THE DAILY TECH WIRE by Nuffield Consulting

Outages & Breaches: March 2026 in numbers

2 significant outages (1 critical) and 7 data breaches (4 critical) were logged in March 2026. The largest breach by records was Cognizant TriZetto (3.4M). The longest outage with a known duration was Azure OpenAI (GPT-5.2) (20.2 hours). The most common outage cause was configuration change (1 of 2).

OUTAGES	CRITICAL OUTAGES	DOWNTIME TRACKED	BREACHES	CRITICAL BREACHES
2	**1**	**20 h**	**7**	**4**
▼ 4 vs February	wide impact	across 1 outage with a known duration	same as February	sensitive data at scale

RECORDS EXPOSED
8M
confirmed or company-reported

OUTAGE CAUSES



NAMED ATTACKERS



MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

19 Mar 2026	**Exposed API leaks 2.7 million people's benefits data** Navia Benefit Solutions · breach · Unknown · 2.7M records	CRITICAL
12 Mar 2026	**Telus Digital confirms breach after 1PB theft claim** Telus Digital · breach · ShinyHunters	CRITICAL
6 Mar 2026	**TriZetto breach exposes 3.4 million patients** Cognizant TriZetto · breach · Unknown · 3.4M records	CRITICAL
4 Mar 2026	**Ransomware exposes 1.2 million in cancer research data** University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center · breach · Unknown · 1.2M records	CRITICAL

1 Mar 2026	**Drone strikes knock out AWS UAE and Bahrain regions** AWS Middle East (UAE, Bahrain) · outage · Physical damage / conflict	CRITICAL
18 Mar 2026	**Marquis attack exposes 672,000 bank and credit union customers** Marquis Software · breach · Unknown · 672K records	MAJOR
11 Mar 2026	**Michelin files leaked after Oracle EBS breach** Michelin · breach · Clop	MAJOR
9 Mar 2026	**Azure OpenAI GPT-5.2 down for 20 hours** Azure OpenAI (GPT-5.2) · outage · Configuration change · 20.2 hours	MAJOR

ALL 2 OUTAGES

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4 Mar 2026	**LexisNexis says hackers took mostly legacy data** LexisNexis · breach · FulcrumSec	MAJOR

2026 YEAR TO DATE

INCIDENTS YTD	OUTAGES YTD	BREACHES YTD	CRITICAL YTD	RECORDS EXPOSED YTD
32	**11**	**21**	**15**	**108M**
January to March 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**
Mar	**2**	**7**	**5**	**32**
Total	**11**	**21**	**15**	**32**

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