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Ransomware landscape: December 2019

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

Period: December 2019 | Compared with the previous month | Counts are listings by the date we first saw them

13	+116.7%	3	0
listings this month	vs previous month (6)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 13 organizations were listed in December 2019, +116.7% against 6 in the month before.
- maze was the most active group with 6 listings (46.2% of the month). The five most active groups account for 100.0% of all listings.
- Technology was the most listed sector with 4 listings (30.8%), followed by Government & Defense (3).
- United States was the most listed country with 10 listings (76.9%).
- The busiest day was 2019-12-01 with 2 listings.

Who is behind the listings

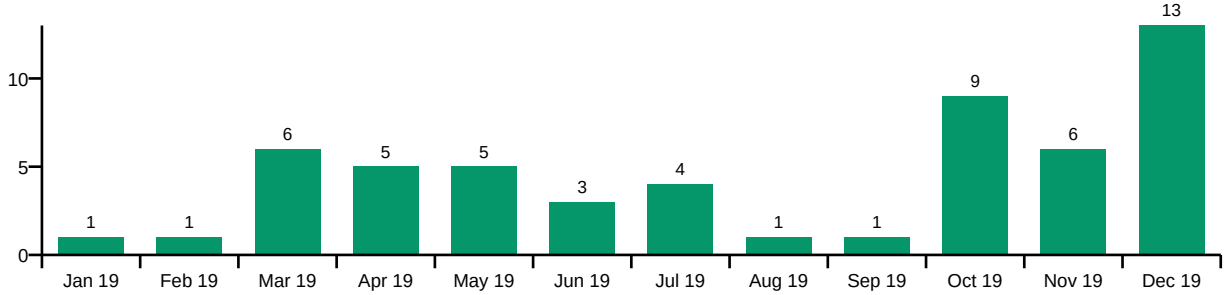


Dark: maze (46.2%). Grey: the next four groups (53.8%). Light: all other groups (0.0%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (maze, revil, ryuk) made 100.0% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Technology had the most listings (4). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings rose 117% on the month before. Confirm that alerts for newly named organizations reach someone who acts on them the same day.

Listings per month, last 12 months



Most active groups

Group	Listings	Share	vs last month
maze	6	46.2%	+5
revil	4	30.8%	+3
ryuk	3	23.1%	+1

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Technology	4	30.8%	+2
Government & Defense	3	23.1%	+2
Financial Services	2	15.4%	new
Manufacturing	2	15.4%	new
Agriculture and Food Production	1	7.7%	new
Healthcare	1	7.7%	new

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	10	76.9%
Australia	1	7.7%
Canada	1	7.7%
United Kingdom	1	7.7%

About these numbers

Listing	A post on a ransomware group's leak site naming an organization. It is the group's claim, not a confirmed breach.
Date	We count a listing on the date we first saw it, which can be days or weeks after the attack.
Share	The group's, sector's or country's part of all listings in the month.
vs last month	Change in listings from the month before. 'new' means none the month before. Colour shows direction only.
Limits	Many victims are never listed, so this describes leak-site activity, not the true number of ransomware incidents.

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