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The device health monitor includes an array of key threat defense device metrics that serve to predict and respond to system events. The health of any threat defense device can be determined by these reported metrics. This document provides a list of all the health monitor dashboards and the reported metrics.

CPU Group Metrics

The health monitor tracks statistics related to the CPU utilization, including the CPU usage by process and by physical cores.

Metric	Description	Format
Control Delegate Plane	The average CPU usage by the control delegate plane.	percentage
Control Plane	The average CPU utilization for the control plane, for the last one minute.	percentage
Data Plane	The average CPU utilization for the data plane, for the last one minute.	percentage
Snort	The average CPU utilization for the Snort process, for the last one minute.	percentage
System	The average CPU utilization for the system processes, for the last one minute.	percentage
Physical cores	The average CPU utilization for all the cores, for the last one minute.	percent

Table 1: CPU Group Metrics

Memory Group Metrics

The health monitor tracks statistics related to the device memory utilization, including data plane and Snort memory usage.

Table 2: Memory Group Metrics

Metric	Description	Format
Buffer cache	The buffer cache memory used.	bytes
Free	The free memory available.	bytes
Maximum Data Plane	The maximum memory used by the data plane.	bytes
Maximum Snort	The maximum memory used by the Snort process.	bytes
Maximum Swap for Snort	The maximum swap memory used by the Snort process.	bytes
Remaining Memory Block (1550)	The free memory in a 1550 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (256)	The free memory in a 256 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (4)	The free memory in a 4 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (80)	The free memory in a 80 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (2048)	The free memory in a 2048 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (2560)	The free memory in a 2560 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (4096)	The free memory in a 4096 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (8192)	The free memory in a 8192 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (9344)	The free memory in a 9344 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (16384)	The free memory in a 16384 byte block.	number
Remaining Memory Block (65664)	The free memory in a 65664 byte block.	number
System Used	The average memory used by the system.	bytes
Total	The total memory available.	bytes
Total Swap	The total swap memory available.	bytes
Data Plane	The total memory used by the data plane.	bytes
Percent Used by Data Plane	The percent of memory used by the data plane.	percent
Percent Used by Snort	The percent of memory used by the Snort process.	percent
Percent Used for Swap	The percent of swap memory used.	percent

Metric	Description	Format
Percent Used by System	The percent of memory used by the system.	percent
Percent Used by System and Swap	The percent of memory used by the system and swap combined.	percent
Snort	The total memory used by the Snort process.	bytes
Used Swap	The total swap memory used.	bytes
Used Swap by Snort	The total swap memory used by the Snort process.	bytes

Interface Group Metrics

The health monitor tracks statistics related to the device interfaces, including the interface status and aggregate traffic statistics.

Metric	Description	Format
Drop Packets	The number of packets dropped.	number
Average Input Packet Size	The average size of incoming packets.	bytes
Input Rate	The total incoming bytes.	bytes
Input Throughput	The total incoming bytes processed per second.	bytes
Input Packets	The total incoming packets.	number
Average Output Packet Size	The average size of outgoing packets.	bytes
Output Rate	The total outgoing bytes.	bytes
Output Throughput	The total outgoing bytes processed per second.	bytes
Output Packets	The total outgoing packets.	number
Status	The status of an interface; 1 for up and 0 for down.	1 or 0
CRC Errors	Total number of packets received with CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check) errors.	number
Input Error	Number of input errors.	number
Output Error	Number of output errors.	number
Overrun Errors	Number packets dropped due to input rate exceeded the receiver's capability to handle the incoming data.	number
Underrun Errors	Number packet dropped due to the transmitter is running faster than the router can handle.	number

Table 3: Interface Group Metrics

Metric	Description	Format
L2 Decode Drops	Number of packets dropped due to name is not configured (nameif command) or a frame with an invalid VLAN id is received.	number
Jitter	Variation in latency of packet flow.	microseconds
Mean Opinion Score (MOS)	The measure of the quality of a connection, ranges from 0 to 5, where 5 is the best.	0 to 5
Packet Loss	Percentage of the transmitted packets not reaching the destination.	percentage
Round Trip Time	Average duration between ICMP echo request and response.	microseconds

Connection Group Metrics

The health monitor tracks statistics related to the connections and NAT translation counts.

