Reader Survey
The state of IT security

Worms cause most worry: What are your biggest information security concerns?

Worms and viruses
47%

Hackers
35%

Spyware and phishing
30%

Vulnerability of wireless networks
28%

Other
4%
- **Identify theft**
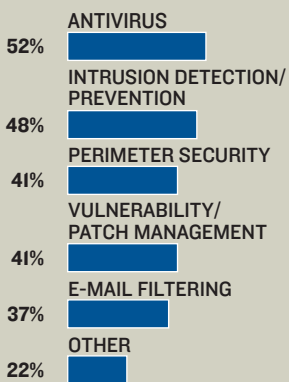- **Loss of critical information**
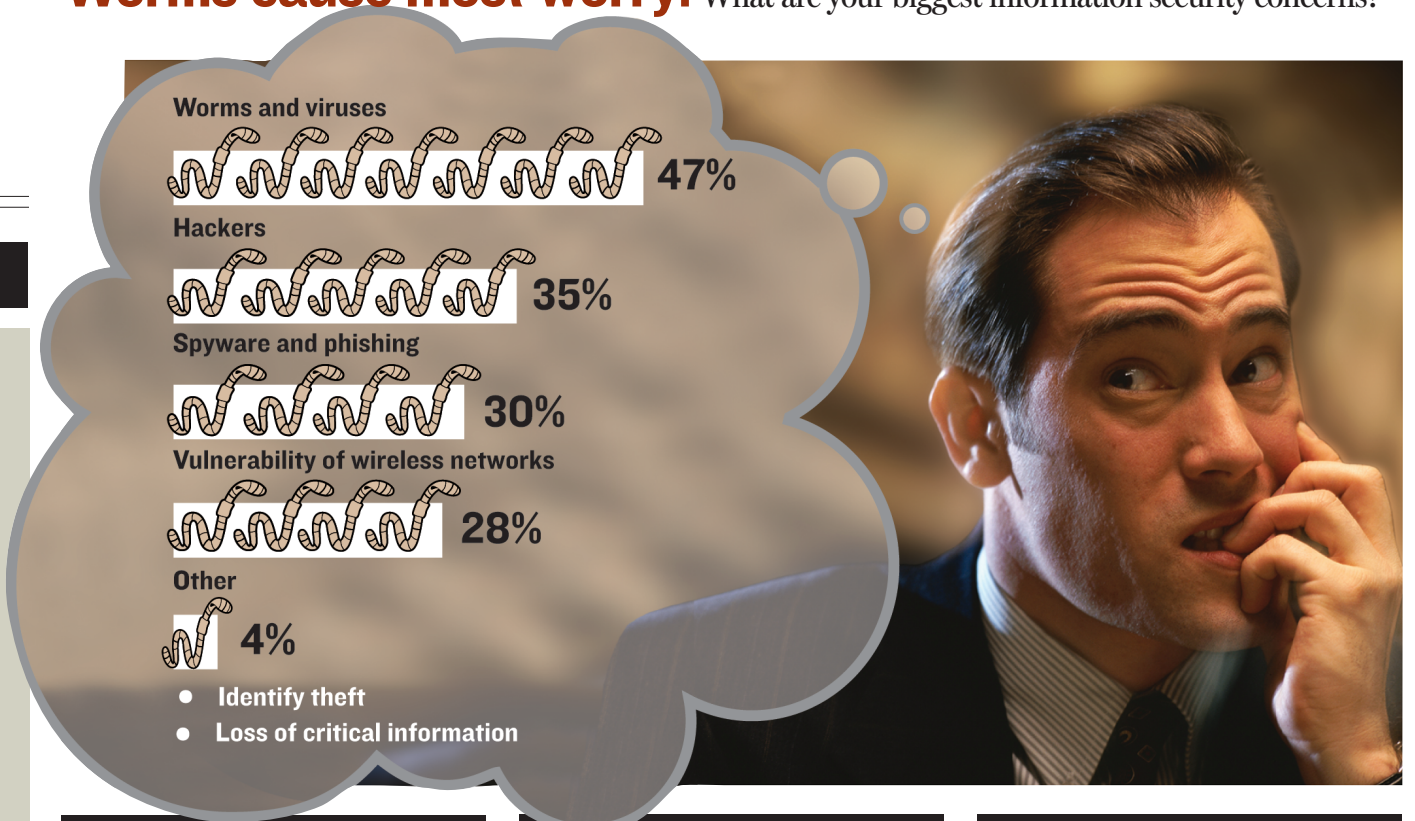
More than a quarter outsource

Does your agency outsource any security functions?

YES
27%

NO
6l%

DON'T KNOW
l2%
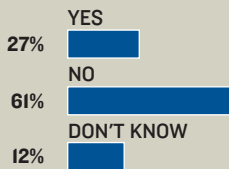
If yes, what functions do you outsource?

ANTIVIRUS
52%

INTRUSION DETECTION/ PREVENTION
48%

PERIMETER SECURITY
4l%

VULNERABILITY/ PATCH MANAGEMENT
4l%

E-MAIL FILTERING
37%

OTHER
22%

- Certification and accreditation
- Disaster recovery
- Remote access

The GCN Reader Survey is intended to provide data on trends and product preferences. This survey on IT security is based on a telephone survey of 100 federal readers who on their subscription forms identified themselves as managers.

Most who don't, won't

If your agency doesn't outsource any security functions, would it consider doing so?

YES 23%   **NO** 77%

If yes, which ones?

PERIMETER SECURITY
35%

ANTIVIRUS
20%

E-MAIL FILTERING
l5%

INTRUSION DETECTION/ PREVENTION
l5%

VULNERABILITY/ PATCH MANAGEMENT
l5%
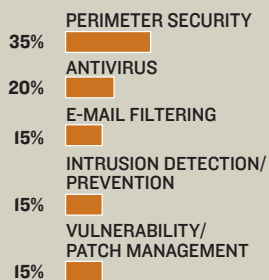
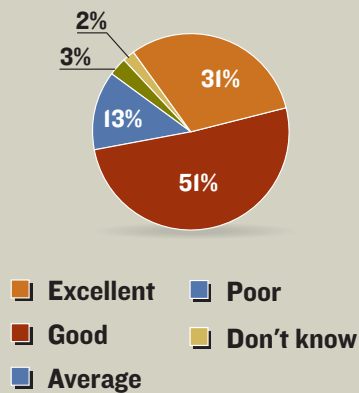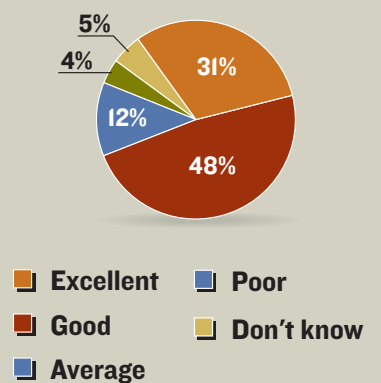## Overall security: good or better

How would you characterize the overall state of information security at your agency?

2%
3%
31%
l3%
5l%

- **Excellent**
- **Good**
- **Average**
- **Poor**
- **Don't know**

Assessing risk assessment

How would you characterize the effectiveness of risk-assessment and vulnerability management procedures at your agency?

5%
4%
31%
12%
48%

- **Excellent**
- **Good**
- **Average**
- **Poor**
- **Don't know**