

dnsbelgium

Quarterly report

Q1
2022

Q4 2021 in a nutshell

The start of 2022 is important for DNS Belgium as it confirms an old prediction in terms of domain name growth, i.e. we see a sign that the market is so mature that we stagnate at the end of Q1. For the year on year or even the quarter on quarter growth we still see a positive figure, but the month of March, shows a small decline. This is not the first time, as said it was also foreseen, and we have to take into account that the two 'lockdown years' caused a significant and positive lasting digitalization effect in our economic society.



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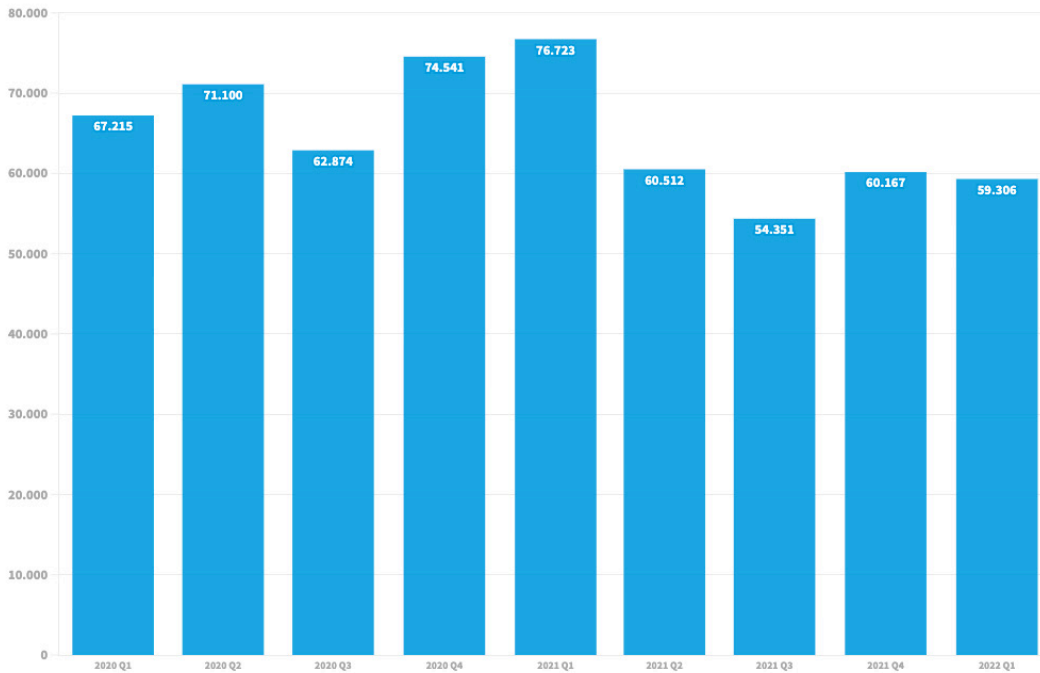
At the end of Q1 we successfully launched the first phase of our 'identification program' with as key objective to reduce the number of abuses with newly registered domain names. Our ambition by the end of 2022 is to identify all registrars for

each newly registered domain name. That ambition will put DNS Belgium in a unique front runners position in the ccTLD world and its fight against internet abuse via domain names.

With the dramatic war in Ukraine starting mid Q1, we quite quickly launched several actions in support of the many refugees. Via Digital For Youth we will donate about 1000 computers to the tens of thousands Ukrainian refugees, amongst them many children. Besides that we have also taken action for all Belarussian, Russian and Ukrainian registrants, to assure that they will remain the owner of their .be domain names whatever happens with the payment troubles that the international sanctions might cause. We keep an extra vigilant eye, of course, on any kind of abuse in the light of the war.

