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**How Data Security Companies  
Distributed Their \$4.4M Advertising  
Budget**  
SaaS

# Key Takeaways

**The brands in the competitive set invested -13% less budget into digital ads during the first six months of 2022 than between July – December 2021.**

## Channel Identification

- Brands allocated 54% of their total ad budget towards Facebook ads and 22% to Paid Search.
- Display saw the highest increase (+72%) from the last two quarters of 2021.
- CPM on Facebook is 16% lower than on Instagram.

## Advertising Trends

- The brands decreased their investment in paid search, display, and Twitter ads.
- Veeam saw the highest advertising spend at \$6.1M.

## Ad Channels

- 84% of all Facebook budget was invested in link ads.
- Veeam is the only company that advertised on YouTube.
- Cohesity focused on running display ads (primarily on desktop devices) on data and security websites for IT professionals.

## Landing Pages

- Veeam, Commvault, and Veritas drive traffic to the landing page where they offer free e-books or guides about security in exchange for users' contact information.
- Most of Veeam's and Veritas's traffic to these landing pages comes from paid search, while other brands in the competitive set invest more in other digital ad channels.

The following companies were included in the competitive set for this analysis:

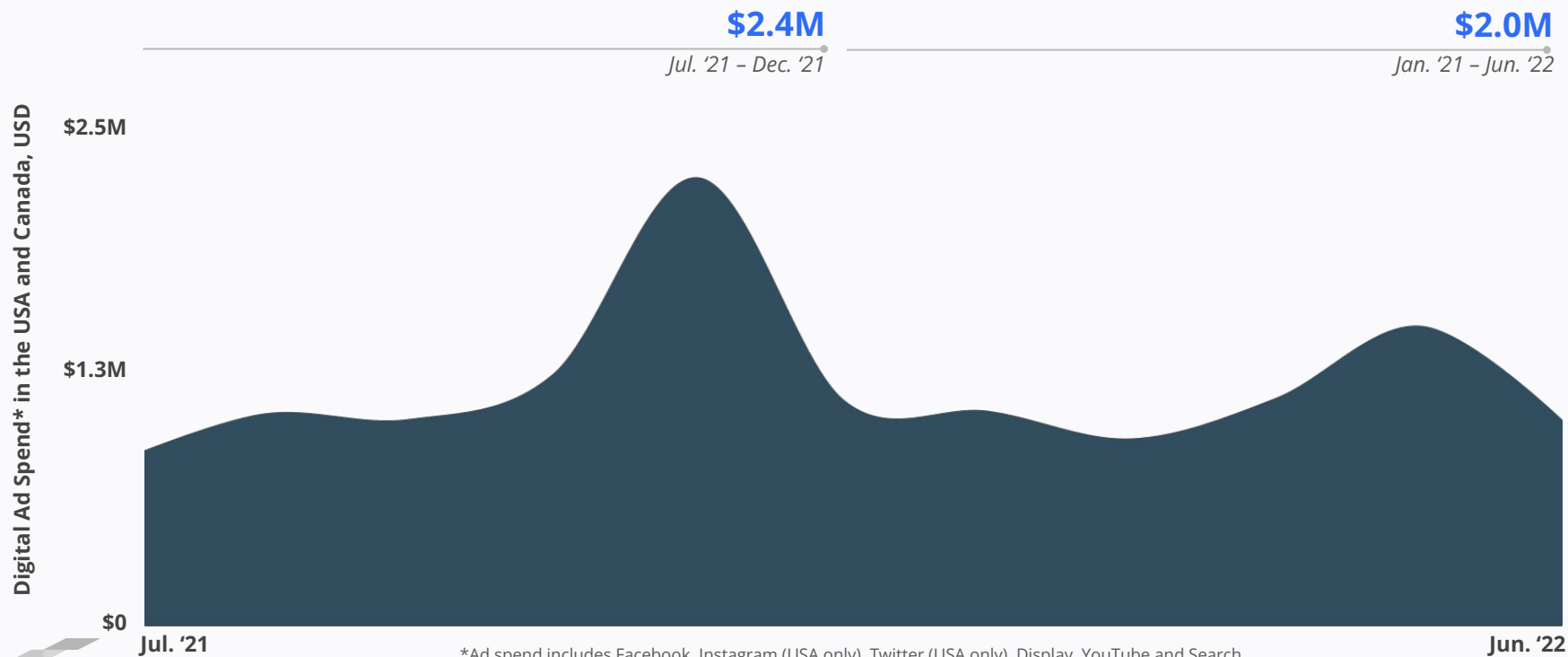
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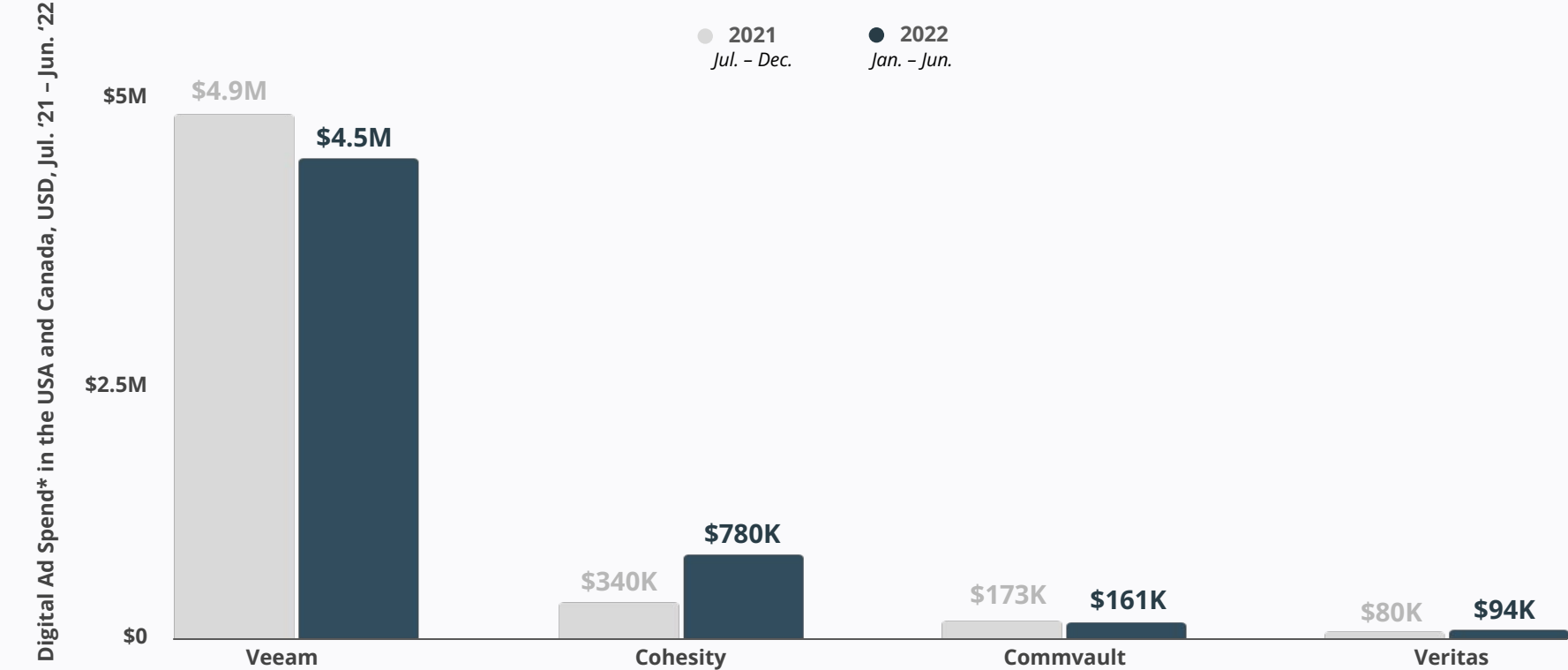
In the first half of 2022 (January – June), the companies in the competitive set decreased their digital advertising spend by **-13%** from the previous six months of 2021. **July 2021** saw the lowest ad spend at **\$262K** and **November 2021** saw the highest ad spend at **\$713K**.



