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Quarterly report

Q4
2022

Q4 2022 in a nutshell

The last quarter of 2022 was a rather average one. In terms of transactions it was neither good nor bad. Our renewal rate was back on track, hoovering between 87 and 88%. That is very good.

Our new registrations are a bit lower than what we would like them to be. Financially the good result of the renewals 'compensate' the somewhat disappointing new registrations.

In general, we see the internet usage in Belgium 'slowing down' in this post-Covid year. When you notice the pitiful comeback of traffic jams on our highways, you have to draw the conclusion that we engage less in videoconferencing and homeworking.

Philip Du Bois,
General Manager at DNS Belgium

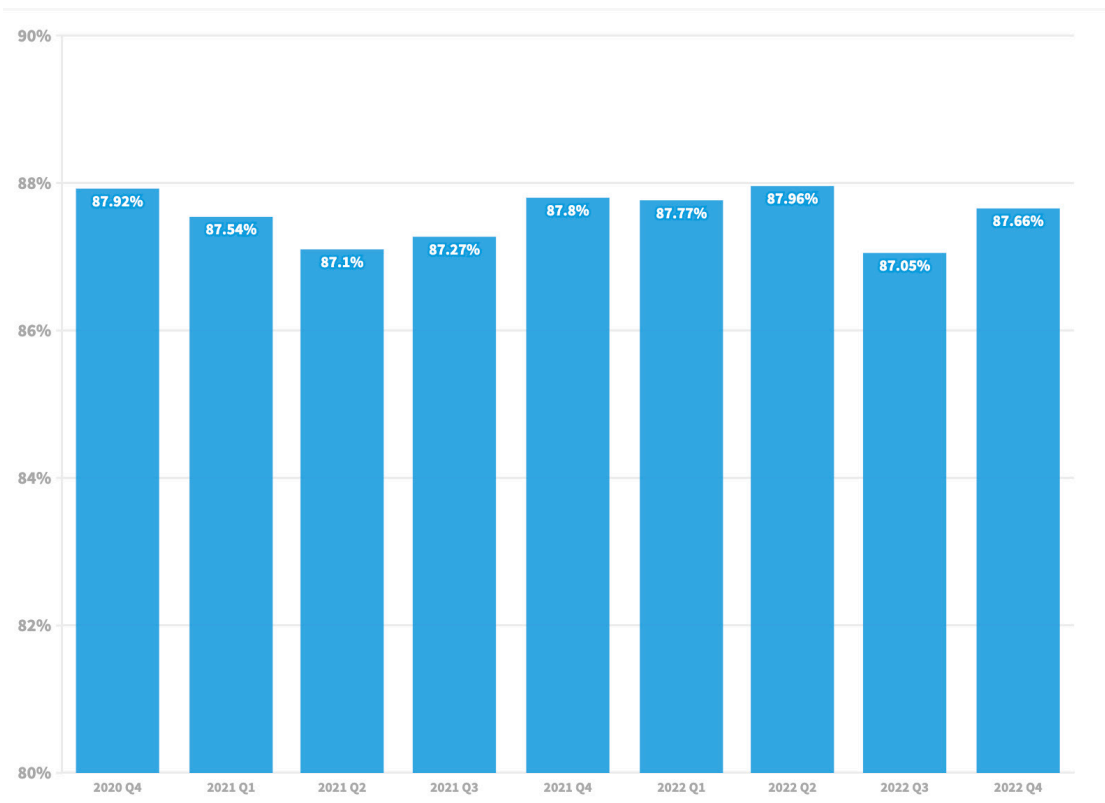## New registrations, Q4 2020 to Q4 2022
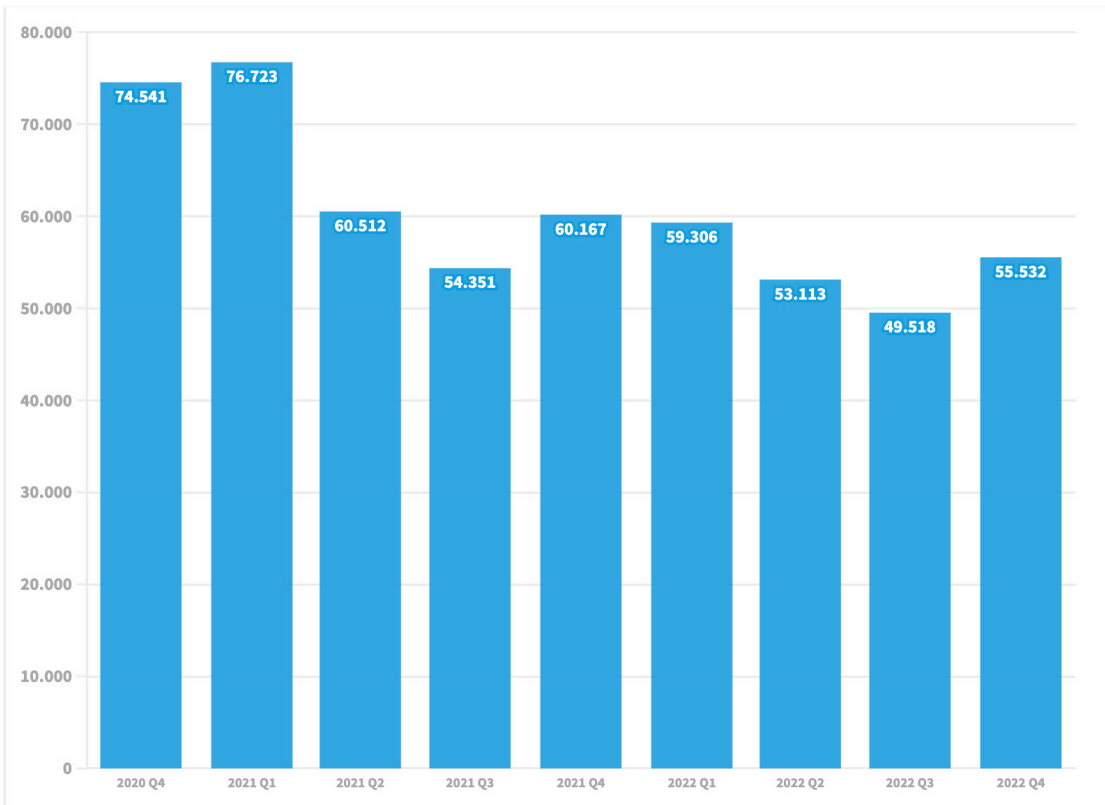
During Q4 of 2022, we registered 55.532 new domain names. Q4 always performs better than the second and third quarters. But in general new registrations were lower in Q4 of 2022 than in the same quarter of previous years.

