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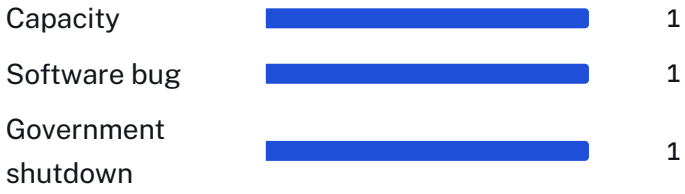
Outages & Breaches: January 2026 in numbers

3 significant outages (3 critical) and 7 data breaches (2 critical) were logged in January 2026. The largest breach by records was Under Armour (72M). The longest outage with a known duration was Verizon Wireless (24 hours). The most common outage cause was capacity (1 of 3).

OUTAGES	CRITICAL OUTAGES	DOWNTIME TRACKED	BREACHES	CRITICAL BREACHES
3	3	34 h	7	2
▲ 1 vs December	wide impact	across 2 outages with a known duration	▲ 1 vs December	sensitive data at scale

RECORDS EXPOSED	FURTHER CLAIMED
74.2M	3M
confirmed or company-reported	attacker claims, unverified

OUTAGE CAUSES



NAMED ATTACKERS



MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

22 Jan 2026	**Microsoft 365 down for nearly 10 hours in North America** Microsoft 365 · outage · Capacity · 10 hours	CRITICAL
22 Jan 2026	**Under Armour breach affects 72 million customers** Under Armour · breach · Unknown · 72M records	CRITICAL
14 Jan 2026	**Verizon outage strands phones in SOS mode** Verizon Wireless · outage · Software bug · 24 hours	CRITICAL

14 Jan 2026	**Canadian investment regulator breach exposes 750,000 investors** CIRO · breach · Unknown · 750K records	CRITICAL
8 Jan 2026	**Iran cuts the internet nationwide during protests** Iran (national internet) · outage · Government shutdown	CRITICAL
24 Jan 2026	**WorldLeaks claims 1.4TB of Nike internal data** Nike · breach · WorldLeaks	MAJOR
24 Jan 2026	**Crunchbase confirms breach after ShinyHunters leak** Crunchbase · breach · ShinyHunters · 2M claimed	MAJOR
6 Jan 2026	**Hackers claim breach of 1 million Brightspeed customers** Brightspeed · breach · Crimson Collective · 1M claimed	MAJOR

ALL 3 OUTAGES

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ALL 7 DATA BREACHES

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24 Jan 2026	**Crunchbase confirms breach after ShinyHunters leak** Crunchbase · breach · ShinyHunters · 2M claimed	MAJOR
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3 Jan 2026	**Two US state human services agencies expose a million people** Illinois & Minnesota DHS · breach · None (exposure) · 1M records	MAJOR
2 Jan 2026	**Covenant Health ransomware exposes 478,000 patients** Covenant Health · breach · Qilin · 478K records	MAJOR

2026 YEAR TO DATE

INCIDENTS YTD	OUTAGES YTD	BREACHES YTD	CRITICAL YTD	RECORDS EXPOSED YTD
10	**3**	**7**	**5**	**74.2M**
January to January 2026	significant outages	data breaches	outages and breaches	confirmed or company-reported

MONTH	OUTAGES	BREACHES	CRITICAL	RUNNING TOTAL
Jan	3	7	5	10
Total	3	7	5	10

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