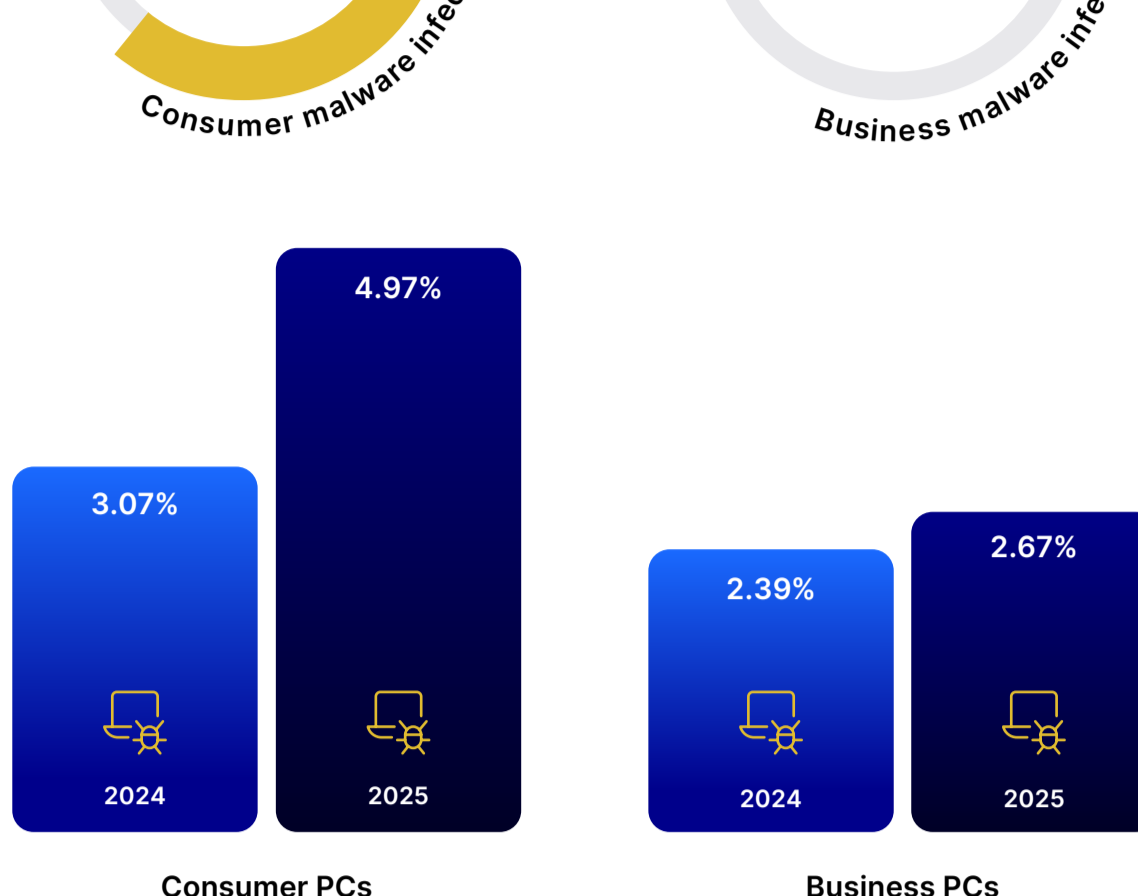


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A year of rising infections and expanding attack surfaces, 2025 revealed one clear trend—cyberthreats are scaling faster than defenses.

