

# THE COST OF CYBER-ATTACKS

Every year, the 2022 Cyber Security Breaches Survey, commissioned by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport as part of the National Cyber Security Programme, provides valuable insights into cyber-security and data breach trends reported by UK employers.

This infographic displays the numbers regarding organisations' handling of breaches in the past 12 months. Specifically, this section visually represents how long organisations took to recover from a breach and the average costs of a disruptive data breach.

## TIME TAKEN TO RECOVER FROM A CYBER-INCIDENT

The average amount of time organisations spent dealing with their most disruptive breach in the last 12 months:



No time at all (**70%** of businesses and **72%** of charities)



Within a day (**19%** of businesses and **15%** of charities)



Within a week (**8%** of businesses and **9%** of charities)

## FINANCIAL COSTS OF CYBER-INCIDENTS

The average cost of all breaches or cyber-attacks in the past 12 months:

**Businesses overall: £1,200**

**Microbusinesses\* and small\* businesses: £861**

**Medium\* and large\* businesses: £8,040**

**Charities overall: £300**

\* Microbusinesses (one to nine employees)  
Small business (10-49 employees)  
Medium business (50-249 employees)  
Large business (250+ employees)

The cost breakdown of organisations' most disruptive breaches in the past 12 months:

Average short-term direct cost: **£479**  
for businesses and **£35** for charities

Average long-term direct cost: **£240**  
for businesses and **£36** for charities

Average staff time cost: **£261** for  
businesses and **£86** for charities

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