Cyber Attacks Likely to Increase, Pew Reports

The Internet has become so integral to economic and national life that government, business, and individual users are targets for ever-more frequent and threatening attacks, Pew Research reports.

The organization canvassed thousands of experts and Internet builders to share their predictions. (Pew Research called this a canvassing because it is not a representative, randomized survey.)

Its findings emerge from an “opt in” invitation to experts, many of whom play active roles in Internet evolution as technology builders, researchers, managers, policymakers, marketers, and analysts.

One of thekey themes coming from the study was that the Internet is a critical infrastructure for national defense activities, energy resources, banking/finance, transportation, and essential daily-life pursuits for billions of people. “The tools already exist to mount cyber attacks now and they will improve in coming years—but countermeasures will improve, too,” Pew Research reports.

Read the report.