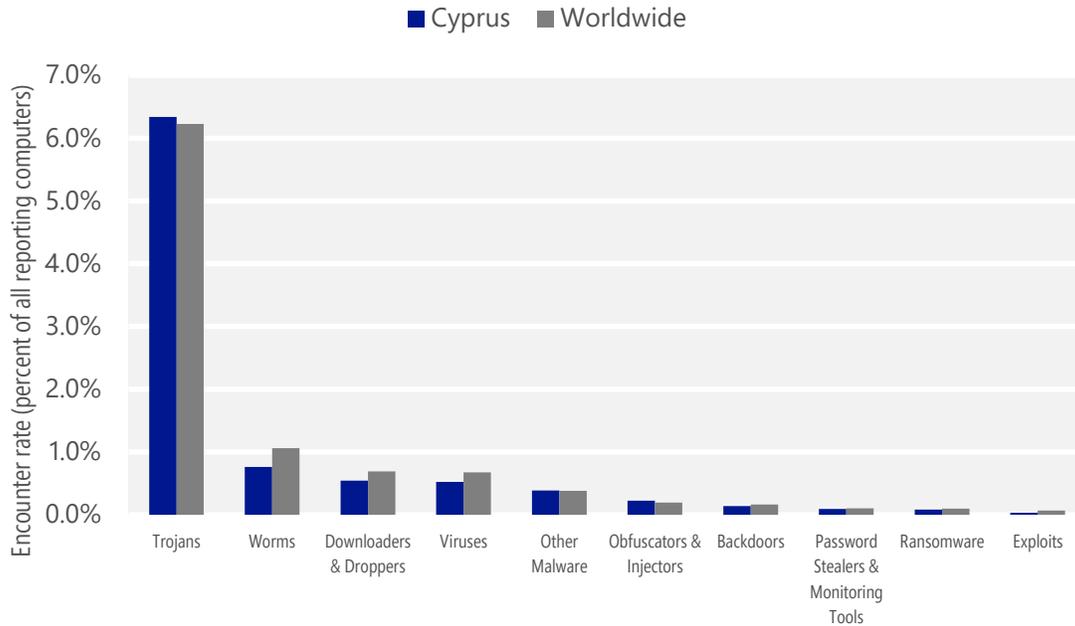
Malware encounter rate trends in Cyprus and worldwide



See the full report at <http://www.microsoft.com/sir> for more information about threats in Cyprus and around the world, and for explanations of the methods and terms used here.

Malicious software categories

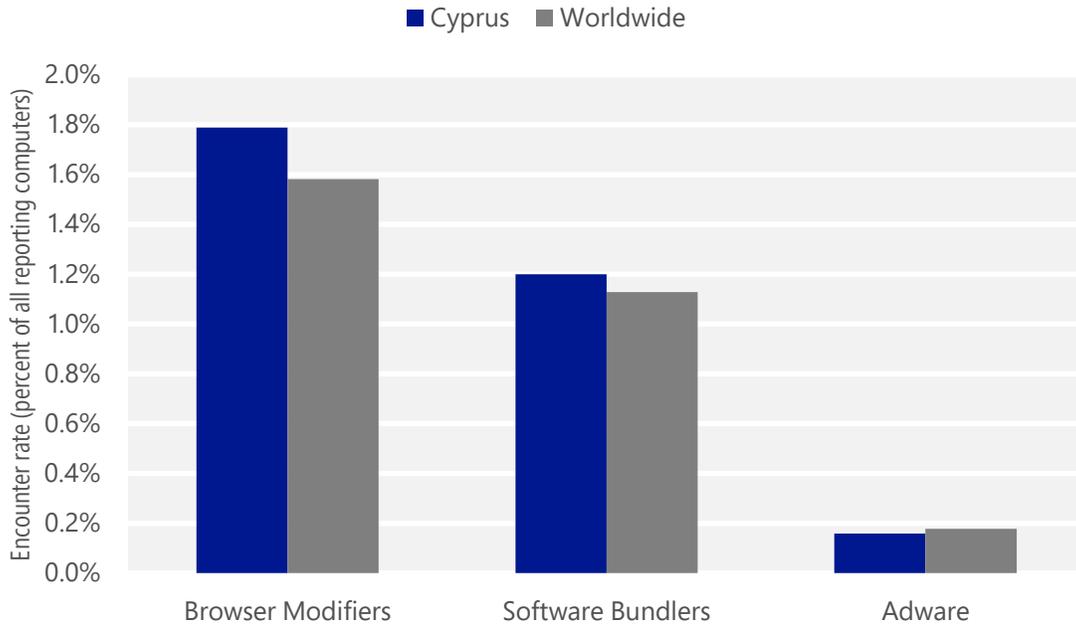
Malicious software encountered in Cyprus in March 2017, by category



