

Visit [PrivacyRights.org](https://www.privacyrights.org) Links to an external site. to see the types of publicly available information about data breaches. How might researchers use this information to study breaches? What branch or branches of Social Science do you think would benefit the most from a site hosting this information?

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PrivacyRights.org provides cybersecurity information like types of breaches, ie. card, disk, hack, physical, etc., on a plethora of different major organizations like Walmart, Amazon, professional/educational institutions, or any type of institution or organization you may be curious about. These organizations are involved in a variety of fields ranging from education, automotive, and commercial industries. Researchers could study these breaches, for example what type of breach is most common in a specific company/industry. You could also compare the total number of types of breaches to identify the category of breach that is most prevalent, whether it be physical breaches or hacking a computer system, to card/disc breaches. Depending on what industry or what the researcher is trying to narrow in on, this website can give a general idea of the most common types of cybersecurity breaches related to their company, competitors, and even industry. More generally speaking, you can even filter the breaches by state, so analyzing the breaches on the West coast can give you different perspectives and data results compared to results acquired from more rural states like Kentucky or maybe Southeastern states like Alabama or Georgia.

Looking at the branches of social science, I was thinking about Psychology and Sociology the most in the context of which would benefit most from the website, and after further examination and thinking, I chose Sociology to be the branch that would benefit more. The website gives great insight to what types of data breaches are most common that could be associated to the types of psychological behavior associated with different states/regions of the U.S., however, I believe we would need further, more personal information of individuals that we just don't get from the website for it to lean more on the Psychology branch. Sociology pertains to broader behaviors of societies as a whole, institutions and social dynamics which can all be studied at a broader scale in conjunction with the information delivered from this website.

References

- Data Breach/Privacy Rights: <https://privacyrights.org/data-breaches>