



State of Minnesota - Cybersecurity Perspective

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- MNIT Cybersecurity Program
- Cybersecurity Threat Landscape
- MNIT Statewide Security Initiatives
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Minnesota IT Services (MNIT)



Enable



Deliver Value



Protect

MNIT by the Numbers



114,777,986

Visits to state websites



11,708,461

Visits to DEED's Unemployment Insurance websites



20,398,681

Visits to state websites for COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and information



4,271,774

Visits to MNsure websites



1,835

Number of security incidents resolved



2,435

Employees



2,080

Number of applications supported



545

Total projects tracked



10,000

Network devices supported



289

Number of websites we host and support



373,100

Service desk tickets across the executive branch



183,732

Tickets resolved the same day (49.25%)



952

Total resources on the Minnesota Geospatial Commons



102,169,512

Number of hits on the geospatial image server



4,739

Purchase request volume

Meeting Demand for Digital Services: UI

In 2020, UI met unprecedented needs for over **1 million** Minnesotans, paying out over **\$9.1B** in claims. Over **47 million** logins.

Unemployment Insurance changed a lot between 2019 and 2020:

- The amount paid in 2020 was 12.6 times larger than 2019.
- In 2019, UI did 4 quarterly builds. In 2020, we did **21** deployments.
- Even with all the changes, increased volume and expanded hours the system has only had **15** minutes of unplanned downtime.



