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Ransomware landscape: December 2022

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

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

489	+87.4%	25	6
listings this month	vs previous month (261)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 489 organizations were listed in December 2022, +87.4% against 261 in the month before.
- clop was the most active group with 122 listings (24.9% of the month). The five most active groups account for 62.8% of all listings.
- Manufacturing was the most listed sector with 84 listings (17.2%), followed by Professional Services (69).
- United States was the most listed country with 20 listings (4.1%).
- 6 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2022-12-22 with 131 listings.

Who is behind the listings

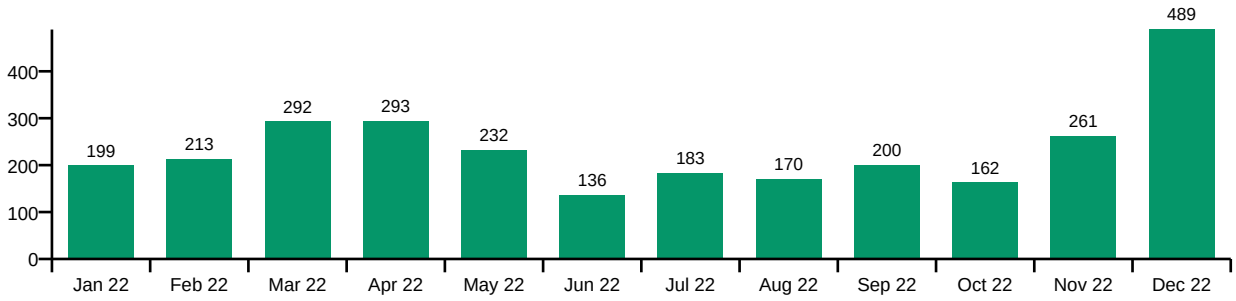


Dark: clop (24.9%). Grey: the next four groups (37.8%). Light: all other groups (37.2%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (clop, lockbit3, royal, karakurt, avoslocker) made 62.8% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Manufacturing had the most listings (84). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings rose 87% on the month before. Confirm that alerts for newly named organizations reach someone who acts on them the same day.
- 6 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
clop	122	24.9%	new
lockbit3	56	11.5%	+23
royal	45	9.2%	+2
karakurt	43	8.8%	new
avoslocker	41	8.4%	new
bianlian	37	7.6%	+22
play	25	5.1%	+14
vicesociety	19	3.9%	+8
blackbasta	16	3.3%	+8
hive	15	3.1%	+5

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Manufacturing	84	17.2%	+24
Professional Services	69	14.1%	+31
Technology	55	11.2%	+32
Education	40	8.2%	+26
Healthcare	33	6.7%	+14
Retail & E-Commerce	33	6.7%	+11
Financial Services	26	5.3%	+12
Government & Defense	24	4.9%	+14

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

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	20	4.1%
Canada	7	1.4%
Germany	7	1.4%
New Zealand	7	1.4%
United Kingdom	6	1.2%
India	6	1.2%
Brazil	5	1.0%
Australia	4	0.8%

Groups that listed for the first time

dataleak, freecivilian, karakurt, monti, nokoyawa, unsafe

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.