

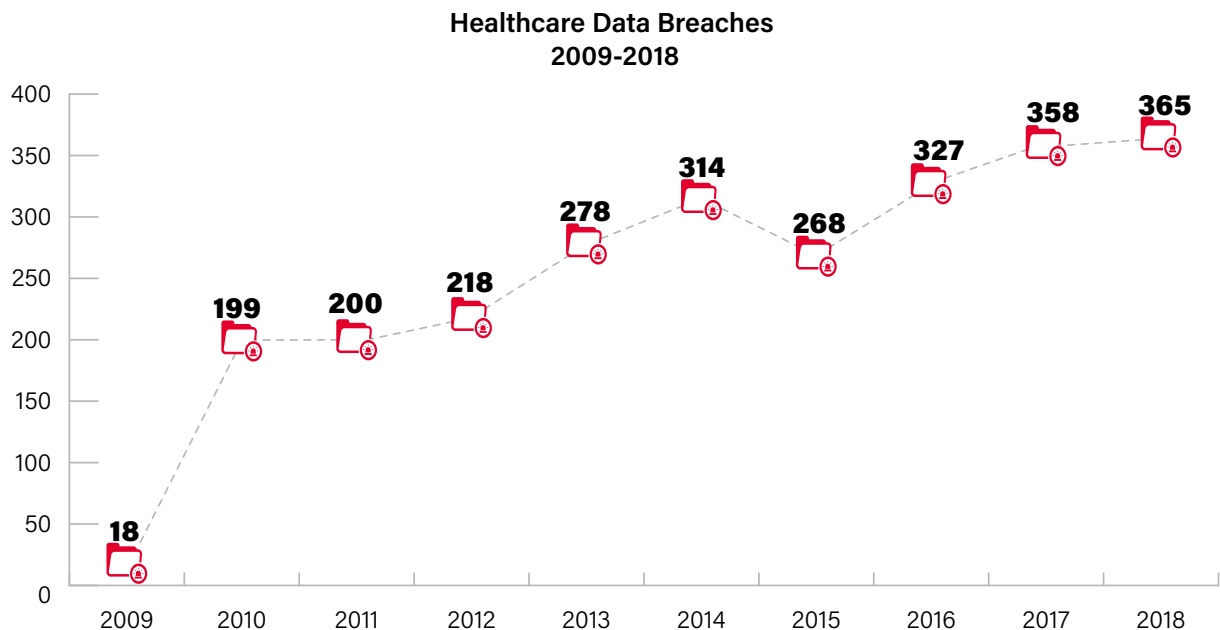
HIPAA

Monthly Alert

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2018 was a record-breaking year for healthcare HIPAA data breaches:

Since October 2009, the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights has been publishing summaries of U.S. healthcare data breaches. In that timeframe, 2,545 healthcare data breaches have been reported. Those breaches have resulted in the theft, exposure, or impermissible disclosure of 194,853,404 healthcare records. That equates to the records of 59.8% of the population of the United States. The number of reported healthcare data breaches has been steadily increasing each year. Except for 2015, the number of reported healthcare data breaches has increased every year.



The number of HIPAA breaches increased significantly up to 83% more in 2018 than 2010:

In 2018, 365 healthcare data breaches were reported, up almost 2% from the 358 data breaches reported in 2017 and 83% more breaches than 2010. 2018 was the worst year in terms of the number of breaches experienced, but the fourth worst in terms of the number of healthcare records exposed, behind 2015, 2014, and 2016. The last two years have certainly seen an improvement in that sense, although 2018 saw a 157.67% year-over-year increase in the number of compromised healthcare records.

Reference

<https://www.hipaajournal.com/analysis-of-healthcare-data-breaches/>

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