Table 4:	Connection	Group	Metrics

Metric	Description	Format
Active Elephant Flows	Shows the number of active elephant flows.	number
	Elephant flows are connections that are large enough to affect overall system performance. By default, elephant flows are those larger than 1GB/10 seconds. You can adjust the byte and time thresholds for identifying elephant flows in the threat defense CLI using the system support elephant-flow-detection command.	
	Note A flow is considered an elephant flow only when both the byte and time thresholds are surpassed.	
Active connections	Shows the number of active connections.	number
Peak Connections	Shows the maximum number of simultaneous connections.	number
Total Connections per second	The connections-per-second for all connection types.	number
TCP Connections per second	The connections-per-second for TCP connection types.	number
UDP Connections per second	The connections-per-second for UDP connection types.	number

Metric	Description	Format
Preserve Connections Enabled	Preserves existing TCP/UDP connections on routed and transparent interfaces in case the Snort process goes down.	number
Connections Preserved	Connections for which preserve-connection is currently enabled.	number
Preserve Connections Most Enabled	The most number of connections ever preserved.	number
Peak Connections Preserved	The most number of peak connections ever preserved.	number
NAT Translations	Displays the translation count.	number
Peak NAT Translations	Displays the historic maximum of concurrent translations at a time.	number

Snort Group Metrics

The health monitor tracks statistics related to the Snort process.

Table 5: Snort Group Metrics

Metric	Description	Format
Blocked list flows.	The number of flows from policy configuration that were dropped by Snort.	number
Blocked packets.	The number of blocked packets.	number
Denied flows.	The number of denied flow events. The data plane sends denied flow events to Snort when it decides to drop a flow before sending it to Snort.	number
End of flows.	The data plane sends end-of-flow events to Snort when a fast path flow ends.	number
Fast forwarded flows.	The number of flows that were fast forwarded by policy, and thus not inspected.	number
Packets forwarded to snort before drop.	The number of to-be-dropped packets forwarded to snort.	number
Injected packets dropped.	The number of packets that Snort added to the traffic stream that were dropped.	number
Injected packets.	The number of packets Snort created and added to the traffic stream. For example, if you configure a block with reset action, Snort generates packets to reset the connection.	number

Metric	Description	Format
Instances.	The number of snort instances (processes).	number
Packet receive queue utilization percentage.	The queue utilization percentage for the data-plane receive queue.	percent
Packet Transmit queue utilization percentage.	The queue utilization percentage for the data-plane transmit queue.	percent
Packets bypassed due to Snort busy.	The number of packets that bypassed inspection when Snort was too busy to handle the packets.	number
Packets bypassed due to Snort down.	The number of packets that bypassed inspection when Snort was down.	number
Packets bypassed due to RX queue full.	The number of packets bypassed due to a receive queue full.	number
Packets bypassed due to TX queue full.	The number of packets bypassed due to a transmit queue full.	number
Passed packets.	The number of packets sent to Snort from the data plane.	number
Start of flows.	The number of start-of-flow events. These events help Snort keep track of the connections and report the connection events.	number

ASP Drop Metrics

The health monitor tracks statistics related to the accelerated security path (ASP) dropped packets or connections.

Following table describes the list of general ASP drop dashboard metrics. For more information about the list of all the ASP drop dashboard metrics, see the Show ASP Drop Command Usage document.

