


Spam stuffs inboxes

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 [McAfee](#) recently completed an experiment involving unprotected web surfing and spam messages. Their findings: web surfing without proper virus protection will leave the average web user with 70 spam messages each day.

The study asked 50 people from around the world to surf without spam filters. The US tops the global spam league. Participants in the US received a total of 23,233 spam emails during the course of the experiment. The second most spammed country, Brazil, only received 15,856 during this same time period.

The results show that spam is not showing any signs of slowing down. However, it is slowing down computers. Guy Roberts, director of McAfee's European labs, said, "Many of our participants noticed that their computers were slowing down. This means that while they were surfing, unbeknownst to them, websites were installing malware."

Here is a breakdown of the countries that participated in the study and how they rank in the Global Spam League:

1. US - 23,233
2. Brazil - 15,856
3. Italy - 15,610
4. Mexico - 12,229
5. UK - 11,965
6. Australia - 9,214
7. The Netherlands - 6,378
8. Spain - 5,419
9. France - 2,597
10. Germany - 2,331

Data supplied by [McAfee](#)