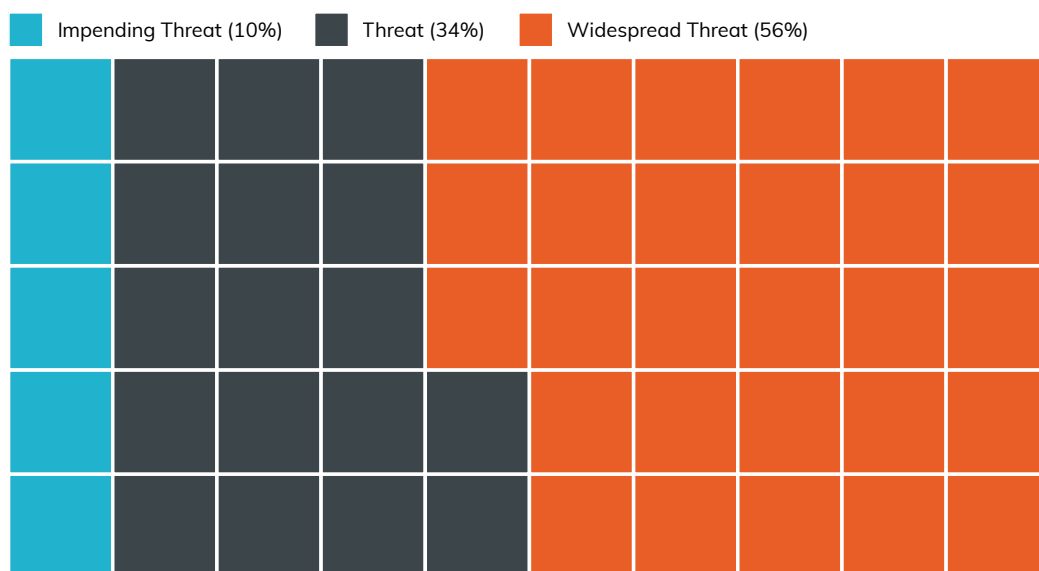


# 2022 Vulnerability Intelligence Report: Less Bad News, But More Complexity

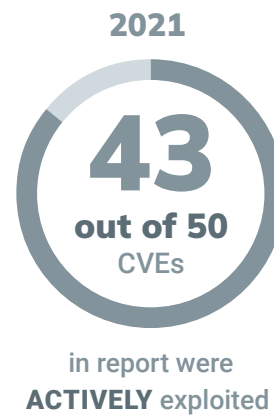
In some ways, the 2022 attack landscape offered security practitioners a slight respite from the brutal onslaught of mass exploitation and zero-day threats that 2021 left in its wake. Widely exploited vulnerabilities were nominally lower in 2022, though they still comprised the lion's share of CVEs Rapid7 researchers tracked last year. Most "4Shell" fears failed to live up to their name-sake, but they nevertheless consumed an inordinate amount of security team time and resources. And while average time to known exploitation fluctuates year over year, a higher percentage of vulnerabilities are being exploited within seven days of public disclosure – an alarming trend.

## 2022 Vulnerabilities by Threat Status



### Exploitation Status Comparison:

Actively exploited



### Level of Exploitation Comparison:

Widespread

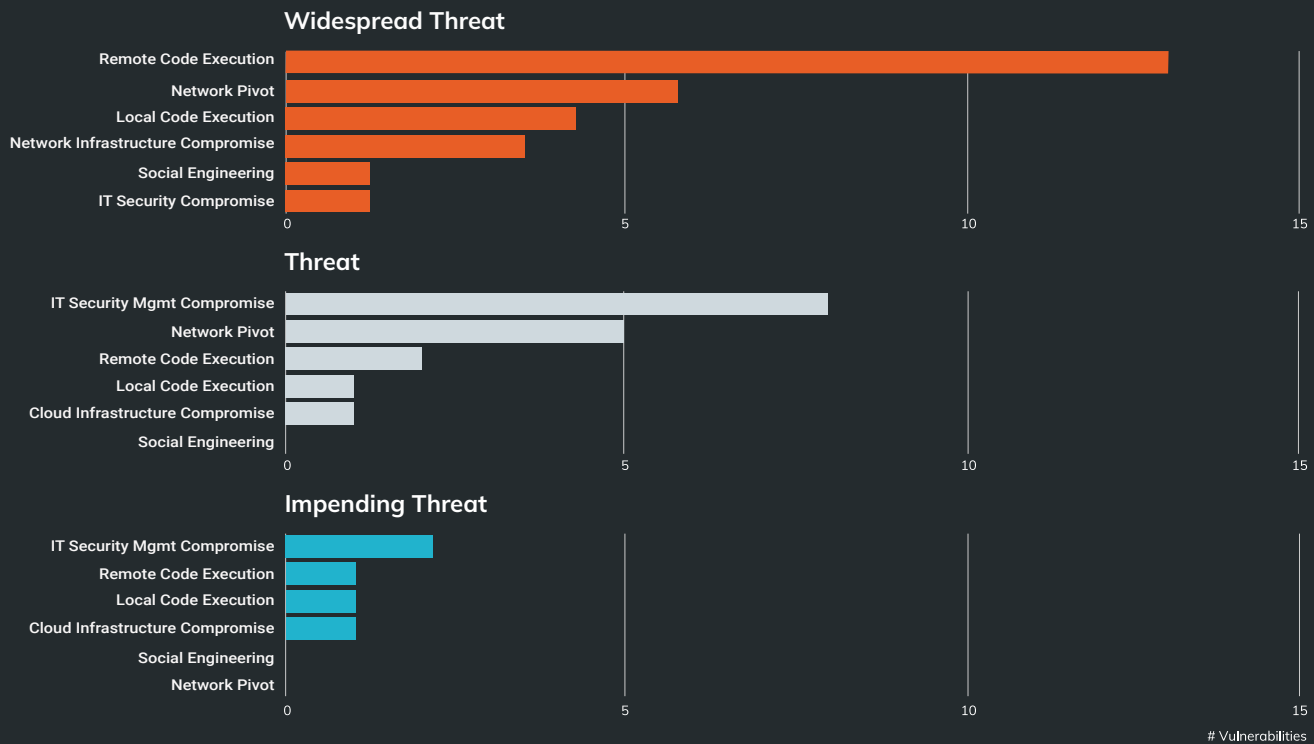


### Time to Exploitation Comparison:

Within 7 days



# 2022 Vulnerabilities by Attacker Utility and Threat Status



Vulnerability prioritization in 2022 was nuanced, and our analysis emphasizes both the seriousness of long-term exploit trends and the small but real ways attacks relented ever so slightly. As always, solid vulnerability management practices are fundamental to mitigating risk from both novel and known threats and we move through 2023 and beyond.



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