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Cybersecurity Briefing

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Overview

- **Hacking Economics**
- **Cybersecurity Support Resources**
- **Cyber Incident Reporting**
- **Information Security Examination Program**
- **NCUA Cybersecurity Resources**



Hacking Economics

**Third-party
Exploitation**



**Web
Applications**



**Social
Engineering**



Ransomware



Free Cybersecurity Support

- **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency**

- Regional Cybersecurity Expert
- Cyber Hygiene - Vulnerability Scanning
- Known Exploited Vulnerabilities
- Automated Information Sharing Feed

- **U.S. Treasury**

- Automated Threat Information Feed
(OCCIP-Coord@treasury.gov)
- Office of Intelligence and Analysis – T-Suite

- **U.S. Cyber Command**

- UNDERADVISEMENT Threat Intel Sharing



Trends Across the Credit Union System

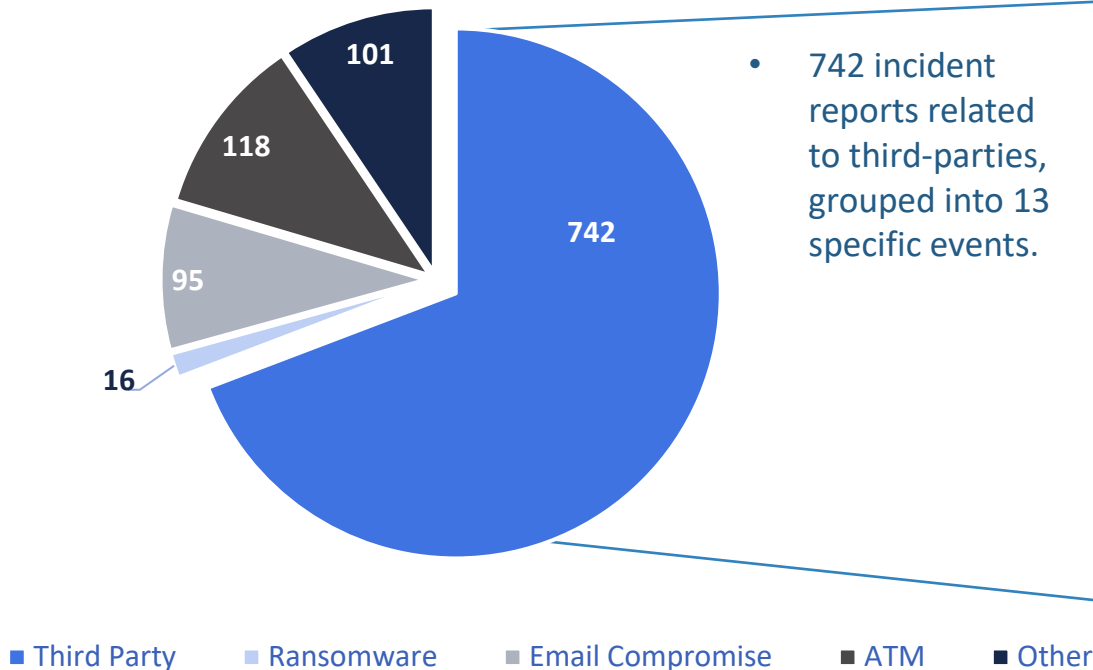


- **Outages caused by third-party service providers**
- **Ransomware attacks**
- **Business email compromises**
- **ATMs**

Credit Union Reports and Third-Party Provider Incidents

Incident Reports = 1,072

Sep 1, 2023 - Aug 31, 2024



Third-Party Events (13)	Impacted # of Credit Unions
Largest	234
Second Largest	200
Third Largest	55
Fourth Largest	50
Fifth Largest	40
Remaining 8 Combined	163*
Total	742*

*Count may include one or more of the same credit unions impacted by multiple events.

Ransomware

- **The Financial Services Sector is the 5th most targeted sector out of the Nation's 16 critical infrastructure sectors.¹**
- **Ransom demands are on average between \$1 million and \$10 million.²**
- **Credit unions should be prepared to respond to a ransomware incident.**

¹ [FBI's Internet Crimes Complaint Center 2023 IC3 Annual Report](#)

² FBI and CISA joint Ransomware notification update 8/7/2024 [#StopRansomware: Blacksuit \(Royal\) Ransomware | CISA](#)



Business Email Compromise and ATMs

- **Business email compromises**

- 29% of reported credit union cyber incidents (not third-party related)

- **Cyber and fraud issues for ATMs/ITMs**

- 36% of reported credit union cyber incidents (not third-party related)

Cyber Incident Reporting – Lessons Learned

- **Information sharing is critical**
- **Report all cyber incidents**
 - Report when a third party provides an outage alert or notification (other than for planned maintenance)
- **Update NCUA throughout the lifespan of an incident**



Cyber Incident Reporting – What is reportable?

Within 72 hours a credit union must report a cyber incident as defined in the rule as:

- A substantial loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability of a network or member information system that results from the unauthorized access to or exposure of sensitive data, disrupts vital member services, or has a serious impact on the safety and resiliency of operational systems and processes.
- A disruption of business operations, vital member services, or a member information system resulting from a cyberattack or exploitation of vulnerabilities.
- A disruption of business operations or unauthorized access to sensitive data facilitated through, or caused by, a compromise of a credit union service organization, cloud service provider, or other third-party data hosting provider or by a supply chain compromise.

Cyber Incident Reporting – What’s Next

- NCUA is implementing a new cyber incident reporting webform



To report a cyber security incident, please complete the following form below in it's entirety.

Note: Please **DO NOT** provide samples of malicious code in this form.

New or Modified Incident

* Is this a New, Modified, or Corrected Cyber Incident report? ?

New

Reportable Cyber Incident Details

The credit union has experienced a Cyber Incident resulting in: ?

Check all that apply. ✕

- A substantial loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability of a network or member information system.
- A disruption of business operations, vital member services, or a member information system resulting from a cyberattack or exploitation of vulnerabilities.
- A disruption of business operations or unauthorized access to sensitive data facilitated through, a compromise of a credit union service organization, cloud service provider, or other third-party data hosting provider or by a supply chain compromise.

Description of the event:

 Add Attachments

Max file size = 5MB



Information Security Examination (ISE) Program

- **Implemented in February 2023**
- **Strengths**
 - Anti-virus/malware
 - Patching
 - Access controls
 - Policies and procedures
 - Network security controls



Information Security Examination (ISE) Program

- **Opportunities for improvement**
 - Information security risk assessments
 - Business continuity programs
 - Incident response programs
 - Examinations of third-party vendors



Board of Director Engagement in Cybersecurity Oversight

- **Provide for recurring training**
- **Approve information security program**
- **Oversee operational management**
- **Ensure effective incident response planning and resilience**

NCUA Cybersecurity Resources

- **Automated Cybersecurity Evaluation Toolbox (ACET)**

- The ACET helps credit unions
 - Identify and measure inherent risk
 - Evaluate cybersecurity maturity over time
- Free to download from [NCUA.gov](https://www.ncua.gov)
- Completely voluntary



ACET
AUTOMATED CYBERSECURITY EVALUATION TOOLBOX



NCUA Cybersecurity Resources

Cybersecurity Resources

NCUA's Information Security Examination and Cybersecurity Assessment Program

ACET and Other Assessment Tools

Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM)

Catastrophic and Incident Reporting

NCUA's Regulations and Guidance

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