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Ransomware landscape: September 2023

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

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

489	+18.4%	39	5
listings this month	vs previous month (413)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 489 organizations were listed in September 2023, +18.4% against 413 in the month before.
- lockbit3 was the most active group with 76 listings (15.5% of the month). The five most active groups account for 49.5% of all listings.
- Professional Services was the most listed sector with 87 listings (17.8%), followed by Manufacturing (85).
- United States was the most listed country with 53 listings (10.8%).
- 5 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2023-09-26 with 95 listings.

Who is behind the listings

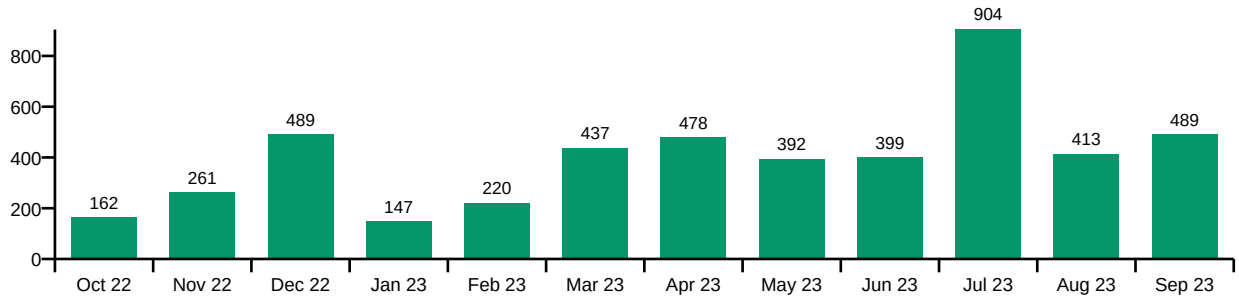


Dark: lockbit3 (15.5%). Grey: the next four groups (33.9%). Light: all other groups (50.5%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is spread out: the five busiest groups (lockbit3, losttrust, alphv, cactus, ransomed) made only 49.5% of listings, so watching a few groups is not enough. Track listings by sector and supplier instead.
- Professional Services had the most listings (87). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings rose 18% on the month before. Confirm that alerts for newly named organizations reach someone who acts on them the same day.
- 5 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	76	15.5%	-51
losttrust	53	10.8%	new
alphv	48	9.8%	+5
cactus	33	6.7%	new
ransomed	32	6.5%	+22
play	27	5.5%	+5
bianlian	24	4.9%	+12
noescape	21	4.3%	0
8base	20	4.1%	-13
ragnarlocker	14	2.9%	+13

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Professional Services	87	17.8%	+16
Manufacturing	85	17.4%	+9
Retail & E-Commerce	52	10.6%	+19
Technology	51	10.4%	+8
Healthcare	38	7.8%	+12
Agriculture and Food Production	29	5.9%	+10
Financial Services	29	5.9%	+3
Transportation	25	5.1%	+11

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

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	53	10.8%
United Kingdom	18	3.7%
Bulgaria	16	3.3%
Australia	11	2.2%
Germany	11	2.2%
Canada	10	2.0%
Brazil	8	1.6%
France	8	1.6%

Groups that listed for the first time

ciphbit, cryptbb, knight, losttrust, threeam

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.