Renewal rate, Q4 2020 to Q4 2022

Over the years our renewal rate has been very stable on a very high level of approximately 87- 88%. Q4 of 2022 was no different than other quarters.

Active registrations, Q4 2020 to Q4 2022
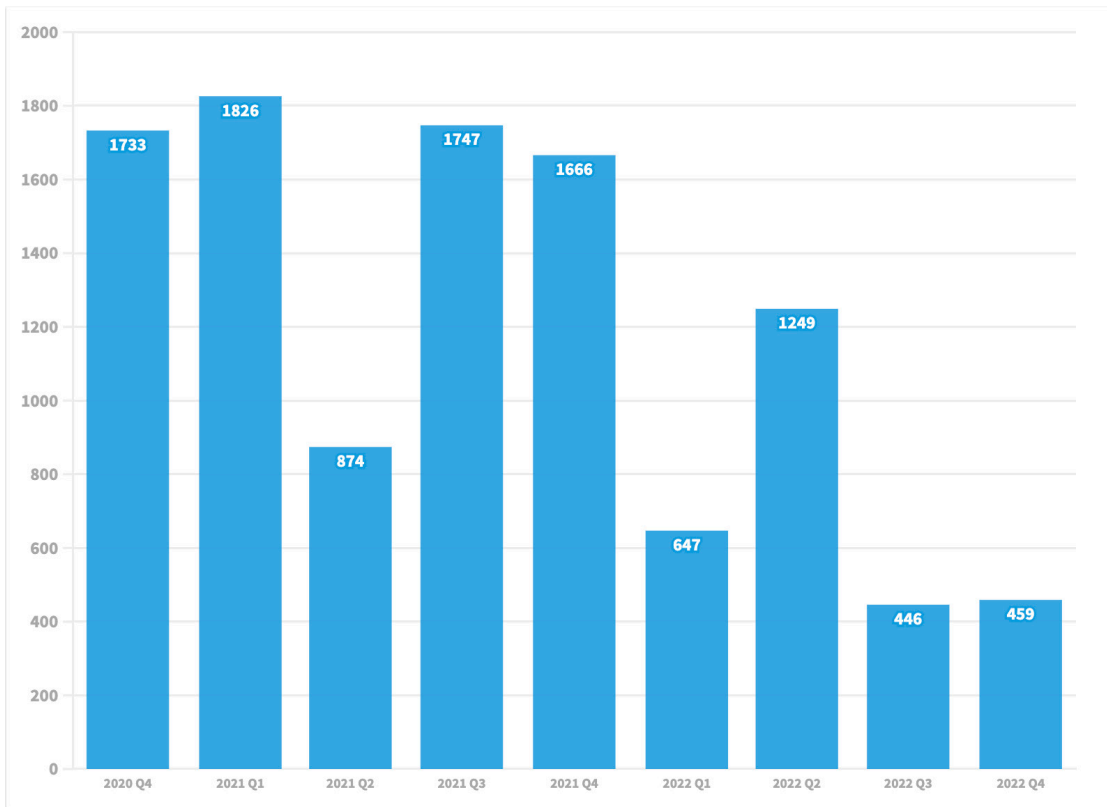

