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Ransomware landscape: March 2022

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

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

292	+37.1%	19	3
listings this month	vs previous month (213)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 292 organizations were listed in March 2022, +37.1% against 213 in the month before.
- lockbit2 was the most active group with 135 listings (46.2% of the month). The five most active groups account for 82.5% of all listings.
- Manufacturing was the most listed sector with 62 listings (21.2%), followed by Professional Services (46).
- Italy was the most listed country with 6 listings (2.1%).
- 3 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2022-03-17 with 22 listings.

Who is behind the listings

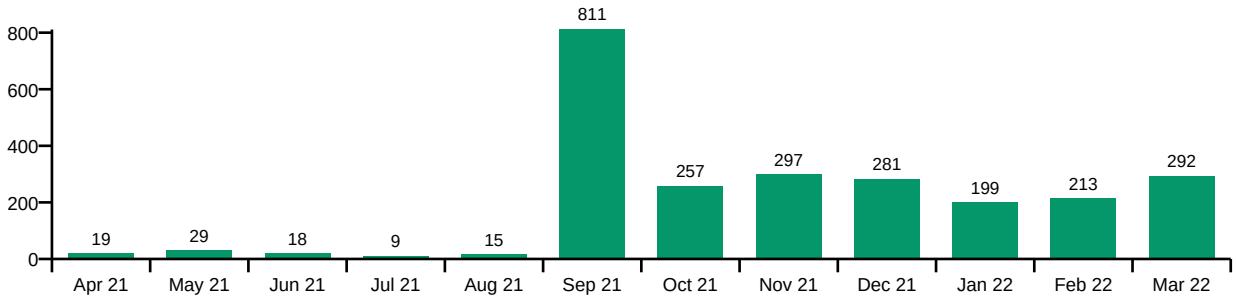


Dark: lockbit2 (46.2%). Grey: the next four groups (36.3%). Light: all other groups (17.5%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (lockbit2, conti, hive, everest, vicesociety) made 82.5% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Manufacturing had the most listings (62). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings rose 37% on the month before. Confirm that alerts for newly named organizations reach someone who acts on them the same day.
- 3 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	135	46.2%	+40
conti	58	19.9%	+24
hive	21	7.2%	-2
everest	18	6.2%	+15
vicesociety	9	3.1%	new
blackbyte	8	2.7%	-1
stormous	8	2.7%	new
pandora	5	1.7%	new
cuba	4	1.4%	-2
lorenz	4	1.4%	new

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Manufacturing	62	21.2%	+20
Professional Services	46	15.8%	+19
Technology	19	6.5%	-2
Government & Defense	18	6.2%	+16
Healthcare	16	5.5%	+7
Retail & E-Commerce	16	5.5%	-12
Financial Services	15	5.1%	+8
Other	14	4.8%	+7

38 listings (13%) have no sector in the source data and are not ranked.

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
Italy	6	2.1%
Germany	5	1.7%
United States	5	1.7%
Switzerland	3	1.0%
Singapore	3	1.0%
Canada	2	0.7%
China	2	0.7%
Argentina	1	0.3%

Groups that listed for the first time

bitlocker, pandora, stormous

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.