Malware growth is surging

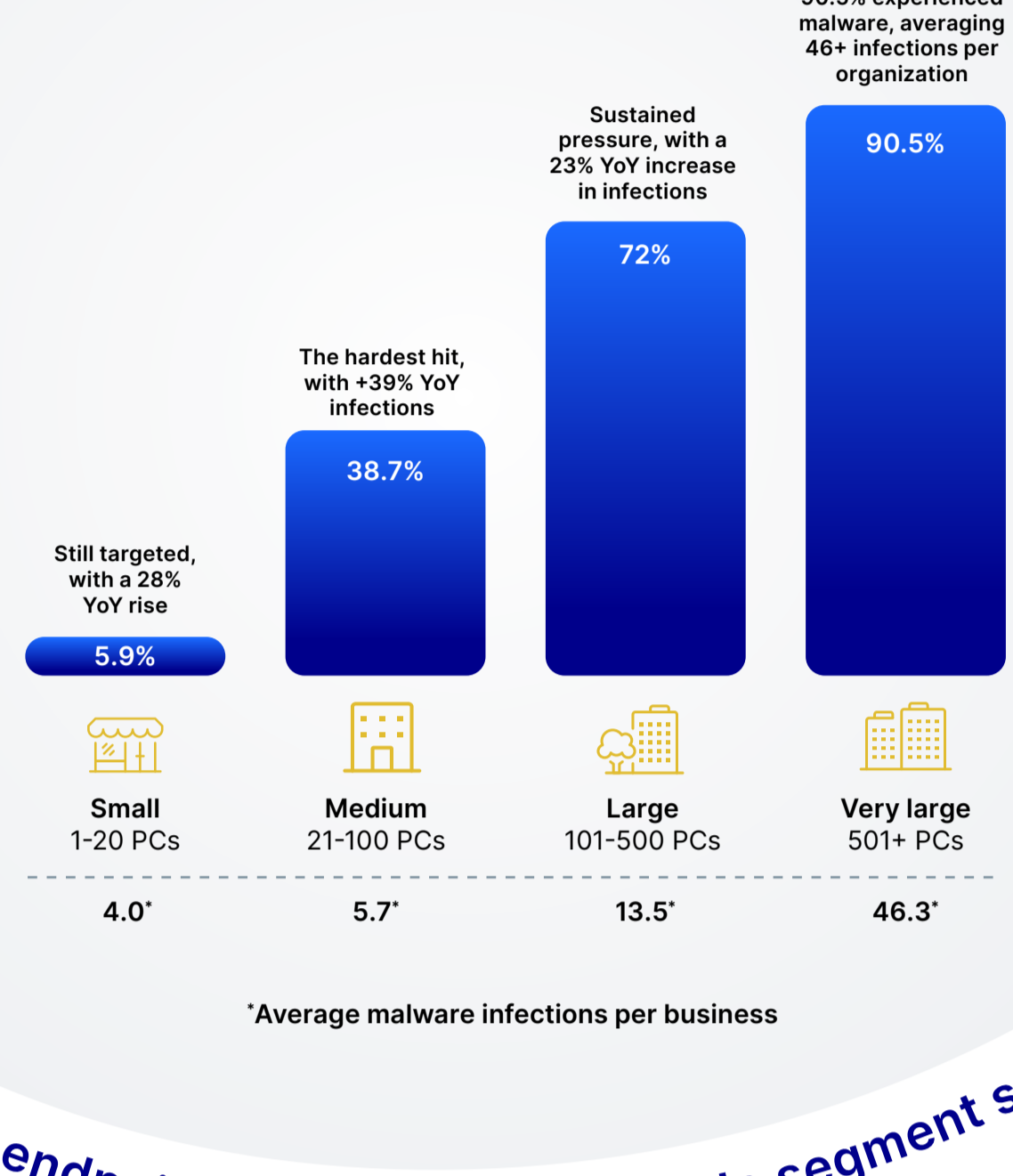
Business and consumer infections climbed sharply year over year



Companies using both DNS and endpoint protection saw 7.6% fewer infections than endpoint alone.