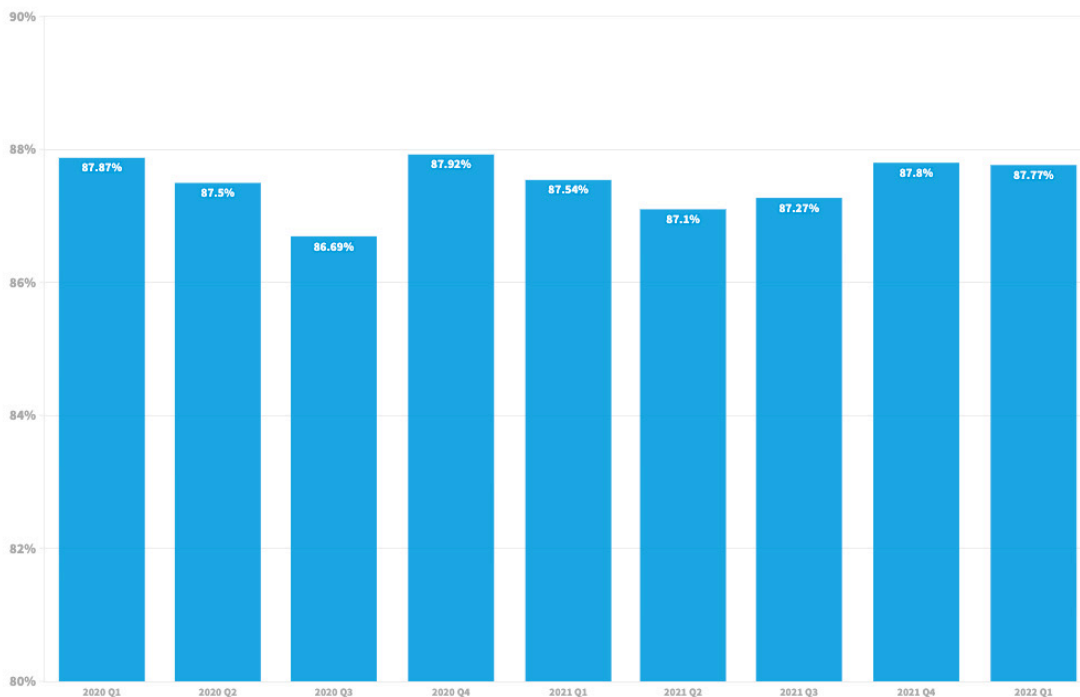
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New registrations, Q1 2020 to Q1 2022



During Q1 of 2022, we registered 59.306 new domain names. That is nearly the same amount as in the previous quarter. Registrations are on a more baseline increase at pre-Covid level.

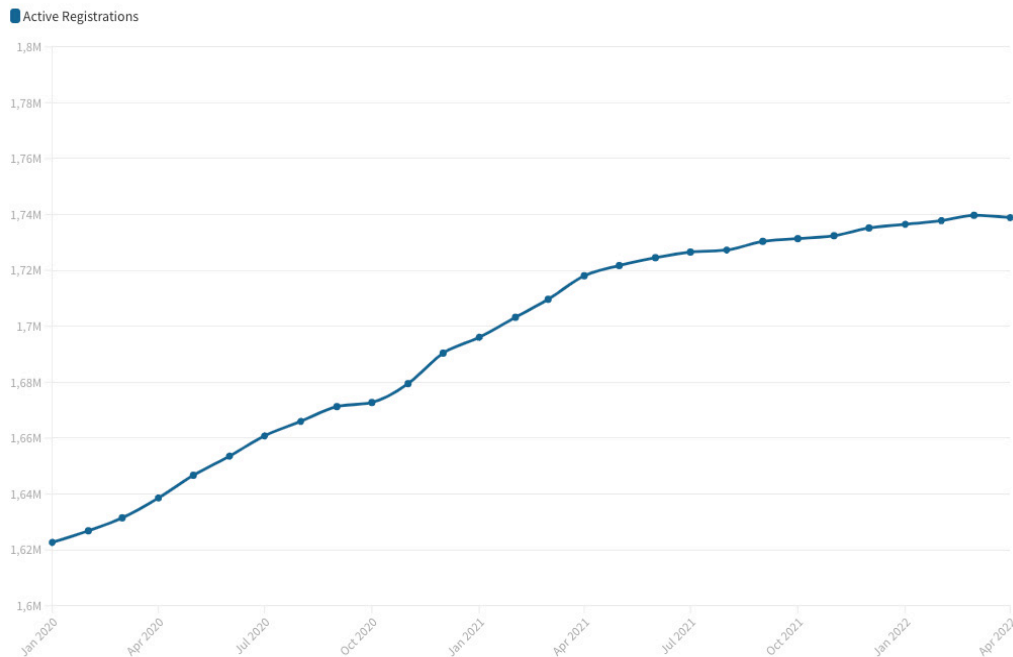
Renewal rate, Q1 2020 to Q1 2022



Our renewal rate stays at 87,8% , the same level as in Q4 of 2021, and is overall very stable. We see this as a sign that the increase in websites is here to stay.

