

The United States of Cyber Security

State and local governments collect and store a great deal of sensitive information about citizens, often **more than even the federal government**. Cyber criminals are well aware, and are targeting their attacks accordingly. The numbers don't lie:

Lewis County, Washington:

"There's an over **300 percent** increase in endpoint user attacks [on agencies in Washington state.] The attacks on Lewis County are significant and much higher than they ever were"¹
- Steve Wohld, Technology Services Director

Colorado

Colorado Department of Transportation is targeted **twice** – in the space of **seven days** – with "SamSam" ransomware, paralyzing the department of 2,000 people and demanding bitcoins in exchange for returning the information²

Minnesota

3 million times each day. How often hackers probe the State of Minnesota's computer systems³

Wisconsin

Wisconsin blocks more than **2.4 million** cyber attacks on state agencies each day⁴

Nevada

Nevada is currently **417** cyber-security analysts below national average, which means the state would have to hire 417 today just to meet the average across all states⁵

Baltimore, Maryland

Ransomware attack targets the city's 911 dispatch system, leading to a **17-hour** shutdown of the emergency dispatching system²

Leeds, Alabama

City pays hackers **\$12,000** in bitcoin after systems are hit by ransomware²

Fort Worth, Texas

15,000 – the number of cyber attacks the city's IT agency sees every day⁵

The consequences of government cyber attacks go beyond that of a typical IT issue to one of public safety. Thankfully, **WatchGuard solutions address the critical challenges impacting government agencies today** to keep sensitive data – and citizens – secure.

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¹ <http://www.govtech.com/security/Lewis-County-Wash-IT-Official-Cybersecurity-Is-Not-Going-to-Get-Any-Easier.html>
² <http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2018/03/29/ransomware-other-cyberattacks-hit-us-cities-states-companies.html>
³ <https://www.twincities.com/2018/04/13/mn-government-computers-are-attacked-3-million-times-a-day-heres-what-the-state-wants-to-do-about-it/>
⁴ <https://www.postcrescent.com/story/news/2018/03/07/gov-scott-walker-wisconsin-fending-off-very-real-cybersecurity-threats/402452002/>
⁵ <https://blog.barkly.com/local-government-cybersecurity-2018-ransomware-attacks>
⁶ <https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/education/cybersecurity-education-growing-in-nevada-as-threats-increase/>