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2024

Data Security and Compliance Review

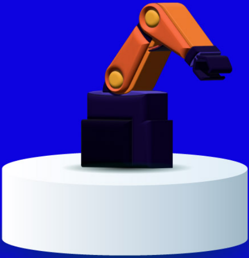
High Cost of Data Breaches[1]

Average Breach Cost: $4.88M

(10% increase year over year)

Top Industries Impacted

Healthcare
Average breach cost of $9.77M, highest among industries



Industrial Sector
Largest year-over-year cost increase, with breaches costing an additional $830,000

Most Expensive Vector: Malicious insider attacks average $4.99M

Key Breach Trends in 2024

Human Error Factor

Human-related errors played a role in 68% of breaches[2]

Shadow Data

Found in 35% of breaches, increasing breach costs by 16%[3]

Ransomware Surge

Ransomware payments up 500%, averaging $2M per attack[4]

Major Breaches

of 2024

Change Healthcare

Exposed 100M medical records, with a business impact of $17.9B[5]

National Public Data

2.9B records compromised, impacting sensitive personal data[6]

AT&T

Two incidents exposed 110M customer records, costing $19.69B[7]

Regulatory Landscape

GDPR Fines

Reached $5.631B in 2024, a dramatic increase over 2023[8]

HIPAA Fines

Hit $5.315B in 2024[9]

NIS 2 Directive

Introduced personal liability for noncompliance in the EU

US Privacy Laws

20 states enacted comprehensive privacy laws—and counting[10]

Emerging Threats and Vectors

Zero-day Vulnerabilities

Exploitation increased by 180% year over year[11]

Supply Chain Attacks

Accounted for 15% of breaches, marking a 68% increase[12]

AI Risks

50% of organizations cited data exposure in AI/GenAI as a top concern[13]

Sector-specific Insights

Hospitality

Industry risk score spiked to 10.0 (on a scale of 1 to 10) from 2023 to 1H of 2024[14]

Financial Services

Number of victims surged from 27M in 2022 to 61M in 2023 (28.4M in 1H of 2024); industry risk score decreased slightly in 1H 2024 from 2023—to 5.9 from 8.5 (scale of 1 to 10)[15]

Government

28% of agencies exchanged data with over 5,000 third parties[16]

Manufacturing

Industry risk score shot up from 4.9 in 2022, to 5.8 in 2023, to 8.6 in 1H 2024[17]

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

Invest in AI-driven Security	AI can reduce breach costs by $2.2M[18]
Adopt Zero Trust	41% of organizations indicated risks of a potential data breach or other security incidents as the primary driver of zero trust[19]
Focus on Risk Assessment	New tools like Kiteworks Risk Exposure Index offer actionable insights[20]
Strengthen Supply Chain Security	Given the 68% increase in supply chain attacks, implement robust third-party risk management programs and continuous monitoring[21]
Address Shadow	Deploy comprehensive data discovery and classification tools to combat the 16% cost

Data Risks

increase from shadow data incidents[22]

For more information on how Kiteworks helps organizations to address sensitive content communications privacy and compliance risks, visit https://www.kiteworks.com/platform/private-content-network/.

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