Operations: what do we do everyday?

Active registrations, Q1 2020 to Q1 2022

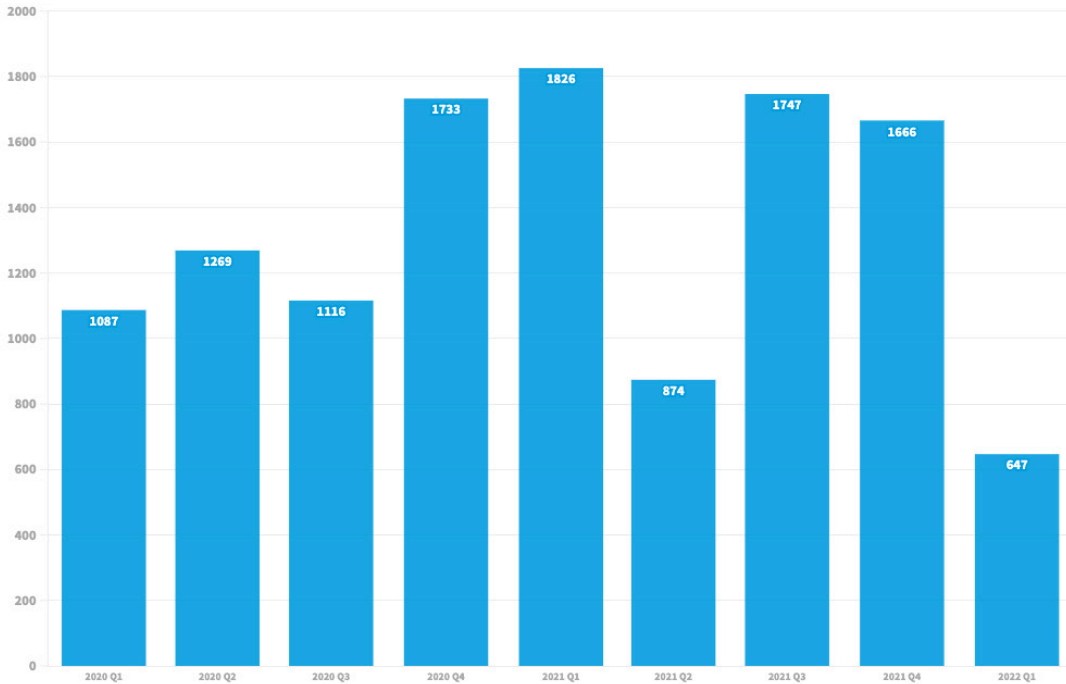


The quick growth during Covid, where we went from 1,6 million active registrations to 1,7 million in about a years' time, has now slowed down to pre-Covid level.

Bearing in mind that the raise from 1,5 million to 1,6 million active registrations took 3 years in the pre-Covid era, we can make a well-founded prediction of the amount of active registrations in the coming months.