Table 6: AS	SP Drop	Metrics
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Metric	Description	Format
Connection limit exceeded	Counts the number of flows closed when the connection limit has been exceeded.	number
Connection limit reached	Counts the number of dropped packets when the connection limit or host connection limit has been exceeded.	number
Flow denied by access rule	Number of connections that are denied by access rule.	number
Flow denied by configured rule	Number of connections that are denied by configured rule.	number

Metric	Description	Format
L2 rule drop	Counts the number of denied packets due to a Layer 2 ACL.	number
L2 rule VXLAN drop	Counts the number of denied packets due to a failure to locate a VXLAN out_tag when applying Layer 2 ACL checks.	number
NAT reverse path failed	Counts the number of rejected attempts to connect to a translated host using the translated host's real address.	number
NAT failed	Counts the number of failed attempts to create an xlate to translate an IP or transport header.	number
No valid v4 adjacency	Counts the number of dropped packets when the security appliance has tried to obtain an adjacency and could not obtain mac-address for next hop (IPv4).	number
No valid v6 adjacency	Counts the number of dropped packets when the security appliance has tried to obtain an adjacency and could not obtain mac-address for next hop (IPv6).	number
Packet blocklisted by Snort; Packet blocked by Snort	Counts the number of packets dropped as requested by the Snort module.	number
Frame drops – Snort busy; Frame drops – Snort down; Frame drops – Snort drop	Counts the number of frames dropped as the Snort module is busy and unable to handle the frame; the Snort module is down; the Snort module requests the drop.	number
Dispatch queue limit reached	Counts the number of times a device's load balance ASP dispatcher reaches its queue limit. When more packets are attempted, tail drop occurs and this counter is incremented.	number
Destination MAC L2 lookup failed	Counts the number of Layer 2 destination MAC address lookups which fail. Upon the lookup failure, the appliance will begin the destination MAC discovery process and attempt to find the location of the host via ARP and/or ICMP messages.	number
Inspection failure	Counts the number of times the appliance fails to enable protocol inspection carried out by the network processor for the connection. The cause could be memory allocation failure, or for ICMP error message, the appliance not being able to find any established connection related to the frame embedded in the ICMP error message.	number

Metric	Description	Format
NAT no xlate to PAT pool	Counts no pre-existing xlate found for a connection with a destination matching a mapped address in a PAT pool.	number
No routes to host	Number of times the security appliance tries to send a packet out of an interface and does not find a route for it in routing table.	number
PDTS punt limit exceeded	Number of packet dropped when datapath punts packets to inspectors and the no. of packets queued to snort exceeded the maximum limit.	number
Punt limit	Number of packets dropped due to packets queued for the inspection reached the limit.	number
Snort silent drop	Number of times a packet is dropped silently as requested by the Snort module.	number
First TCP packet not in SYN	Number of times a non SYN packet is received as the first packet of a non intercepted and non nailed connection.	number

Hardware/Environment Status Metrics

The Hardware / Environment health monitor tracks statistics and collects metric values that are related to the threat defense hardware entities.

Table 7: Hardware /	^r Environment	Status Metrics
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Metric	Description	Format
Fan Speed	Speed of chassis fan(s).	RPM
Inlet Temperature	Temperature of the inlet sensor.	Celsius
Internal Temperature	Temperature of the internal sensor.	Celsius
Outlet Temperature	Temperature of the outlet sensor(s).	Celsius
Power Supply Unit Temperature	Temperature of the Power Supply Unit(s).	Celsius
Power Supply Unit Fan Speed	Speed of Power Supply Unit fan(s).	RPM
Power Supply Unit Input Current	Input current of the Power Supply Unit(s).	Ampere
Power Supply Unit Input Voltage	Input voltage of the Power Supply Unit(s).	Volt
Power Supply Unit Input Power	Input power of the Power Supply Unit(s).	Watt
Power Supply Unit Input Status	Input status of the Power Supply Unit(s).	Boolean

Metric	Description	Format
Power Supply Unit Output Power	Output power of the Power Supply Unit(s).	Watt
Power Supply Unit Fan Status	Status of the Power Supply Unit fans(s).	Boolean
SSD1	Status of SSD1.	number
System Uptime	Duration for which the system is active.	seconds
Thermal Status	Power supply status of the device, where 1 represents up-state and 0 represents down-state.	1 or 0

The availability of Hardware / Environment status metrics can vary depending on the model of the threat defense device. The following table describes the metrics available for each device model.