Size amplifies exposure

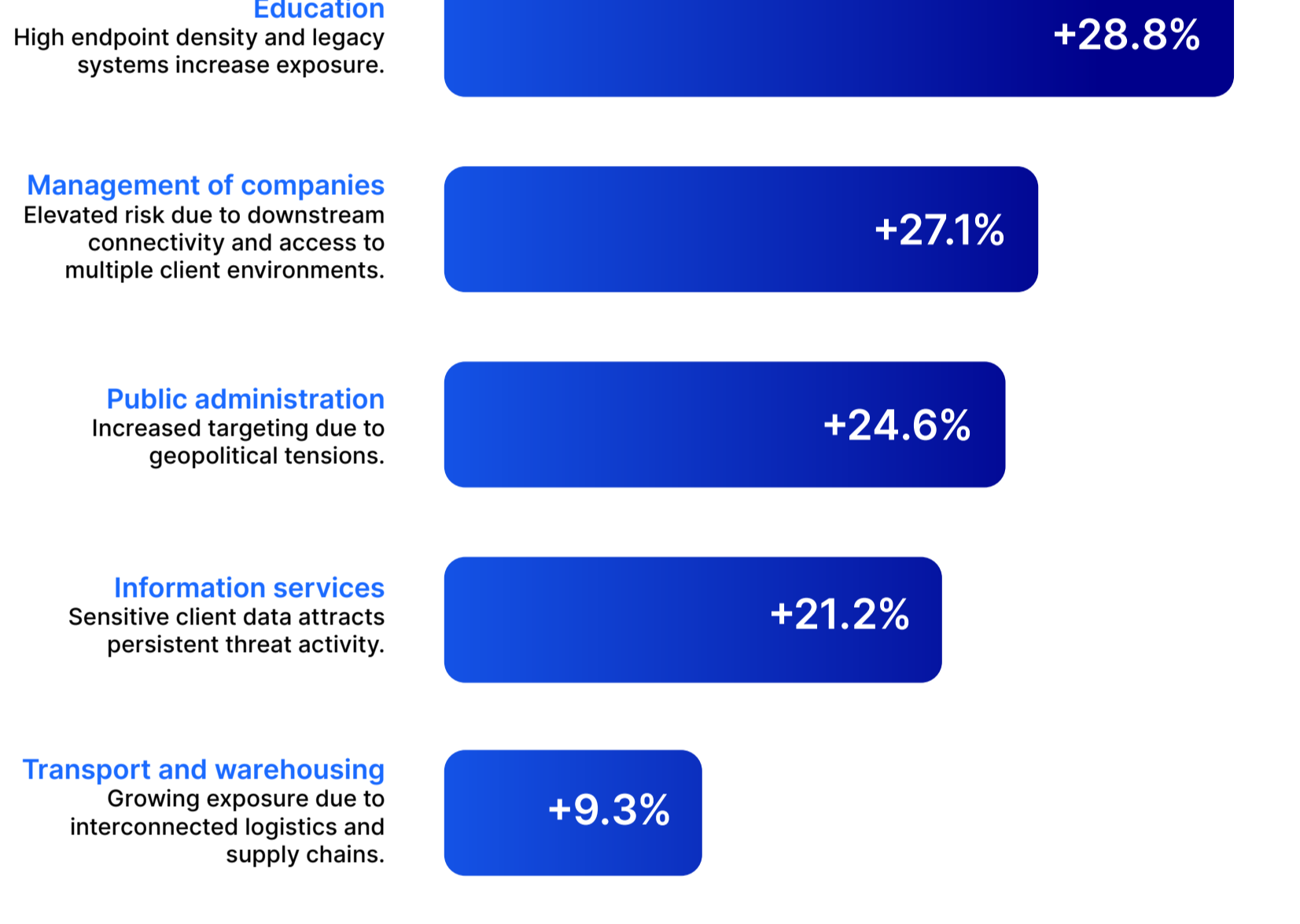
As organizations grow, malware exposure rises dramatically



More endpoints = more exposure. No segment saw a decline.

Industries exceeding the overall malware infection average

Percent shown reflects how far above the cross-industry average each sector ranked



