

# **State of the State 2022:**

Cybersecurity in State and Local Government



MeriTalk surveyed 100 state and local government (SLG) IT decision-makers to understand how organizations are utilizing cyber advancements to meet the needs of a digitally dependent population.

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## **Innovation Requires Informed Implementation**



#### of SLG IT decision-makers say their

organization's pace of cybersecurity improvements has increased over the past year

**Still**, **81%** 

of organizations face a cyber knowledge deficit,

and 75% feel their organization understands the overall cyber objective but not the steps to achieve it

## **Data Privacy Looms Large**

feel an individual's data privacy is a national security issue,

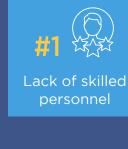


would grade their current data

yet only

security practices an "A" in building citizen trust

What's holding organizations back from adequate data protection?











## Most essential cyber measures for SLG?

**Must-Have Measures** 

Data backup



and restore



Plus,

Multi-factor

authentication



say application security is vital to reducing their overall attack surface

cybersecurity training

Enterprise-wide

(53%)



**The Case for Combined Forces** 

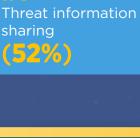
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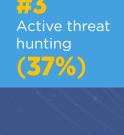


credit the cyber EO's call for a Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) with improving application security capabilities

Additional opportunities for collaboration:







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