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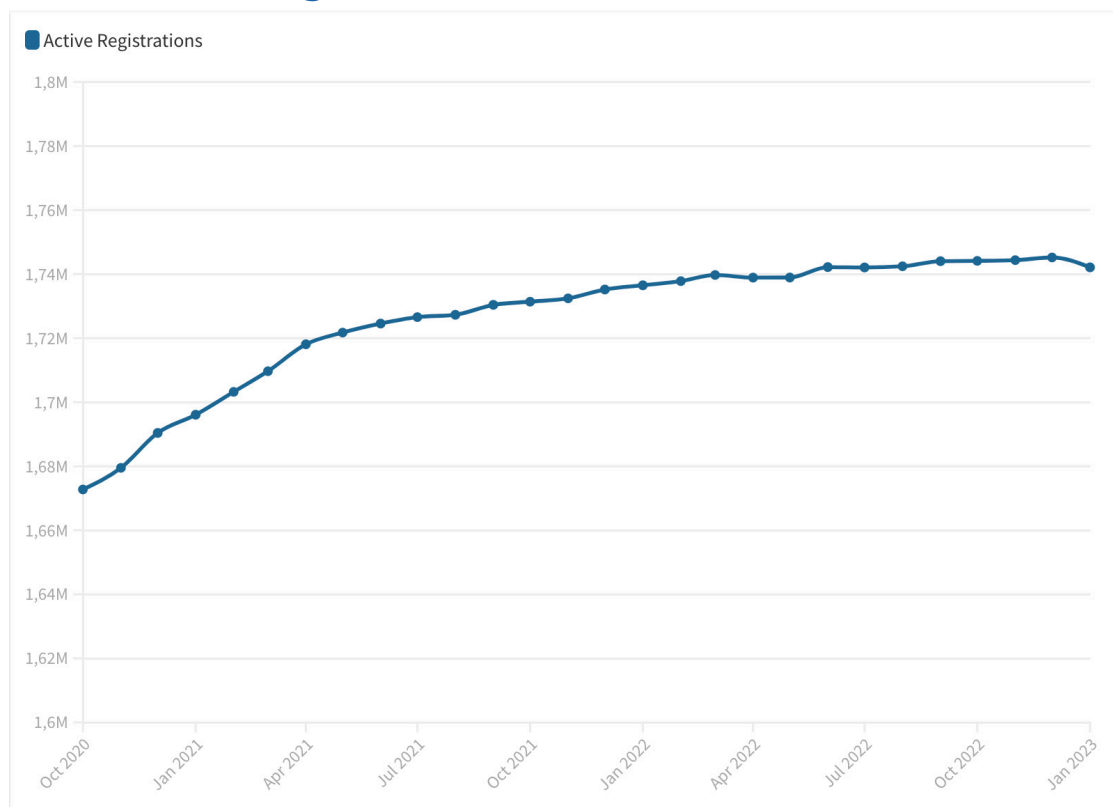
Since the beginning of this year growth in active registrations has clearly slowed down. The Belgian domain name market is a mature market. Despite our renewals rates being at very high levels compared to our industry peers, there is no indication to assume that new and active registrations will go up any time soon.
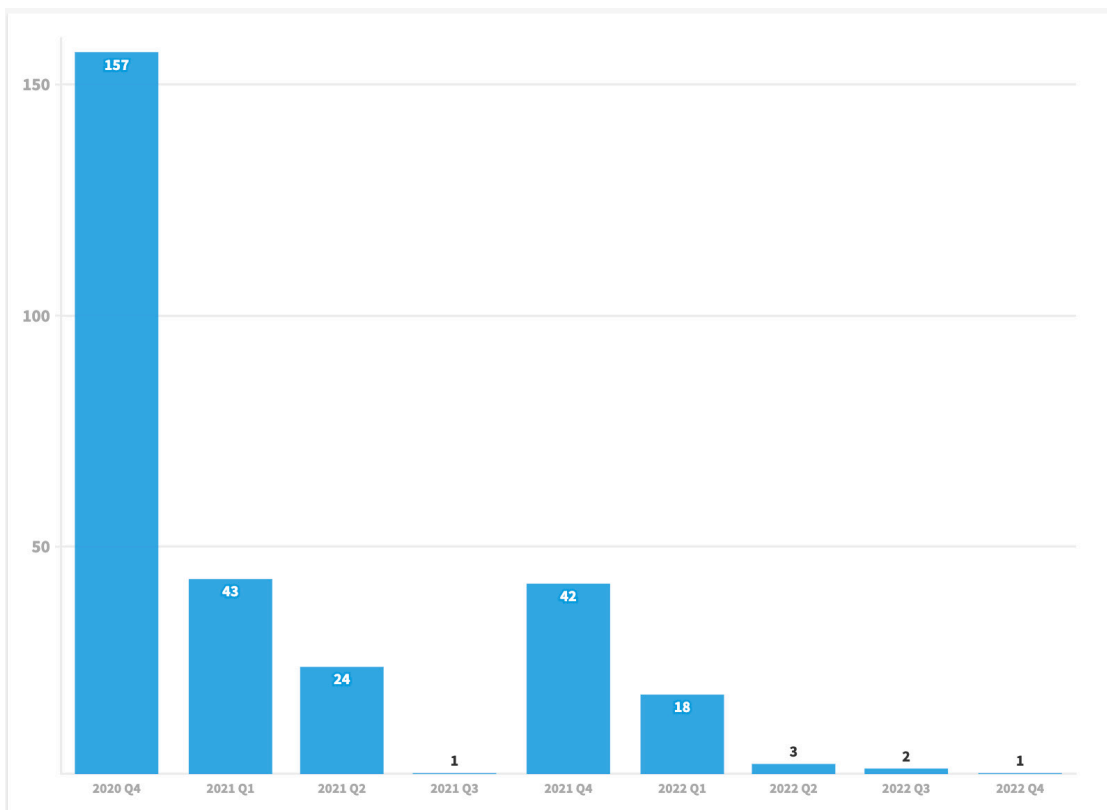
Revokes during Q4 2022

During Q4 of 2022, we revoked 459 domain names. That low number seems to indicate that we are doing the right things in terms of pro-actively screening and identifying the whois data of new registrations.