\*Ad spend includes Facebook, Instagram (USA only), Twitter (USA only), Display, YouTube and Search.  
Spend is a directional approximation and does not include retargeting, or behavioural targeting.

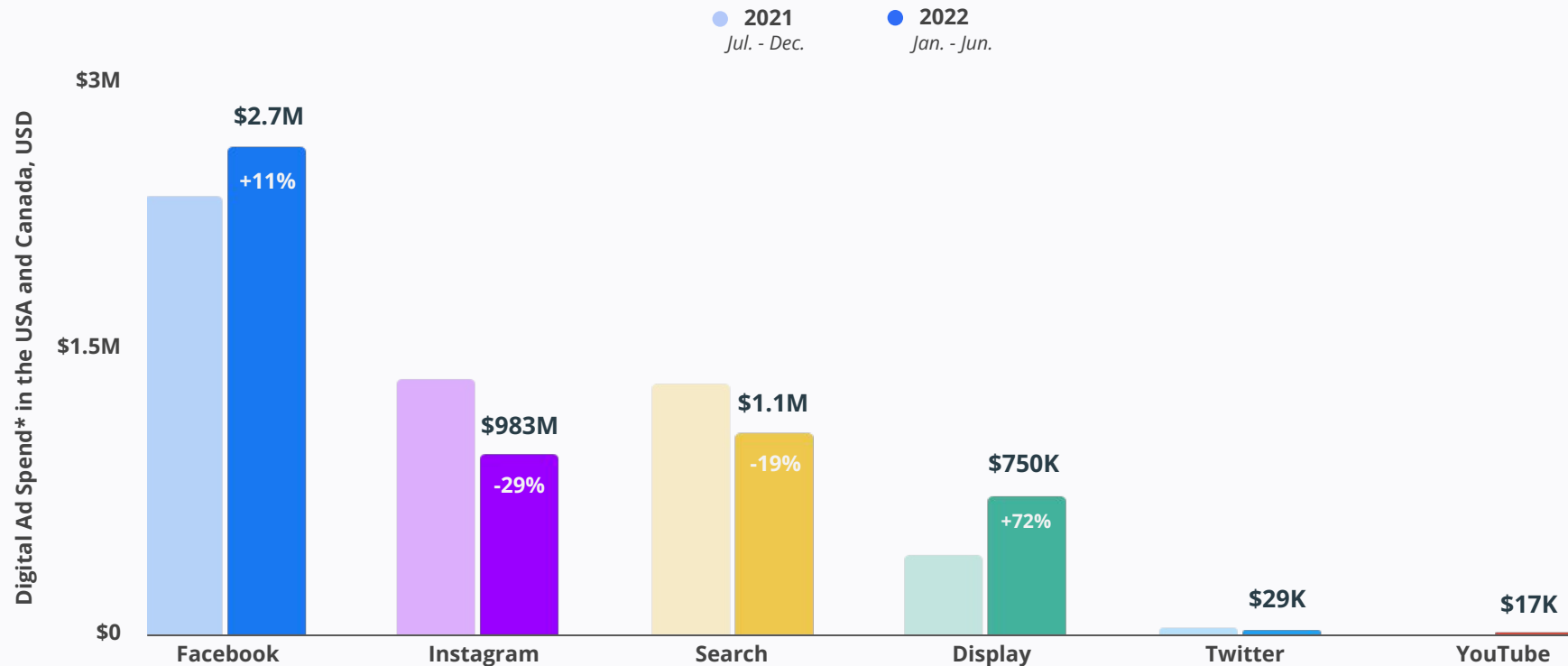
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Overall **Veeam (\$9.3M)** invested the most advertising dollars in digital advertising amongst the competitive set., **Cohesity and Veritas** increased their spending from the first to the second half of the year, where **Cohesity** more than doubled (+129%) its digital spend in the first six months of 2022.



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**Facebook** and **Display** are the only two platforms that saw an ad spend increase in 2022 — Facebook's ad spend grew by 11% and Display's by 54%.



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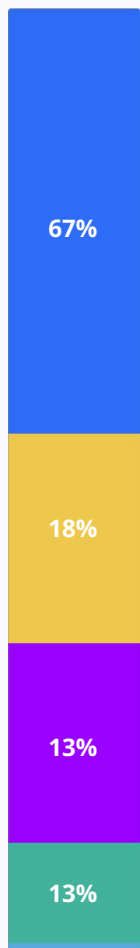
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\$11M

\$5.5M

\$0



Channel

Budget (share)

● Facebook	\$5.0M (54%)
● Paid Search	\$2.5M (22%)
● Instagram	\$2.4M (21%)
● Display	\$1.2M (11%)
● Twitter	\$71K (1%)
● YouTube	\$17K (0%)

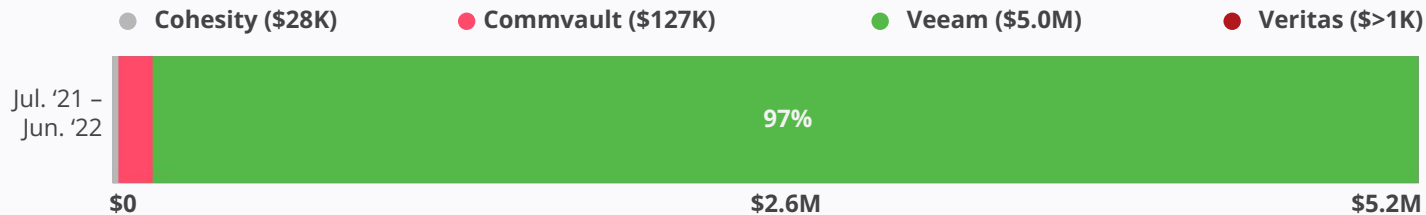
From July 2021 to June 2022, the competitive set invested **\$11M** into digital advertising. **Facebook (\$5.0M)** and **Paid Search (\$2.5M)** saw the highest spendings, followed by **Instagram (\$2.4M)**.

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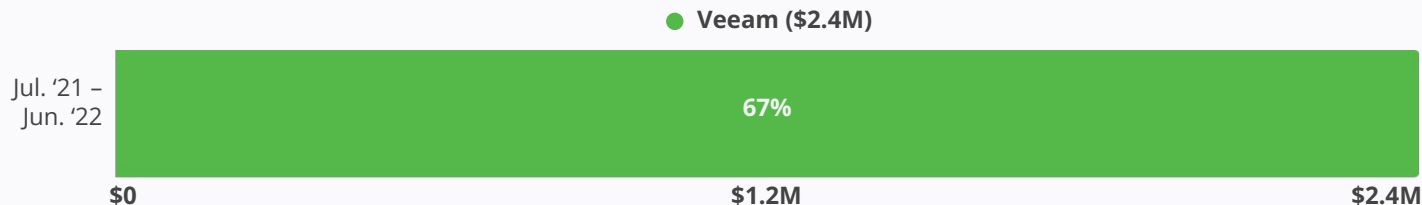
**Veeam** spent the most advertising dollars on Facebook (\$5M), Instagram (\$2.4M), and Paid Search (\$1.8M) amongst the companies in the competitive set. All brands invested in Facebook and Paid Search ads.