Metric	1000 Series	2100 Series	3100 Series	4100 Series	4200 Series	9300 Series	SSP
System Uptime	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fan Speed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Power Supply Unit Temperature	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Power Supply Unit Fan Speed	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Power Supply Unit Fan Status	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Power Supply Unit Input Current	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Power Supply Unit Input Voltage	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Power Supply Unit Input Power	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Power Supply Unit Input Status	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Power Supply Unit Output Power	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Internal Temperature	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Inlet Temperature	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Outlet Temperature	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
SSD1 Status	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Thermal Status	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Deployed Configuration Group Metrics

The health monitor tracks statistics related to the deployed configuration, such as the number of IPS rules and the number of ACEs.

Table 9: Deployed Configuration Group Metrics

Metric	Description	Format
Number of ACEs	The number of access control entries (ACE), or rules. An access control list (ACL) is composed of one or more ACEs.	number
Number of rules	The number of rules in an intrusion policy.	number

Disk Group Metrics

The health monitor tracks statistics related to the device disk usage, including the disk size and disk utilization per partition.

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Metric	Description	Format
Total	The total size of the device disk.	bytes
Used	The total space used on the device disk.	bytes
Used Percentage by /ngfw	The percent of disk space used by the /ngfw partition.	percentage
Used Percentage by /ngfw/Volume	The percent of disk space used by the /ngfw/Volume partition.	percentage
Used Percentage by /dev/cgroups	The percent of disk space used by the /dev/cgroups	percentage

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Table 10: Disk Group Metrics

Used Percentage by /mnt/disk0

Used Percentage by /var/volatile

Critical Process Group Metrics

The health monitor tracks statistics related to process restarts for managed processes. In addition, for each critical process, the health monitor tracks CPU utilization, memory utilization, uptime, and status.

The percent of disk space used by the /mnt/disk0

The percent of disk space used by the /var/volatile

Metric	Description	Format
CPU utilization	The CPU utilization for the process since the start of the process.	percent
Restart count	Number of times the process has restarted since the threat defense device boot up.Note that if the process restarts too frequently, the restart count metric may not reflect the exact number as this metric runs for every minute.	number
Unexpected Restart Count	Number of time the process has restarted unexpectedly, since the threat defensedevice boot up.	number
Status	Status of the process.	One of the following: • Started • Running • Down • Waiting • Locked • Disabled User Disabled
Uptime	Duration for which the process is running.	seconds
Memory used	RSS memory used by the process.	bytes

Table 11: Critical Process Group Metrics

Cluster Metrics

The cluster health monitor tracks statistics that are related to a cluster and its nodes, and aggregate of load distribution, performance, and CCL traffic statistics.

Table 12: Cluster Metrics

Metric	Description	Format
СРИ	Average of CPU metrics on the nodes of a cluster (individually for data plane and snort).	percentage
Memory	Average of memory metrics on the nodes of a cluster (individually for data plane and snort).	percentage

Metric	Description	Format
Data Throughput	Incoming and outgoing data traffic statistics for a cluster.	bytes
CCL Throughput	Incoming and outgoing CCL traffic statistics for a cluster.	bytes
Connections	Count of active connections in a cluster.	number
NAT Translations	Count of NAT translations for a cluster.	number
Distribution	Connection distribution count in the cluster for every second.	number
Packets	Packet distribution count in the cluster for every second.	number

NTP server group metric

The health monitor tracks statistics related the NTP clock synchronization status of the managed device.

Metric	Description	Format
Delay	Delay in reaching the NTP server.	milliseconds
Jitter	Network latency between the device and the NTP millise server.	
Last polled	Time since the device's last poll to the NTP server. second	
Offset	Time difference between the local clock and the NTP server's clock.	seconds
Reach	Most recent eight NTP updates in octal number. For example, eight successful attempts is represented by 377.	number

Flow Offload Statistics Group Metrics

Health monitoring tracks the hardware flow offload statistics on the Threat Defense 9300 and 4100 platforms.

Table 14: Flow Offload Statistics Group Metrics

Metric	Description	Format
In Use	Number of flows that are offloaded at the moment.	number
Most Used	Maximum number of offloaded flows seen up to now.	number

Metric	Description	Format
Number of Collision Flows	Number of multiple flows matching the same hardware offload location at the same time.	number
Offload Percentage	Percentage of total flows offloaded to the hardware at the moment.	percentage

Route Statistics Group Metrics

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Health monitor tracks both the IPv4 and IPv6 route information from the threat defense device.