Fake webshop removal

We have removed only 1 fake webshop in Q4. As always we have to say that this is subject to mixed interpretation. Maybe our detection methods were 'by-passed' by cybercriminals, maybe there were less fake webshops registered.

Infected domains detection

Quarter	Value
2020 Q4	404
2021 Q1	435
2021 Q2	191
2021 Q3	189
2021 Q4	253
2022 Q1	460
2022 Q2	261
2022 Q3	231
2022 Q4	263
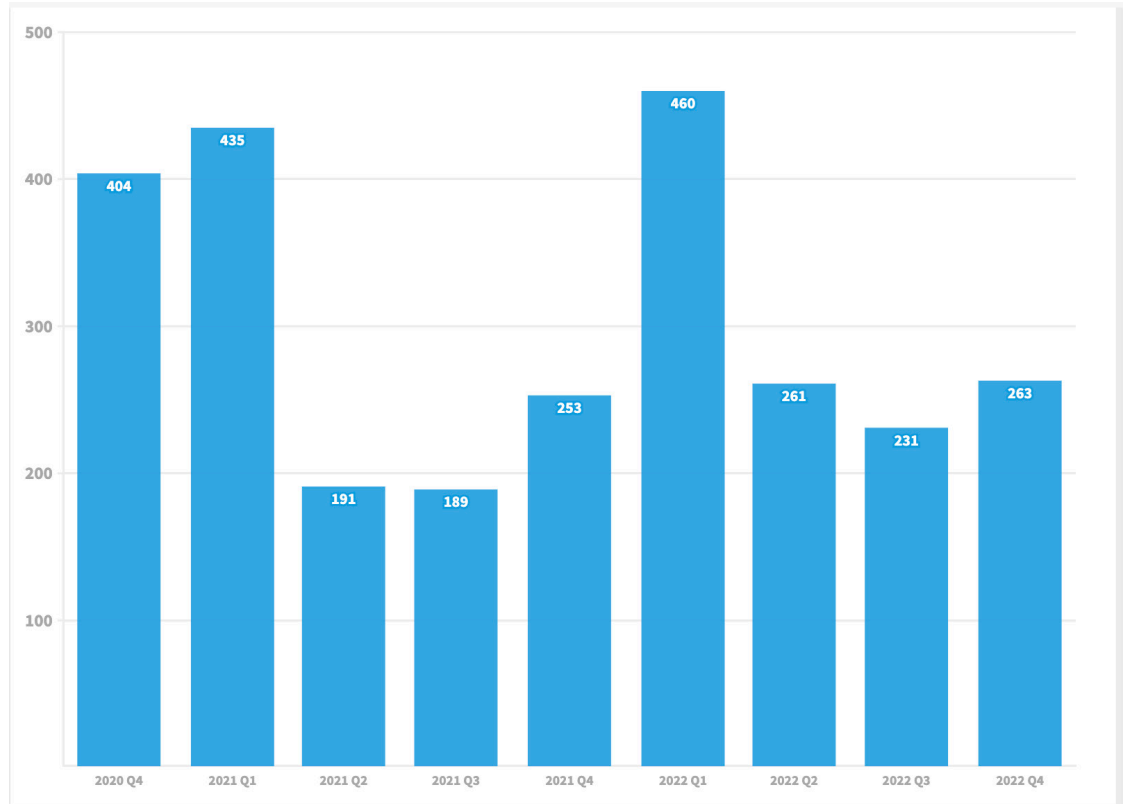
In Q4 of 2022 we detected 263 infected domain names. Infected domain names are domain names that are used for phishing, malware and command & control activities.

There was a slight increase compared to the very low number in Q3. Since the number of revokes and removals of fake webshops are low as well, we're inclined to believe that we're doing a good job keeping the belgian internet safe.

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.brussels
.vlaanderen

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