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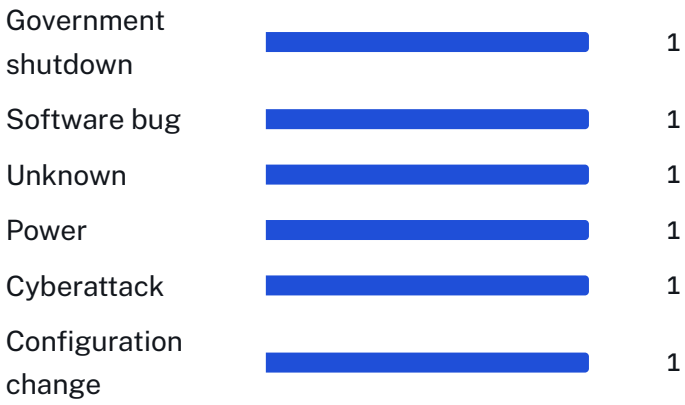
Outages & Breaches: February 2026 in numbers

6 significant outages (1 critical) and 7 data breaches (4 critical) were logged in February 2026. The largest breach by records was CarGurus (12.4M). The longest outage with a known duration was Microsoft Azure (West US) (20.4 hours). The most common outage cause was government shutdown (1 of 6).

OUTAGES	CRITICAL OUTAGES	DOWNTIME TRACKED	BREACHES	CRITICAL BREACHES
6	1	33 h	7	4
▲ 3 vs January	wide impact	across 3 outages with a known duration	same as January	sensitive data at scale

RECORDS EXPOSED
25.9M
confirmed or company-reported

OUTAGE CAUSES



NAMED ATTACKERS



MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

28 Feb 2026	**Iran's 88-day internet shutdown during military strikes** Iran (national internet) · outage · Government shutdown	CRITICAL
24 Feb 2026	**CarGurus attack exposes 12.4 million users** CarGurus · breach · ShinyHunters · 12.4M records	CRITICAL

19 Feb 2026	**France's national bank account registry breached** FICOBA (France) · breach · Unknown · 1.2M records	CRITICAL
12 Feb 2026	**Odido breach exposes 6.2 million Dutch customers** Odido · breach · Unknown · 6.2M records	CRITICAL
1 Feb 2026	**Panera data on 5.1 million accounts leaked** Panera Bread · breach · ShinyHunters · 5.1M records	CRITICAL
24 Feb 2026	**Wynn Resorts employee data stolen** Wynn Resorts · breach · ShinyHunters	MAJOR
20 Feb 2026	**Cloudflare software bug causes six-hour disruption** Cloudflare · outage · Software bug · 6.1 hours	MAJOR
18 Feb 2026	**Fintech Figure files stolen, nearly a million customers affected** Figure Technology · breach · ShinyHunters · 1M records	MAJOR

ALL 6 OUTAGES

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10 Feb 2026	**Microsoft 365 admin centre unreachable for North American admins** Microsoft 365 admin center · outage · Unknown	MINOR
7 Feb 2026	**Transformer failure cuts power to an Azure West US datacentre** Microsoft Azure (West US) · outage · Power / fire · 20.4 hours	MAJOR
7 Feb 2026	**Ransomware takes payments platform BridgePay offline** BridgePay · outage · Cyberattack	MAJOR
2 Feb 2026	**Azure policy workflow breaks VM and identity operations** Microsoft Azure (multi-region) · outage · Configuration change · 6.5 hours	MAJOR

ALL 7 DATA BREACHES

24 Feb 2026	**Wynn Resorts employee data stolen** Wynn Resorts · breach · ShinyHunters	MAJOR
24 Feb 2026	**CarGurus attack exposes 12.4 million users** CarGurus · breach · ShinyHunters · 12.4M records	CRITICAL

20 Feb 2026	**PayPal loan app bug exposed personal data for months** PayPal · breach · None (bug)	MINOR
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2026 YEAR TO DATE

INCIDENTS YTD	OUTAGES YTD	BREACHES YTD	CRITICAL YTD	RECORDS EXPOSED YTD
23	**9**	**14**	**10**	**100M**
January to February 2026	significant outages	data breaches	outages and breaches	confirmed or company-reported

MONTH	OUTAGES	BREACHES	CRITICAL	RUNNING TOTAL
Jan	3	7	5	10
Feb	**6**	**7**	**5**	**23**
Total	**9**	**14**	**10**	**23**

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