



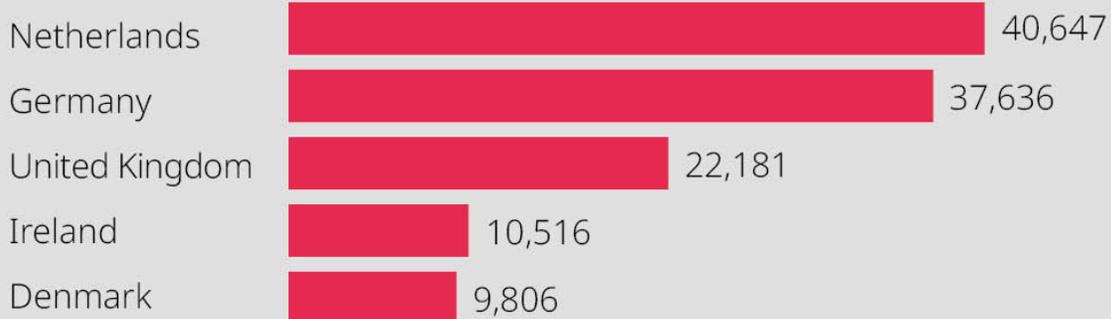
DLA Piper GDPR Data Breach Survey 2020

Over 160,000 data breach notifications have been reported across the 28 European Union Member States plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein since the GDPR came into force on 25 May 2018

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According to DLA Piper's latest GDPR Data Breach Survey, data protection regulators have imposed EUR114 million (approximately USD126 million / GBP97 million) in fines under the GDPR regime for a wide range of GDPR infringements, not just for data breaches. France, Germany and Austria top the rankings for the total value of GDPR fines imposed with just over EUR51 million, EUR24.5 million and EUR18 million respectively. The Netherlands, Germany and the UK topped the table for the number of data breaches notified to regulators with 40,647, 37,636 and 22,181 notifications each.

Reported GDPR data breaches per country*



imposed by the French data protection regulator on Google, for alleged infringements of the transparency principle and lack of valid consent, rather than for a data breach. Following two high profile data breaches, the UK ICO published two notices of intent to impose fines in July 2019 totalling GBP282 million (approximately EUR329 million / USD366 million) although neither of these were finalised as at the date of this report.

Patrick Van Eecke, chair of DLA Piper's international data protection practice, said "The early GDPR fines raise many questions. Ask two different regulators how GDPR fines should be calculated and you will get two different answers. We are years away from having legal certainty on this crucial question, but one thing is for certain, we can expect to see many more fines and appeals over the coming years".



This report takes a closer look at the number of breaches notified to regulators across Europe and details the numbers of fines issued in different countries since the start of the new GDPR regime on 25 May 2018.

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For further information on the report, or on DLA's data protection and cybersecurity practice, please contact Ross McKean or Patrick van Eecke.

LinkedIn Live: Members of our European cyber and data protection team discussed the findings of the report live on LinkedIn. Watch the recording below.

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