



Privacy Matters @ WWU

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Annual State Agency Privacy Assessment Report

As required by RCW 43.105.369, Western participates in an annual privacy review of agency practices to measure privacy maturity across state agencies. The information is used by the Washington's Office of Privacy and Privacy Protection to submit performance reports to the legislature and develop needed resources and trainings to help agencies mature their privacy programs. The goal is to establish an understanding of current privacy practices of state agencies, not to measure or audit compliance with specific laws or standards.

Some of the agency comparisons presented in the report include:

- Types of data handled by agencies
- Agency privacy staffing levels
- Agency wide privacy training
- Existence of agency privacy policies and privacy notices
- Agency controls for data breaches

[Click here](#) to review the 2023 State Agency Privacy Assessment Report.

Washington State Legislative Session Update

The following privacy related bills were listed in the January newsletter as being introduced for the 2024 legislative session. See the status of each bill below. All three are related to artificial intelligence.

[HB 1934](#): Establishing an artificial intelligence task force. **Status: Alive**

[HB 1999](#): Concerning fabricated intimate or sexually explicit images and depictions. **Status: Alive**

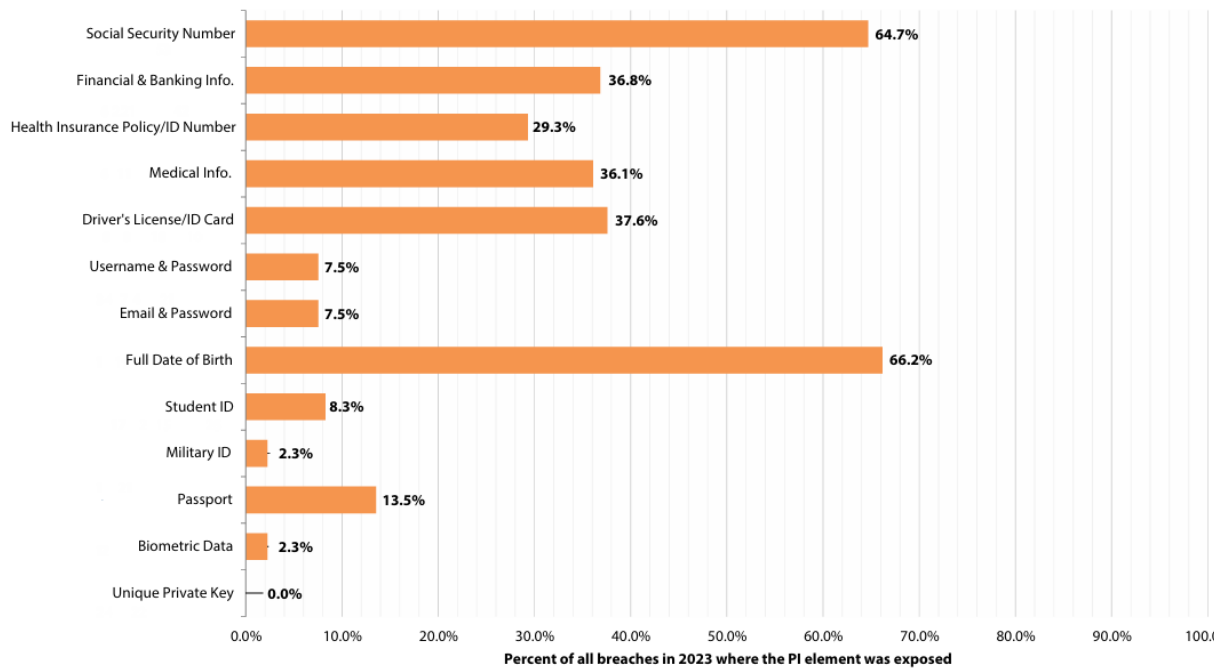
[HB 1951](#): Promoting ethical artificial intelligence by protecting against algorithmic discrimination. **Status: Dead**

Washington State Data Breach Report 2023

In addition to noting the Attorney General's recommendations to the state legislature, the report highlighted:

- The number of data breach notices for 2023 was the 3rd highest since 2016.
- Primary causes of the breaches were:
 - 60.91% caused by a cyberattack
 - 31.6% caused by unauthorized access (i.e., access to a network or sifting through hard copy documents)
 - 7.5% caused by theft or mistake (i.e., stolen laptop, or an administrative mistake)
- The specific types of personal information exposed through the reported breaches included the following:

Types of Personal Information Exposed (2023)



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