

Anti-Abuse Report

Q2 2025



At Identity Digital, we maintain formal relationships with Trusted Notifiers that help alert us to problematic behaviors on domain names in our TLDs. These Trusted Notifiers have a proven track record of expertise, reliability, accuracy, and accountability. Our arrangements with them ensure our evidential thresholds are met and due process is considered. This quarter, we want to highlight one of our Trusted Notifiers, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF).

In addition to being an IWF member, we work closely with the IWF to combat the proliferation of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) online. When the IWF identifies an instance of CSAM occurring on the domain names within our TLDs, the IWF notifies us and we work with our registrar and hosting provider partners to expeditiously disrupt access to or remove the content.

The IWF also alerts registry operator members like us to specific terms commonly used as second-level domains (SLDs) by operators of websites dedicated to CSAM. Often these offenders will adopt a certain SLD as their “brand,” enabling users seeking that content to more easily find them when one domain is rendered inactive. The IWF tracks when these SLDs appear in multiple TLDs (each appearance referred to as a “hop”) and has created their TLD Hopping List. Once a given SLD has reached a certain number of “hops,” we proactively block that SLD across our portfolio of more than 270 TLDs, preventing those domain names from being used for CSAM. The IWF provides this list to participating registry operators and service providers to help them prevent these known abusive domains from being registered under the TLDs they manage.

This thoughtful, proactive prevention of abusive domain registrations by Identity Digital and the IWF helps to disrupt CSAM networks and frustrate the distribution of criminal material.

To date, we have blocked over 120 of these unique strings across our portfolio of more than 270 TLDs.

Read more about the IWF’s TLD hopping initiative [here](#). You can then enroll for the services [here](#).

For more information about Trusted Notifiers please see the [Contracted Party House Trusted Notifier Framework](#) or email us at compliance@identity.digital. For more information about the IWF visit iwf.org.uk.

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Abuse Reporting Statistics

The table below includes information about the number of reports Identity Digital has received in the last quarter about domain names in our TLDs. We may receive multiple reports about the same domain name, and multiple reports are often consolidated into one case.

