

# AROUND THE WORLD IN 20 HACKS

Which Data Breaches Are The Same Size As The World's Largest Countries?

**2013 - Yahoo**  
**3,000,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of China = 1,405,045,000

Yahoo's hack was first reported as 1bn accounts, but the hack since admitted that 2bn people were affected, twice the size of China.

**2017 - River City Media**  
**1,370,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of India = 1,354,050,000

A faulty backup inadvertently exposed a database the size of India, held by notorious spam operator River City Media.

**2016 - Friend Finder Network**  
**412,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of United States = 309,760,000

FriendFinder's network, which is larger than the US, was hacked in 2016 enabling hackers to access all of the network's data.

**2016 - MySpace**  
**380,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Indonesia = 246,794,000

A hacker who claimed to have hacked MySpace put the user data larger than the population of Indonesia, up for sale.

**2012 - Court Ventures**  
**200,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Brazil = 200,867,000

Court Ventures sold records to an identity theft service. The number of records is just short of the population of Brazil.

**2016 - Deep Root Analytics**  
**198,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Pakistan = 200,833,000

DRA, hired to gather political information about US voters, accidentally leaked sensitive personal details close to the size of Pakistan.

**2016 - VK**  
**171,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Nigeria = 195,274,000

This Russian social network had a compromised database nearly the size of the 7th largest country, Nigeria.

**2012 - Massive American Business Hack**  
**160,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Bangladesh = 160,360,000

A hacking ring targeted banks, payment processors, and chains to gather account information from the equivalent population of Bangladesh.

**2014 - eBay**  
**145,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Russia = 143,894,000

Hackers obtained credentials from a few employees to access a database the size of Russia. eBay advised all of its users to change passwords.

**2017 - Equifax**  
**143,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Mexico = 133,728,000

Mexico's population is big. However, the data breach of personal information of American consumers at Equifax in 2017, was even bigger.

**2008 - Heartland**  
**130,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Spain = 107,186,000

Heartland Payment Systems, a payroll processing company, suffered a data breach that affected enough payroll customers to fit Japan.

**2012 - LinkedIn**  
**117,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Ethiopia = 107,934,000

Personal information from a database with a larger population than Ethiopia was stolen and sold online using the data web.

**2013 - Target**  
**110,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of the Philippines = 100,982,000

Target's data breach in 2013 was its last financial and contact information from more customers than there are people in the Philippines.

**2006 - TJ Maxx**  
**94,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Egypt = 95,976,000

Hackers hacked on MasterCard store Wi-Fi network and stole data from credit and debit cards of shoppers at off-price retailers TJ Maxx.

**2014 - AOL**  
**92,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of the Vietnam = 89,400,000

A hacker stole 92 million screen names and e-mail addresses, and sold them to spammers who then sent out up to 7 billion unsolicited e-mails.

**2017 - Dailymotion**  
**85,200,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of DR Congo = 84,004,000

Dailymotion had 85.2m email addresses extracted, which is slightly larger than DR Congo. Thankfully, only 38.3m had associated passwords.

**2014 - JP Morgan Chase**  
**83,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of the Germany = 82,293,000

Credit card information deemed useless was thrown out and later sold online. This hack saw the equivalent population of Germany affected.

**2016 - Anthem**  
**80,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Iran = 80,000,000

Anthem are the second largest health insurer in the US. Their hack saw a database the size of Iran lose their personal health information.

**2011 - Sony PSN**  
**77,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Turkey = 81,936,000

Sony's first breach saw the loss of 78,000,000 Sony PSN and Orkut user accounts to hacking collective LulzSec.

**2015 - Securus Technologies**  
**70,000,000** Accounts Compromised  
 Population of Thailand = 68,395,000

Records of phone calls made by prisoners' relatives over two and a half years were hacked. There were more records stolen than there are people in Thailand.