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Outages & Breaches: December 2025 in numbers

2 significant outages (0 critical) and 6 data breaches (4 critical) were logged in December 2025. The largest breach by records was Pornhub (200M claimed). The longest outage with a known duration was Cloudflare (24 minutes). The most common outage cause was configuration change (1 of 2).

OUTAGES	CRITICAL OUTAGES	DOWNTIME TRACKED	BREACHES	CRITICAL BREACHES
2	0	0 h	6	4
▲ 1 vs November	wide impact	across 1 outage with a known duration	▼ 2 vs November	sensitive data at scale

RECORDS EXPOSED	FURTHER CLAIMED
39.9M	200M
confirmed or company-reported	attacker claims, unverified

OUTAGE CAUSES



NAMED ATTACKERS



MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

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3 Dec 2025	**University of Phoenix data stolen via Oracle EBS flaw** University of Phoenix · breach · Clop · 3.5M records	CRITICAL
15 Dec 2025	**Askul confirms theft of 740,000 customer records** Askul · breach · RansomHouse · 740K records	MAJOR
5 Dec 2025	**Cloudflare briefly down while patching a vulnerability** Cloudflare · outage · Configuration change · 24 minutes	MAJOR
1 Dec 2025	**Shopify merchants locked out on Cyber Monday** Shopify · outage · Software bug	MAJOR
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ALL 2 OUTAGES

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2025 YEAR TO DATE

INCIDENTS YTD	OUTAGES YTD	BREACHES YTD	CRITICAL YTD	RECORDS EXPOSED YTD
135	**50**	**85**	**44**	**205M**
January to December 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**
Jun	4	7	4	**74**
Jul	4	7	3	**85**
Aug	2	7	6	**94**
Sep	6	7	7	**107**
Oct	4	7	7	**118**
Nov	1	8	4	**127**
Dec	**2**	**6**	**4**	**135**
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local. Outage status: ongoing (still disrupted at last report), partially restored, reported (state not yet confirmed), resolved, or post-mortem (cause explained by the provider). "Claimed" marks figures from attackers that the organisation has not confirmed.