- The most common malicious software category in Cyprus in March 2017 was Trojans. It was encountered by 6.34 percent of all computers there, up from 5.55 percent in February 2017.
- The second most common malicious software category in Cyprus in March 2017 was Worms. It was encountered by 0.76 percent of all computers there, up from 0.58 percent in February 2017.
- The third most common malicious software category in Cyprus in March 2017 was Downloaders & Droppers, which was encountered by 0.55 percent of all computers there, up from 0.50 percent in February 2017.

Unwanted software categories

Unwanted software encountered in Cyprus in March 2017, by category



- The most common unwanted software category in Cyprus in March 2017 was Browser Modifiers. It was encountered by 1.79 percent of all computers there, up from 1.77 percent in February 2017.
- The second most common unwanted software category in Cyprus in March 2017 was Software Bundlers. It was encountered by 1.20 percent of all computers there, up from 1.19 percent in February 2017.
- The third most common unwanted software category in Cyprus in March 2017 was Adware, which was encountered by 0.16 percent of all computers there, down from 0.22 percent in February 2017.

Top malicious software families by encounter rate

The most common malicious software families encountered in Cyprus in March 2017

	Family	Most significant category	% of reporting computers
1	Win32/Skeeyah	Trojans	1.04%
2	Win32/Fuery	Trojans	0.95%
3	Win32/Vigorf	Trojans	0.79%
4	Win32/Spursint	Trojans	0.52%
5	Win32/Swrort	Trojans	0.39%
6	Win32/Dynamer	Trojans	0.39%
7	Win32/Vigram	Trojans	0.24%
8	Win32/Rundas	Trojans	0.23%
9	Win32/Ramnit	Viruses	0.18%
10	Win32/Gamarue	Worms	0.17%

- The most common malicious software family encountered in Cyprus in March 2017 was [Win32/Skeeyah](#), which was encountered by 1.04 percent of reporting computers there. [Win32/Skeeyah](#) is a generic detection for various threats that display trojan characteristics.
- The second most common malicious software family encountered in Cyprus in March 2017 was [Win32/Fuery](#), which was encountered by 0.95 percent of reporting computers there. [Win32/Fuery](#) is a cloud-based detection for files that have been automatically identified as malicious by the cloud-based protection feature of Windows Defender.
- The third most common malicious software family encountered in Cyprus in March 2017 was [Win32/Vigorf](#), which was encountered by 0.79 percent of reporting computers there. [Win32/Vigorf](#) is a generic detection for a variety of threats.
- The fourth most common malicious software family encountered in Cyprus in March 2017 was [Win32/Spursint](#), which was encountered by 0.52 percent of reporting computers there. [Win32/Spursint](#) is a cloud-based detection for files that have been automatically identified as malicious by the cloud-based protection feature of Windows Defender.

Top unwanted software families by encounter rate

The most common unwanted software families encountered in Cyprus in March 2017

	Family	Most significant category	% of reporting computers
1	Win32/Foxiebro	Browser Modifiers	0.63%
2	Win32/ICLoader	Software Bundlers	0.27%
3	Win32/Sasquor	Browser Modifiers	0.23%
4	Win32/Linkhortry	Browser Modifiers	0.21%
5	Win32/KipodToolsCby	Browser Modifiers	0.16%

