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[ICO Statement: ICO publishes annual tracking research](#)

77% of people say protecting their personal information is essential, research commissioned by the ICO has found.

The survey of over 2,000 individuals monitors changes in what people think about data protection and freedom of information, and how they utilise their information rights. This has been especially important during the pandemic where the public and organisations have had to quickly adapt their daily lives and businesses.

[News Article: British Airways agrees to pay victims of record-breaking data breach](#)

British Airways (BA) has reached an out-of-court settlement with the victims of a data breach that exposed personal data belonging to more than 420,000 customers. Under the agreement with PGMBM, the court-appointed law firm representing victims, the airline will pay thousands of claimants an undisclosed sum. The resolution does not include any admission of liability on the part of the operator.

[News Article: Data Scraping Yields 700 Million LinkedIn Profiles for Sale on Dark Web: About 92% Of Platform Users, but Mostly Public Information](#)

Another social media platform API has been abused for data scraping, this time the one belonging to business networking giant LinkedIn. A listing offering 700 million LinkedIn profiles appeared on an underground hacking forum, and reporters with privacy news site Restore Privacy verified that a sample of one million of these profiles was legitimate.

[News Article: DreamHost Database Leak Exposed 815 Million Records of Customer Data](#)

Security researchers discovered an unsecured database containing close to 1 billion records from one of the world's largest web hosts, DreamHost.

The exposed customer data was up to three years old, ranging from March 24, 2018 to April 16, 2021. It was unclear how long the database was publicly accessible.

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