

T Mobile Investigating Reported Data Breach Affection Nearly All of its US Customers

August 16, 2021 - Cellular carrier T-Mobile is investigating a possible data breach of what appears to be its entire US customer base. The potential breach was discovered when a hacker posted about it on a dark-web user forum, offering to sell a subset of the database for around \$270,000 to be paid for in Bitcoin. According to the posting, the stolen data has information on around 100 million people.

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The information to be included in the sale is substantial. It includes names, physical addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, phone numbers and IMEI numbers of the devices being used. It is more than enough to commit identity theft and other forms of fraud.

While the theft has not be confirmed yet by T-Mobile, customers of the company would be well served to take some precautions. Anyone who has provided the company with credit card or banking information should watch their statements closely and report any unusual activity. Customers should also seriously consider freezing their credit files. We will keep our readers informed as this story develops.

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