

### **Week 3 Journal Entry**

**Prompt:**

Visit [PrivacyRights.org](https://www.privacyrights.org) to see the types of publicly available information about data breaches. How might researchers use this information to study breaches?

**Answer:**

PrivacyRights.org provides a lot of quantifiable data about data breaches, which researchers can use to generate statistics and analyze trends. This information enables researchers to build strong arguments for or against their hypotheses. Additionally, the site offers an interactive dashboard for certain breaches, allowing users to explore specific states or regions affected by breaches. Researchers can further refine the results displayed by the dashboard by selecting or deselecting certain statutes, which broadens or narrows the amount of the regions impacted. This could allow them to further dive into information security policies in those regions or question why it is that certain information security policies are not more widespread.