

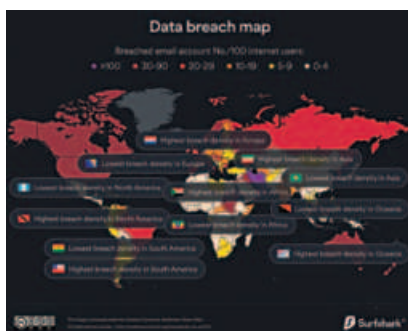
Bangladesh has the lowest data breach density in Asia: studies

Bangladesh has the lowest data breach density in all of Asia, according to a global study conducted by cybersecurity company Surfshark. With 0.6 breached email accounts per 100 internet users in 2021, Bangladesh has the lowest breach count in Asia and the second-lowest breach count worldwide.

Meanwhile, Iran has the highest data breach density in Asia and worldwide, with 231 breached emails per 100 internet users. However, the UK topped the cybercrime density chart with 4,783 victims per 1 million internet users.

In 6% of all analysed countries, breach rates are higher than 50%. Furthermore, more than half of the internet users in countries such as the USA, Iran, Israel, U.A.E. and Qatar got breached in 2021.

"Looking at the total breaches in 2021, we see that 71.7% of our analysed countries have lower than the global average breach density (16.5 leaked emails per 100 internet users). This shows that hackers target



some countries more than others," said Agneska Sablovskaja, Data Researcher at Surfshark.

On a continental level, Africa has the lowest breached email address rates, with 4 breached accounts per 100 internet users. Asia has the second-lowest breached rates, with 12 breached accounts per 100 internet users.

North America has the highest breach rates, with 1 in 2 internet users having their accounts breached in 2021.

Phishing is the most common

cybercrime that was reported in 2021. There were a total of 323,972 phishing victims last year. Statistically, every second individual that fell for an online crime was a victim of a phishing attack.

Since 2001, the online crime victim count increased by 17 times (from 6 victims to 97 victims every hour), and financial losses grew almost 400 times (from \$2,000 to \$788,000 losses per hour).

In 2020, the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic, the cybercrime victim count grew by 69% compared to 2019 (from 467,000 to 792,000 cybercrime victims per year). It was the highest cybercrime victim growth recorded since 2001.

People over the age of 60 were generally the most vulnerable age group to cybercrime since 2016 with over 92,000 yearly victims in 2021.

Overall, cybercrime claimed at least 6 and a half million victims and over \$26 billion in losses in the last 21 years.

Telegram Premium to be launched at the end of this month

Messaging app Telegram will be launching a paid premium subscription at the end of this month, Telegram founder Pavel Durov confirmed in a post on the platform.

According to Durov, Telegram's premium subscription will allow users to get their hands on new features faster while also getting additional speed and resources.

Moreover, it will allow users to download larger files, voice-to-text messages and tools to customise their chats.

However, the currently existing features will remain free for all users across the platform.

Telegram currently has over 500 million monthly active users worldwide.



TikTok launches new screentime management tool

TikTok has launched two new practical tools as a part of its digital wellbeing mission to make it easier for its growing community of users to manage the time they spend on the entertainment platform in a single sitting and enable regular screen time breaks, thereby remaining in full control of their TikTok experience.

A new screen time dashboard will give TikTok's creative community data about how much time they are spending on the platform, with summaries on the daily usage time, the number of times they opened the app, and a breakdown of day-time and night-time usage available at all times. Users can also opt for weekly notifications to review their dashboard and monitor the time spent in a single sitting.

These prompts will remind TikTok users to take a break after a certain amount of

uninterrupted screen time, which they can set as per their choice and convenience.

TikTok has also introduced weekly digital well-being prompts for younger members of the community. When users aged between 13 and 17 spends more than 100 minutes on the app in a single day, he or she will get a reminder from TikTok of using the screen time limit tool the next time they open the app.

The new features are in line with TikTok's goal to promote a safe and positive experience for all its users and ensure that the entertainment platform is equipped to offer the best possible viewing choices for the TikTok community. The entertainment platform is focused

on delivering digital experiences that bring joy, entertainment and enrichment to its community. Part of this includes ensuring that the community have a

positive relationship with their devices and allowing them to be more in control of their experiences. This is why TikTok is taking a number of steps today to help support its community's digital well-being as they create content, including the new screen time management feature that allows users to restrict the uninterrupted time that can be spent on the app.

TikTok is supporting the rollout of the new screen time management tools and encouraging its community in thinking

EDITOR'S NOTE

One less day of hustle?

Around 300 employees and 60 companies in the UK have recently begun a six-month trial of four-day working weeks. While the work hours will be cut, expected work efficiency and salaries will remain unchanged - which means the workers will still have to put in the work to make up for the missing day.

How would such a system work in Bangladesh? That is what we look into in this week's Cover Story. Perhaps we can expect positive changes if there were, indeed, four-day work weeks in this country.

For other pages, we have an academic career guide on Next Step, picks for smart TVs on Bytes and a special Father's Day tech gift list on Tech Tips.

Until then. Stay safe everyone.

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