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Journal Entry 3: Privacy.org & Data Breaches

Objective: How might researchers use this information to study breaches?

Researchers can use Privacy.org to study which types of data breaches were the most common and how many times they occurred. According to the data, around 6,000 breaches were due to hacking, and nearly 5,500 breaches were due to unknown means. The unknown means are more worrying since analysts may not be able to understand how they occurred. Researchers can also use Privacy.org to find the most commonly-breached states. For example, California was the most breached state from 2005 to 2022. Researchers can provide reasons why it is attacked so much (The abundance of tech companies?). They can also see how many breaches occurred in a given time frame.