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Ransomware landscape: January 2022

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

Period: January 2022 | Compared with the previous month | Counts are listings by the date we first saw them

199	-29.2%	20	2
listings this month	vs previous month (281)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 199 organizations were listed in January 2022, -29.2% against 281 in the month before.
- lockbit2 was the most active group with 48 listings (24.1% of the month). The five most active groups account for 72.9% of all listings.
- Manufacturing was the most listed sector with 33 listings (16.6%), followed by Professional Services (24).
- United States was the most listed country with 8 listings (4.0%).
- 2 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2022-01-25 with 33 listings.

Who is behind the listings

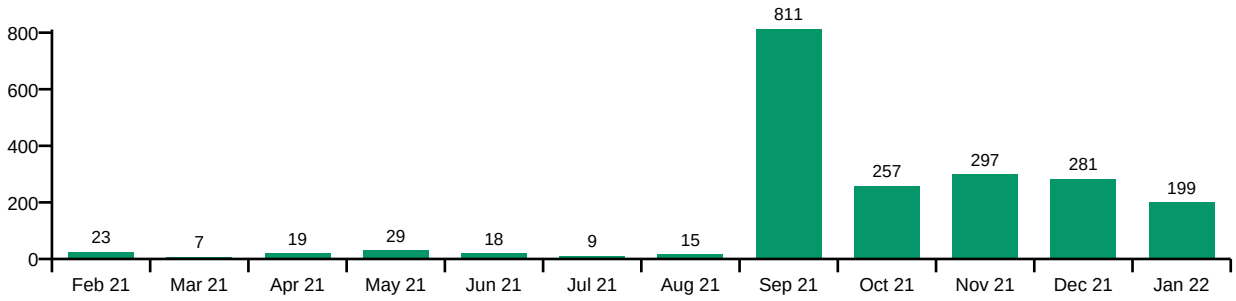


Dark: lockbit2 (24.1%). Grey: the next four groups (48.7%). Light: all other groups (27.1%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (lockbit2, vicesociety, hive, leaktheanalyst, alphv) made 72.9% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Manufacturing had the most listings (33). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings fell 29% on the month before. A quieter month on leak sites is not a reason to relax controls: many victims are never listed.
- 2 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	48	24.1%	-14
vicesociety	34	17.1%	new
hive	32	16.1%	+9
leaktheanalyst	18	9.0%	new
alphv	13	6.5%	0
conti	11	5.5%	-25
snatch	9	4.5%	-4
cuba	8	4.0%	+2
sabbath	6	3.0%	+2
everest	5	2.5%	0

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Manufacturing	33	16.6%	-14
Professional Services	24	12.1%	-26
Education	22	11.1%	+16
Retail & E-Commerce	17	8.5%	-13
Financial Services	14	7.0%	0
Healthcare	12	6.0%	0
Technology	12	6.0%	-30
Government & Defense	10	5.0%	-1

25 listings (12%) have no sector in the source data and are not ranked.

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	8	4.0%
France	5	2.5%
Germany	4	2.0%
Italy	4	2.0%
United Kingdom	2	1.0%
United Arab Emirates	1	0.5%
Canada	1	0.5%
Switzerland	1	0.5%

Groups that listed for the first time

leaktheanalyst, nightsky

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.