

# 2026 Cloudflare Threat Report

How adversaries are weaponizing the Internet

Cloudforce One has identified a fundamental shift in the threat landscape: **Cyber threats have industrialized**. Adversaries are shifting from brute force to brutal efficiency, leveraging AI and SaaS complexity to move through networks at machine speed. In a landscape that rewards the stealthy over the loud, organizations need to know their threats in order to thwart them.

The inaugural 2026 Cloudflare Threat Report leverages telemetry from Cloudflare’s global network, which protects 20% of the web, to help organizations stay ahead of the curve. With visibility into more than 200 billion threats every single day, we provide the critical context security teams need to make confident decisions.

## 2026 critical trends

- **AI is automating high-velocity attacks.** Threat actors use GenAI for real-time network mapping, exploit development, and the creation of deepfakes, enabling low-skill attackers to conduct high-impact operations.
- **State-sponsored threat actors are pre-positioning in critical infrastructure.** Chinese state-sponsored actors are prioritizing North American telecommunications, commercial government, and IT services for long-term geopolitical leverage.
- **SaaS integrations are expanding the blast radius of attacks.** Over-privileged third-party API integrations allow a single compromised API to breach hundreds of distinct environments.
- **Deepfake personas are infiltrating Western payrolls.** North Korea is using deepfakes and fraudulent identities to embed state-sponsored operatives directly into Western organizations for espionage and illicit revenue.
- **Identity attacks are neutralizing multi-factor authentication.** By weaponizing infostealers like LummaC2 to harvest active session tokens, attackers are bypassing authentication and moving straight to lateral movement.
- **Hyper-volumetric strikes are crippling infrastructure.** Enormous distributed denial-of-service attacks are overwhelming infrastructure in short bursts, eliminating the window for human response.

## What’s inside

- Novel threats and what to prepare for
- Nation-state actor profiles and TTPs
- How cybercrime tactics are shifting in 2026
- Localized intelligence for your region
- Steps needed for autonomous defense

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