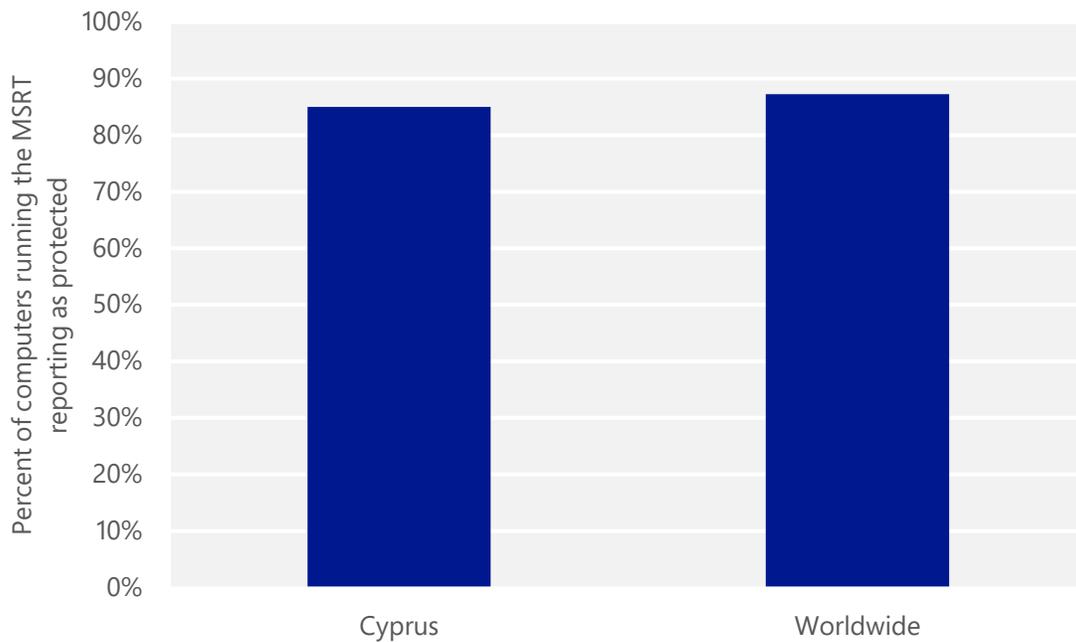
- The most common unwanted software family encountered in Cyprus in March 2017 was [Win32/Foxiebro](#), which was encountered by 0.63 percent of reporting computers there. [Win32/Foxiebro](#) is a browser modifier that can inject ads to search results pages, modify web pages to insert ads, and open ads in new tabs.
- The second most common unwanted software family encountered in Cyprus in March 2017 was [Win32/ICLoader](#), which was encountered by 0.27 percent of reporting computers there. [Win32/ICLoader](#) is a software bundler distributed from software crack sites, which installs unwanted software alongside the desired program. It sometimes installs other unwanted software, such as Win32/Neobar.
- The third most common unwanted software family encountered in Cyprus in March 2017 was [Win32/Sasquor](#), which was encountered by 0.23 percent of reporting computers there. [Win32/Sasquor](#) is a browser modifier that modifies search and home page settings, and installs services and scheduled tasks to prevent the user from changing them back. It can also download additional malware, including Win32/SupTab and Win32/Xadupi.

Security software use

Recent releases of the MSRT collect and report details about the state of real-time antimalware software on a computer, if the computer's administrator has chosen to opt in to provide data to Microsoft. This telemetry data makes it possible to analyze security software usage patterns around the world and correlate them with infection rates.

The figure below shows the percentage of computers worldwide and in Cyprus that the MSRT found to be running up-to-date real-time security software in March 2017.

Percent of computers in Cyprus and worldwide protected by real-time security software in March 2017



Malicious websites

Attackers often use websites to conduct phishing attacks or distribute malware. Malicious websites typically appear completely legitimate and often provide no outward indicators of their malicious nature, even to experienced computer users. In many cases, these sites are legitimate websites that have been compromised by malware, SQL injection, or other techniques, in an effort by attackers to take advantage of the trust users have invested in them. To help protect users from malicious webpages, Microsoft and other browser vendors have developed filters that keep track of sites that host malware and phishing attacks and display prominent warnings when users try to navigate to them.

The information presented in this section has been generated from telemetry data produced by Windows Defender SmartScreen in Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer. See the Malicious Websites section of [Microsoft Security Intelligence Report, Volume 22](#) for more information about these protections and how the data is collected.

Malicious website statistics for Cyprus

Metric	Cyprus	Worldwide
Drive-by download pages per 1,000 URLs	0.20	0.17
Phishing sites per 1,000 Internet hosts	N/A	6.3
Malware hosting sites per 1,000 Internet hosts	N/A	14.8



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