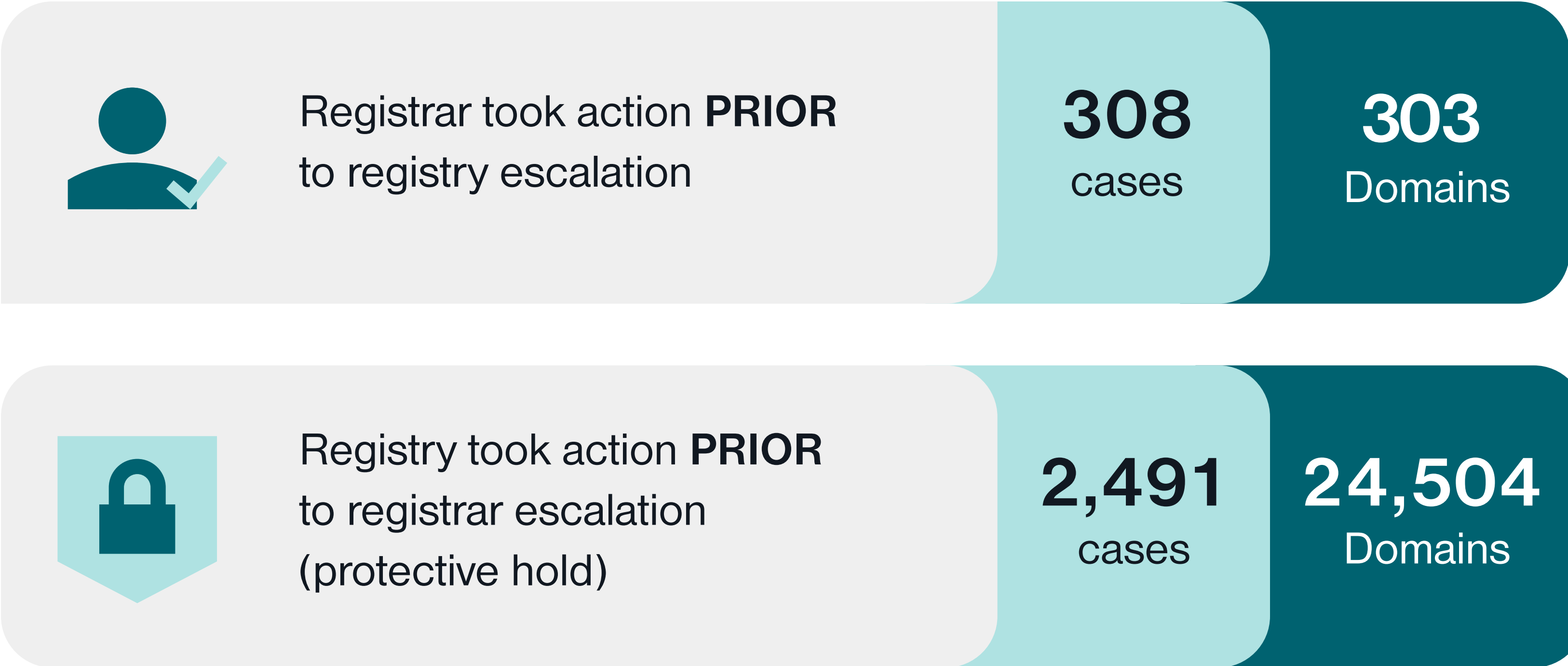
102,415

Total Domains Reported

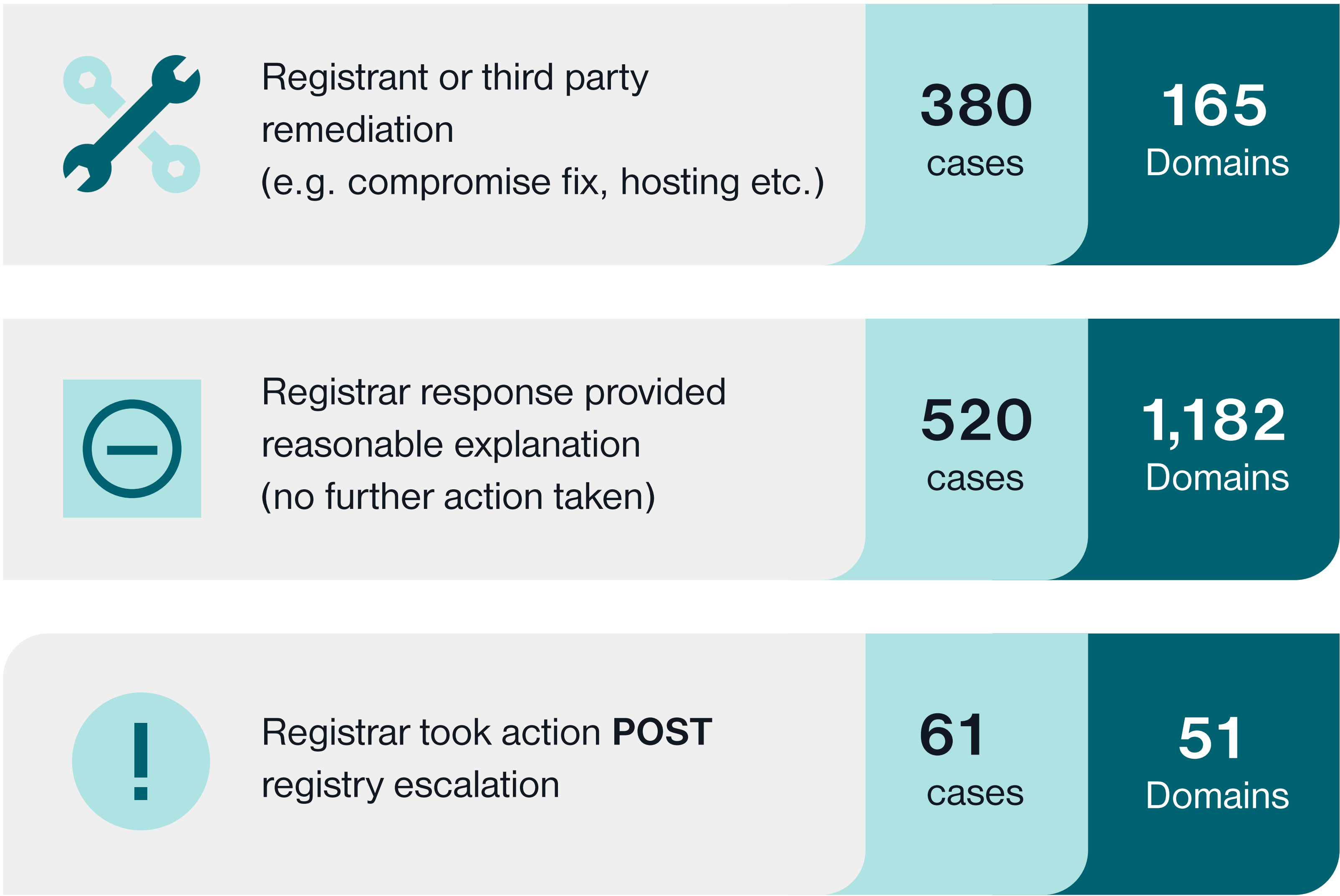
Type of abuse	Detection Method	Number of reports	Number of domains reported	Number of domains on serverHold	% of Total Domains Reported	Number of Reports by Abuse Type
Phishing	Abuse List	52,578	33,851	25,596	33.05%	114,444
	Report API Submissions	33,223				
	Manual Submissions	13				
	Third Party Reports (email or abuse form)	28,630				
Malware	Abuse List	1,997	1,504	398	1.47%	3,412
	Report API Submissions	1,002				
	Third Party Reports (email or abuse form)	413				
Pharming	Any	0	0	0	0%	0
Botnets	Any	5,646	4,036	518	3.94%	5,646
Spam (as a delivery mechanism)	Spam Traps	839	147	6	0.14%	853
	Third Party Reports (email or form)	14				
Denial-of-service attacks	Any	0	0	0	0%	0
Child Sexual Abuse Material	IWF	11,755	54	7	0.05%	11,756
	Third Party Reports (email or form)	1				
Promotion, encouragement, sale, or distribution of prescription medication without a valid prescription in violation of applicable law	Third Party Reports (email or form)	361	83	29	0.08%	361
Illegal access of computers or networks	Any	0	0	0	0%	0
Cyber-bullying, harassment, or other forms of abuse to individuals or groups	Any	0	0	0	0%	0
Incitement to violence or other unlawful actions	Third Party Reports (email or form)	0	0	0	0%	0
Failure by registrant of a two-character SLD to take steps to ensure against misrepresenting or falsely implying that it is affiliated with the corresponding government or country-code manager, if such affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement does not exist	Any	0	0	0	0%	0
Holding oneself out as a licensed medical practitioner in a .doctor domain name when such license doesn't exist	Any	0	0	0	0%	0
Other	Report API Submissions	1,379	69,845	427	68.20%	71,302
	Manual Submissions	68,616				
	Third Party Reports (email or abuse form)	165				
	Abuse List	1,142				

