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A comparison of the numbers of new ransomware families in 2019 and 2020

2019 — 127

2020 — 95
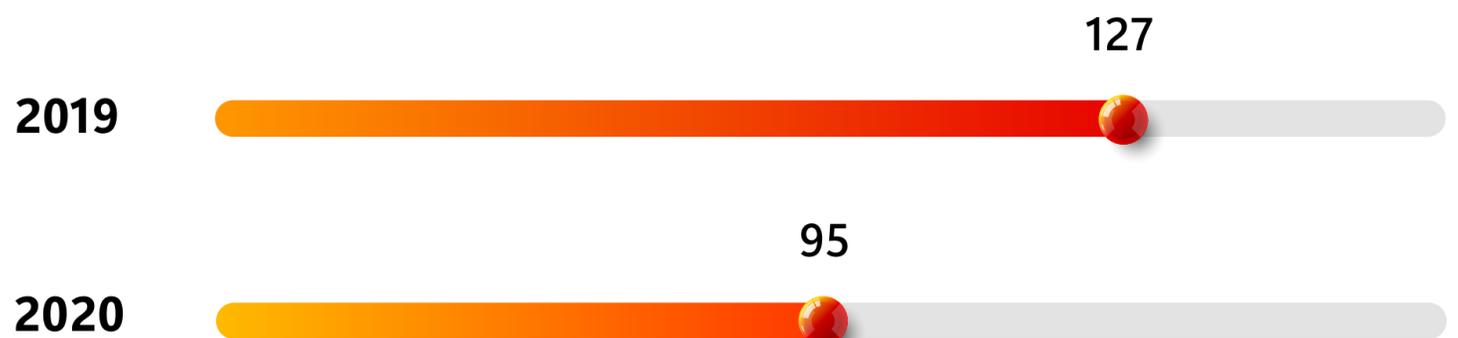
Ransomware operators maximized their profit streams with a **double whammy**. In addition to demanding money for the restoration of their victims' access to encrypted data (and even increasing the ransom when payment was overdue), they threatened to **leak** sensitive information if the victims didn't pay up.

Given the risk of public exposure, victim organizations confronted the possibility of **reputational damage** as well as data loss.

Swipe

The 10 industries most targeted by ransomware attacks in 2020

Government — 31,906

Banking — 22,082

Manufacturing — 17,071

Healthcare — 15,701

Finance — 14,917

Education — 4,578

Technology — 4,216

Food and beverage — 3,702

Oil and gas — 2,281

Insurance — 2,002

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