



Legislative Commission on Cyber Security (LCCS)

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Who is MNIT?



The Information Technology agency for Minnesota's executive branch

- Led by the state's Chief Information Officer.
- Sets IT strategy, direction, policies, and standards for enterprise IT leadership and planning.
- Build, maintain, and secure the state's IT infrastructure, applications, projects, and services.
- We deliver enterprise and local technology solutions for Minnesota state agencies that transform how government brings services to the people of Minnesota.



MNIT Partners to Serve Minnesotans

Provide services to both executive branch and non-executive branch partners.

- **Executive branch partners**

90+ agencies, boards, councils and Commissions in the State of Minnesota

(**see in scope and out of scope entities)

- **Non-executive branch partners**

higher education, school districts, public libraries, legislative branch, judicial branch, constitutional offices, counties, cities, and other government organizations in the State of Minnesota.

** [MNIT Information Security and Risk Management Applicability Standard](#)

OUR MISSION

We partner to deliver
secure, reliable
technology solutions to
improve the lives of all
Minnesotans.

MNIT by the numbers



Reduce the Attack Surface

Enterprise Services

- Communication and Collaboration Tools
- Hosting/Data Centers (49 → 5)
- Human Resources
- Infrastructure
- Network
- Portfolio Management Office
- Procurement
- Security
- Service Desk
- Workstation



Services for Executive Branch Partners

Connectivity

Helping our partners stay connected and carry out day-to-day business.

End User Support

Making it possible for our partners to create an efficient and flexible workplace.

Infrastructure

Secure virtualized hosting solutions.

Platform

Allowing our partners to develop, run and manage their applications with ease.

