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## **3.6 Billion Records Exposed in Data Breaches Until the End September 2018**

During the first nine months of 2018, roughly 3.6 billion records were exposed in 3,676 security breaches according to Risk Based Security's 2018 Q3 Data Breach QuickView Report [\[link\]](#). "Compared to the same point in 2017, the number of reported breaches is down 8% and the number of exposed records is down approximately 49% from 7 billion," says the report. Out of the almost 4,000 breaches reported until the end of September 2018, seven incidents accounted for no less than 100 million records being stolen or accessed by bad actors. When it comes to the most prevalent breach types, hacking incidents were responsible for the highest number of breach events, with hackers being accountable for 57.1% of reported breaches. Also, according to Risk Based Security, "Fraud remains in the top spot for the breach type compromising the most records, accounting for 35.7% of exposed records." The sectors most affected by security breaches until the end of Q3 2018 were the Business sector which was targeted in 38% of all reported breaches, followed by Government organizations with 8.2%, Medical-related institutions with 7.8%, and Education organizations being attacked in 3.9% of all breach incidents. Between January and September 2018, security breaches exposed email addresses in 48,3% of incidents and passwords in 44,2% of all breach events.