Action Timeline

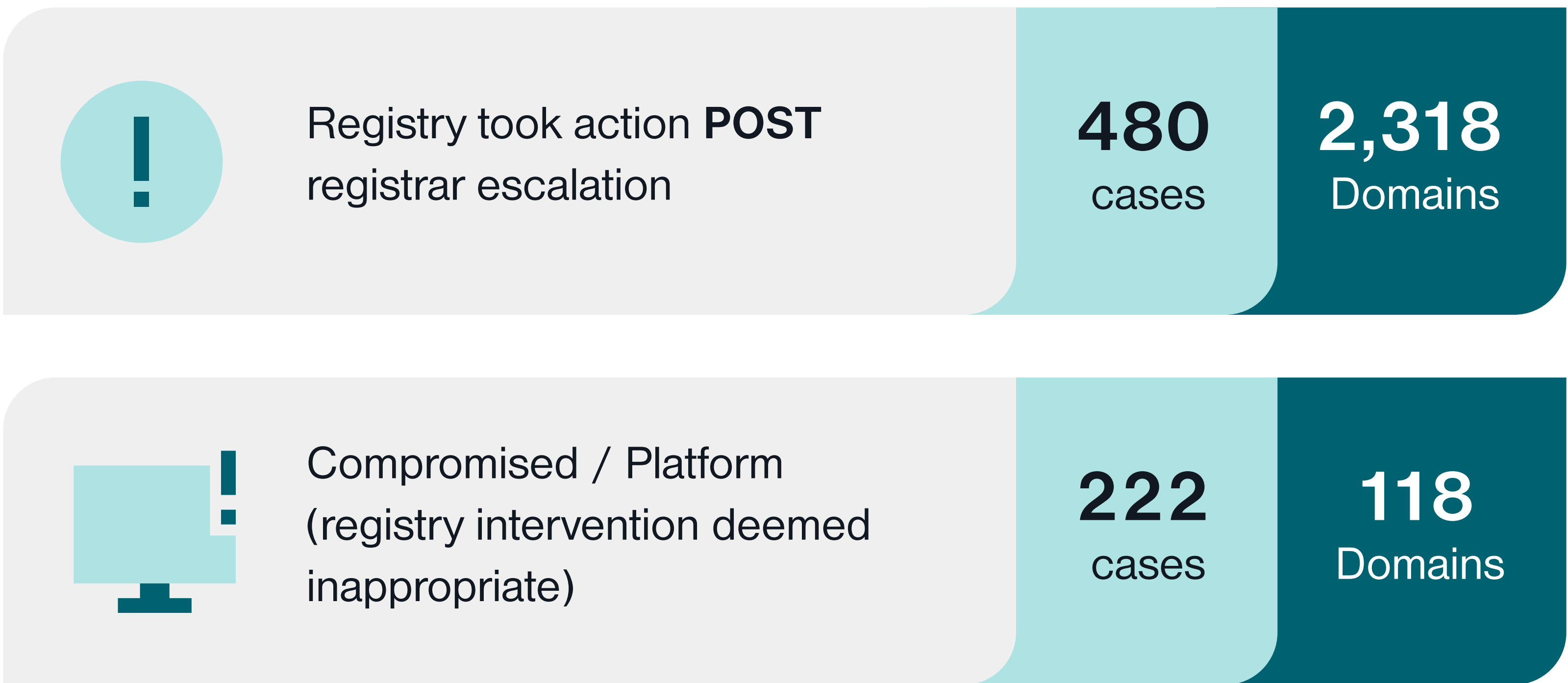
0hrs



24hrs



72hrs



5,169

Cases closed*

31,142

Unique domains affected (closed)**

24,504

Domains placed on protective holds (within 24 hrs of report)

0.23%

Percent of all ID domains

13.41M

Number of all ID domains in current Q

26,758

Total number of domains reported on serverHold status

* Statistics for “cases opened” vs. “cases closed” can ordinarily differ in the same measurement period

** Cases often contain multiple domains in a single escalation

Our Expertise

Detection methods, training given to staff, use of automated decision making when creating abuse cases and suspending domains

Identity Digital Abuse Team members complete continuing professional education (CPE) at least once per month, focused on topics related to anti-abuse and cybersecurity. Monthly performance audits, conducted by subject matter experts, evaluate the quality of escalations and takedowns. These audits aim to identify areas for improvement and determine additional CPE opportunities to enhance staff performance. Additionally, all staff participate in annual or quarterly security training.

We continuously evaluate abuse submissions and automatically create a case if the available evidence meets threshold standards. A team of analysts then reviews these cases and manually escalates the reports for investigation.





Trusted Notifiers

Identity Digital considers reports made to it via a number of avenues; however, there is a small category of reporters we consider “Trusted Notifiers.”

In addition to the other sources of reports described in this report, Identity Digital works with a small category of reporters we consider “Trusted Notifiers.” Identity Digital maintains formal, contractual relationships with our Trusted Notifiers.

Although each Trusted Notifier relationship is subjective and unique, the formal arrangements establish accepted standards of due process, including evidential expectations, due diligence, and ensuring reports are made to the appropriate and proximate service providers, prior to the registry being asked to intervene.

For more information on Trusted Notifiers in general please see the Contracted Party House Trusted Notifier Framework.

If you would like to discuss a potential trusted notifier relationship with Identity Digital, please contact us at compliance@identity.digital.