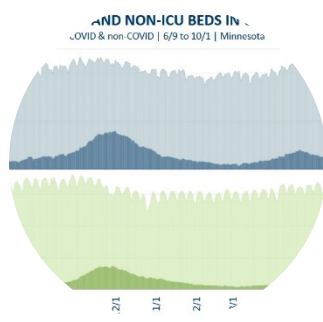
COVID-19 Vaccine Technology Journey



**Vaccine
Locator Map**



**Vaccine
Lottery Sign-
Up for At
Risk
Individuals**



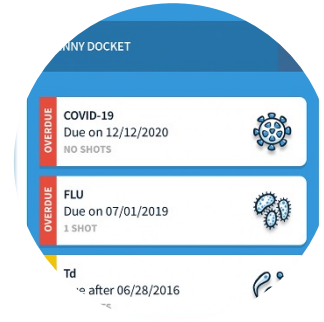
**COVID-19
Vaccine Data
Dashboard**



**Vaccine
Connector**



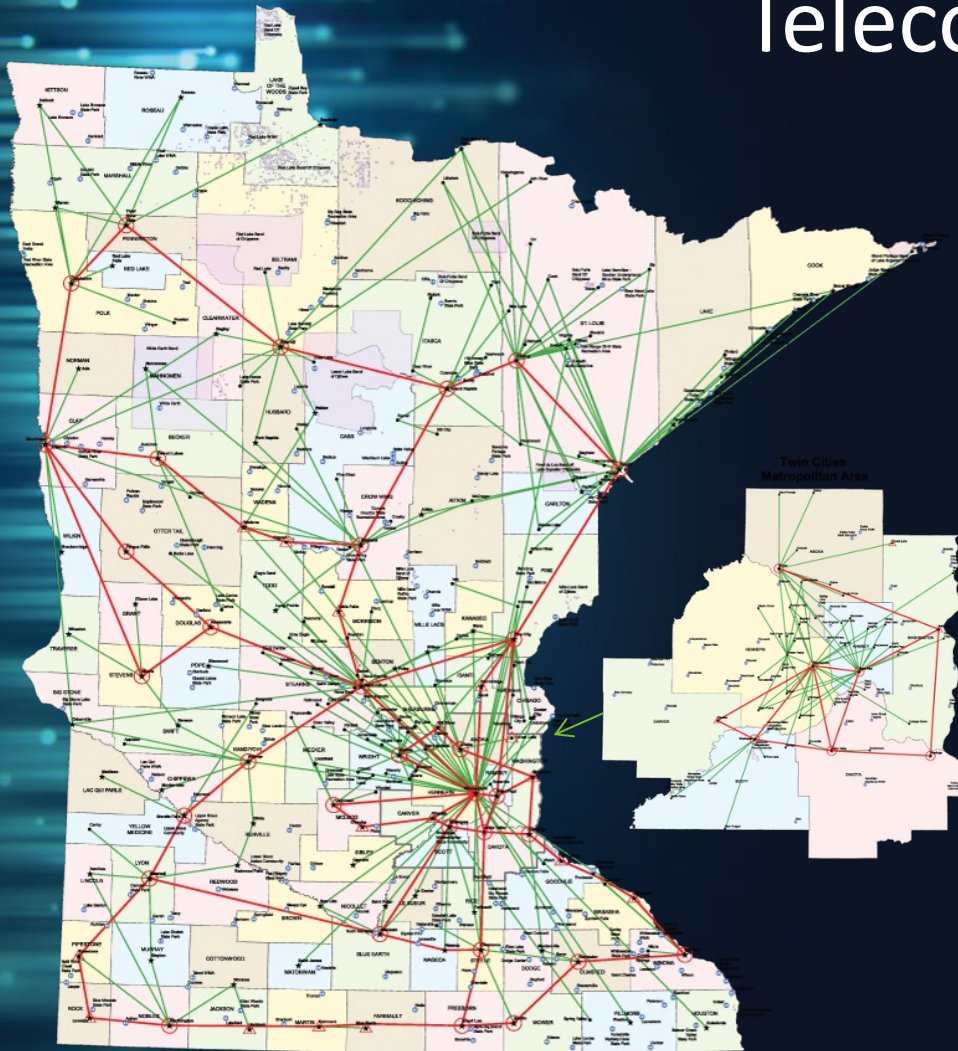
**Vaccine
Rewards
Program**



Docket App



Minnesota Network for Enterprise Telecommunication (MNET)



MNET provides digital operations and connections for more than 375 non-executive partners.

Services:

- **WAN** - Connects over 1,700 locations in 300+ cities to MNET.
- **LAN** - Manages 1,200+ locations and support for 6,500 LAN and 2,300 WLAN devices.
- **Voice** - Supports 35,000 phones and 2,000 contact center agents in 55 contact centers.
- **Firewall** - Protects over 1,200 state office locations and the two main State data centers.
- **Conferencing** - Provides video and audio collaboration in more than 500 locations.

Four pillars of cybersecurity

One of MNIT's strategic plan goal is to bolster cybersecurity efforts. To do that, MNIT focuses on four pillars.

