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"Small Businesses Hit Hardest by Cyber Crime Costs"

This article covered the rise of cyber crime and focused on how it is increasingly difficult for small businesses to defend against them. Small businesses simply do not have the money to constantly stay on top of the latest cyber threats and so they are becoming big targets for cyber thieves. Interestingly, the article points out that big businesses are still the largest target of cyber crime attempts, but the most information is stolen through smaller businesses. The writer interviewed a security expert for a company who gave multiple potential solutions for small businesses to reduce the rates of attacks and how successful they are. One such solution is a specialist ISP which prioritizes security for its clients, small businesses would use this specialist to store data instead of the cloud, which is currently the most popular method for data storage among small businesses.

I think the issues mentioned in this article will affect me because, while I do not have a business, multiple companies have my information because I am a customer for them. I also use the cloud for personal data such as documents for school, photos and videos, and personal projects, so these issues could directly affect my data. I expect this to impact me in the way of my data being occasionally leaked as part of the numerous data breaches that happen occasionally. According to haveibeenpwned.com, which is a website that checks if your information was in a major breach, my information has actually been in at least four dumps. I can do my best to avoid the impacts of this issue by not giving my data out to everyone and always being sure to have unique passwords for websites which change regularly.