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Ransomware landscape: August 2023

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

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

413	-54.3%	31	4
listings this month	vs previous month (904)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 413 organizations were listed in August 2023, -54.3% against 904 in the month before.
- lockbit3 was the most active group with 127 listings (30.8% of the month). The five most active groups account for 62.2% of all listings.
- Manufacturing was the most listed sector with 76 listings (18.4%), followed by Professional Services (71).
- United States was the most listed country with 37 listings (9.0%).
- 4 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2023-08-24 with 38 listings.

Who is behind the listings

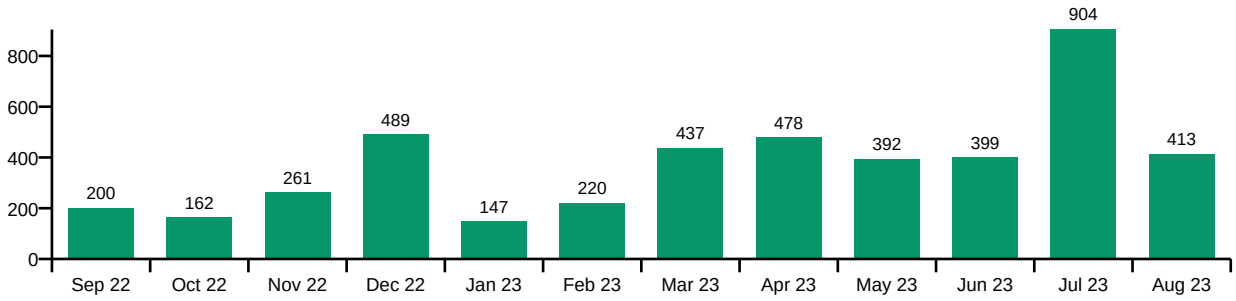


Dark: lockbit3 (30.8%). Grey: the next four groups (31.5%). Light: all other groups (37.8%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is concentrated: five groups (lockbit3, alphv, 8base, akira, cloak) made 62.2% of the month's listings. Make sure your monitoring and threat briefings cover them first.
- Manufacturing had the most listings (76). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings fell 54% 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	127	30.8%	+77
alphv	43	10.4%	-374
8base	33	8.0%	-2
akira	30	7.3%	+13
cloak	24	5.8%	new
play	22	5.3%	-2
noescape	21	5.1%	+8
bianlian	12	2.9%	-15
medusa	12	2.9%	0
metaencryptor	12	2.9%	new

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Manufacturing	76	18.4%	-89
Professional Services	71	17.2%	-95
Technology	43	10.4%	-44
Education	33	8.0%	-6
Retail & E-Commerce	33	8.0%	-55
Financial Services	26	6.3%	-46
Healthcare	26	6.3%	-45
Agriculture and Food Production	19	4.6%	-16

16 listings (3%) have no sector in the source data and are not ranked.

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	37	9.0%
Germany	16	3.9%
France	14	3.4%
United Kingdom	13	3.1%
Australia	9	2.2%
Italy	8	1.9%
Canada	7	1.7%
India	7	1.7%

Groups that listed for the first time

cloak, incransom, metaencryptor, ransomed

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.