Ransomware reality check

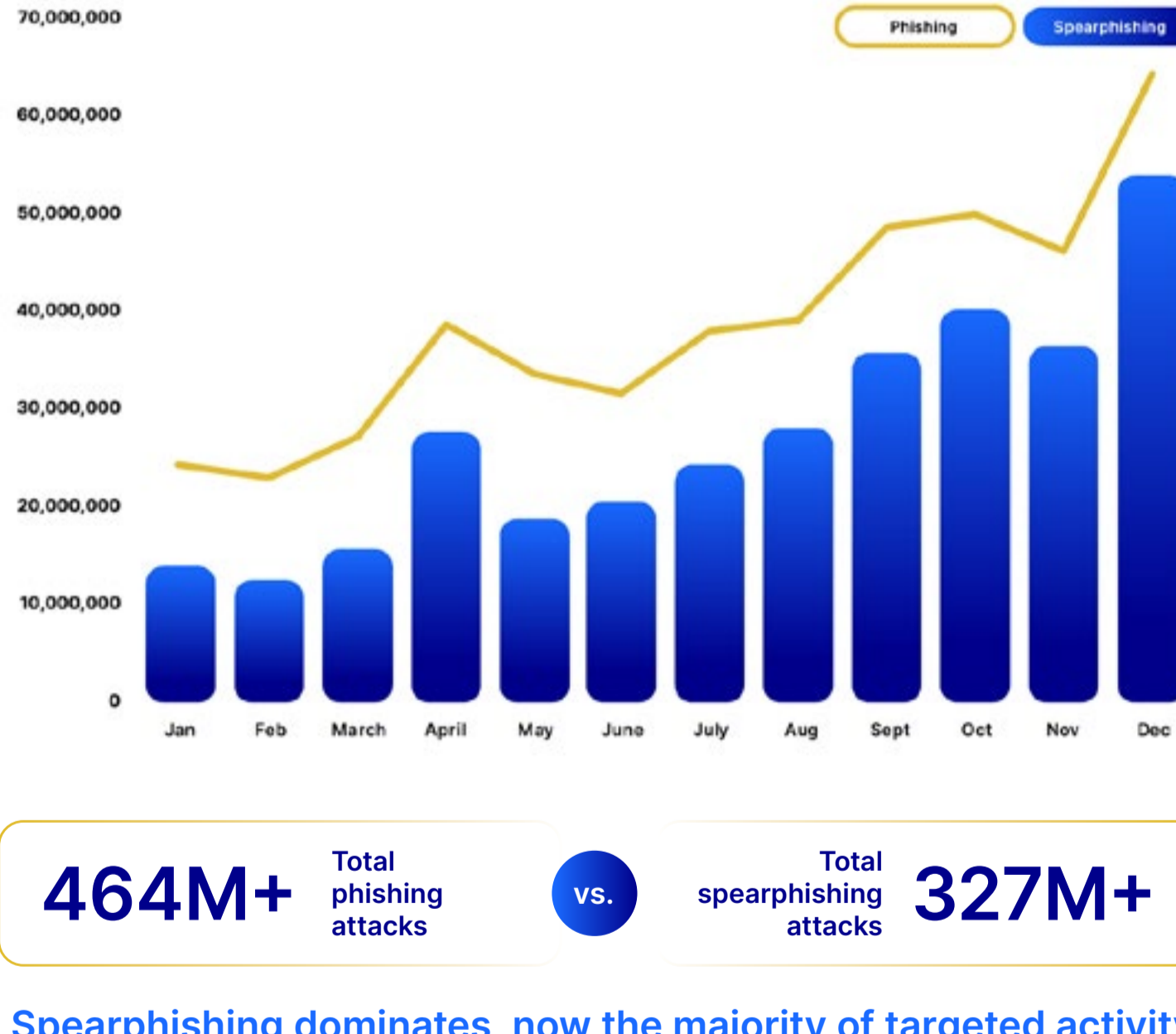
Confidence is up—but resilience is not keeping pace



Phishing and spearfishing explode

Attackers now scale both volume and precision
Phishing and spearfishing in 2025

Phishing up 206% YoY, showing sustained acceleration | AI enables rapid personalization, contextual lures, and automated campaigns | The boundary between routine phishing and executive targeting is disappearing



464M+ Total phishing attacks vs. 327M+ Total spearfishing attacks

Spearfishing dominates, now the majority of targeted activity

What leaders should do now

- Scale layered protection across email, DNS, and endpoint
- Validate ransomware recovery through testing, not assumption
- Reduce high-risk exposure across growing endpoint environments
- Prepare for AI-enabled phishing and precision social engineering

Attackers are scaling in volume and precision. Your defenses must scale in resilience. Strengthen your security stack, tighten governance, and adopt layered protection.

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