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Ransomware landscape: May 2023

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

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

392	-18.0%	26	4
listings this month	vs previous month (478)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 392 organizations were listed in May 2023, -18.0% against 478 in the month before.
- lockbit3 was the most active group with 77 listings (19.6% of the month). The five most active groups account for 61.0% of all listings.
- Professional Services was the most listed sector with 86 listings (21.9%), followed by Manufacturing (72).
- United States was the most listed country with 30 listings (7.7%).
- 4 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2023-05-23 with 104 listings.

Who is behind the listings

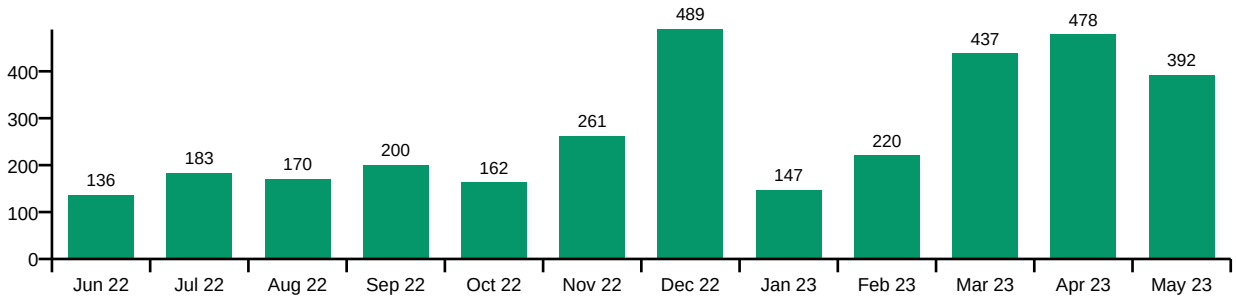


Dark: lockbit3 (19.6%). Grey: the next four groups (41.3%). Light: all other groups (39.0%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (lockbit3, 8base, bianlian, royal, play) made 61.0% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Professional Services had the most listings (86). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings fell 18% on the month before. A quieter month on leak sites is not a reason to relax controls: many victims are never listed.
- 4 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	77	19.6%	-33
8base	67	17.1%	new
bianlian	40	10.2%	-6
royal	29	7.4%	+3
play	26	6.6%	+12
nokoyawa	25	6.4%	new
akira	23	5.9%	+16
medusa	16	4.1%	+5
qilin	13	3.3%	+11
trigona	11	2.8%	+4

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Professional Services	86	21.9%	-12
Manufacturing	72	18.4%	-37
Healthcare	42	10.7%	+8
Technology	40	10.2%	-24
Financial Services	31	7.9%	+6
Education	30	7.7%	+13
Retail & E-Commerce	23	5.9%	-25
Agriculture and Food Production	15	3.8%	-2

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	30	7.7%
Germany	12	3.1%
United Kingdom	11	2.8%
Brazil	8	2.0%
Canada	8	2.0%
France	8	2.0%
Australia	6	1.5%
Italy	6	1.5%

Groups that listed for the first time

8base, darkrace, rancoz, raworld

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.