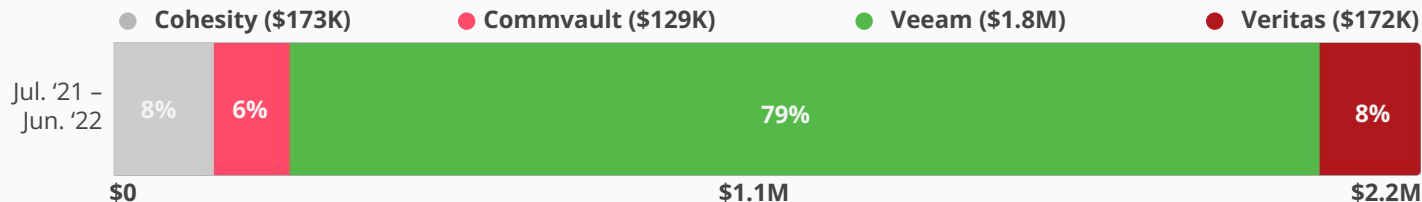
Avg. CMP \$7.4



Avg. CMP \$8.6



Paid Search




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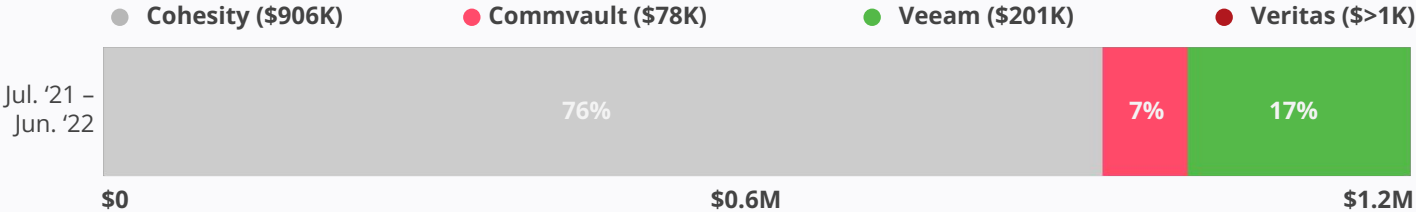



All companies in the competitive set invest in **Display ads**, where Cohesity (\$906K) spent the most between Jul. 2021 and Jun. 2022. When it comes to **Twitter**, Veeam is the biggest spender on this platform and the only company in the competitive set that runs video ads on **YouTube**.



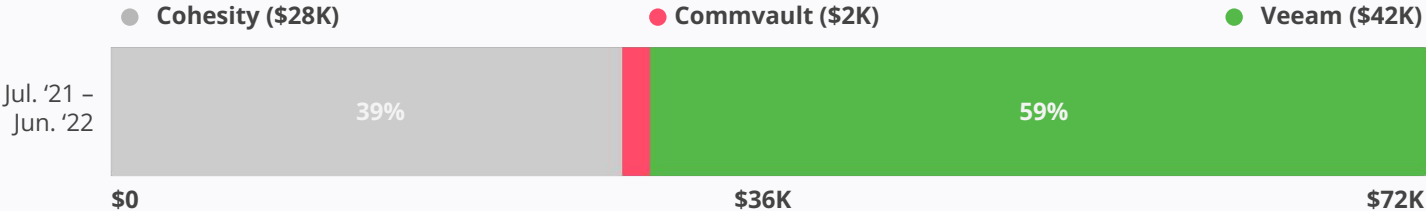
Display Ads


Avg. CMP \$8.9



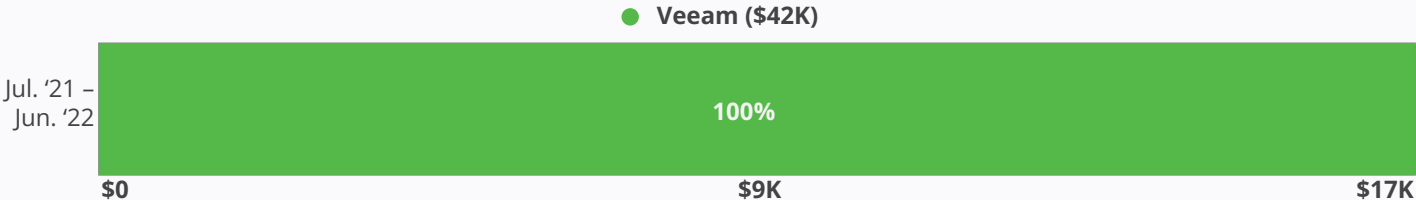


Avg. CMP \$6.4

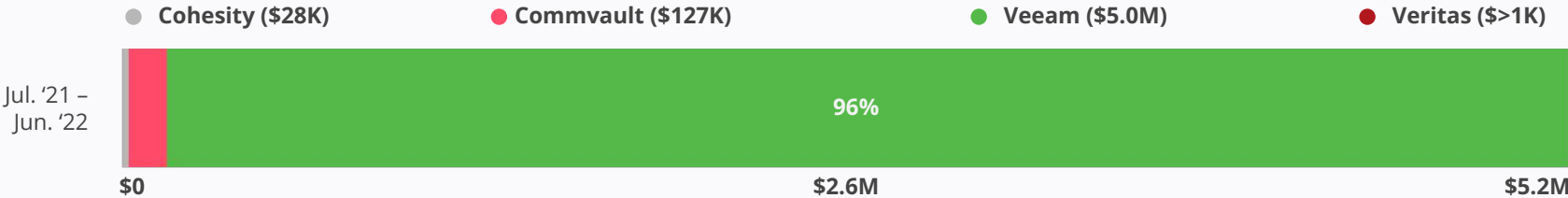




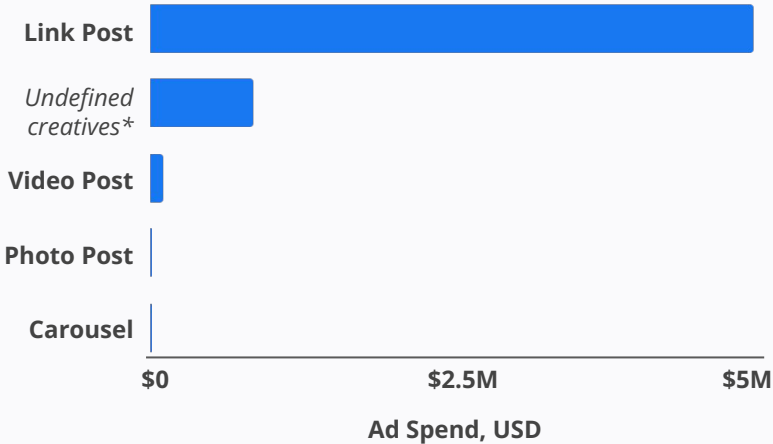
Avg. CMP \$18.0



From July 2021 to June 2022, **Facebook** saw a total investment of **\$5.2M** and an average CPM of **\$7.4** across the competitive set. **Veeam** alone invested \$5M into Facebook ads.



Top Facebook Ad Formats (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)



Top Five Facebook Metro Targets (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)

Metro	Share %
New York	13%
Chicago	7%
Dallas	7%
Atlanta	3%
Boston	3%

based on Veeam targeting

Two of the top three Facebook ads backed by \$378K investment promoted Veeam's VMware Backup for Dummies, which is a free e-book.




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December 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM · 🌐

Discover easy steps to implement agentless backup and best recovery methods. Learn VM and VM backup basics. Download new "For Dummies" special edition now!

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**VMware Backup For Dummies**



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Spend: **\$261K** | Impressions: **30M**

CPM: **\$8.6**

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Find out the best way to protect your VMware VMs and improve your SLAs & RTOs!

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- ✓ Focusing on recovery
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Spend: **\$118K** | Impressions: **15M**

CPM: **\$7.9**

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This 5-minute, easy-to-read document explains why organizations need to protect Office 365 data.