Table 15: Route Statistics Group Metrics

Metric	Description	Format
Current IPv4 and IPv6 routes	Count of current IPv4 and IPv6 routes.	number
Global IPv4 routes	Global IPv4 routes.	number
Global IPv6 routes	Global IPv6 routes.	number
Peak IPv4 and IPv6 routes	Peak route count for IPv4 and IPv6.	number
Per VRF Total IPv4 routes	Total number of IPv4 routes per VRF.	number
Per VRF Total IPv6 routes	Total number of IPv6 routes per VRF.	number

VPN Group Metrics

Health monitoring tracks site-to-site and remote access VPN tunnel statistics.

Table 16: VPN Group Metrics

Metric	Description	Format
Active RA VPN Tunnels	Number of active remote access VPN tunnels.	number
Active S2S VPN Tunnels	Number of active site-to-site VPN tunnels.	number
Cumulative RA VPN Sessions	Total number of remote access VPN tunnels which were active until now.	number
Cumulative S2S VPN Sessions	Total number of site-to-site VPN tunnels which were active until now.	number
Inactive RA VPN Tunnels	Number of inactive remote access VPN tunnels.	number
Peak Concurrent RA VPN Tunnels	nnels Peak number of remote access VPN tunnels which nu were simultaneously active until now.	

Metric	Description	Format
	Peak number of site-to-site VPN tunnels which were simultaneously active until now.	number

TLS Counters Group Metric

The health monitoring tracks the XTLS flows, memory, and cache effectiveness.

1etric Description		Format	
Allocation failures.	Shows the number of allocation failures due to decryption or re-encryption running out of DMA memory per second.	number	
Cache effectiveness.	The rate of overall cache hits to the cache look-ups.	percentage	
Cache entries.	Cache entries of the total cache summary per second.	number	
Cache evictions.	Cache evictions of the total cache summary per second.	number	
Cache hits.	Cache look-up hits for all caches per second.	number	
Cache miss.	Cache look-up misses for all caches per second.	number	
Cache added.	Number of items added to all caches per second.	number	
Certificate validation cache.	The ratio of certificate validation cache hits to cache look-ups.	percentage	
Client hello digest cache.	The ratio of client hello digest cache hits to cache look-ups.	percentage	
Original certificate cache.	The ratio of original certificate cache hits to cache look-ups.	percentage	
Replaced key certificate cache.	The ratio of replaced key cache hits to cache look-ups.	percentage	
Resigned certificate cache.	The ratio of resigned key cache hits to cache look-ups.	percentage	
Session ID cache.	The ratio of session ID cache hits to cache look-ups.	percentage	
Session ticket cache.	The ratio of session ticket cache hits to cache look-ups.	percentage	
RSA SCB allocation failures.	The number of allocation failures due to crypto operations running out of resources for an RSA key operation per second.	number	

Metric	Description	Format
SCB allocation failures.	The number of allocation failures due to crypto operations running out of resources for payload decryption per second.	number
SNI cache.	The ratio of SNI cache hits to cache look-ups.	percentage
Upstream record check errors.	Number of bad TLS records from the client or server nurreceived by the device per second.	

AMP Connectivity Group Metrics

Health monitoring tracks the AMP cloud connectivity status from the threat defense device.

Table 18:

Metric	Description	Format
Connection	AMP cloud connection	number ranging from 0 to 5 where:
Status	status.	• 0 indicates Disabled.
		• 1 indicates Waiting.
		• 2 indicates Running.
		• 3 indicates Not configured.
		• 4 indicates AMP cloud connection ON.
		• 5 indicates AMP cloud connection OFF.

AMP Threat Grid Connectivity Group Metrics

Health monitoring tracks the AMP Threat Grid cloud connectivity status from the threat defense device.

