



# Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity MNIT Update

June 14, 2022

# Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- National Cybersecurity Prioritization
- Cybersecurity Threats Update
  - Ransomware attacks
  - Supply chain attacks
  - Cyber espionage activity
  - Denial of Service activity
- Closing Remarks

# National Cybersecurity Prioritization

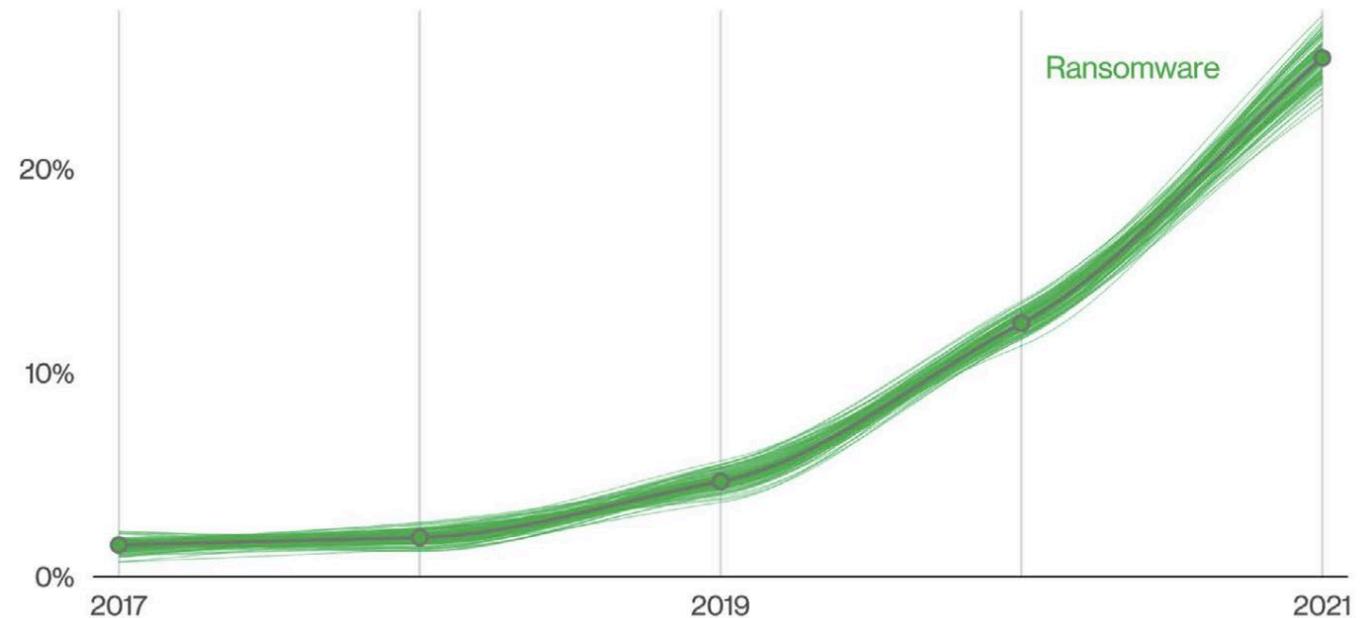
- White House issued Executive Order on Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Proposed Rules on Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure by Public Companies
- Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued alert – Understanding and Mitigating Russian State-Sponsored Cyber Threats to U.S. Critical Infrastructure
- Gartner Inc. estimates that cybersecurity spending up more than 12% in 2021 and is expected to grow in 2022

# Ransomware Attacks

## How prevalent is ransomware?

- Increased by 13% to a total of 25% of all security breach investigations in 2021
- Interrupt critical functions. Not targeting specific data value (e.g. credit cards, banking information, PII)
- Dwell time is only 5 days (one-seventh of non-ransomware)

