



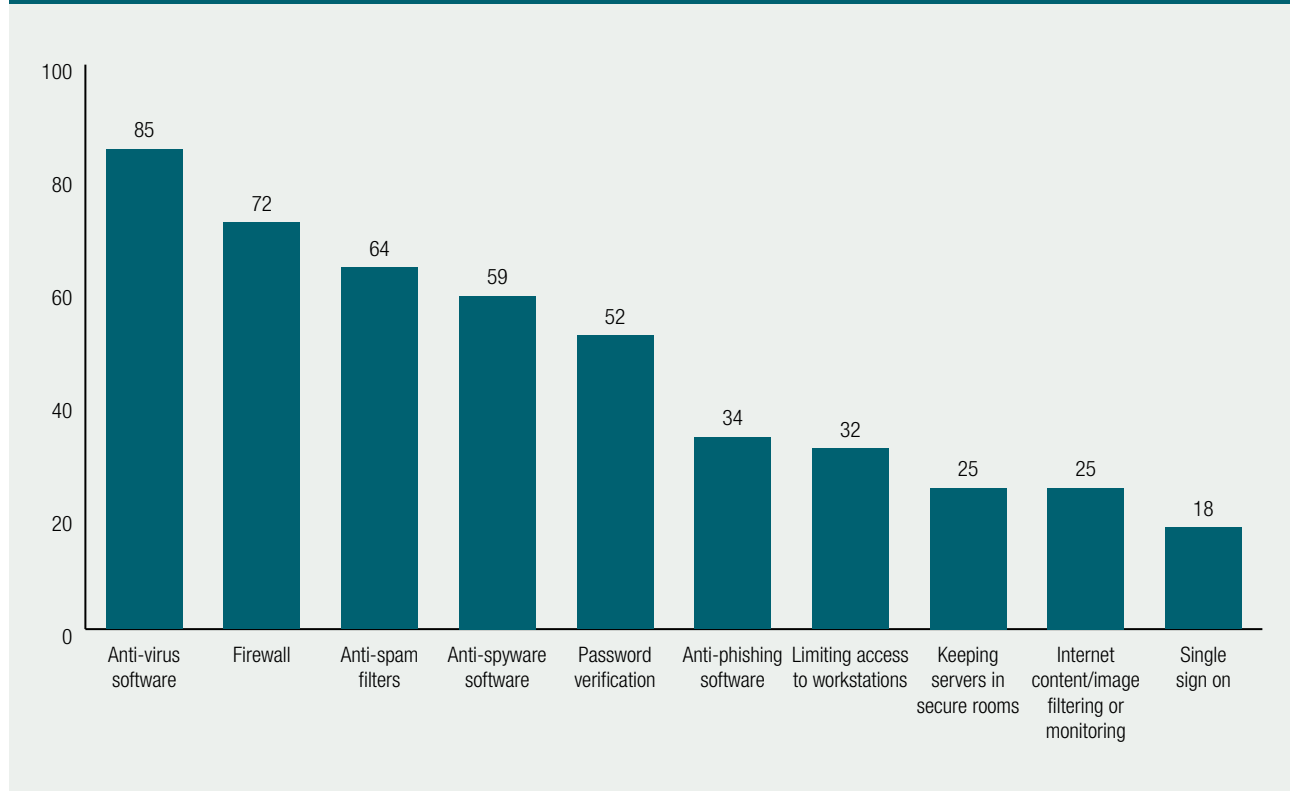
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Top 10 computer security tools used by Australian businesses*

The Australian Businesses Assessment of Computer User Security (ABACUS) survey asked businesses to identify the computer security tools that they had used to protect against computer security incidents during the 2007 financial year (Richards 2009). Computer security incidents were defined as *any unauthorised use, damage, monitoring attack or theft of your business information technology*. Anti-virus software was the most widely used computer security tool by small businesses (those with 0–19 employees), medium businesses (20–199 employees) and large businesses (200 or more employees). Firewalls, anti-spam filters, anti-spyware software and password verification were also commonly used computer security tools, with more than half of businesses reporting using each of these tools.

Computer security tools most commonly used by Australian businesses (percent)



n=3,658

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, ABACUS 2008 [computer file, weighted data]

Reference

Richards K 2009. *The Australian business assessment of computer user security: a national survey*. Research and public policy series no. 102. Canberra: Australian Institute of Criminology. <http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/102/index.html>