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Breach Monitoring

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Your credentials may already be out there. Here's the proof.

The scale of identity exposure on the dark web has reached a tipping point. These are **the numbers security teams need to understand,** and why continuous monitoring is no longer optional.

65.7B+

Distinct identity records currently circulating in criminal underground networks.

5.3B

Credential pairs (username + password combos) exposed a 65% increase year-over-year.

4,514

Data breaches recorded in 2025, averaging 456,000 exposed records each.

80%

Of exposed corporate credentials include a plaintext password

When stolen credentials circulate in plaintext, attackers don't need to crack anything, they log straight in. Traditional perimeter defenses can't catch an attacker using valid credentials.

HOW STOLEN DATA GETS WEAPONIZED

Account takeover. Attackers use leaked credentials to access corporate systems undetected, since the access appears legitimate.

Session hijacking. Stolen cookies let attackers bypass MFA entirely and impersonate users in active sessions.

Ransomware deployment. Initial access using real credentials is the leading entry point for ransomware attacks.

THE REUSE PROBLEM IS REAL

- **4 in 10 corporate users** have reused a password that was previously exposed in a breach.
- **13.2M infostealer infections** in 2025 alone. 40% of those hit endpoints that had antivirus tools installed
- **38.5M third-party app credentials** were exposed, a 450% year-over-year increase, expanding risk beyond your own perimeter.

Prey's Breach Monitoring scans the dark web for your domain, continuously. When leaked credentials, stolen data, or exposed employee accounts surface in criminal networks, you'll know before attackers can use them against you. Schedule a live demo and get a free one-time report for your domain, set up during the call.

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All figures are based on analysis of 65.7B+ dark web records monitored across criminal underground networks. Data reflects findings from the 2025 calendar year.