Ransomware over time



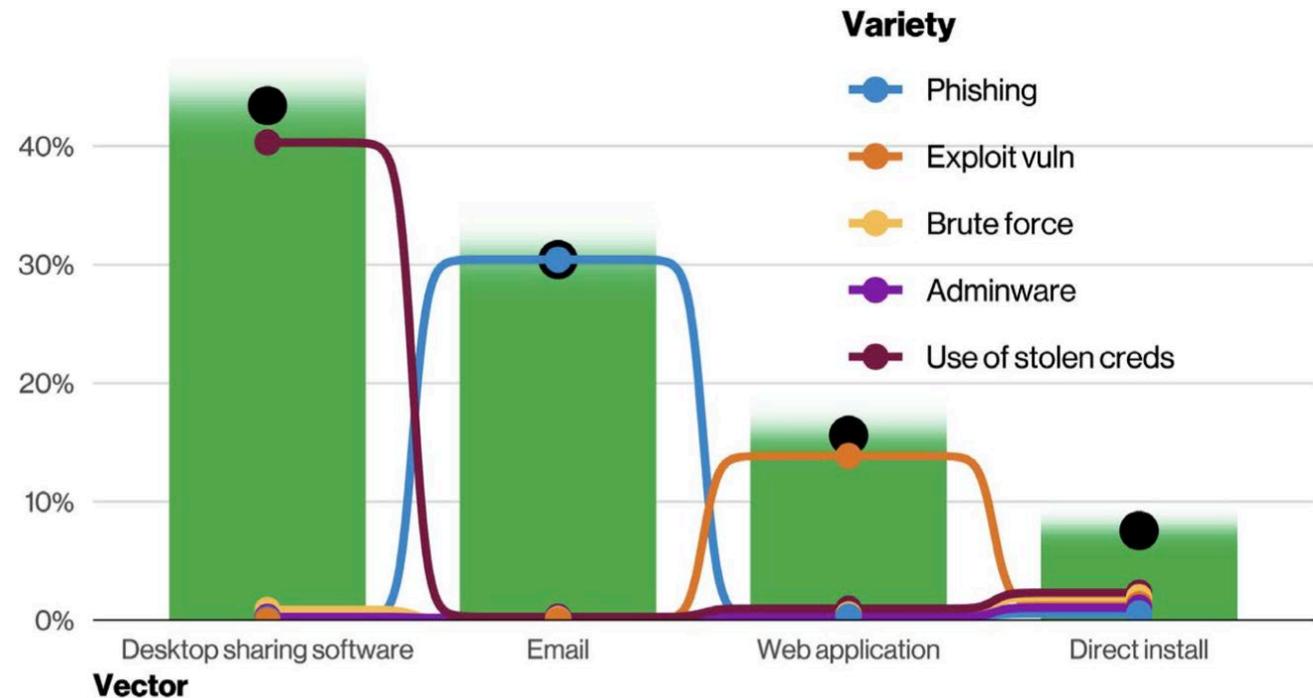
Source: Verizon Data Breach Investigation Report (DBIR) 2022 and M-Trends 2022

# Ransomware Attacks

## Ransomware points of entry

- 40% Stolen remote access credentials
- 35% Phishing through email
- 15% Brute force of web applications

