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Ransomware landscape: September 2021

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

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

811	+5306.7%	25	11
listings this month	vs previous month (15)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 811 organizations were listed in September 2021, +5306.7% against 15 in the month before.
- pysa was the most active group with 218 listings (26.9% of the month). The five most active groups account for 73.9% of all listings.
- Manufacturing was the most listed sector with 155 listings (19.1%), followed by Professional Services (114).
- Canada was the most listed country with 8 listings (1.0%).
- 11 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2021-09-09 with 566 listings.

Who is behind the listings

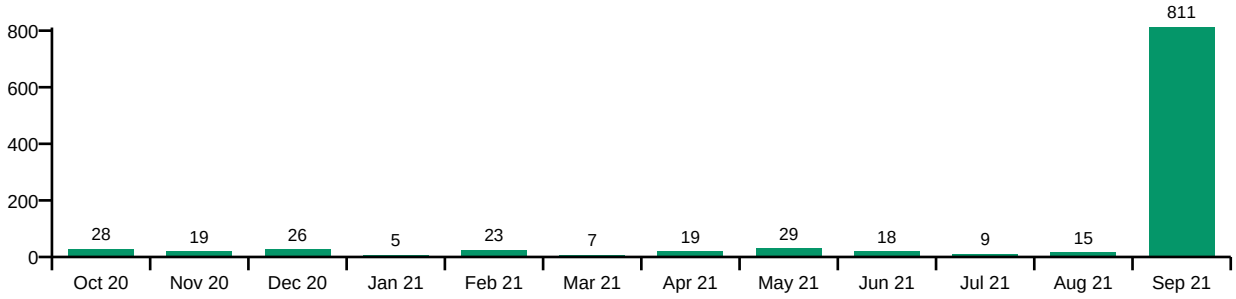


Dark: pysa (26.9%). Grey: the next four groups (47.0%). Light: all other groups (26.1%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (pysa, lockbit2, avaddon, conti, darkleakmarket) made 73.9% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Manufacturing had the most listings (155). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings rose 5307% on the month before. Confirm that alerts for newly named organizations reach someone who acts on them the same day.
- 11 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
pysa	218	26.9%	new
lockbit2	171	21.1%	new
avaddon	141	17.4%	new
conti	42	5.2%	new
darkleakmarket	27	3.3%	new
blackmatter	26	3.2%	new
revil	24	3.0%	new
payloadbin	23	2.8%	new
ransomexx	21	2.6%	+20
everest	18	2.2%	new

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Manufacturing	155	19.1%	+152
Professional Services	114	14.1%	+113
Technology	93	11.5%	+92
Retail & E-Commerce	65	8.0%	new
Financial Services	52	6.4%	new
Healthcare	43	5.3%	+40
Agriculture and Food Production	41	5.1%	new
Education	41	5.1%	new

71 listings (8%) have no sector in the source data and are not ranked.

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
Canada	8	1.0%
Australia	7	0.9%
Germany	6	0.7%
United States	6	0.7%
Brazil	4	0.5%
Japan	4	0.5%
France	3	0.4%
Italy	3	0.4%

Groups that listed for the first time

alphv, arvinclub, azroteam, blackmatter, darkleakmarket, everest, groove, lockbit2, lockdata, payloadbin, quantum

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.