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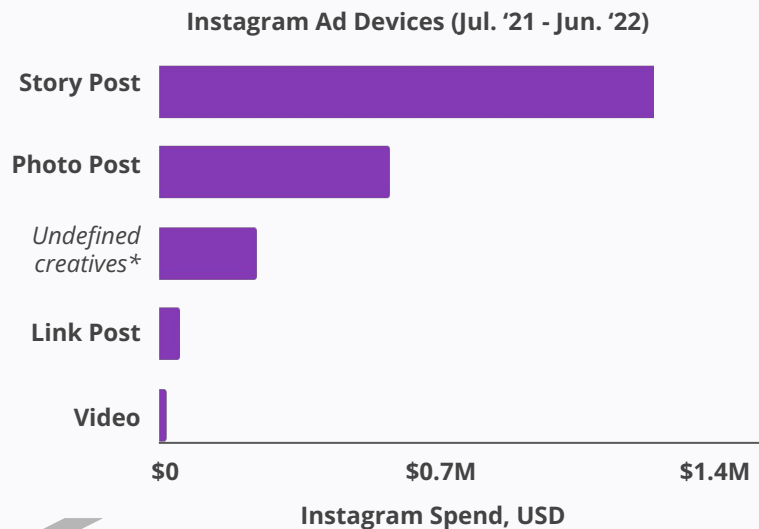
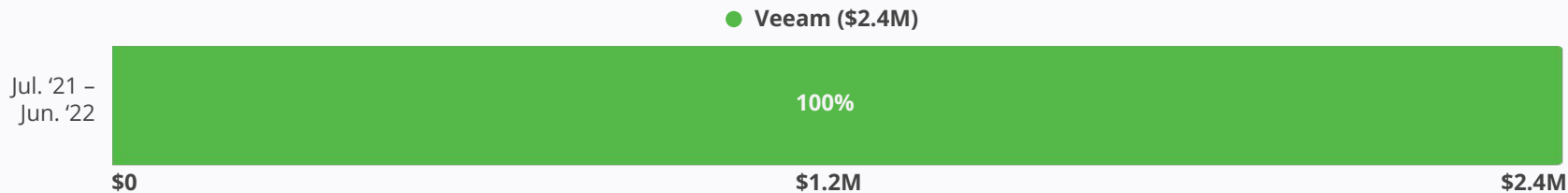


Spend: **\$115K** | Impressions: **13M**

CPM: **\$9.2**

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**Veeam (\$2.4M)** is the only company in the competitive set that advertised on Instagram. The brands mainly ran story ads (51%), targeting users in New York City (9%), Dallas (5%) and Houston (5%).



Top Five Facebook Metro Targets (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)

Metro	Share %
New York City	9%
Dallas	6%
Houston	5%
Los Angeles	5%
Washington DC	5%

based on Veeam targeting

\* Creatives not captured by tracking tools

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Top two Instagram ads promoted a chance to win either a t-shirt or Oculus Quest 2 Advance set.



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18k followers

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CISCO LIVE

Limited Edition  
**Free T-Shirt**

Enter to win great prizes

GET NOW

View More on Instagram

12 likes

Spend: **\$102K** | Impressions: **11M**  
CPM: **\$9.5**  
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Cisco Live?**

Win Oculus Quest 2 Advanced

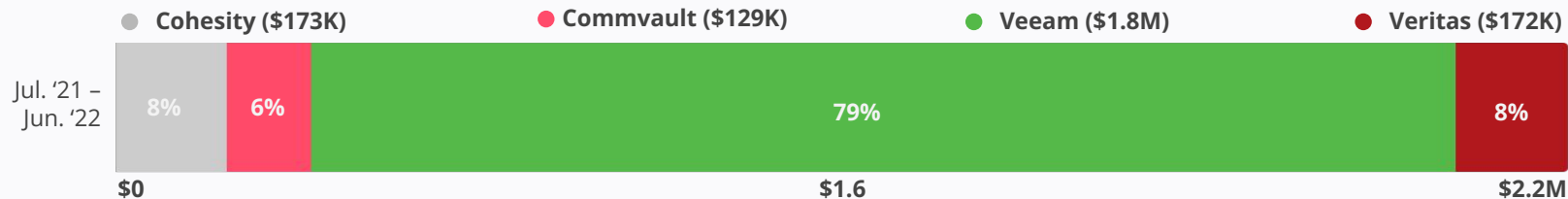
REGISTER NOW

View More on Instagram

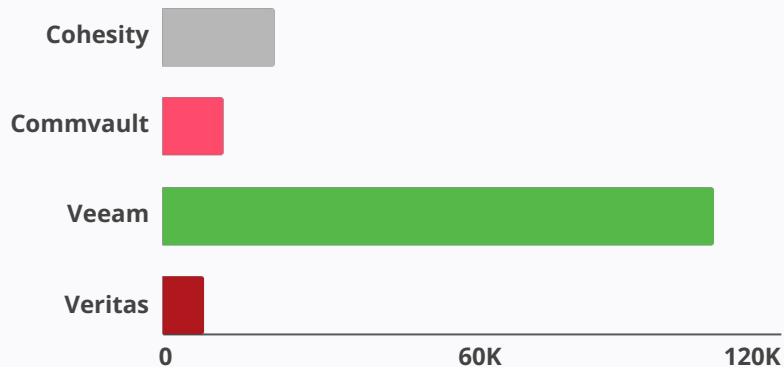
6 likes

Spend: **\$82K** | Impressions: **9M**  
CPM: **\$8.7**  
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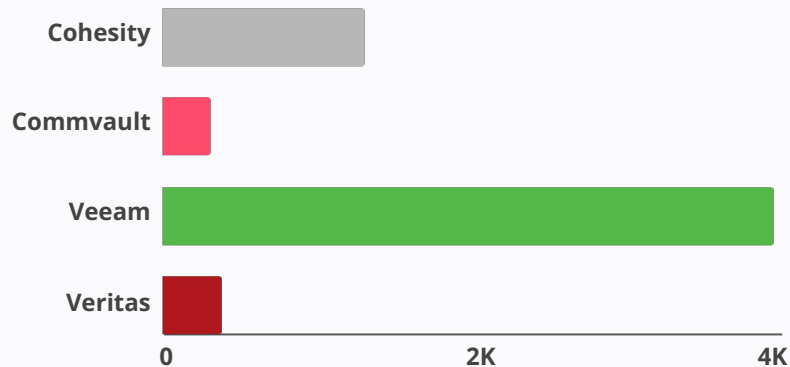
**Veam (\$1.8M)** spent the most advertising dollars on **Paid Search** amongst the competitive set, followed by **Cohesity (\$173K)** and **Veritas (\$172K)**.



Estimated Search Traffic by Brand (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)



Number of Paid Keywords by Brand (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)



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**Veeam** targeted 4.1K different keywords which resulted in 107K website visits.



#### Paid Search Ads by Traffic Share, June 2022

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##### #1 Backup and Recovery – Veeam Backup & Replication

Intelligent Backup and Recovery, Cloud Mobility, Monitoring & Analytics. Backup reliably. Recover effortlessly. Replicate efficiently. Free Trial! Free Trial. Cloud, virtual & physical.

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Ad • <https://www.veeam.com>

##### For VMware vSphere – For VMware workloads

Backup and Recovery for all VMs – VMware vSphere, Hyper-V and Nutanix AHV! Backup...

