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Ransomware landscape: August 2026

Monthly summary of ransomware leak-site listings

Period: August 2026 | Compared with the previous month | Counts are listings by the date we first saw them

1,198	+26.4%	85	19
listings this month	vs previous month (948)	groups that posted	groups seen for the first time

Key findings

- 1,198 organizations were listed in August 2026, +26.4% against 948 in the month before.
- qilin was the most active group with 163 listings (13.6% of the month). The five most active groups account for 37.1% of all listings.
- Technology was the most listed sector with 245 listings (20.5%), followed by Manufacturing (215).
- United States was the most listed country with 411 listings (34.3%).
- 19 groups listed for the first time this month.
- The busiest day was 2026-08-05 with 109 listings.

Who is behind the listings

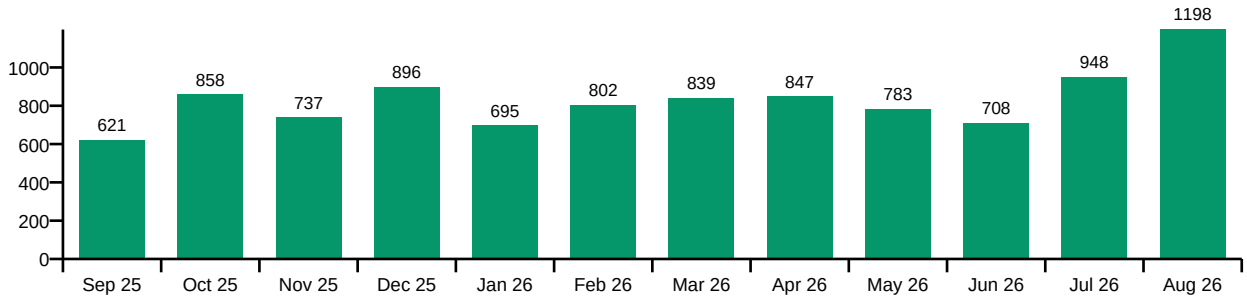


Dark: qilin (13.6%). Grey: the next four groups (23.5%). Light: all other groups (62.9%).

What this means for your team

- Activity is spread out: the five busiest groups (qilin, thegentlemen, clop, Orova, incransom) made only 37.1% of listings, so watching a few groups is not enough. Track listings by sector and supplier instead.
- Technology had the most listings (245). If you work in it, or buy from it, check whether your suppliers were named this month.
- Listings rose 26% on the month before. Confirm that alerts for newly named organizations reach someone who acts on them the same day.
- 19 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
qilin	163	13.6%	+36
thegentlemen	112	9.3%	-64
clop	81	6.8%	+80
Orova	45	3.8%	new
incransom	44	3.7%	+6
direwolf	43	3.6%	new
Storm	40	3.3%	new
krybit	36	3.0%	+11
akira	31	2.6%	+9
lockbit5	31	2.6%	+22

Most listed sectors

Sector	Listings	Share	vs last month
Technology	245	20.5%	+105
Manufacturing	215	17.9%	+47
Healthcare	135	11.3%	+44
Professional Services	132	11.0%	-37
Financial Services	89	7.4%	+30
Retail & E-Commerce	81	6.8%	+7
Transportation	47	3.9%	+7
Agriculture and Food Production	40	3.3%	+3

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

Most listed countries

Country	Listings	Share
United States	411	34.3%
Germany	69	5.8%
Italy	51	4.3%
United Kingdom	50	4.2%
Canada	30	2.5%
India	28	2.3%
Brazil	27	2.3%
France	24	2.0%

Groups that listed for the first time

Barracuda, BlueWhale, DYSPHOR1A, Dark Project, Eclipse, Ethics, Falcon, Helix, L Group, Majinahanashi, Orova, Panzer, Sovcali, Storm, ZaWoo and 4 more

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.