

N. Korean hackers stole \$400m in 2021

North Korea launched at least seven attacks on cryptocurrency platforms that extracted nearly \$400 million worth of digital assets in 2021, one of its most successful years on record

Lazarus Group: Hacking group likely behind many attacks is believed to be controlled by **Reconnaissance General Bureau** – North Korea's primary intelligence agency

KEY HACKS LINKED TO LAZARUS GROUP

- 2013: **Dark Seoul** attack targets South Korea key institutions
- 2014: **Sony Pictures** attack
- 2016: **\$81m.** Cyber heist of Bangladesh central bank's account at New York Federal Reserve
- 2017: **WannaCry** ransomware affects around 200,000 computers in 150 countries
- 2020: **\$275m.** Singapore-based cryptocurrency exchange **KuCoin**

\$600m

NORTH KOREAN-LINKED HACKS BY VALUE

Total haul
(2017-21):
\$1.5bn

Number
of attacks

4

\$522m

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2021: **\$395m.** Seven attacks, including theft of around \$97m from Japanese exchange **Liquid.com**

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\$395m

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\$400m

\$200m

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