

World Cybercrime Index

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About World Cybercrime Index

- It **identifies** the globe's **major cybercrime hotspots by ranking** the most significant **sources of cybercrime at a national level**.
- It has been developed as a joint partnership between the **University of Oxford and UNSW Canberra**.
- The data that underpins the index was gathered **through a survey of 92 leading cybercrime experts** from around the world who are involved in cybercrime intelligence gathering and investigations.
- It **ranks roughly 100 countries** and identifies key hotspots **according to various categories of cybercrime**, including ransomware, credit card theft, and scams.
- **Key Findings:**
 - It shows that the **threat of cybercrime is not evenly distributed** worldwide.
 - A relatively **small number of countries house the greatest cybercriminal threat**.
 - **Russia tops the list**, followed by Ukraine, China, the USA, Nigeria, and Romania.
 - **97 countries were named** by at least one expert as being a hub for a particular category.
 - **India captured the number 10 spot** in the rankings.
 - The researchers also found that **certain kinds of cybercrime were associated with particular countries**. For example, the **United States was associated with data and identity theft**, while those related to technical products or services seemed to often originate from China.
 - It is estimated that **cybercrime costs the world around \$9.22 trillion in 2024**, and this is expected to grow to \$13.82 trillion in 2028.

Q1: What is ransomware?

Ransomware is malware that employs encryption to hold a victim's information at ransom. A user or organization's critical data is encrypted so that they cannot access files, databases, or applications. A ransom is then demanded to provide access. Ransomware is often designed to spread across a network and target database and file servers, and can thus quickly paralyze an entire organization.

Source: [India ranks number 10 in cybercrime, study finds](#)

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