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# Outages & Breaches: March 2025 in numbers

5 significant outages (1 critical) and 5 data breaches (0 critical) were logged in March 2025. The largest breach by records was Oracle Cloud (6M claimed). The longest outage with a known duration was Heathrow Airport (24 hours). The most common outage cause was cyberattack (4 of 5). 1 of the incidents mainly affected the UK.

| OUTAGES | CRITICAL OUTAGES | DOWNTIME TRACKED | BREACHES | CRITICAL BREACHES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 1 | 24 h | 5 | 0 |
| ▼ 1 vs February | wide impact | across 1 outage with a known duration | ▼ 1 vs February | sensitive data at scale |

| RECORDS EXPOSED | FURTHER CLAIMED |
|---|---|
| 535K | 7M |
| confirmed or company-reported | attacker claims, unverified |

## OUTAGE CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| Cyberattack | 4 |
| Power | 1 |

## NAMED ATTACKERS

| | |
|---|---|
| rose87168 | 1 |
| Rhysida | 1 |

## MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 21 Mar 2025 | **Substation fire shuts Heathrow for a day**<br>Heathrow Airport · outage · Power / fire · 24 hours | UK<br>CRITICAL |
| 26 Mar 2025 | **NYU website hacked to leak admissions data**<br>New York University · breach · Unknown · 1M claimed | MAJOR |
| 23 Mar 2025 | **Cyber attack forces Ukrainian railway ticketing offline**<br>Ukrzaliznytsia · outage · Cyberattack | MAJOR |
| 23 Mar 2025 | **Cyber attack disrupts Kuala Lumpur airport**<br>Kuala Lumpur International Airport · outage · Cyberattack | MAJOR |

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|---|---|---|
| 21 Mar 2025 | **Hacker claims 6 million Oracle Cloud SSO records**<br>Oracle Cloud · breach · rose87168 · 6M claimed | MAJOR |
| 19 Mar 2025 | **PSEA breach exposes 500,000**<br>Pennsylvania State Education Association · breach · Rhysida · 517K records | MAJOR |
| 18 Mar 2025 | **GitHub Actions supply chain attack leaks secrets**<br>GitHub Actions (tj-actions) · breach · Unknown | MAJOR |
| 10 Mar 2025 | **X knocked offline repeatedly by DDoS attacks**<br>X · outage · Cyberattack | MAJOR |

## ALL 5 OUTAGES

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| 3 Mar 2025 | **Ransomware-style attack disrupts Maryland county**<br>Anne Arundel County · outage · Cyberattack | MINOR |

## ALL 5 DATA BREACHES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 26 Mar 2025 | **NYU website hacked to leak admissions data**<br>New York University · breach · Unknown · 1M claimed | MAJOR |
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| 19 Mar 2025 | **PSEA breach exposes 500,000**<br>Pennsylvania State Education Association · breach · Rhysida · 517K records | MAJOR |
| 18 Mar 2025 | **GitHub Actions supply chain attack leaks secrets**<br>GitHub Actions (tj-actions) · breach · Unknown | MAJOR |
| 6 Mar 2025 | **NTT Communications breach exposes 18,000 business customers**<br>NTT Communications · breach · Unknown · 17.9K records | MINOR |

## 2025 YEAR TO DATE

| INCIDENTS YTD | OUTAGES YTD | BREACHES YTD | CRITICAL YTD | RECORDS EXPOSED YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **36** | **16** | **20** | **3** | **20.4M** |
| January to March 2025 | significant outages | data breaches | outages and breaches | confirmed or company-reported |

| MONTH | OUTAGES | BREACHES | CRITICAL | RUNNING TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan | 5 | 9 | 0 | **14** |
| Feb | 6 | 6 | 2 | **26** |
| **Mar** | **5** | **5** | **1** | **36** |
| **Total** | **16** | **20** | **3** | **36** |

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