Ransomware Intrusion Vector



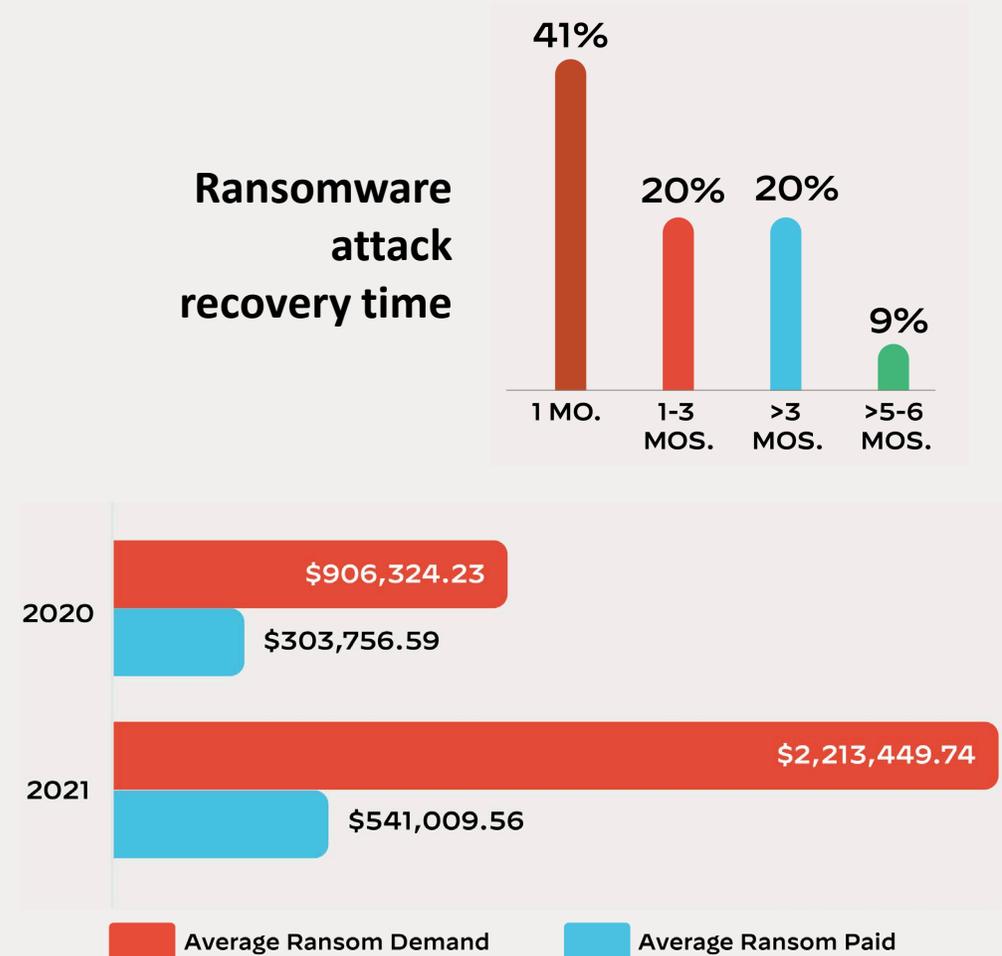
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# Ransomware Attacks

## Impacts of ransomware

- Downtime and business disruption
  - 59% more than a month for recovery
- Payment extortion
  - 144% increase in average demand
  - 78% increase in average payments

Source: Palo Alto Unit 42 Ransomware Threat Report 2022



# Supply Chain Attacks

- 2021 saw a significant increase in third-party and partner attacks
- SolarWinds attack primary contributor to the 2021 increase
  - 18,000 private and public organizations impacted
- NotPetya attack in 2017 is the most expensive

**Firms Directly Affected by NotPetya Cyber Attack**

Organization	Total Assets	Total Cost
Beiersdorf	\$7.69B	\$43M
Fedex	\$33.07B	\$400M
Maersk	\$68.84B	\$300M
Merck	\$98.17B	\$670M
Mondelez	\$66.82B	\$180M
Nuance	\$5.82B	\$92M
Reckitt Benkiser	\$24.19B	117M
WPP	\$41.55B	\$15M

Source: Pirates without Borders: The Propagation of Cyberattacks through Firms' Supply Chains, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, July 2020

