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Ransomware landscape: December 2021

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

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

281	-5.4%	29	9
listings this month	vs previous month (297)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 281 organizations were listed in December 2021, -5.4% against 297 in the month before.
- lockbit2 was the most active group with 62 listings (22.1% of the month). The five most active groups account for 59.8% of all listings.
- Professional Services was the most listed sector with 50 listings (17.8%), followed by Manufacturing (47).
- United States was the most listed country with 10 listings (3.6%).
- 9 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2021-12-18 with 55 listings.

Who is behind the listings

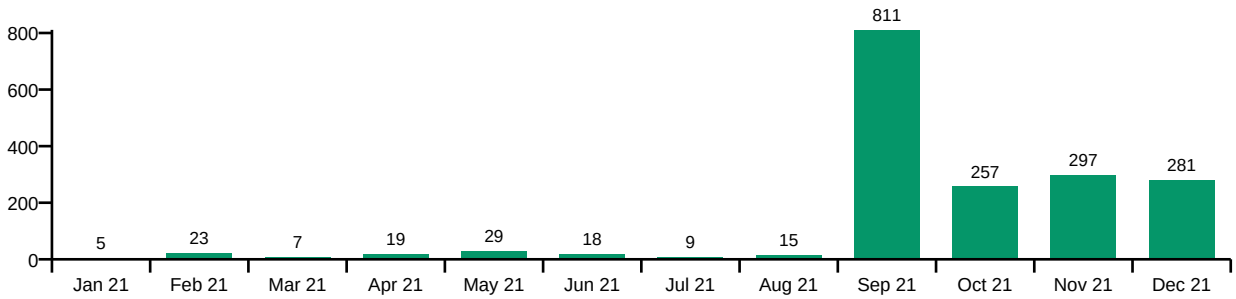


Dark: lockbit2 (22.1%). Grey: the next four groups (37.7%). Light: all other groups (40.2%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (lockbit2, conti, marketo, hive, mosesstaff) made 59.8% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Professional Services had the most listings (50). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- 9 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



Data: public ransomware leak-site listings, compiled by Ransomware Tracker by ExposureDrift from open threat-intelligence sources. A listing is a claim made by a criminal group, not a confirmed breach.

Most active groups

Group	Listings	Share	vs last month
lockbit2	62	22.1%	-34
conti	36	12.8%	-18
marketo	31	11.0%	new
hive	23	8.2%	new
mosesstaff	16	5.7%	new
alphv	13	4.6%	new
snatch	13	4.6%	+1
cryp70n1c0d3	11	3.9%	new
lv	11	3.9%	+5
quantum	7	2.5%	+3

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Professional Services	50	17.8%	-8
Manufacturing	47	16.7%	-2
Technology	42	14.9%	+20
Retail & E-Commerce	30	10.7%	-1
Financial Services	14	5.0%	+1
Healthcare	12	4.3%	-8
Government & Defense	11	3.9%	-4
Transportation	10	3.6%	0

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

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	10	3.6%
India	7	2.5%
France	6	2.1%
Brazil	3	1.1%
Canada	3	1.1%
Italy	3	1.1%
Germany	2	0.7%
United Kingdom	2	0.7%

Groups that listed for the first time

atomsilo, blackshadow, blacktor, cryp70n1c0d3, lapsus$, marketo, mosesstaff, robinhood, rook

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.