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Outages & Breaches: February 2024 in numbers

4 significant outages (3 critical) and 9 data breaches (2 critical) were logged in February 2024. The largest breach by records was Change Healthcare (100M). The longest outage with a known duration was AT&T Wireless (12 hours). The most common outage cause was cyberattack (3 of 4). 1 of the incidents mainly affected the UK.

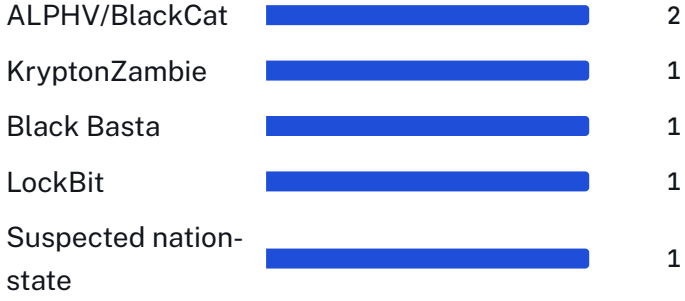
OUTAGES	CRITICAL OUTAGES	DOWNTIME TRACKED	BREACHES	CRITICAL BREACHES
4	3	12 h	9	2
▼ 2 vs January	wide impact	across 1 outage with a known duration	same as January	sensitive data at scale

RECORDS EXPOSED	FURTHER CLAIMED
144M	20M
confirmed or company-reported	attacker claims, unverified

OUTAGE CAUSES



NAMED ATTACKERS



MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

22 Feb 2024	**AT&T nationwide mobile outage blocks 92 million calls** AT&T Wireless · outage · Configuration change · 12 hours	CRITICAL
21 Feb 2024	**Change Healthcare attack halts US claims and pharmacy payments** Change Healthcare · outage · Cyberattack	CRITICAL

21 Feb 2024	**Change Healthcare breach hits about 100 million people** Change Healthcare · breach · ALPHV/BlackCat · 100M records	CRITICAL
11 Feb 2024	**Ransomware takes 100 Romanian hospitals offline** Romanian hospitals (Hipocrate) · outage · Cyberattack	CRITICAL
6 Feb 2024	**French health payment firms' breach hits 33 million** Viamedis and Almerys · breach · Unknown · 33M records	CRITICAL
29 Feb 2024	**20 million Cutout.Pro AI users' data leaked** Cutout.Pro · breach · KryptonZambie · 20M claimed	MAJOR
13 Feb 2024	**Southern Water confirms Black Basta stole customer data** Southern Water · breach · Black Basta · 470K records	UK MAJOR
13 Feb 2024	**ALPHV breach at Prudential hits 2.5 million** Prudential Financial · breach · ALPHV/BlackCat · 2.6M records	MAJOR

ALL 4 OUTAGES

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1 Feb 2024	**Chicago children's hospital offline for weeks after Rhysida attack** Lurie Children's Hospital · outage · Cyberattack	MAJOR

ALL 9 DATA BREACHES

29 Feb 2024	**20 million Cutout.Pro AI users' data leaked** Cutout.Pro · breach · KryptonZambie · 20M claimed	MAJOR
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13 Feb 2024	**Integris Health breach hits 2.4 million patients** Integris Health · breach · Unknown · 2.4M records	MAJOR
12 Feb 2024	**Bank of America customers exposed in vendor ransomware** Bank of America (Infosys McCamish) · breach · LockBit · 6M records	MAJOR
6 Feb 2024	**French health payment firms' breach hits 33 million** Viamedis and Almerys · breach · Unknown · 33M records	CRITICAL
2 Feb 2024	**AnyDesk production servers breached** AnyDesk · breach · Unknown	MAJOR
1 Feb 2024	**Nation-state hackers breach Cloudflare's Atlassian servers** Cloudflare · breach · Suspected nation-state	MAJOR

2024 YEAR TO DATE

INCIDENTS YTD	OUTAGES YTD	BREACHES YTD	CRITICAL YTD	RECORDS EXPOSED YTD
28	**10**	**18**	**9**	**204M**
January to February 2024	significant outages	data breaches	outages and breaches	confirmed or company-reported

MONTH	OUTAGES	BREACHES	CRITICAL	RUNNING TOTAL
Jan	6	9	4	15
Feb	**4**	**9**	**5**	**28**
Total	**10**	**18**	**9**	**28**

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The underlying data for every month is in the CSV download.

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