**Security
mind-set**



**Mature risk
management**



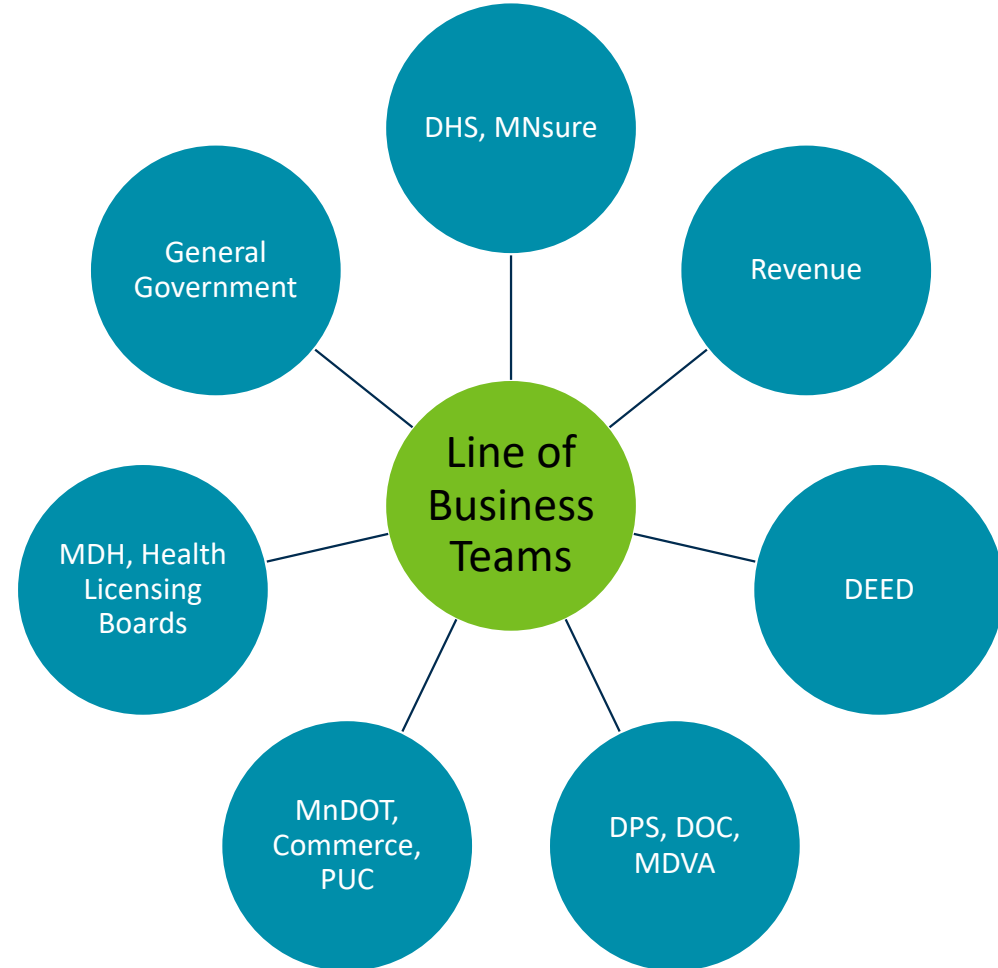
**Layered
defense**



**Application
security**

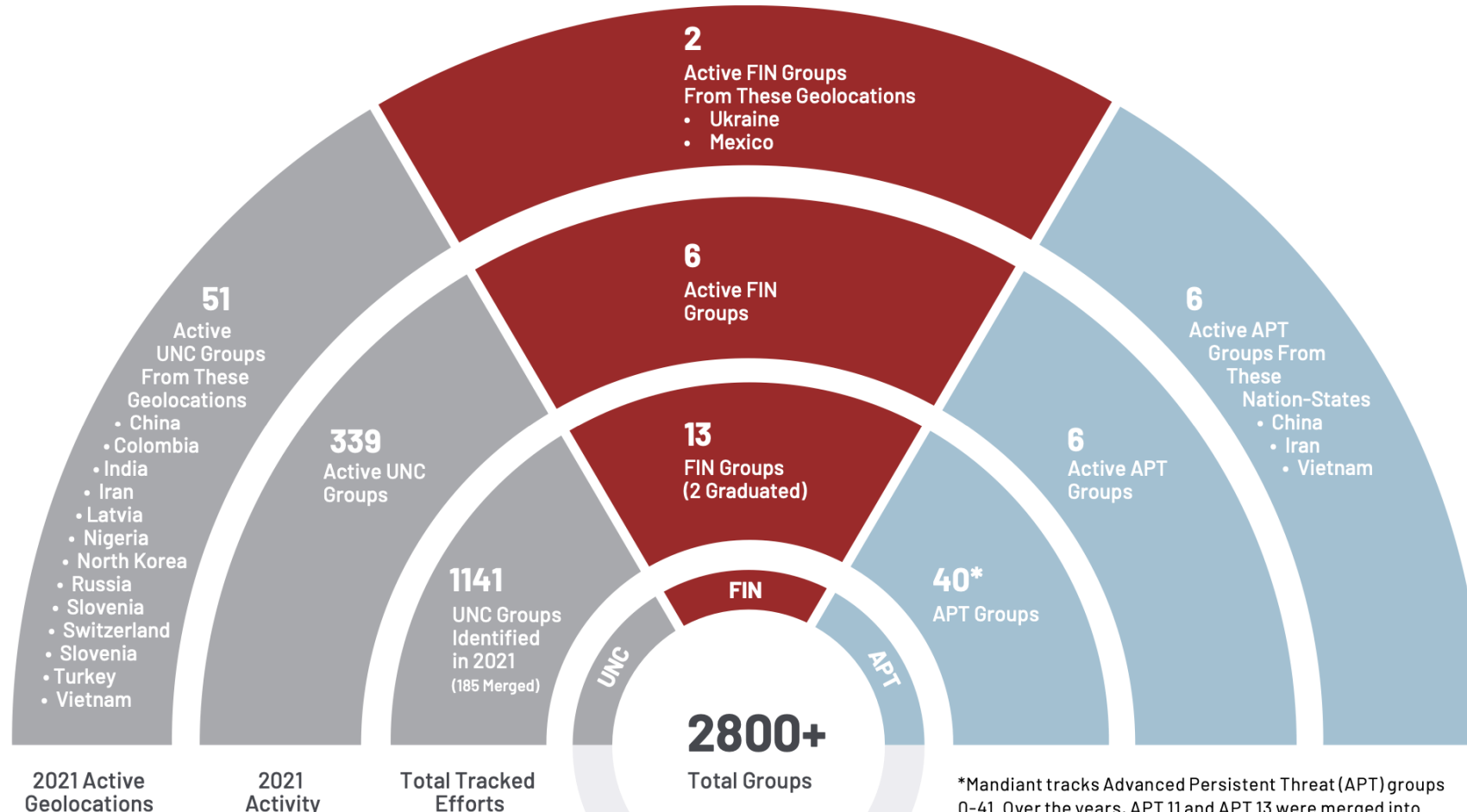


MNIT Security Operating Model



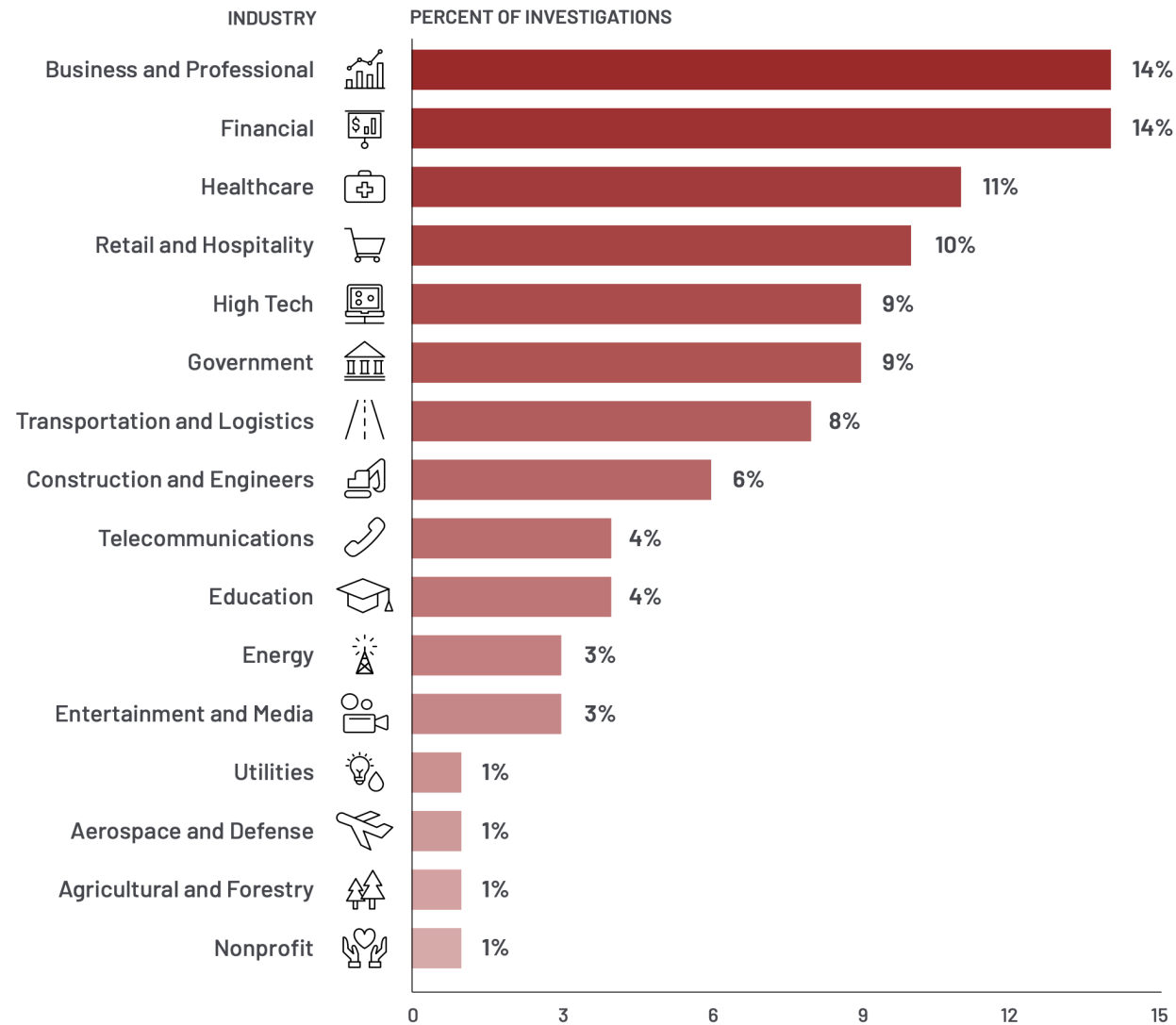
Cybersecurity Threat Landscape

Threat Groups 2021



*Mandiant tracks Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) groups 0-41. Over the years, APT 11 and APT 13 were merged into other groups and subsequently deprecated resulting in 40 APT groups actively tracked by Mandiant.