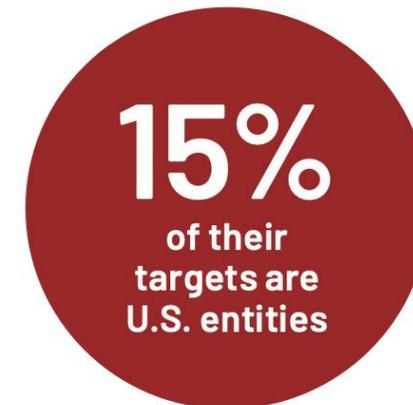
# Cyber Espionage Activity

## Trends in cyber espionage activity

- 244 total Chinese cyber espionage active groups observed from 2016 to 2021
  - 36 active in 2021
  - Geographic focus on U.S. and Asia
  - Government organizations interest is steady since 2018
- Organizations targeted align with strategic interest to national economic outcomes

Source: M-Trends 2022

## 2021 Snapshot of Size and Focus



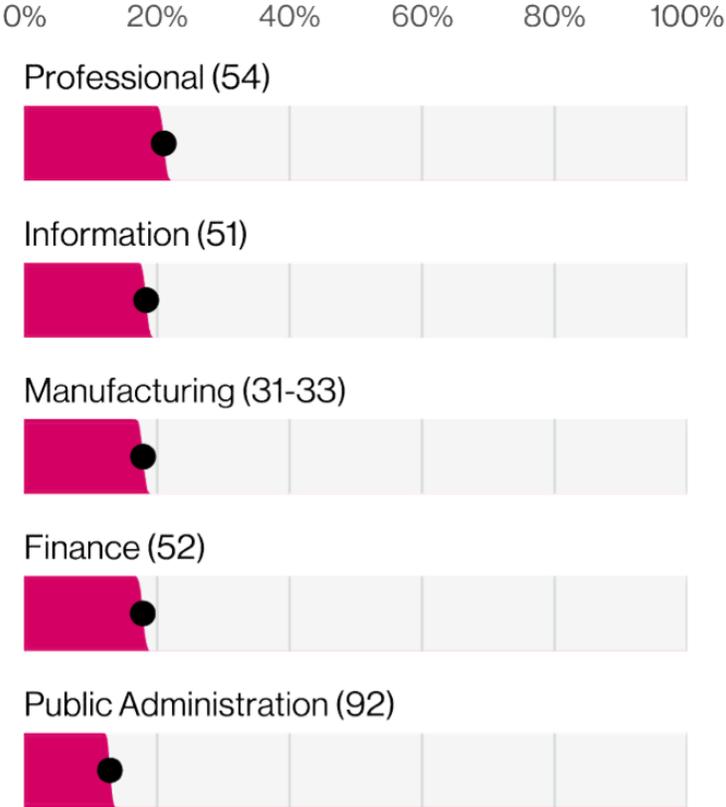
# Denial of Service Attacks

## How prevalent are Denial of Service attacks?

- On average, entities in the top targeted industries experience 10 attacks per year
- Median attack today is around 1.3 Gbps
- Median attacks last for four hours

Source: Verizon Data Breach Investigation Report (DBIR) 2022

### 2021 Top 5 Targeted Industries



# Cyber Attacks Affecting Minnesota

## **Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued a warning about ransomware targeting food and agriculture companies**

- Ransomware attack compromised a farm co-op and food processor

## **Civil and social unrest targeted Minnesota government resources with DDoS**

- Distributed Denial of Service attacks targeted state resources for fourteen consecutive days at unprecedented levels

# Federal Cybersecurity Grants

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provided \$1B nationwide for FY22-25
  - Minnesota:
    - \$18M in federal funds after \$5.7M state match
- 80% of funding for programs that benefit local, tribal and territorial governments (25% to rural areas based on census data)
- Funding use determined by the planning committee
- Further guidance expected in summer 2022

# Federal Cybersecurity Grants, cont...

- Planning Committee Composition requires representation from:
  - State
  - Counties
  - Cities
  - Towns
  - Public education
  - Public health
  - Tribal nations
- Members from suburban, rural, and high-population jurisdictions
- No less than half of members have professional experience related to cybersecurity or IT

# Thank You

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