Identity Digital currently maintains formal trusted notifier relationships with:

Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)

The IWF securely provides us with reports of URLs using Identity Digital domains, which have been verified and confirmed as being used to access Child Sexual Abuse Material.

Motion Picture Association (MPA)

Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA)

Identity Digital receives reports of domains associated with pervasive and patently apparent copyright infringement. All reports must come with clear evidence of this pervasive infringement, and all reports must have already been made to the more proximate and appropriate service providers, such that any consideration of the registry is appropriate at that time.

In this quarter, we actioned the following reports:

		IWF	MPA	RIAA
Unique domains affected		53	0	0
Domains suspended	Registrar	19	0	0
	Registry	7	0	0
Remediated (confirmed by IWF or registrar)		20	0	0
Closed / remediated other		13	0	0



LEA Requests and Court Orders

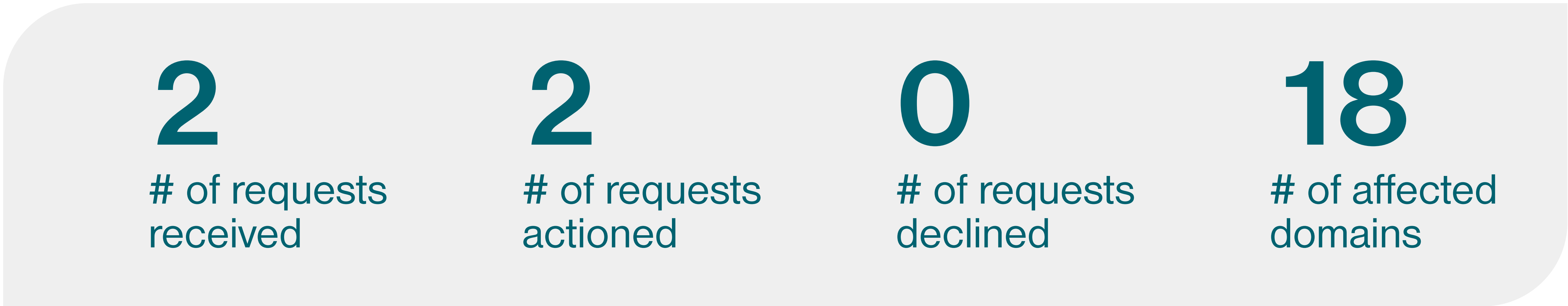
Orders from Competent Jurisdictions**

This table details the requests received by Identity Digital from courts or other government agencies of competent jurisdictions. These requests usually ask Identity Digital to take specific actions, such as redirecting nameservers, transferring domains to different registrars, or suspending the subject domain names.

Report category (abuse or illegal activity)	Country	Number of requests	Number of affected domains	Number of domains suspended	Number of domains transferred
Seizure Warrants	USA	8	29	29	0
Court Order	USA	8	550	0	550

LEA Requests*

In addition to working with our Trusted Notifiers to combat abuse in our TLDs, Identity Digital collaborates directly with law enforcement authorities to help mitigate or eliminate online harms. These requests address reports of ongoing violations of registration terms such as our Acceptable Use Policy.



*This is taking down/transferring domains due to court orders
**This is requests to help mitigate DNS Abuse



Data Disclosure Requests

We favor a system that supports freedom of expression, predictability, and safety for the data of all our registrars and their registrant customers, regardless of physical location.

We review each data disclosure request received and only disclose the requested information where such disclosures are justified, necessary, proportional, and in line with our legal obligations. The following table displays the number of disclosure requests received by the registry, as well as the closure reason for requests received during this quarter.

Of note we continue to receive a number of disclosure requests each quarter that are either spam or simply relate to TLDs not administered by our registry.

Overview	3 Affected Domains	2 No Data Processed*	1 Decision to Disclose	0 Final Decisions to Not Disclose
Category of Data Disclosure Requests Received	Intellectual Property Related			0
	Law Enforcement Request			2
	Domain Purchase – domain does not exist			0
	Not a valid disclosure request (No actual valid request made / unconnected to domains / spam)			0
	Incomplete / Incorrect (Incomplete form, missing information, wrong registry etc.)			0
	* Underlying registrant data not reviewed as request was not complete / no valid legal basis established			



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