THE DAILY TECH WIRE by Nuffield Consulting

Outages & Breaches: September 2026 in numbers

5 significant outages (0 critical) and 9 data breaches (9 critical) were logged in September 2026. The largest breach by records was Vietnam APIS (220M). The longest outage with a known duration was Azure Sweden Central (5.9 hours). The most common outage cause was software bug (2 of 5).

OUTAGES	CRITICAL OUTAGES	DOWNTIME TRACKED	BREACHES	CRITICAL BREACHES
5	0	22 h	9	9
▲ 2 vs August	wide impact	across 5 outages with a known duration	▲ 2 vs August	sensitive data at scale

RECORDS EXPOSED	FURTHER CLAIMED
267M	183M
confirmed or company-reported	attacker claims, unverified

OUTAGE CAUSES



NAMED ATTACKERS



MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

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24 Sep 2026	**Bitget hack steals $387.5M in crypto** Bitget · breach · Suspected North Korea	CRITICAL

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10 Sep 2026	**IDScan driver's licence records stolen, 150M+ reported** IDScan · breach · Unknown · 150M claimed	CRITICAL
10 Sep 2026	**AdaptHealth breach affects 4.1 million** AdaptHealth · breach · Unknown · 4.1M records	CRITICAL
8 Sep 2026	**Misconfigured database exposes 220 million airline passenger records** Vietnam APIS · breach · None (exposure) · 220M records	CRITICAL
7 Sep 2026	**32.8 million Condé Nast user records offered for sale** Condé Nast · breach · Unknown · 32.8M claimed	CRITICAL

ALL 5 OUTAGES

30 Sep 2026	**Azure gateway change overloads during OS servicing** Microsoft Azure (multi-region) · outage · Configuration change · 5.8 hours	MAJOR
29 Sep 2026	**Azure OpenAI and Foundry fail in Sweden Central** Azure Sweden Central · outage · Software bug · 5.9 hours	MAJOR
22 Sep 2026	**Cloudflare Los Angeles nodes fail for an hour** Cloudflare · outage · Network · 1 hours	MINOR
16 Sep 2026	**Salesforce errors and timeouts worldwide** Salesforce · outage · Software bug · 4.7 hours	MAJOR
1 Sep 2026	**Fibre cables unplugged by mistake isolate two Google Cloud zones** Google Cloud us-central1 · outage · Human error · 4.2 hours	MAJOR

ALL 9 DATA BREACHES

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1 Sep 2026	**Aesto Health AWS intrusion exposes 9.5 million** Aesto Health · breach · Unknown · 9.5M records	CRITICAL

2026 YEAR TO DATE

INCIDENTS YTD	OUTAGES YTD	BREACHES YTD	CRITICAL YTD	RECORDS EXPOSED YTD
99	**33**	**66**	**49**	**539M**
January to September 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**
Sep	**5**	**9**	**9**	**99**
Total	**33**	**66**	**49**	**99**

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