Top Targets of Cyber Threats in 2021

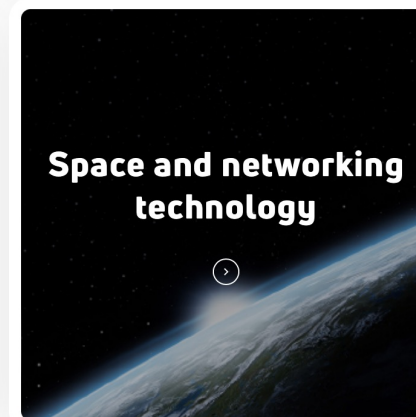
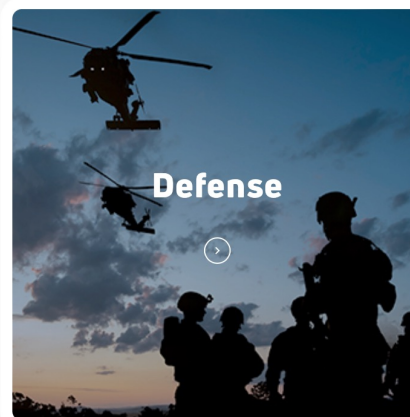
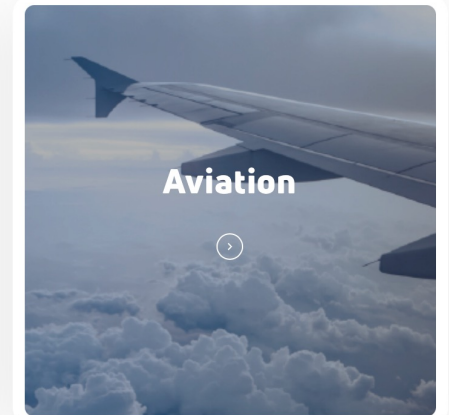
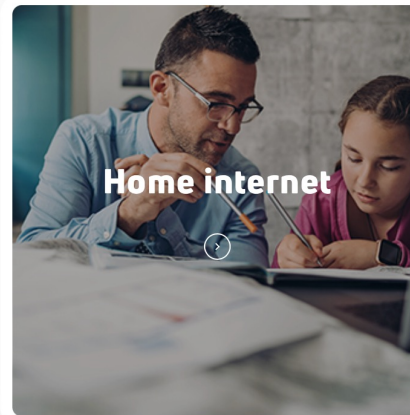


*Source: Special Report Mandiant M-Trends 2022

On 24 February 2022, Viasat's KA-SAT network experienced a multi-faceted and deliberate cyber-attack against its consumer-facing satellite broadband service.

While most users were unaffected by the incident, the cyber-attack did impact several thousand customers located in Ukraine and tens of thousands of other fixed broadband customers across Europe.

They detected high volumes of focused, malicious traffic that came from several modems and/or associated customer premise equipment (CPE) physically located within Ukraine.



MNIT Statewide Security Initiative

Endpoint
Detection
and
Response

Incident
Response

Threat
Intelligence

Advanced
Log
Collection /
SIEM

Vulnerability
Management

SOC Cyber Navigator | Vulnerability Analyst
Compliance Support

Support and Resources

MNIT SOC Engineers | MNIT SOC Analysts | MN Fusion Center | Federal Partners | Private Partners

Cybersecurity Grant Program

for State, Local, Tribal Territorial Governments

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
 - Sec. 70611, State and Local Cybersecurity Improvements Act
- This could activate \$17.932M for Minnesota in FY22-FY25.
 - **FY22:** \$3,586
 - **FY23:** \$7,173
 - **FY24:** \$5,380
 - **FY25:** \$1,793
- 80% of funding goes to local, tribal, and territorial governments (25% to rural areas based on census data).
- The Governor's budget recommendations included a proposal to fund the state match for federal funds.

Cybersecurity Plan and Planning Committee

- Eligible entities submit a cybersecurity plan to Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency (CISA) that describes how they will protect against cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by state, local, or tribal governments.
- Cybersecurity plans are developed by cybersecurity planning committee and approved by the State CIO or State CISO.
- The planning committee shall:
 - Assist with developing and implementing the cybersecurity plan,
 - Approve the cybersecurity plan, and
 - Assist with determining effective funding priorities for the grant.

Cybersecurity Planning Committee Composition

Representatives from:

- State
- Counties
- Cities
- Towns
- Institutions of public education
- Institutions of public health
- Tribal Nationals

- No less than half of the members will have professional cybersecurity or IT experience.
- It will also include, as appropriate, members from rural, suburban, and high-population jurisdictions.

Cybersecurity Grant Program Activities and Next Steps

1. Minnesota legislature debating whether to fund the state match to activate federal match.
2. Receive detailed guidance from CISA.
3. Activate the Minnesota Cybersecurity Planning Committee to align statewide plan and reporting criteria based on CISA guidance and requirements.
4. Submit grant application for Minnesota and develop procedure to manage execution of cybersecurity plan.



Thank You!

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