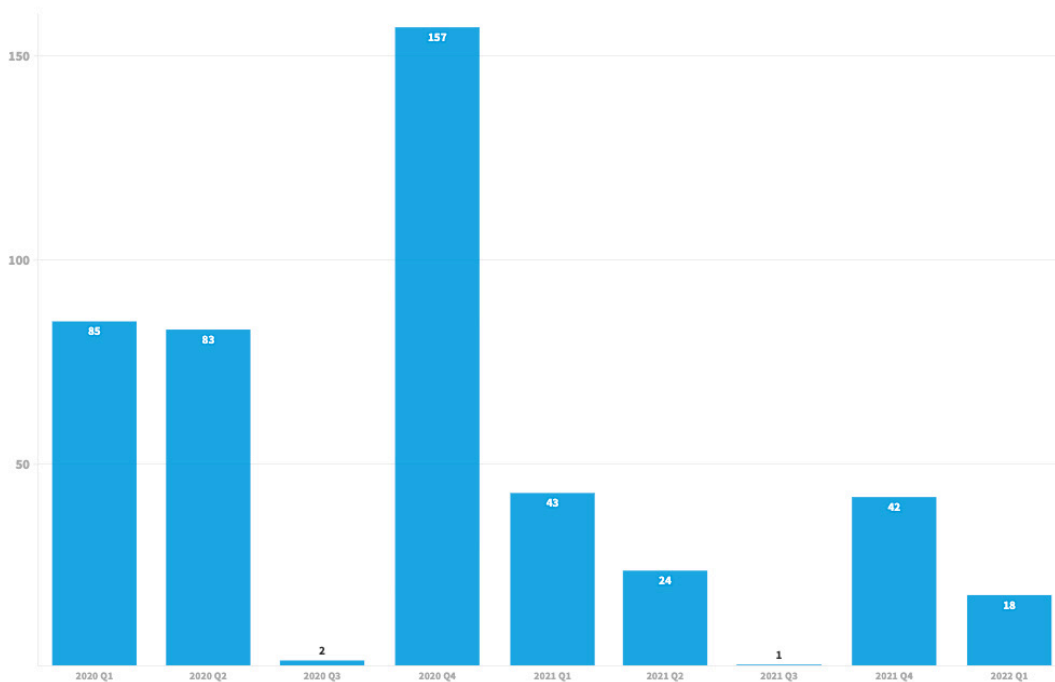


Revokes during Q1 2022



When it comes to making the internet safer, every drop counts. During Q1 of 2022, we revoked 647 domain names for different reasons of abuse. All of this is done to make sure that the least possible websites could be used to do harm on the Belgian web and to increase consumer trust in the digital world.

Fake webshop removal

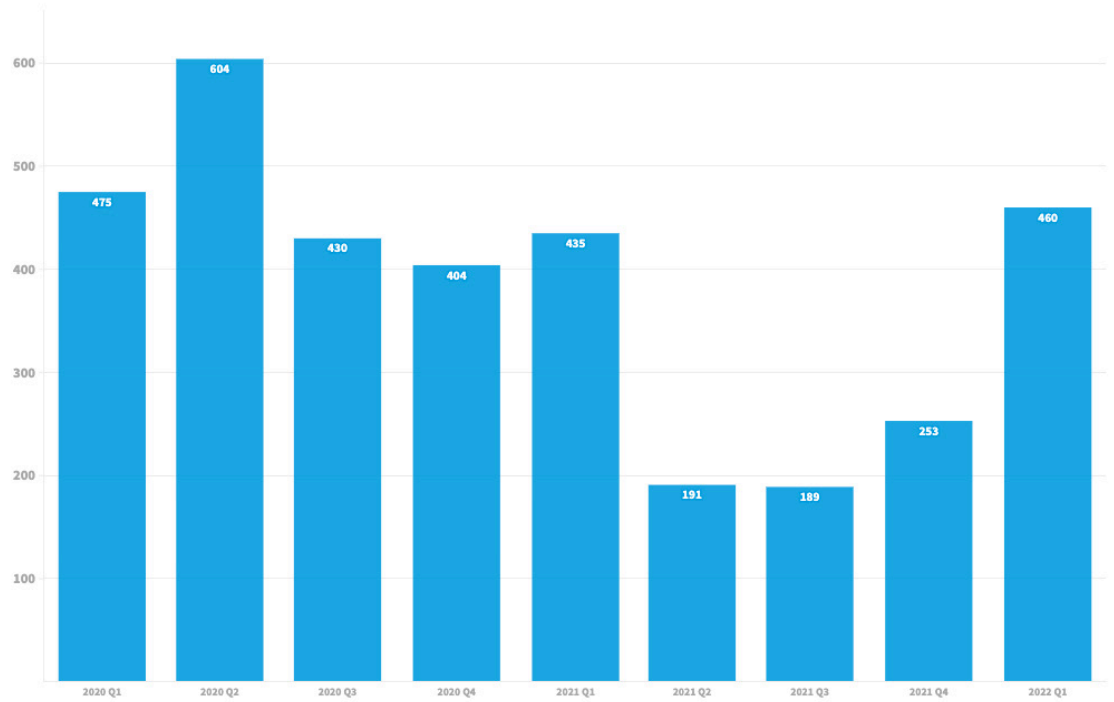


During the first quarter of 2022, 18 fake webshops have been removed from the Belgian internet.

We are working to improve our detection algorithms and skills.

Security: what do we do for safety?

Infected domains detection



The total number of infected domain names is at the same level of Q1 in the previous two years. Our algorithms continue to prove their worth, and continue making the Belgian net safer and more trustworthy.



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.be

.brussels

.vlaanderen

DNS Belgium is a non-profit organisation. Our mission is to register and manage .be, .vlaanderen and .brussels domain names, improve the accessibility of the internet, encourage its use, make it safer to use for everyone and do so in a more sustainable manner.

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