THE DAILY TECH WIRE by Nuffield Consulting

Outages & Breaches: August 2026 in numbers

3 significant outages (0 critical) and 7 data breaches (6 critical) were logged in August 2026. The largest breach by records was McKesson (284M claimed). The longest outage with a known duration was GitHub (6.4 hours). The most common outage cause was network (1 of 3). 1 of the incidents mainly affected the UK.

OUTAGES	CRITICAL OUTAGES	DOWNTIME TRACKED	BREACHES	CRITICAL BREACHES
3	0	9 h	7	6
▼ 2 vs July	wide impact	across 2 outages with a known duration	same as July	sensitive data at scale

RECORDS EXPOSED	FURTHER CLAIMED
48.8M	284M
confirmed or company-reported	attacker claims, unverified

OUTAGE CAUSES



NAMED ATTACKERS



MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

28 Aug 2026	**McKesson breach, with 284 million patient records claimed** McKesson · breach · ShinyHunters · 284M claimed	CRITICAL
27 Aug 2026	**MAG customer data accessed: 8.7 million** Manchester Airports Group · breach · Unknown · 8.7M records	UK CRITICAL
26 Aug 2026	**Carhartt data stolen, 12.9 million credible records** Carhartt · breach · ShinyHunters · 12.9M records	CRITICAL
26 Aug 2026	**Baylor Genetics breach exposes 2.8 million** Baylor Genetics · breach · Unknown · 2.8M records	CRITICAL

13 Aug 2026	**Polish healthcare system breach hits nearly 19 million** MyDr (Poland) · breach · Unknown · 19M records	CRITICAL
7 Aug 2026	**Healthcare data centre breach affects 3.8 million** Unlimited Technology Systems · breach · Unknown · 3.8M records	CRITICAL
20 Aug 2026	**Fibre maintenance disrupts 33 Google Cloud products** Google Cloud us-west1 · outage · Network · 2.4 hours	MAJOR
17 Aug 2026	**GitHub degraded for over six hours** GitHub · outage · Capacity · 6.4 hours	MAJOR

ALL 3 OUTAGES

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7 Aug 2026	**Cloudflare logs 13 incidents in eight days, including an R2 failure** Cloudflare · outage · Software / storage	MAJOR

ALL 7 DATA BREACHES

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14 Aug 2026	**RingCentral social engineering exposes 1.6 million accounts** RingCentral · breach · ShinyHunters · 1.6M records	MAJOR
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2026 YEAR TO DATE

INCIDENTS YTD	OUTAGES YTD	BREACHES YTD	CRITICAL YTD	RECORDS EXPOSED YTD
85	**28**	**57**	**40**	**272M**
January to August 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**
Apr	3	7	4	**42**
May	4	8	6	**54**
Jun	2	7	4	**63**
Jul	5	7	5	**75**
Aug	**3**	**7**	**6**	**85**
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