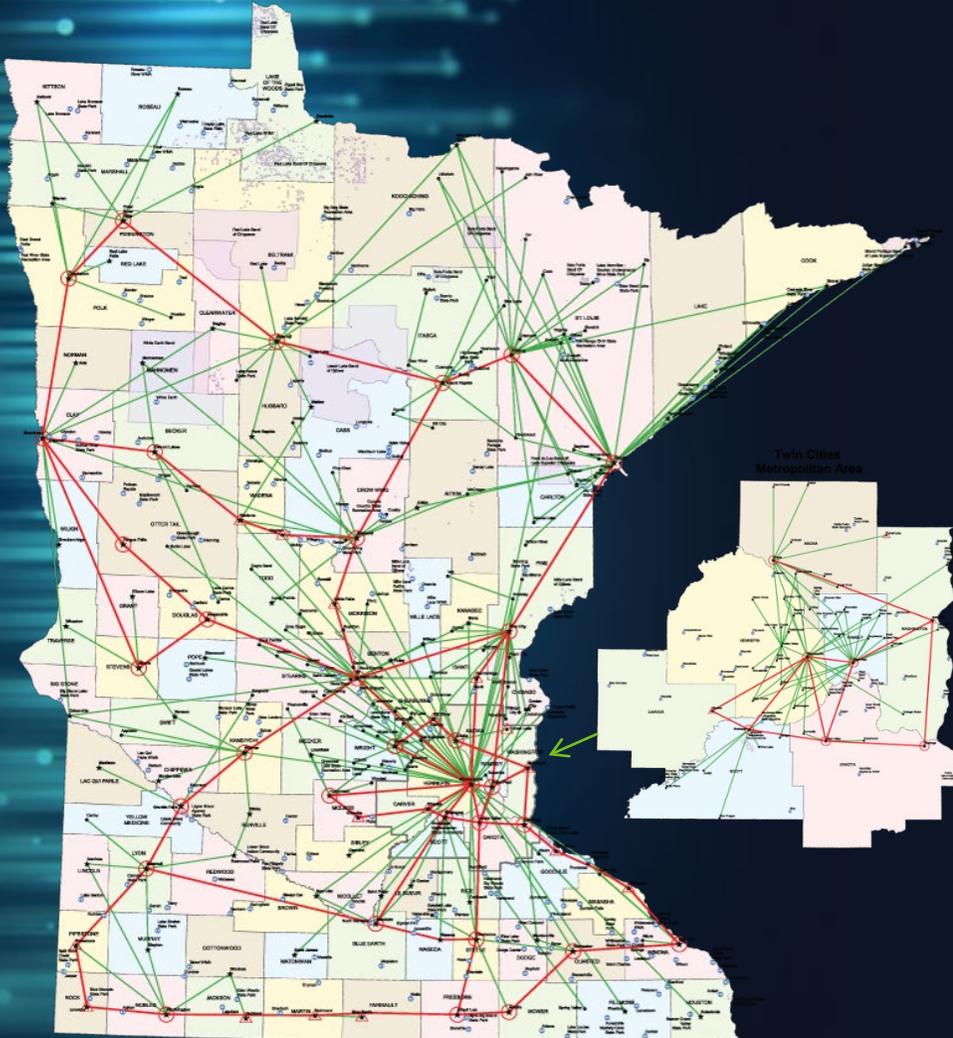
Software

Services that host data and applications which are made available to the internet.

Other services

Offering a wide array of secure solutions, ranging from hardware to hosting.

Services for Non-Executive Branch Partners



LAN

A computer network that links devices within a one physical location.

WAN

Providing access to applications and information that employees need to do work.

Voice

Business quality voice communications and a varied set of related features.

MNIT Strategic Plan





3,300,000,000

Brute Force or Credential
Stuffing Attempts

National metrics on Cyber Threats



1,900+

2020 Threat Groups



**70% Double
Extortion**

Ransomware + Data
exposure (next is DDoS)



21 Days Average

Ransomware
Downtime



514

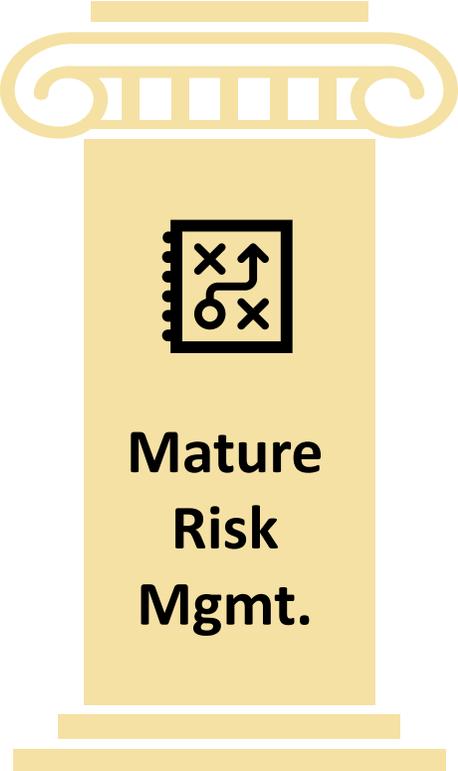
2020 New Malware
Families

Enterprise Security Strategic Plan Goal Areas

Bolster successful state cybersecurity efforts



Security Mindset



Mature Risk Mgmt.



Layered Defense



App Security

Strategic Planning

MNIT Enterprise Information Security Program





Statewide Security Monitoring Initiative

Homeland Security Grant Program

- Enhance Perimeter Defenses
- Active Vulnerability Management
- Managed Detection and Response
- Incident Response Services

