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Ransomware landscape: March 2023

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

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

437	+98.6%	25	3
listings this month	vs previous month (220)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 437 organizations were listed in March 2023, +98.6% against 220 in the month before.
- clop was the most active group with 104 listings (23.8% of the month). The five most active groups account for 70.7% of all listings.
- Professional Services was the most listed sector with 83 listings (19.0%), followed by Manufacturing (77).
- United States was the most listed country with 49 listings (11.2%).
- 3 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2023-03-23 with 48 listings.

Who is behind the listings

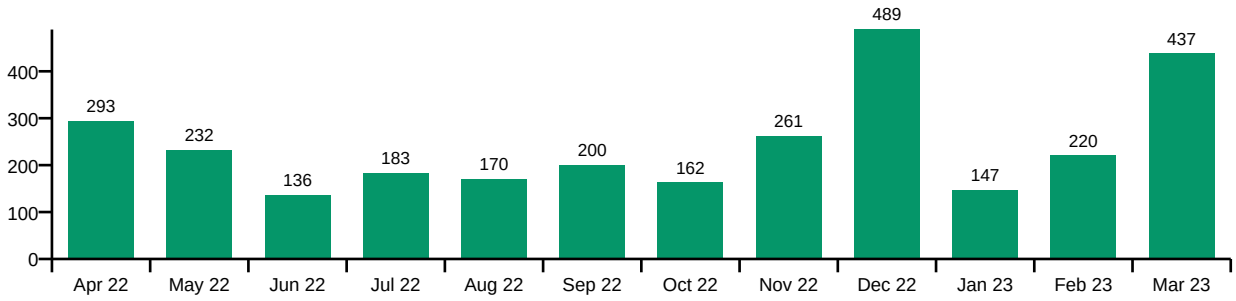


Dark: clop (23.8%). Grey: the next four groups (46.9%). Light: all other groups (29.3%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (clop, lockbit3, blackbasta, royal, play) made 70.7% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Professional Services had the most listings (83). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings rose 99% 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
clop	104	23.8%	new
lockbit3	99	22.7%	-30
blackbasta	48	11.0%	new
royal	31	7.1%	+16
play	27	6.2%	+16
bianlian	25	5.7%	+7
stormous	21	4.8%	new
ransomhouse	12	2.7%	+7
medusa	11	2.5%	-3
darkpower	10	2.3%	new

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Professional Services	83	19.0%	+57
Manufacturing	77	17.6%	+39
Retail & E-Commerce	43	9.8%	+18
Technology	41	9.4%	+22
Healthcare	31	7.1%	+16
Financial Services	28	6.4%	+11
Transportation	26	5.9%	+8
Government & Defense	23	5.3%	+13

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

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	49	11.2%
United Kingdom	18	4.1%
Germany	13	3.0%
Canada	12	2.7%
France	11	2.5%
India	10	2.3%
Australia	6	1.4%
Spain	6	1.4%

Groups that listed for the first time

abyss, darkpower, moneymessage

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.