Solarwinds Annual Public Sector Cybersecurity Study

Complex IT Environments Make Cybersecurity More Difficult

Overall Top IT Security Threats

FOR ALL RESPONDENTS

52%

Careless and Untrained Insiders



BY AUDIENCE: TOP THREE THREAT SOURCES

Federal

52% CARELESS AND UNTRAINED INSIDERS

O 48% FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

40% GENERAL HACKING COMMUNITY

State and Local

52% CARELESS AND UNTRAINED INSIDERS

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Education

54% GENERAL HACKING COMMUNITY

CARELESS AND UNTRAINED INSIDERS

30% HACKTIVISTS

For All Organization Types Budget Is Top Obstacle for Maintaining or

Improving IT Security

Other Top Obstacles Differ by Organization Type

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL

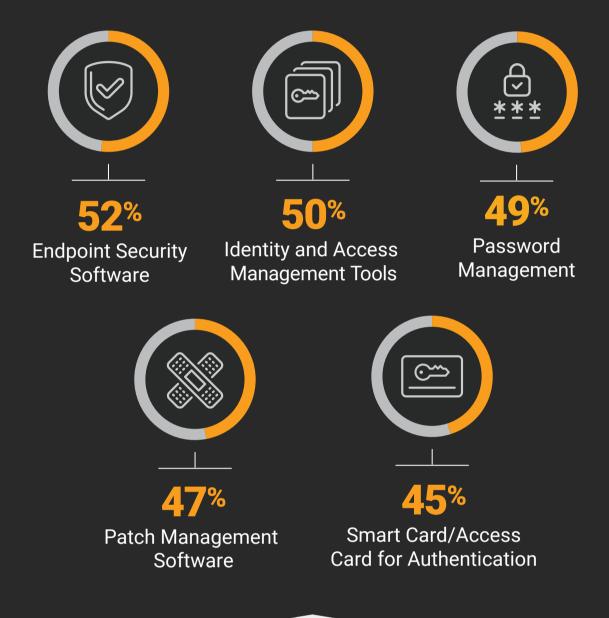
- Complexity of Internal Environment
- Competing Priorities and Initiatives

EDUCATION

- Lack of Training and Personnel
- Competing Priorities and Initiatives

Most Effective Tools to Foster Security

Overall Average Across Public Sector Organizations



Top IT Security Teams Measures of Success

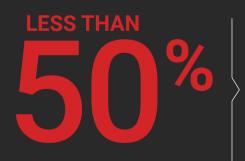
FOR ALL PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS

Incidents Detected	58%
Meeting Compliance Goals	53%
Compliance Audit Results	52%
Threats Averted	50%

MORE FOCUS PLACED (By Organization Type)

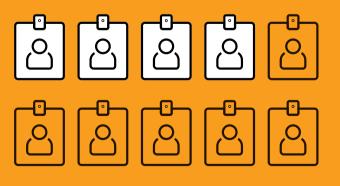
Federal ►	Meeting Compliance Goals Compliance Audit Results
State and Local ►	Threats Averted
Education >	Level of Device Preparedness

Confidence Levels in IT Teams for Keeping Up with Evolving Threats



of **ALL RESPONDENTS** are very confident in their IT security team's ability (IT security managed internally, outsourced MSP, or by in-house contractor)

For In-House IT Security Staff, Confidence to Maintain Right Skills Even Less



4 out of 10

feel very confident they maintain the right skills

and **1 out of 10** are not confident at all

Public Sector Organizations Rate Their Cybersecurity Maturity



Capabilities They Feel Are Most Mature



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