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Ransomware landscape: February 2021

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

Period: February 2021 | Compared with the previous month | Counts are listings by the date we first saw them

23	+360.0%	13	4
listings this month	vs previous month (5)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 23 organizations were listed in February 2021, +360.0% against 5 in the month before.
- darkside was the most active group with 6 listings (26.1% of the month). The five most active groups account for 65.2% of all listings.
- Healthcare was the most listed sector with 6 listings (26.1%), followed by Energy & Utilities (3).
- United States was the most listed country with 7 listings (30.4%).
- 4 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2021-02-01 with 10 listings.

Who is behind the listings

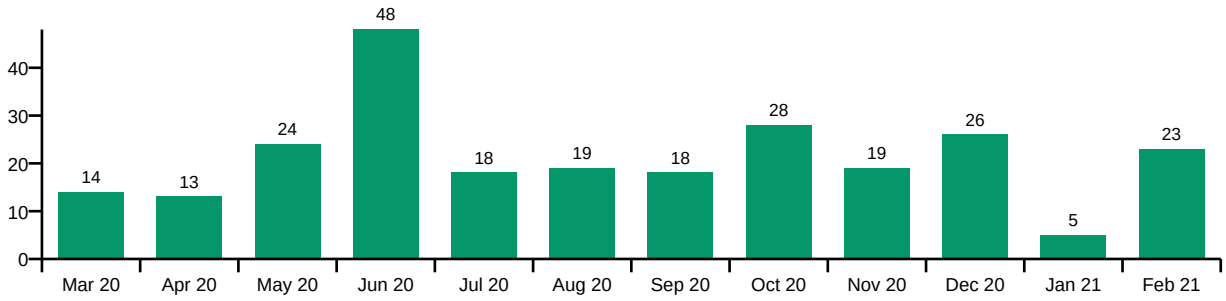


Dark: darkside (26.1%). Grey: the next four groups (39.1%). Light: all other groups (34.8%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (darkside, doppelpaymer, avaddon, conti, revil) made 65.2% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Healthcare had the most listings (6). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings rose 360% on the month before. Confirm that alerts for newly named organizations reach someone who acts on them the same day.
- 4 groups listed for the first time. Add new names to your watchlist and note which sectors they went for.

Listings per month, last 12 months



Most active groups

Group	Listings	Share	vs last month
darkside	6	26.1%	new
doppelpaymer	3	13.0%	new
avaddon	2	8.7%	new
conti	2	8.7%	+1
revil	2	8.7%	+1
cuba	1	4.3%	new
egregor	1	4.3%	new
lorenz	1	4.3%	0
mountlocker	1	4.3%	new
ragnarlocker	1	4.3%	0

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Healthcare	6	26.1%	new
Energy & Utilities	3	13.0%	new
Professional Services	3	13.0%	new
Government & Defense	2	8.7%	new
Manufacturing	2	8.7%	+1
Retail & E-Commerce	2	8.7%	+1
Transportation	2	8.7%	new
Agriculture and Food Production	1	4.3%	0

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	7	30.4%
France	4	17.4%
Canada	2	8.7%
Australia	1	4.3%
Brazil	1	4.3%
Ecuador	1	4.3%
Italy	1	4.3%

Groups that listed for the first time

avaddon, cuba, mountlocker, ronggolawe

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.

Browse the full data. Every listing, group, sector and country behind this report is free to search at **https://tracker.exposuredrift.com**. This report is published by Ransomware Tracker by ExposureDrift.