



Repeat Health Data Breach Reporters: Who Has Filed the Most Breach Reports With HHS

Original analysis of 8,021 records from HHS, October 2009–September 2026 (submission dates). Published October 15, 2026. <https://settlementinsight.com/research/repeat-health-data-breach-reporters>

Humana Inc. has filed 22 reports of breaches affecting 500 or more people with the HHS Office for Civil Rights since 2014, the most of any reporting entity on the federal breach portal, followed by Walgreen Co. with 20 and Blue Shield of California with 17. Of the 6,854 organizations on the portal, 680 have reported more than once, and together they filed 23.0% of all 8,021 reports.

22

Breach reports by Humana Inc., most of any entity

680

Organizations with two or more breach reports

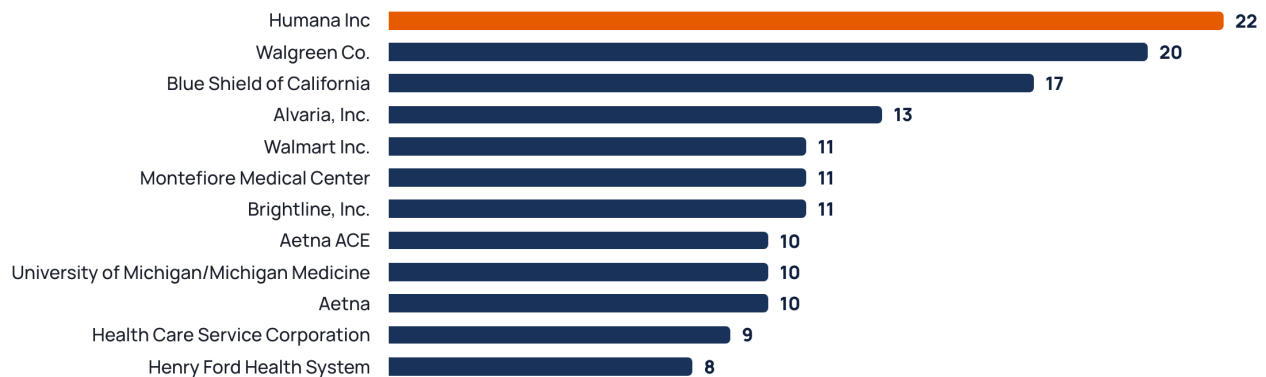
23%

Share of all reports filed by repeat reporters



Organizations with the most HHS breach reports, Oct 2009–Sep 2026

Reports · Top 12 of 209



Source: Settlement Insight analysis of data from HHS

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Key findings on repeat health data breach reporters

- Three names lead the list.** Humana Inc. (22 reports, 2014–2024), Walgreen Co. (20, 2012–2025) and Blue Shield of California (17, 2015–2025) have filed the most breach reports of any reporting entity. Each of Humana's and Walgreen's reports was filed on a different day.
- Most organizations report once.** Of 6,854 organizations, 6,174 have filed a single report. Only 10 have filed ten or more, accounting for 135 reports.

3. **Health plans repeat most often.** Organizations with more than one report filed 40.1% of all reports from health plans, compared with 20.2% of reports from healthcare providers and 22.7% from business associates.
4. **Growth comes from new names.** Yearly reports rose from 270 in 2015 to 807 in 2025, but the share filed by organizations that had already reported in the previous five years stayed between 8.2% and 14.7%.
5. **Checked against HHS.** Our count of 741 reports submitted in 2024 is within 0.13% of the 742 reports HHS gives in its annual report to Congress.

How we measured

Data come from the breach portal of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR), which lists breaches of unsecured protected health information affecting 500 or more individuals. We combined the portal's current list (cases under investigation) and its archive as retrieved on October 14, 2026, and counted all 8,021 reports submitted from 2009-10-21 through 2026-09-30.

An organization is the reported name of the covered entity, together with its state as listed (rows without a state form their own group). Names are matched after these steps, in order: Unicode NFKC normalization and lower case; text in square brackets (case numbers) removed; periods and apostrophes deleted, so "P.A." becomes "pa" and "d.b.a." becomes "dba"; where the name contains "d/b/a", "dba" or "doing business as", only the trade name after it is kept; every other character that is not a letter a–z or a digit (commas, hyphens, slashes, ampersands, parentheses, accented letters) replaced by a space; and, repeatedly, a final word Inc, Incorporated, Co, Company, Corp, Corporation, LLC, LLP, LP, LC, Ltd, Limited, PC, PA, PLLC or PLC removed. We do not merge parent companies, subsidiaries, regional plans or affiliated covered entities that file under different names, and no other spelling variants are matched by hand. A repeat reporter is an organization with two or more reports in the whole period; every listed row counts as a report, including the few rows that repeat another row.

For the yearly series, a report counts as coming from a returning reporter if the same organization filed at least one report in the five calendar years before the year of submission. The series starts in 2015, the first year with five full prior years of data. Years are calendar years by submission date.

To check completeness, we counted reports submitted in calendar year 2024: our table has 741, HHS reports 742 in its annual report to Congress for 2024, a difference of 0.13%.

Checked against published figures

- All breach reports affecting 500+ individuals submitted to the HHS OCR breach portal in calendar year 2024 (by submission date): published 742, our count 741 (0.13% apart). [HHS Office for Civil Rights, Annual Report to Congress on Breaches of Unsecured Protected Health Information for Calendar Year 2024 \(archived copy\)](#).

Limitations

- The ranking is by reporting entity, not by corporate family. Large groups such as UnitedHealth Group or Kaiser Permanente report under many names, and a different grouping would change the order.

- A report is not the same as a separate incident. A business associate can file one report per client on the same day, and one vendor breach can be reported separately by many covered entities under their own names. Each report also counts the same whether it affected 500 people or millions.
- Rankings by number of reports do not account for organization size. Larger insurers, pharmacy chains and health systems handle more records and may have more reportable incidents. A report does not mean the organization caused the breach or that HHS found a violation.
- The portal covers only breaches affecting 500 or more people; smaller breaches may be reported to HHS once a year and are not listed on the portal. Our copy of the portal has 6 rows that repeat the name, state, date and count of another row; we keep them as listed. HHS itself describes a few other entries as duplicates of an earlier report, in at least one case filed on a different date; because we keep every row, such duplicates can make an organization count as a repeat reporter.
- Reports about recent breaches keep arriving, because organizations notify HHS together with the affected people, up to 60 days after discovering a breach. The 2026 figures run through September 30 and will rise as more reports are posted, so they are not comparable with full years.

Data files

- [HHS breach reporters by number of reports](#) (CSV, 5 rows)
- [Organizations with three or more HHS breach reports](#) (CSV, 209 rows)
- [Share of HHS breach reports filed by returning reporters, by year](#) (CSV, 12 rows)
- [Repeat HHS breach reporters by entity type](#) (CSV, 5 rows)

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