#### Keywords

recuva

best backup software for windows 10

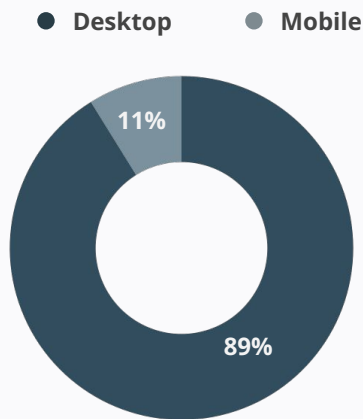
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*based on Veeam targeting*

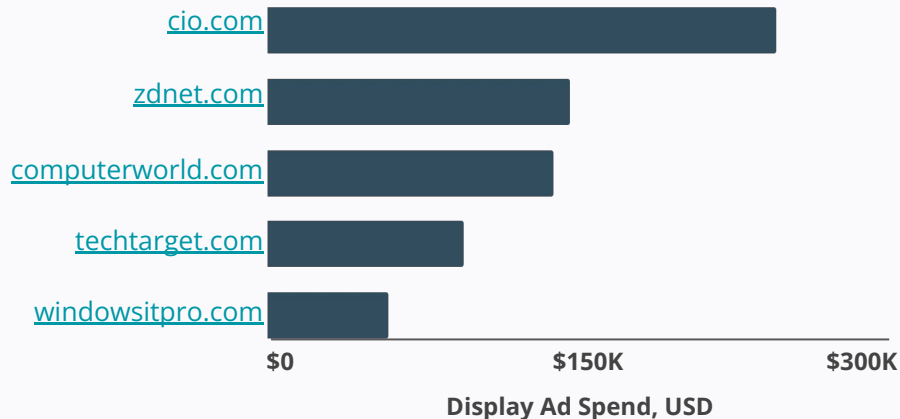
**Cohesity** invested **\$906K** to run Display Ads, which is **78%** of the total competitive set spend between July 2021 and June 2022.



Display Ad Devices (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)



Top Five Display Publishers (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)



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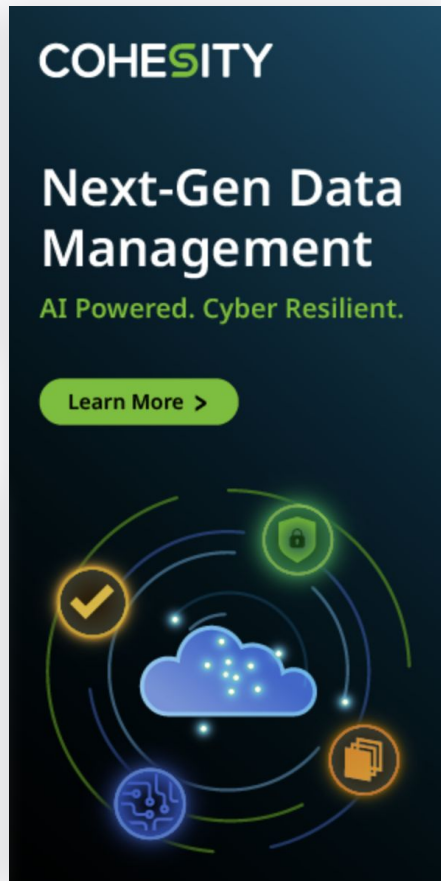




Spend: **\$86K** | Impressions: **3M**  
CPM: **\$34**



Spend: **\$68K** Impressions: **6M**  
CPM: **\$12.1**

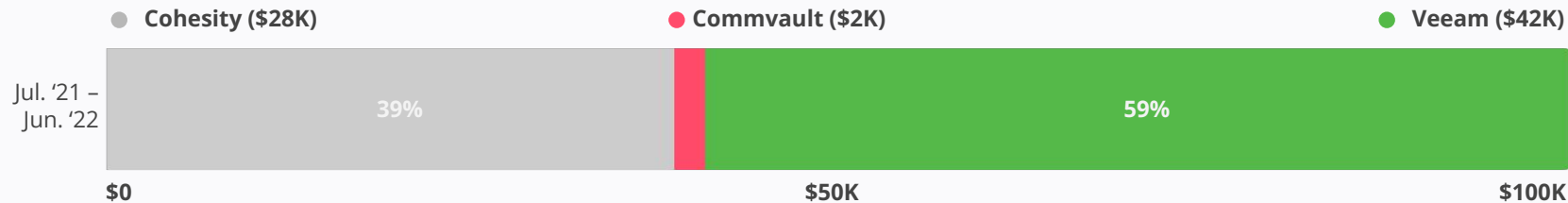


Spend: **\$70K** | Impressions: **2M**  
CPM: **\$33.8**

The brands primarily ran display ads on **desktop devices** (89%), investing 18% of the total display ad budget on [zdnet.com](https://www.zdnet.com) and 14% on [cio.com](https://www.cio.com), both IT and tech security media publications.

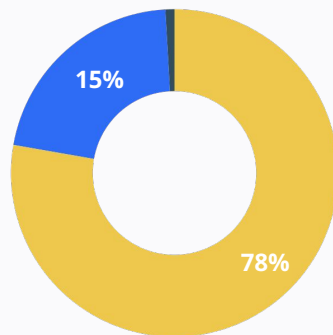
**Cohesity** ran simple display banners that all advertised AI Powered and Cyber Resilient next-gen data management.

**Veeam** invested **\$42K** in Twitter ads between July 2021 and June 2022, which is 59% of the total competitive set spend. The brands in the competitive set mainly ran **photo ads (78%)**.



Twitter Ad Types (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)

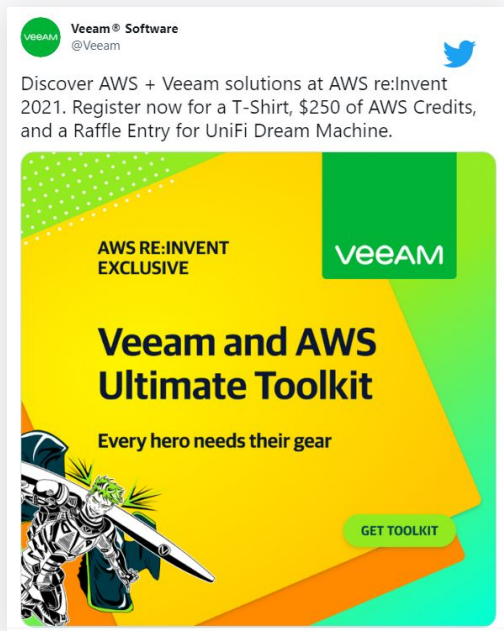
● Photo ● Link ● Video



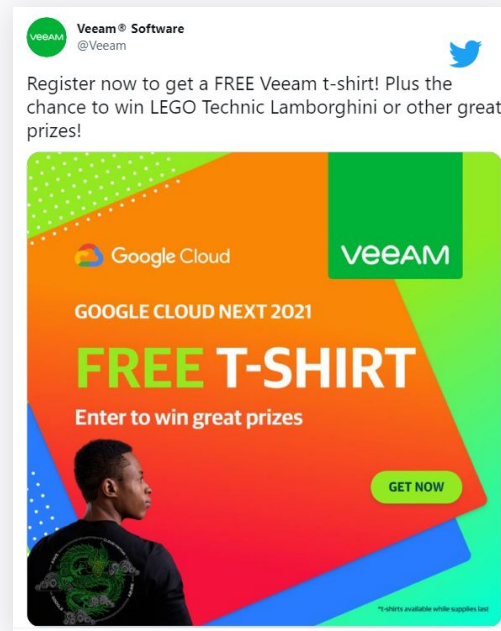
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Both of **Veeam's** top Twitter ads promoted a chance to a free t-shirt along with other prizes such as \$250 of AWS Credits and UnFi Dream Machine.