Statewide Initiatives

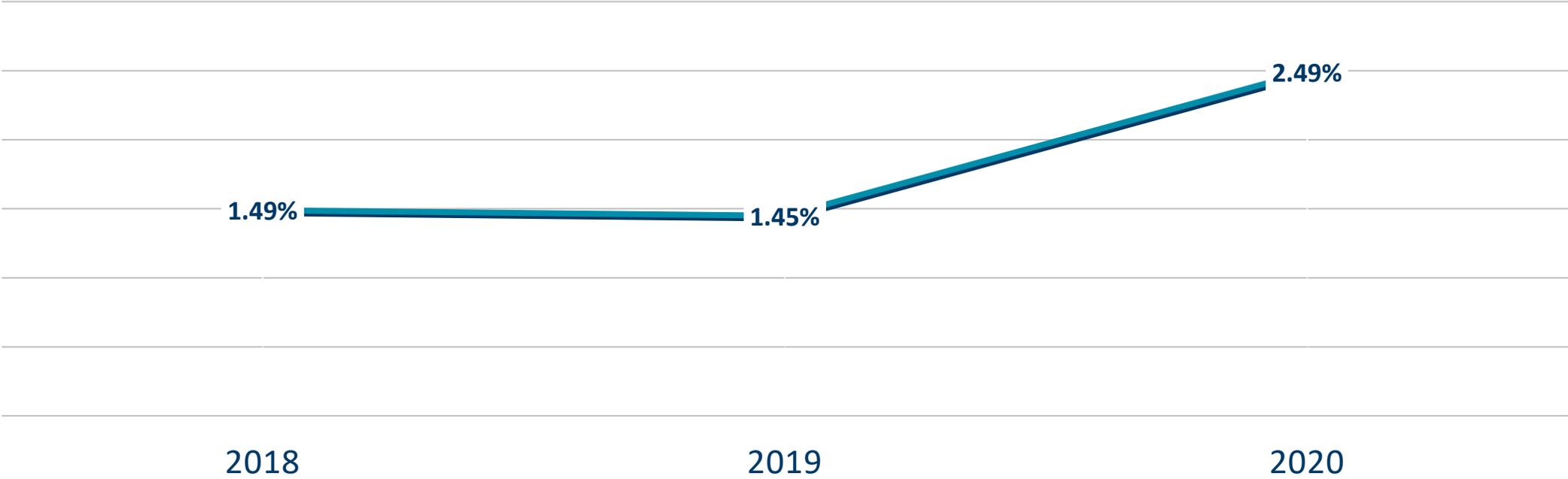
- Minnesota Fusion Center – Cyber Team
- Election Security
- Collaboration and Threat Intel sharing



MNIT Security Capacity

Financial Perspective

PERCENTAGE OF IT SPEND



MNIT received an **additional \$5 million per year** appropriation beginning in FY 2020-21 for cybersecurity enhancements.

National cyber workforce shortages

Total cybersecurity job openings

597,767

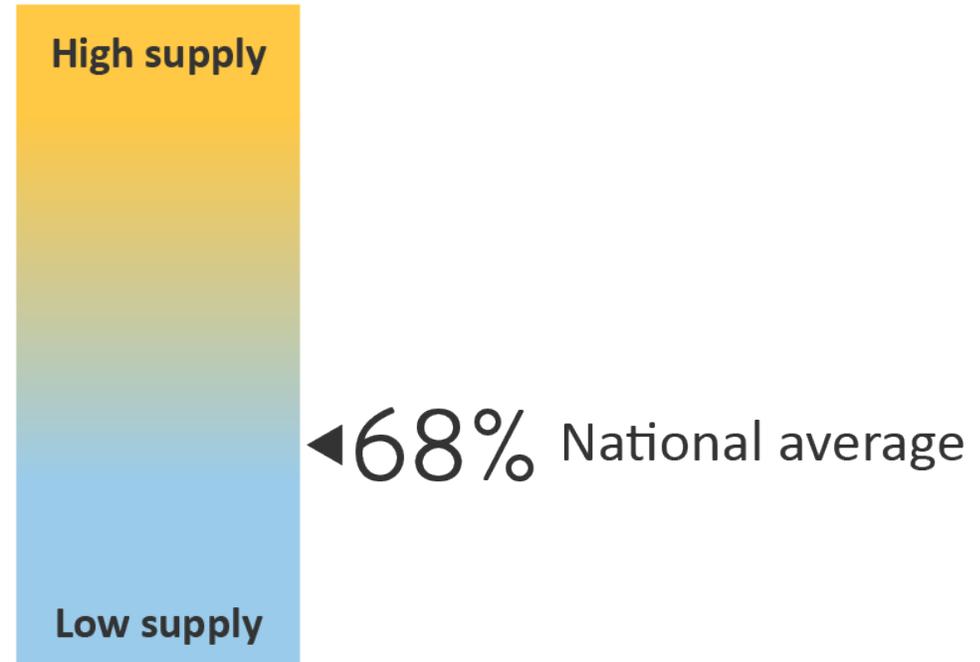


Total employed cybersecurity workforce

1,053,468



Supply/demand ratio



Source: [cyberseek.org](https://www.cyberseek.org)

Thank you!

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