



2008 Data Breach Stats - Paper vs. Electronic Summary

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Category: Electronic

Totals for Category: Electronic

of Breaches: 540

of Records:

35,125,425

% of Breaches: 82.3

%of Records:

98.4%

Category: Paper

Totals for Category: Paper

of Breaches: 116

of Records:

565,830

% of Breaches: 17.7

%of Records:

1.6%

2008 Breaches Identified by the ITRC as of: 1/2/2009

Total Breaches: 656
Records Exposed: 35,691,255

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The ITRC Breach Report presents individual information about data exposure events and running totals for the year. The ITRC Breach Stats Report develops some statistics based upon the type of entity involved in the data exposure.

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