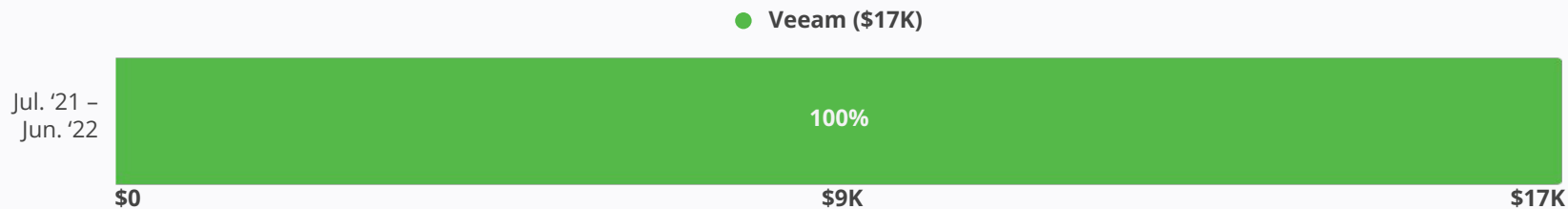


Spend: **\$13K** Impressions: **2M**  
CPM: **\$7.2**  
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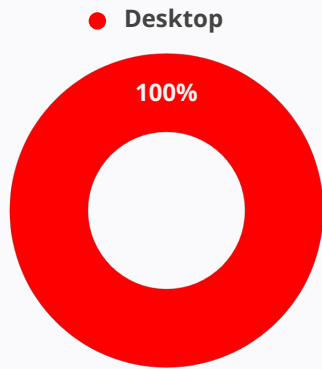


Spend: **\$8K** Impressions: **1M**  
CPM: **\$6.8**  
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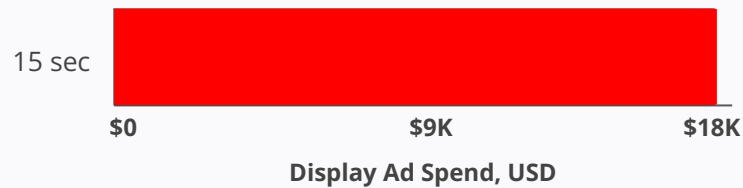
**Veeam** is the only company in the competitive set than advertised on YouTube. Veeam invested **\$17K** between July 2021 and June 2022 in one 15-second desktop YouTube ad.



YouTube Ad Devices (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)



YouTube Ad Duration (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)



Veeam saw an average **YouTube CPM of \$18.00** and distributed all ads on desktop devices. The simple 15-second graphic ad outlines the benefits of Veeam's new backup for Microsoft 365 Data.



Spend: **\$17K** | Impressions: **1M** | CPM: **\$18.1**

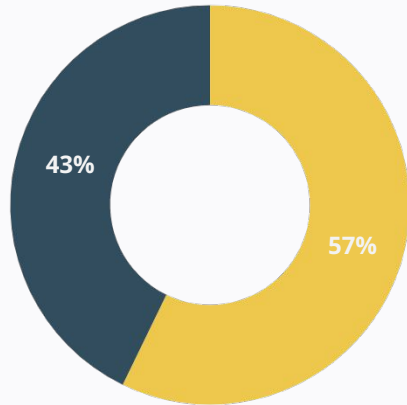
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**Veeam** drove ad traffic to over 1K different landing pages. 57% of the traffic came from paid search ads.

Landing Page Support Budget Distribution  
(Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)

● Digital Ads  
Facebook, Instagram,  
Display

● Paid Search



Top Landing Pages by Budget Allocation	Budget
<a href="#">Ransomware Prevention Kit</a>	\$327K
<a href="#">Microsoft Office 365 Backup for Dummies</a>	\$313K
<a href="#">Backup Replication Virtual Physical Cloud</a>	\$255K
<a href="#">Office 365 backup for dummies</a>	\$224K
<a href="#">Modern applications protect from ransomware</a>	\$112K
<a href="#">Vm backup recovery replication software</a>	\$110K
<a href="#">Ransomware protection</a>	\$93K
<a href="#">Cdp Ransomware Recovery Demo</a>	\$89K
<a href="#">Top 10 Best Practices Vsphere Backups</a>	\$71K
<a href="#">Aws Backup For Dummies</a>	\$59K

The [top landing page](#) backed by \$327K investment asked users to download a ransomware prevention kit, while the [second top page](#) promoted the Microsoft 365 backup for dummies e-book.

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**NEW**

**Ransomware Prevention Kit**

Secure Backup is your last line of Defense

- NEW! Proprietary white paper
- Deep dive webinar
- Short product demo

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First name

Last name

Spend: **\$327K**  
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**Microsoft 365 Backup For Dummies**

The best guide for protecting Microsoft 365 data

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## Landing Page Data Collection

In all their landing form pages, Veeam asks for the following information:

- **First name**
- **Last name**
- **Business email address**
- **Phone number**
- **Company**
- **Country**

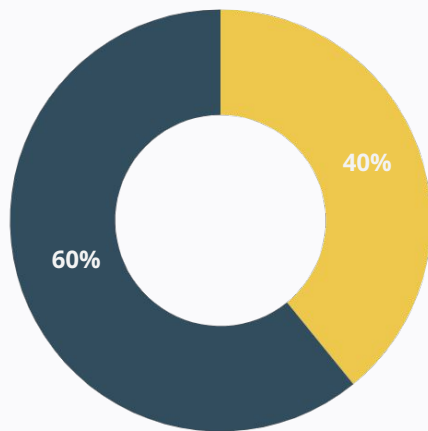
Veeam also includes an opt-in box at the bottom for the submitter to sign up for future marketing communications.



60% of Commvault's traffic to landing pages came from digital ads, and 40% from paid search.

**Landing Page Support Budget Distribution**  
(Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)

● **Digital Ads**    ● **Paid Search**  
*Facebook, Instagram,  
Display*



#### Top Landing Pages by Budget Allocation

	Budget
<a href="#"><u>It leaders</u></a>	\$79K
<a href="#"><u>Protecting Your Microsoft Office365 Data</u></a>	\$30K
<a href="#"><u>Ransomware Solutions Kit</u></a>	\$27K
<a href="#"><u>Continuing Digital Transformation of Education Ebook</u></a>	\$17K
<a href="#"><u>Office365 Trial</u></a>	\$15K
<a href="#"><u>closeup.crn.com/commvault/</u></a>	\$10K
<a href="#"><u>Backup and Recovery Software</u></a>	\$9K
<a href="#"><u>Three Must Haves for Ransomware Data Protection Essentials...</u></a>	\$5K
<a href="#"><u>Azure Cloud Data Protection</u></a>	\$4K
<a href="#"><u>Ransomware Risk Assessment</u></a>	\$4K
<a href="#"><u>backup.metallic.io/demo-request</u></a>	\$3K

The top Commvault's landing page led to the 2021 [Gartner Magic Quadrant and Critical Capabilities for Enterprise Backup and Recovery Software article](#), while the the other landing page called users to download the [Ransomware Solutions Kit](#).

Pack the Essentials for Your Digital Transformation Journey. [Explore now >](#) 

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## 2021 Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ and Critical Capabilities for Enterprise Backup and Recovery Software Solutions

Achieving the **highest score** across all **three use cases** in the 2021 Gartner **Critical Capabilities for Enterprise Backup and Recovery Software Solutions** is not an easy thing. Commvault has done it twice and is not only the sole vendor to do it but also did it while being a Leader in the Gartner Magic Quadrant for the tenth consecutive time.

Included in this download will be **both** the **Gartner Magic Quadrant for Enterprise Backup and Recovery Software Solutions** to help you learn more about how

 Looking to get in touch with a Commvault teammate?  

Spend: **\$79K**  
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metallic   
A Commvault Venture

## How are you protecting your Office 365 data?

Office 365 adoption is skyrocketing. And while Microsoft delivers high availability of files, content, and communications within their applications - they are not responsible for protecting your data. You are.

