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Outages & Breaches: October 2026 in numbers

6 significant outages (1 critical) and 17 data breaches (10 critical) were logged in October 2026. The largest breach by records was Capcom (11.8M). The most common outage cause was cyberattack (3 of 6). 2 of the incidents mainly affected the UK.

OUTAGES	CRITICAL OUTAGES	BREACHES	CRITICAL BREACHES	RECORDS EXPOSED
6	1	17	10	54.6M
▲ 1 vs September	wide impact	▲ 8 vs September	sensitive data at scale	confirmed or company-reported

OUTAGE CAUSES



NAMED ATTACKERS



MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

30 Oct 2026	**Florida financial aid site breach exposes 4.9 million** Florida Dept of Education · breach · Unknown · 4.9M records	CRITICAL
29 Oct 2026	**Binance suspends all trading after record hack** Binance · outage · Cyberattack	CRITICAL
29 Oct 2026	**Binance heist estimated at $6.3B, the largest crypto theft on record** Binance · breach · TraderTraitor (North Korea)	CRITICAL
28 Oct 2026	**Leak exposes 41,000 DHS staff, including undercover ICE agents** US Department of Homeland Security · breach · Unknown · 41K records	CRITICAL
28 Oct 2026	**Sony's Japanese ISP exposes 2.5 million customer records** Sony Network Communications · breach · Unknown · 2.5M records	CRITICAL

23 Oct 2026	**Quest Diagnostics confirms patient records taken from Quanum** Quest Diagnostics · breach · Unknown	CRITICAL
23 Oct 2026	**Capcom ID breach affects 11.8 million accounts** Capcom · breach · Unknown · 11.8M records	CRITICAL
17 Oct 2026	**5.7 million California student records copied** California Dept of Education · breach · Unknown · 5.7M records	CRITICAL

ALL 6 OUTAGES

30 Oct 2026	**Archive of Our Own stays offline after a security incident** Archive of Our Own · outage · Cyberattack	MAJOR
30 Oct 2026	**Suspected cyberattack takes Sageworks bank risk platform offline** Abrigo Sageworks · outage · Cyberattack	MAJOR
29 Oct 2026	**Binance suspends all trading after record hack** Binance · outage · Cyberattack	CRITICAL
20 Oct 2026	**Google explains why backup power failed in its London outage** Google Cloud (europe-west2) · outage · Power / cooling	UK MAJOR
12 Oct 2026	**Configuration change takes down Exchange Admin Center** Exchange Admin Center · outage · Configuration change	MINOR
8 Oct 2026	**Teams, SharePoint and Copilot fail for North American traffic** Microsoft 365 · outage · Unknown	MAJOR

ALL 17 DATA BREACHES

30 Oct 2026	**Florida financial aid site breach exposes 4.9 million** Florida Dept of Education · breach · Unknown · 4.9M records	CRITICAL
30 Oct 2026	**Applebee's app left a database password exposed** Applebee's · breach · Unknown	MAJOR
29 Oct 2026	**Binance heist estimated at $6.3B, the largest crypto theft on record** Binance · breach · TraderTraitor (North Korea)	CRITICAL
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28 Oct 2026	**Japan Airlines passenger data taken in Amadeus breach** Japan Airlines / Amadeus · breach · Unknown · 92K records	MAJOR
27 Oct 2026	**University of Copenhagen breach exposes 525,000** University of Copenhagen · breach · Unknown · 525K records	MAJOR
27 Oct 2026	**GMO customer data posted after cloud desktop breach** GMO Internet · breach · Unknown	MAJOR
27 Oct 2026	**ENGIE French customer data stolen via partner marketing platform** ENGIE · breach · Unknown	MAJOR
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16 Oct 2026	**Burger King Japan exposes 11.2 million records** Burger King Japan · breach · Unknown · 11.2M records	CRITICAL
12 Oct 2026	**Weak password exposes Denmark's population register** Denmark CPR register · breach · Unknown · 8.8M records	CRITICAL
11 Oct 2026	**Malware exposes 8.7 million Daiichi Kosho customers** Nippon Columbia / Daiichi Kosho · breach · Unknown · 8.7M records	CRITICAL
6 Oct 2026	**ASOS breach traced to social engineering** ASOS · breach · Xuanye Group · 139K records	UK MAJOR
4 Oct 2026	**DTU hack potentially exposes 200,000** Technical University of Denmark · breach · Unknown · 200K records	MAJOR

2026 YEAR TO DATE

INCIDENTS YTD	OUTAGES YTD	BREACHES YTD	CRITICAL YTD	RECORDS EXPOSED YTD
122	**39**	**83**	**60**	**593M**
January to October 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**
Oct	**6**	**17**	**11**	**122**
Total	**39**	**83**	**60**	**122**

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