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Ransomware landscape: October 2021

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

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

257	-68.3%	18	5
listings this month	vs previous month (811)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 257 organizations were listed in October 2021, -68.3% against 811 in the month before.
- lockbit2 was the most active group with 100 listings (38.9% of the month). The five most active groups account for 86.0% of all listings.
- Manufacturing was the most listed sector with 54 listings (21.0%), followed by Professional Services (45).
- Italy was the most listed country with 3 listings (1.2%).
- 5 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2021-10-04 with 42 listings.

Who is behind the listings

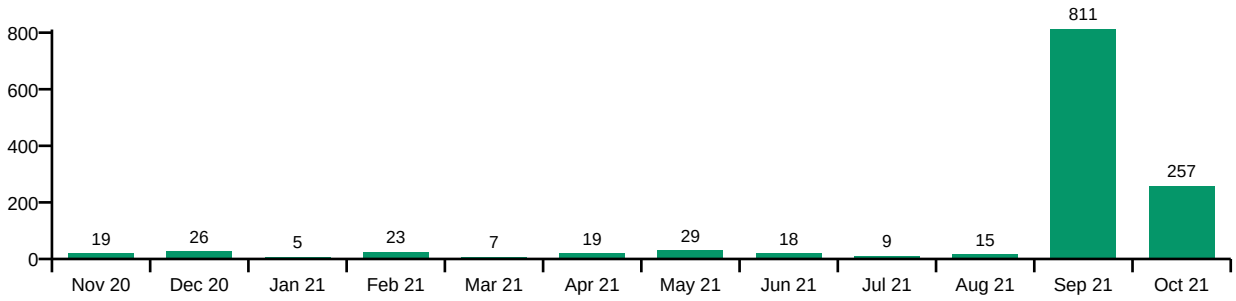


Dark: lockbit2 (38.9%). Grey: the next four groups (47.1%). Light: all other groups (14.0%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (lockbit2, conti, spook, pysa, blackbyte) made 86.0% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Manufacturing had the most listings (54). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings fell 68% on the month before. A quieter month on leak sites is not a reason to relax controls: many victims are never listed.
- 5 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
lockbit2	100	38.9%	-71
conti	41	16.0%	-1
spook	35	13.6%	new
pysa	27	10.5%	-191
blackbyte	18	7.0%	new
karma	7	2.7%	new
groove	6	2.3%	-1
revil	4	1.6%	-20
darkleakmarket	3	1.2%	-24
everest	3	1.2%	-15

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Manufacturing	54	21.0%	-101
Professional Services	45	17.5%	-69
Technology	31	12.1%	-62
Retail & E-Commerce	23	8.9%	-42
Healthcare	17	6.6%	-26
Agriculture and Food Production	14	5.4%	-27
Transportation	11	4.3%	-25
Education	9	3.5%	-32

18 listings (7%) have no sector in the source data and are not ranked.

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
Italy	3	1.2%
Switzerland	2	0.8%
France	2	0.8%
Taiwan	2	0.8%
United States	2	0.8%
United Arab Emirates	1	0.4%
Austria	1	0.4%
Australia	1	0.4%

Groups that listed for the first time

blackbyte, bonacigroup, karma, macaw, spook

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.