But what's your plan for long term retention, copy data separation and granular restore? You need a dedicated, comprehensive and flexible Office 365 data management solution, that only a trusted vendor can provide.


Plan your roadmap.

First Name

Last Name










Spend: **\$30K**  
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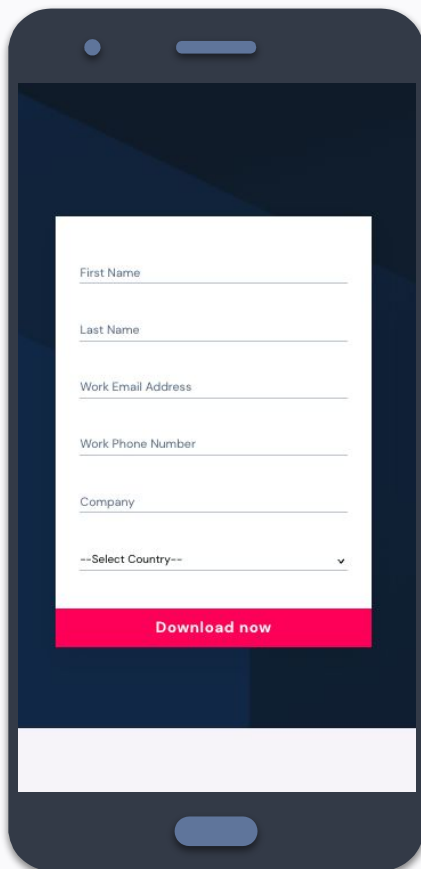
## Download your Ransomware Solutions Kit

With [ransomware attacks](#) on the rise, you'll need the best ransomware protection and data recovery strategy for you to solve any cyber vulnerabilities and enable your enterprise to thrive. Get our ransomware solutions kit -

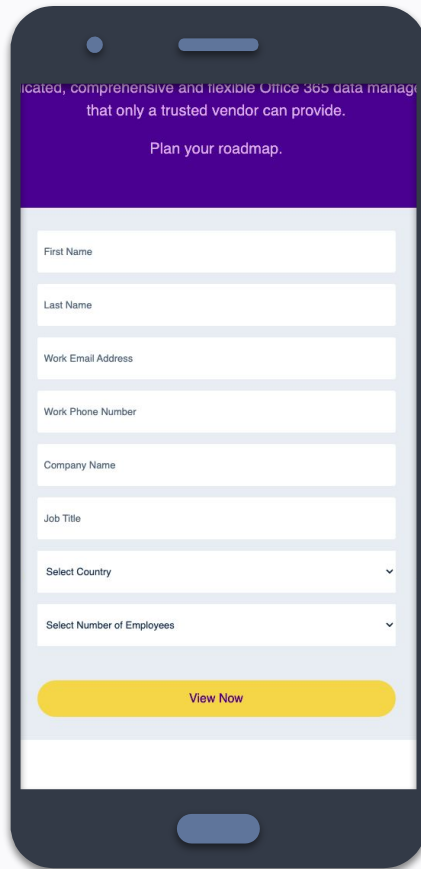
-  **Whitepaper:** Learn how advanced threat and anomaly detection mitigates the impact of threats to your data
-  **On-demand webinars:** watch a 5-part series on how to ensure your data is safe, secure, and recovery ready
-  **Infographic:** discover how a multi-layered approach to ransomware protection helps keep your data safe and secure
-  **Demo:** monitor, detect, and restore your environment from ransomware

 Looking to get in touch with a Commvault teammate?  

Spend: **\$27K**  
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## Landing Page Data Collection

Commvault varies the information they are collecting on their landing page forms between their Commvault & Metallic offerings.

For their Commvault offerings, they collect the following information:

- **First name**
- **Last name**
- **Work email address**
- **Work Phone number**
- **Company**
- **Country**

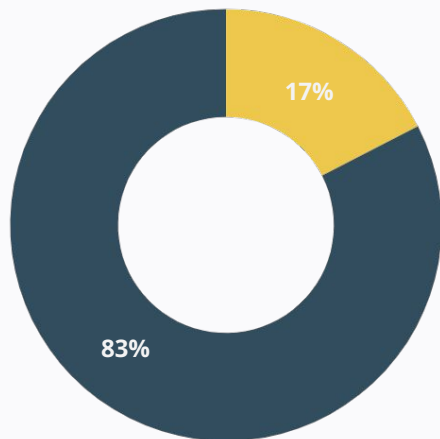
For their Metallic offerings, they collect the following information:

- **First name**
- **Last name**
- **Work email address**
- **Work phone number**
- **Company name**
- **Job Title**
- **Country**
- **Number of Employees**

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(Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)

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Top Landing Pages by Budget Allocation

[Next Gen Data Management](#)

Budget

\$438K

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[Modern Data Isolation](#)

\$20K

[Defend Your Data Refuse the Ransom](#)

\$20K

[Next Gen Data Management](#)

\$17K

[Gartner Ransomware Report Backup and Recovery](#)

\$16K

[cohesity.com/connect](#)


\$16K

**Cohesity** invested \$438K to drive traffic to the [Next-gen Data Management page](#), which highlights product benefits, customer testimonials and a link to download their [free e-book](#).

COHESITY EN Q ≡

**Next-Gen Data Management**

AI Powered. Cyber Resilient.




Spend: **\$438K**  
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COHESITY

**Cohesity Named a LEADER Again!**

2021 Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ for Enterprise Backup and Recovery Software Solutions



**Radically Simple Backup and Data Management**

Spend: **\$117K**  
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COHESITY

**Déployez gratuitement un niveau de protection supplémentaire contre les ransomware !**

Isolez vos données pour renforcer votre stratégie en matière de sécurité.



Spend: **\$30K**  
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**Obtenez gratuitement la protection dont vous avez besoin maintenant !**

Vous envisagez de moderniser votre stratégie d'isolation des données pour les protéger de la cyber-extorsion ? Allez encore plus loin avec un vault de données isolé de Cohesity et obtenez-le sans frais supplémentaires !

- Abonnement logiciel d'un an gratuit

## Landing Page Data Collection

In all their landing form pages, Cohesity asks for the following information:

- **First name**
- **Last name**
- **Company**
- **Business email address**
- **Phone number**
- **Job title**
- **Country**

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**Next-Gen Data Management dummies**

COHESITY

**GET THE GUIDE**

First Name Last Name

Company Business Email Address

Phone Number Job Title



Country

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**SUBMIT**

**Data Challenges and Modern Solutions**

nt, a modern approach to cyber resilience for environments, is based on four principles:

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**GET THE 2021 GARTNER® MAGIC QUADRANT™ FOR ENTERPRISE BACKUP AND RECOVERY SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS**

First Name Last Name

Company Business Email Address

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Country

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**SUBMIT**

**Users Get Tangible Results**

USDA SKY LAKES REGIONAL CENTER

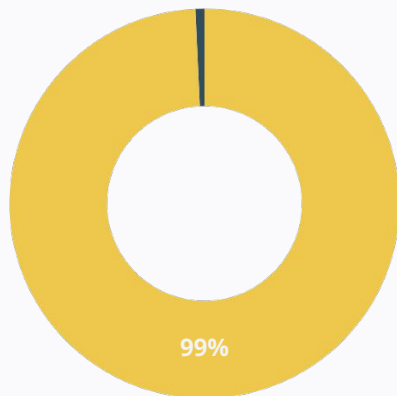
**\$0 hours \$0**

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99% of **Verita's** traffic came from paid search ads.

