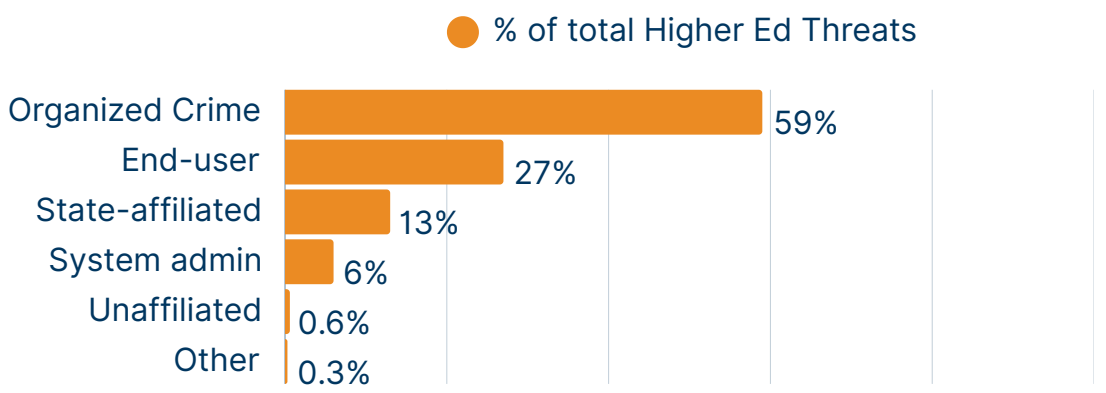
RANSOMWARE

Still the top threat in Higher Education in 2025

TOP THREAT ACTOR VARIETIES



TOP THREAT ACTOR

The top thread actors in Higher Education remains **Organized Crime**, using Ransomware, Extortion, and Stolen Data for financial aid.

SUCCESSFUL DECRYPTION

Organizations successfully decrypting data after making a ransom payment was only

54%

TOP SOURCES OF RANSOMWARE ATTACKS

RANSOM PAYMENTS

$550K

Average ransom payments

30%

Decline in victims paying ransom demands

AVERAGE DOWNTIME

The typical higher education system will experience 12 days of downtime due to a ransomware event.

12 Days

SOURCES

- The organizational structure of ransomware threat actor groups is evolving before our eyes
- Cyberedge Group 2025 Cyberthreat Defense Report
- *On average, US schools & colleges lose $500K per day to downtime from ransomware attacks*
- Mapping the global geography of cybercrime
- Sophos State of Ransomware in Education 2024
- Verizon Business 2025 Data Breach Investigations Report

Not sure if your systems are ready to withstand today's ransomware tactics? Reach out to discuss solutions to ensure the safety and security of your IT infrastructure.

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