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Outages & Breaches: May 2025 in numbers

2 significant outages (0 critical) and 7 data breaches (3 critical) were logged in May 2025. The largest breach by records was Co-op (UK) (6.5M). The most common outage cause was cyberattack (1 of 2). 3 of the incidents mainly affected the UK.

OUTAGES	CRITICAL OUTAGES	BREACHES	CRITICAL BREACHES	RECORDS EXPOSED
2	0	7	3	7.3M
▼ 7 vs April	wide impact	▼ 2 vs April	sensitive data at scale	confirmed or company-reported

FURTHER CLAIMED
2.1M
attacker claims, unverified

OUTAGE CAUSES

Cyberattack	1
Power	1

NAMED ATTACKERS

DragonForce	2

MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

19 May 2025	**Legal Aid Agency hack exposes applicants' criminal records** Legal Aid Agency · breach · Unknown · 2.1M claimed	UK CRITICAL
13 May 2025	**M&S confirms customer data taken in crippling cyberattack** Marks & Spencer · breach · DragonForce / Scattered Spider	UK CRITICAL
2 May 2025	**Co-op member data stolen in DragonForce attack** Co-op (UK) · breach · DragonForce / Scattered Spider · 6.5M records	UK CRITICAL
28 May 2025	**Victoria's Secret takes US website down after security incident** Victoria's Secret · outage · Cyberattack	MAJOR

28 May 2025	**LexisNexis Risk Solutions discloses December breach** LexisNexis Risk Solutions · breach · Unknown · 364K records	MAJOR
22 May 2025	**Data centre fire knocks parts of X offline for days** X · outage · Power / fire	MAJOR
14 May 2025	**Bribed insiders leak Coinbase customer data** Coinbase · breach · Unknown	MAJOR
2 May 2025	**Dating app Raw exposes street-level user locations** Raw (dating app) · breach · None (exposure)	MAJOR

ALL 2 OUTAGES

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ALL 7 DATA BREACHES

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1 May 2025	**Ascension patient data exposed via former partner** Ascension · breach · Unknown · 430K records	MAJOR

2025 YEAR TO DATE

INCIDENTS YTD	OUTAGES YTD	BREACHES YTD	CRITICAL YTD	RECORDS EXPOSED YTD
63	**27**	**36**	**9**	**40.5M**
January to May 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**
Apr	9	9	3	**54**
May	**2**	**7**	**3**	**63**
Total	**27**	**36**	**9**	**63**

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