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The number of breaches affecting 500 or more people continues to rise, said Yun-kyung Lee, deputy regional manager in the Pacific region of the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR), at the Health Care Compliance Association's Compliance Institute March 29.^[1] The types of breaches have shifted dramatically in recent years, as shown below. Curiously, while ransomware attacks plague the health care industry, fewer hacking/information technology incidents reported to OCR were attributed to ransomware in 2021 than in 2020. Contact Lee at yun-kyung.lee@hhs.gov.

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