Metric	Description	Format
Connection Status	AMP Threat Grid cloud connection status.	 number ranging from 0 to 5 where: 0 indicates Disabled. 1 indicates Waiting. 2 indicates Running. 3 indicates Not configured. 4 indicates AMP Threat Grid cloud connection ON. 5 indicates AMP Threat Grid cloud connection OFF.

History for Device Health Metrics

Feature	Version	Details
New memory metrics.	7.41	Added new metrics to track the free memory in blocks of 4, 80, 2048, 2560, 4096, 8192, 9344, 16384, and 65664 bytes.
ASP drop visibility improvement.	7.4.0	Added new health metrics to the ASP Drop dashboard, which provides enhanced visibility of ASP drops. The new metrics enable you to monitor additional reasons for packet and connection drops.
New cluster health monitor dashboard.	r 7.3	A new dashboard to view the cluster health monitor metrics was introduced with the following components:
		• Overview—Displays information about the cluster topology, cluster statistics, and metric charts.
		Load Distribution—Displays load distribution across the cluster nodes.
		• Member Performance—Displays current metrics of all the member nodes of the cluster.
		• CCL—Displays, graphically, the cluster control link data namely, the input, and output rate.
		Note These features are applicable only for a cluster. Hence, you must select the cluster under the Devices list on the Monitoring pane to view and use the cluster dashboard.
		New/modified screens: System > Health > Monitor.

Feature	Version	Details
Monitor fans speed and temperature for the hardware power supply units (PSU).	7.3	The custom metric group, Hardware / Environment Status now includes metrics to monitor the power supply units. The new metrics included PSU fan speed, PSU fan status, PSU temperature, and PSU input and output metrics.
		Note These features are applicable only for the threat defense hardware. Hence, you must select the appropriate device under the Devices list on the Monitoring pane.
		New/modified screens: System > Health > Monitor.
Elephant Flow Detection	7.1	The health monitor includes the following enhancements:
		• The Connection statistics includes active elephant flows.
		• The Connection Group Metrics includes the number of active elephant flows.
New health modules.	7.0	We added the following health modules:
		• AMP Connection Status: Monitors AMP cloud connectivity from the threat defense.
		• AMP Threat Grid Status: Monitors AMP Threat Grid cloud connectivity from the threat defense.
		• ASP Drop: Monitors the connections dropped by the data plane accelerated security path.
		• Advanced Snort Statistics: Monitors Snort statistics related to packet performance, flow counters, and flow events.
		• Hardware and Environment Status: Monitors device hardware and environmental metrics from the threat defense device.
		• Flow Offload: Monitors hardware flow offload statistics on the threat defense 9300 and 4100 platforms.
		• NTP Status: Monitors the NTP clock synchronization status of the managed device.
		• Routing Statistics: Monitors both IPv4 and IPv6 route information from the threat defense.
		• SSE Connection Status: Monitors SSE cloud connectivity from the threat defense.
		• VPN Statistics: Monitors site-to-site and remote access VPN tunnel statistics.
		• TLS Counters: Monitors xTLS/SSL flows, memory and cache effectiveness.

Feature	Version	Details
New health modules.	6.7	The following metrics are added to track CPU usage:
		• CPU Usage (per core): Monitors the CPU usage on all of the cores.
		• CPU Usage Data Plane: Monitors the average CPU usage of all data plane processes on the device.
		• CPU Usage Snort: Monitors the average CPU usage of the Snort processes on the device.
		• CPU Usage System: Monitors the average CPU usage of all system processes on the device.
		The following metric groups are added to track device health statistics:
		• Connection Statistics: Monitors the connection statistics and NAT translation counts.
		• Critical Process Statistics: Monitors the state of critical processes, their resource consumption, and the restart counts.
		• Deployed Configuration Statistics: Monitors statistics about the deployed configuration, such as the number of ACEs and IPS rules.
		• Snort Statistics: Monitors the Snort statistics for events, flows, and packets.
		The following metrics are added to track memory usage:
		• Memory Usage Data Plane: Monitors the percentage of allocated memory used by the Data Plane processes.
		• Memory Usage Snort: Monitors the percentage of allocated memory used by the Snort process.

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