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Ransomware landscape: February 2023

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

Period: February 2023 | Compared with the previous month | Counts are listings by the date we first saw them

220	+49.7%	18	1
listings this month	vs previous month (147)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 220 organizations were listed in February 2023, +49.7% against 147 in the month before.
- lockbit3 was the most active group with 129 listings (58.6% of the month). The five most active groups account for 85.0% of all listings.
- Manufacturing was the most listed sector with 38 listings (17.3%), followed by Professional Services (26).
- United States was the most listed country with 18 listings (8.2%).
- 1 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2023-02-06 with 17 listings.

Who is behind the listings

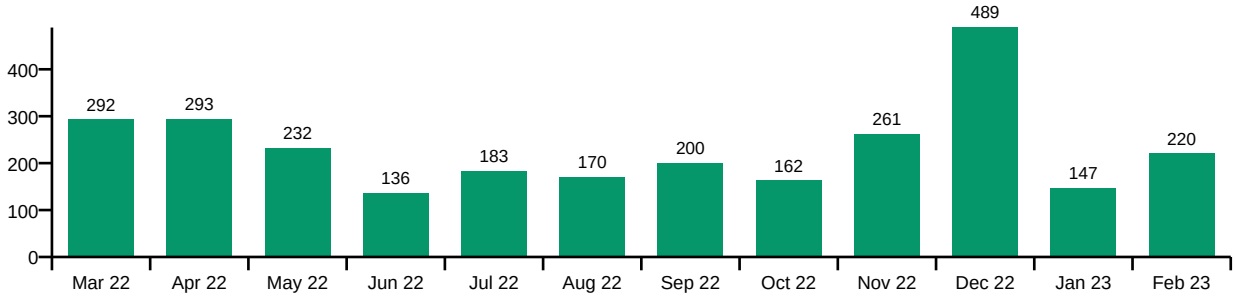


Dark: lockbit3 (58.6%). Grey: the next four groups (26.4%). Light: all other groups (15.0%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (lockbit3, bianlian, royal, medusa, play) made 85.0% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Manufacturing had the most listings (38). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings rose 50% on the month before. Confirm that alerts for newly named organizations reach someone who acts on them the same day.
- 1 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
lockbit3	129	58.6%	+79
bianlian	18	8.2%	+13
royal	15	6.8%	-4
medusa	14	6.4%	+9
play	11	5.0%	-3
avoslocker	9	4.1%	+8
ransomhouse	5	2.3%	+2
mallox	3	1.4%	-4
vendetta	3	1.4%	new
blackbyte	2	0.9%	-4

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Manufacturing	38	17.3%	+12
Professional Services	26	11.8%	+3
Retail & E-Commerce	25	11.4%	+9
Technology	19	8.6%	+5
Agriculture and Food Production	18	8.2%	+12
Transportation	18	8.2%	+11
Financial Services	17	7.7%	+9
Healthcare	15	6.8%	+6

5 listings (2%) have no sector in the source data and are not ranked.

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	18	8.2%
Italy	6	2.7%
Brazil	5	2.3%
Germany	5	2.3%
Australia	4	1.8%
Canada	4	1.8%
France	4	1.8%
United Kingdom	4	1.8%

Groups that listed for the first time

vendetta

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.