Apple could forfeit $32.5 billion

Apple is facing a $32.5 billion class-action lawsuit from up to 6.5 million consumers in the U.S. state of Illinois, who accuse the tech giant of illegally collecting facial recognition data through its Photos app



SOME OF THE LARGEST TECH PRIVACY PAYOUTS EVER

	Firm		Reason	Fine
1	***Meta***	*2019*	***Cambridge Analytica** illegally harvests personal user data*	**$5.00bn**
2	***Meta***	*2023*	*Unlawful transfer of EU user data to U.S. servers*	**$1.31bn**
3	***Didi***	*2022*	*Illegal collection of passenger biometeric data in China*	**$1.19bn**
4	***Amazon***	*2021*	*Non-consensual use of people's data for advertising*	**$877m**
5	***TikTok***	*2025*	*Unlawful transfer of EU user data to China servers*	**$600m**
6	***Equifax***	*2019*	*Failure to secure sensitive consumer credit data*	**$575m**
7	***Meta***	*2025*	*Unlawful data processing for unfair advertising advantage*	**$552m**
8	***Meta***	*2023*	*Unlawful data processing for unfair advertising advantage*	**$413m**
9	***Meta***	*2022*	*Exposure and mishandling of minors' account data*	**$403m**
10	***TikTok***	*2023*	*Exposure and mishandling of minors' account data*	**$370m**

Should Apple lose and have to pay full amount, it would be more than six times bigger than previous heftiest payout *from Meta in 2019*

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