## Landing Page Support Budget Distribution (Jul. '21 - Jun. '22)

● **Digital Ads**    ● **Paid Search**  
Facebook, Instagram,  
Display



## Top Landing Pages by Budget Allocation

	Budget
<a href="https://veritas.com">veritas.com</a>	\$76K
<a href="https://veritas.com/solution/ransomware">veritas.com/solution/ransomware</a>	\$55K
<a href="https://veritas.com/form/trialware/backup-exec">veritas.com/form/trialware/backup-exec</a>	\$7K
<a href="https://Gartner-mq-enterprise-info-archiving">Gartner-mq-enterprise-info-archiving</a>	\$5K
<a href="https://veritas.com/protection/netbackup">veritas.com/protection/netbackup</a>	\$4K
<a href="https://Whitepaper/ten-things-you-didnt-know-about-vmware-data-protection">Whitepaper/ten-things-you-didnt-know-about-vmware-data-protection</a>	\$2K
<a href="https://veritas.com/about/contact">veritas.com/about/contact</a>	\$2K

\* there rest of the pages didn't receive more than \$1K budget

**Veritas** directed 49% of its traffic to its [homepage](#), and 35% to a landing [page explaining it's 3-pillar strategy to ensuring resilience](#). Another landing page backed by a \$7K budget offer to sign up to receive a free trial of Veritas Backup Exec 22 product.

Spend: **\$76K**  
[Click to View](#)

## The Power of Unified Data Management

Seamlessly manage and protect all your enterprise data and applications, at any scale, from edge to core to multi-cloud.

**Why Veritas**

1-Hour Virtual Event

WATCH IT NOW

**Join us for product announcements, partner spotlights, and much more.**

**Watch now >**

Spend: **\$55K**  
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### RANSOMWARE PROTECTION

## Ensure resilience with a proactive, multi-layered approach.

**View our 3-pillar strategy**

### Protect your data, detect threats, and recover at scale.

**Download the white paper >**

It's time to turn the tables on ransomware and strengthen the resiliency of your organization. Veritas provides a unified, multi-layered, platform approach that seamlessly integrates proactive protection, relentless detection

Spend: **\$7K**  
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### TRIALWARE

## Backup Exec™ 22

Complete the form to receive your free trial of Veritas Backup Exec.

Email Address\*

Company\*

Country -- Please Select --

What is your reason for trying this software? -- Please Select --

By submitting this form, you agree to the [terms and conditions](#) for the free edition of Backup Exec.

**Download Now**



## Landing Page Data Collection


Veritas varies the information that they request in their landing page forms, which includes:

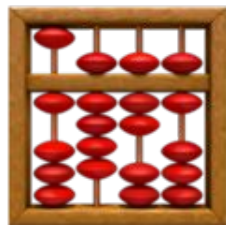
- **Email address**
- **Company**
- **Country**
- **Question: What is your reason for trying this software?**

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**Commvault** collects the most information in their landing page forms, while **Veritas** collects the least. Only **Veeam** has marketing communication opt-ins on their forms.

	COMMVAULT 	veeAM	VERITAS™	COHEsITY
First Name	✓	✓	✓	✓
Last Name	✓	✓	✗	✓
Email Address	✓	✓	✗	✓
Phone Number	✓	✓	✗	✓
Company	✓	✓	✓	✓
Country/Province	✓	✓	✓	✓
Job Title	✓	✗	✗	✓
Number of Employees	✓	✗	✗	✗
Question	✗	✗	✓	✗
Communications Opt-In	✗	✓	✗	✗



## **Methodology & Data**

Things to know when reading this report

# Data Collection Methodology

## 5 Categories of Digital Metrics

Are used to track the performance & tactics of principle brands in the industry vertical, as well as the attention of that industry's online audience per relevant time frames (MoM, QoQ, YoY).

**Data** is collected via our principle data partners, a variety of additional tools, and our own manual observation techniques.



### Digital Advertising

#### Major Paid Social Platforms

(Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Reddit)

Ad spend by channel, Impressions, Active creatives, Spend by creative, CPM, Top performing CTAs, Top performing creatives, Top performing creative themes, Targeting (Gender, age, geo — Facebook only), Landing pages, Split tests, UTM parameters.

#### Paid Search

Traffic from paid search, Ad Spend, Top performing CTAs, Top performing copy, Keywords & phrases targeted, Landing pages, Split tests, UTM parameters.

#### Display & Native

Traffic from display, Impressions, Ad Spend, CPM, Top performing CTAs, Top performing copy, website placements, Landing pages, Split tests, UTM parameters,

#### All Channels + Emerging Social Platforms (Pinterest, TikTok)

Retargeting tactics, Funnel tactics, Active creatives, Active CTAs & Messaging, Active creative themes.



### Social, Content, & Messaging

**Platforms Covered:** Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, Twitch, Reddit, Pinterest, Snapchat, TikTok.

#### Brand-Specific Metrics

Traffic driven via social platforms, Post cadence, Following size, # of contests run, Engagement rate, Video viewership.

#### Audience-Specific Metrics

Video views, Engagement rate, & relative search volume by topic, theme, and format; Same-day social sessions on brand site + social platform (to determine audience attention), App user overlap.



### Email

List size, Inbox %, Spam %, Open Rate, Top performing subject lines, Top performing email content (creative & copy), Segmentation %, Subscriber journey mapping.



### Site, Search, & eCommerce

#### General Site Data Points

Traffic volume, Traffic by source channel, Traffic % by device, Avg. session duration, bounce rate, top & growing pages / subdomains by traffic, visitor geo, visitor demographics, referral sources, website technologies implemented, UX & lead capture.

#### Search

Keyword rankings, paid vs. organic keywords, branded vs. non-branded keywords, backlink profile, domain authority.

#### eCommerce

URL taxonomy, PDP features, Checkout features, Cart features, upsells & cross-sells, visual merchandising, reviews, lead capture.



### Apps

#### Google Play Store & iOS

Downloads, Active Users,, Rating, Category Rank,

#### Google Play only

Avg. Session Duration, Retention, Demographics, Audience Interests, App audience overlap

### Principle Data Partners





# Things To Know About Marketing Intelligence Data

## Metrics from marketing intelligence tools will never exactly match 'internal' tools

We typically expect metrics from marketing intelligence tools to vary by 5-25% compared to internal measurement tools like Google Analytics, Advertising Accounts, and so on. It all varies from tool to tool because each tool collects data differently. Sometimes metrics match bang on, other times there's a significant spread. The most common reason for variations is how different tools handle bot traffic. For this reason, we don't base our analyses too heavily on *absolute* figures, but rather focus on *relative* figures and trends over time.

## Relationships between brands tend to be very reliable

We can see how 'big' or 'small' brands' metrics are in comparison to each other really accurately. For example, that Red Bull's website traffic is 4x higher than Monster Energy. Or that Loblaw's ad spend in Canada is 10x more than Safeway's. We've verified this with multiple past clients whose 'internal' data we had access to. Knowing accurately the relationship between brands is more strategically important than matching exact figures.

## Trendlines over time tend to be very reliable

We can see how metrics are changing *over time* quite accurately. For example, that Canadian Tire's web traffic increased by 20% in Q2 and 40% in Q3. We've verified this with multiple past clients whose 'internal' data we had access to. Knowing accurately how things trend over time is more strategically important than matching exact figures.

## WHAT brands are doing is the easiest thing to observe

This is the most important point. Once we measure *how much* a brand's metrics are changing over time, we hone in on the biggest shifts and can see *the actions* that brand is taking to move those metrics. We can see the exact ads that brands run on all major platforms, how all their social posts are performing, where their traffic is coming from, what technologies and conversion strategies they're using on their sites, what emails they are sending, to what segment of their list, and how often, etc. This is the best source to identify the causation of changes to the metrics.

### Principle Data Partners



