## *Electronic attacks on Australian organisations*

The Australian Computer Emergency Response Team (AusCERT) presents its findings on trends in electronic attacks on Australian organisations in its annual *Australian computer crime and security survey*. In the latest survey, 389 organisations responded as to whether they had experienced one or more electronic attacks in the past 12 months. About one in five (22%) had experienced an electronic attack, down from more than one-third (35%) the year before and continuing a downward trend that began in 2004 (49%). Most of these (83%) were from external sources. The latest survey recorded a small increase in external attacks but a larger reduction in internal attacks compared with 2005 (81% external, 37% internal). Across most categories of electronic attack, there was a reduction in the level of activity detected, with the proportion of organisations that did not experience an attack (73%) continuing to grow (61% in 2005, 49% in 2004). Just 10 percent of businesses thought they were managing all aspects of computer security well, an improvement on 2005 (7%) and 2004 (5%).

Electronic attacks on Australian organisations, 2002–06 (percent)
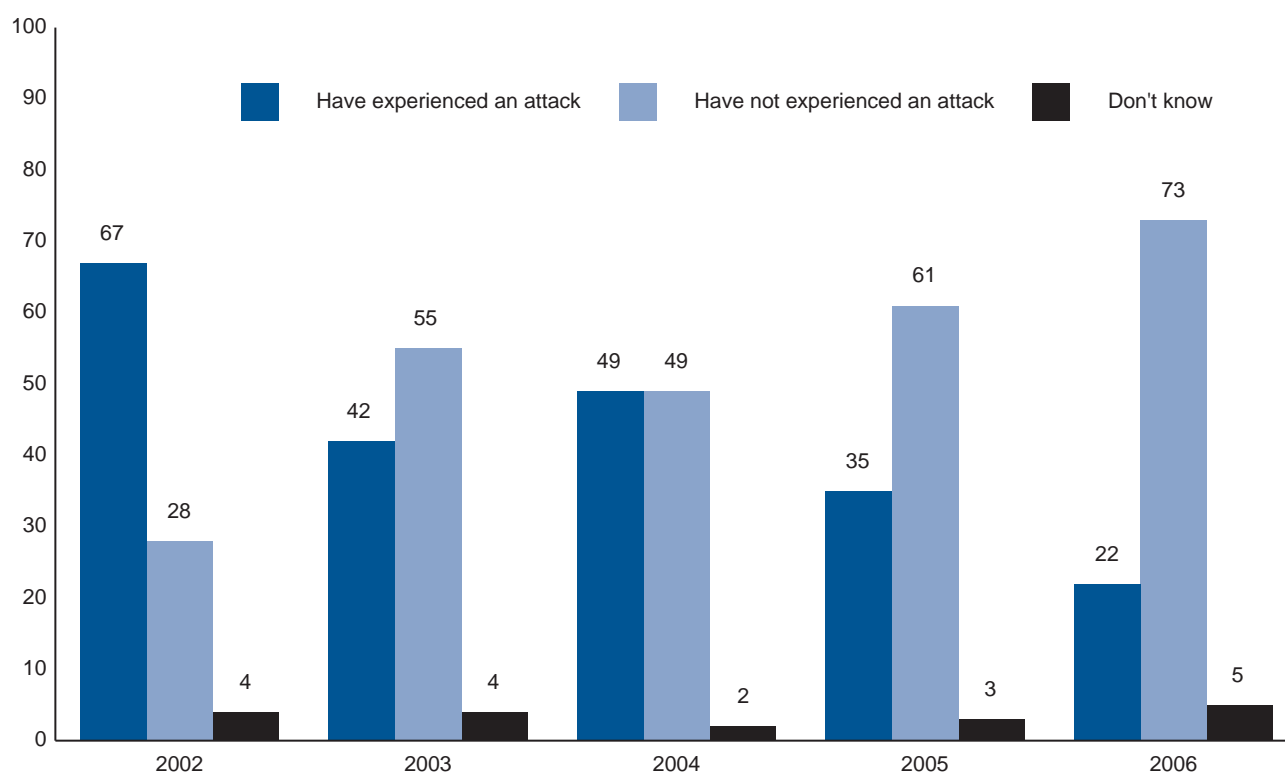
Source: AusCERT 2007

Reference

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