



SECURITY IN PERSPECTIVE

Security in motion.

New vulnerabilities keep arriving. Some older ones are still being exploited. This briefing separates publication volume from confirmed exploitation and uses the same live data as the BlackTree dashboard.

71,606
2026 publications
Year to date; 86% vs the same complete months last year

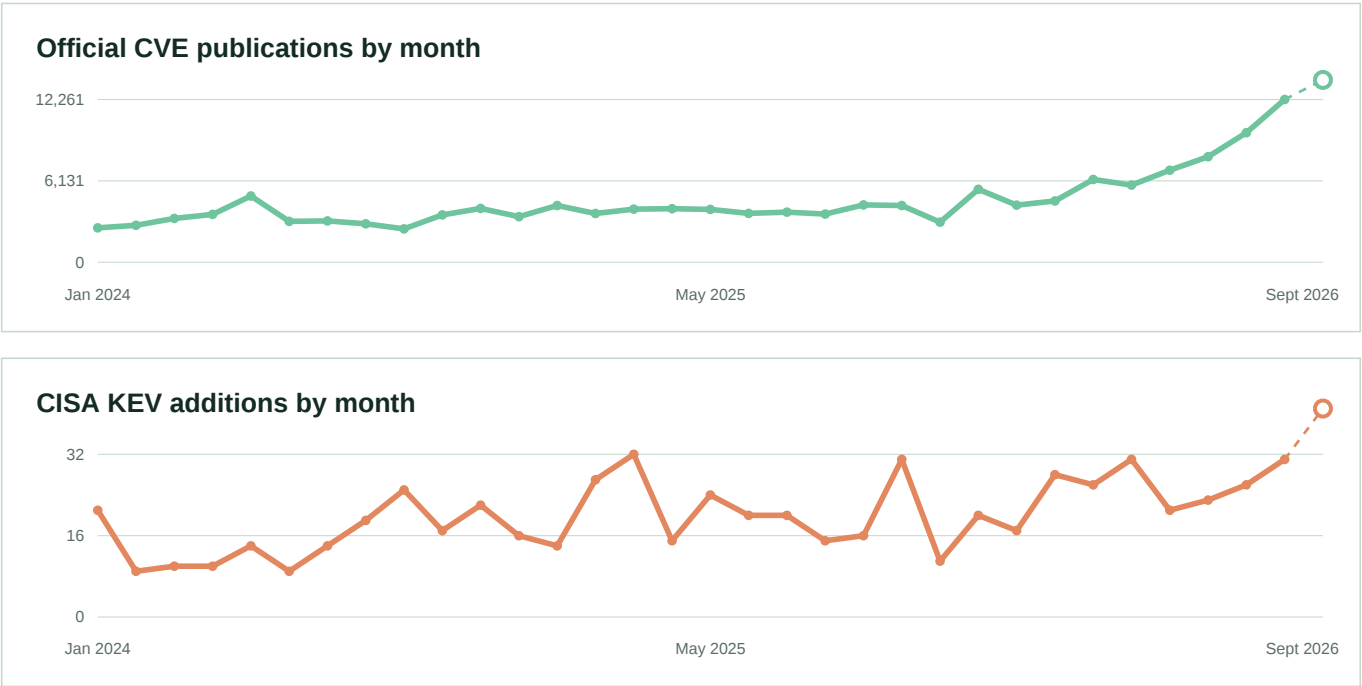
281
KEV additions
Last 12 complete calendar months

16%
Older exploited CVEs
At least 3 years old when added to KEV

WHAT THESE NUMBERS MEAN

CVE is a public identifier for a software vulnerability. CISA's Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) catalogue records vulnerabilities with evidence of active exploitation. A KEV addition is not an attack count. It may refer to a vulnerability published years earlier.

TWO SIGNALS, TWO STORIES



Each chart has its own scale. Solid points show complete months; the hollow final point is the current incomplete month. The charts do not imply that every newly published CVE is exploited.



LONG VIEW

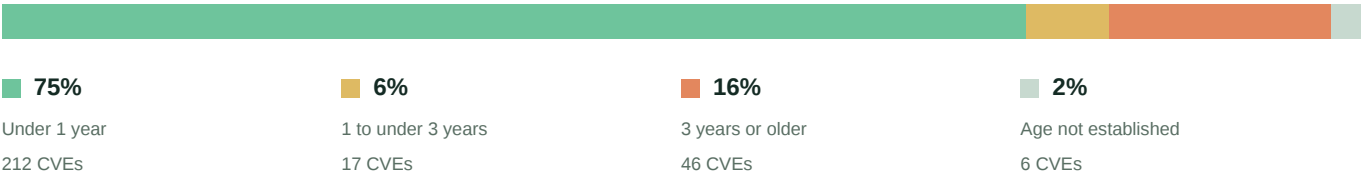
Every year in the catalogue

Official CVE.org publication dates, newest first. The current year is year to date, not a full-year comparison. Historical totals can change after upstream corrections or backfills.

YEAR	PUBLICATIONS	YEAR	PUBLICATIONS
2026 (YTD)	71,606	2012	5,288
2025	48,153	2011	4,150
2024	39,924	2010	4,639
2023	28,847	2009	5,732
2022	25,000	2008	5,673
2021	20,177	2007	7,211
2020	18,363	2006	6,885
2019	17,308	2005	6,708
2018	16,510	2004	1,612
2017	14,642	2003	1,223
2016	6,457	2002	1,690
2015	6,494	2001	1,323
2014	7,928	2000	1,437
2013	5,187	1999	320

THE LONG TAIL OF EXPLOITATION

281 CVEs were added to KEV from 1 Sept 2025 to 31 Aug 2026. Their age is measured from official CVE publication to KEV addition, not from first discovery or first attack.



METHOD AND SOURCES

BlackTree counts official, non-rejected CVE.org records by publication date. KEV counts are non-rejected CVEs currently retained with a CISA Date Added. The age split uses only records with an official publication date no later than KEV addition; other records are labelled age not established.

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Live dashboard: <https://cve.blacktree.nl/security-trends> | Official sources: <https://www.cve.org/> and <https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog>



EXACT FIGURES

The monthly record

CVE publications use the official publication month. KEV additions use CISA's Date Added. The current month is marked partial and should not be compared with a completed month.

MONTH	CVE PUBLICATIONS	KEV ADDITIONS
Sept 2026 (partial)	13,736	41
Aug 2026	12,261	31
Jul 2026	9,759	26
Jun 2026	7,949	23
May 2026	6,934	21
Apr 2026	5,813	31
Mar 2026	6,236	26
Feb 2026	4,616	28
Jan 2026	4,302	17
Dec 2025	5,495	20
Nov 2025	3,020	11
Oct 2025	4,274	31
Sept 2025	4,319	16
Aug 2025	3,629	15
Jul 2025	3,774	20
Jun 2025	3,682	20
May 2025	3,980	24
Apr 2025	4,033	15
Mar 2025	4,001	32
Feb 2025	3,673	27
Jan 2025	4,273	14
Dec 2024	3,433	16
Nov 2024	4,054	22
Oct 2024	3,566	17
Sept 2024	2,514	25
Aug 2024	2,895	19
Jul 2024	3,113	14
Jun 2024	3,080	9
May 2024	4,991	14
Apr 2024	3,604	10
Mar 2024	3,299	10
Feb 2024	2,784	9
Jan 2024	2,591	21

See the prior page for definitions, source status and methodology. The live BlackTree dashboard always shows the latest available snapshot.