The four key paths to data breaches are:

Who are the culprits?

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Almost four out of five breaches were attributable to Organized crime.

#1

The number-one motive was Financial gain.

#2

The number-two motive was Espionage.

Credentials Phishing Exploiting vulnerabilities Botnets

Ransomware increased 13% over the previous year—a jump greater than the last five years combined.

What we found:

50%+

Over half of breaches involved the use of either remote access or web applications.

82%

Most breaches, 82%, involved a human element.

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No organization is safe without a way to handle them all.

For 15 years, Verizon has been tracking data breach patterns. For the 2022 report:

5,212 23,896

security incidents were reviewed. Breaches were analyzed. 87 organizations contributed data.

Key findings from the 2022 Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report

Social engineering was implicated in 20% of breaches.

Partners accounted for 62% of System Intrusion incidents, although this was mostly due to single supply chain breaches.

About two-thirds of breaches involved Phishing, Stolen credentials and/or Ransomware.

The vast majority of breaches had five or fewer steps.

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