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GOVERNMENT DOMAIN SECURITY REPORT

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**9** of 16 checks passed **Needs attention**

The basics are in place, but several standard protections are missing. The list below is in order of risk to residents.



9 passed 7 missing

| Website | Email | DNS and domain |
|---|---|---|
| 5 of 8 | 3 of 5 | 1 of 3 |

## What to fix first

In order of risk to residents. Each is a one-time setting that then needs to be watched.

1. **Turn on DNSSEC** — HIGH RISK
   DNS answers are not signed. A forged answer can send residents to a fake payment page, or redirect the agency's email, with no visible sign.
   **Fixed by: Your DNS host and domain registrar**

2. **Turn on HSTS** — MEDIUM
   On public Wi-Fi, a resident's visit can be pushed to an unencrypted copy of the site.
   **Fixed by: Your web host**

3. **Require encrypted mail delivery (MTA-STS)** — MEDIUM
   Mail sent to agency staff can be forced onto an unencrypted connection and read in transit.
   **Fixed by: Your email or DNS provider**

4. **Turn on mail encryption reports (TLS-RPT)** — MEDIUM
   Nobody is told when encrypted mail delivery to the agency fails or is tampered with.
   **Fixed by: Your DNS provider**

5. **Add a CAA record** — MEDIUM
   Any certificate authority in the world may issue a certificate for this domain, which makes impersonating the site easier.
   **Fixed by: Your DNS provider**

6 **Publish a security contact (security.txt)** MEDIUM

People who find a security problem have no standard way to tell the agency before it is misused.

**Fixed by: Your web host**

7 **Add IPv6 support** MEDIUM

Networks that only use IPv6, including some mobile carriers, cannot reach the site directly.

**Fixed by: Your web host**

# All results in detail

Every record and value we saw, grouped by area. Written for your IT team, readable by anyone.

## Website — 5 of 8 passed

### HTTPS certificate — PASS

| | |
|---|---|
| Issued by | **YR2** |
| Issued to | **www.independenceia.gov** |
| Expires | **October 14, 2026 (48 days after this check)** |
| TLS version | **TLSv1.2** |

### Redirect to HTTPS — PASS

| | |
|---|---|
| HTTPS available | **Yes** |
| Plain address redirects to HTTPS | **Yes** |

### HSTS — MISSING

| | |
|---|---|
| HSTS header | **Not sent** |

**What this means:** On public Wi-Fi, a resident's visit can be pushed to an unencrypted copy of the site.

**How to fix:** Send the Strict-Transport-Security header with a max-age of at least one year. (Your web host)

### Certificate trust and match — PASS

| | |
|---|---|
| Trusted chain | **Yes** |
| Strong public key | **Yes** |
| Valid signature | **Yes** |
| Name matches domain | **Yes** |

### CAA record — MISSING

| | |
|---|---|
| CAA record | **Not found** |

**What this means:** Any certificate authority in the world may issue a certificate for this domain, which makes impersonating the site easier.

**How to fix:** Publish a CAA record naming the authority you use, for example 0 issue "letsencrypt.org". (Your DNS provider)

### Framing protection — PASS

| | |
|---|---|
| X-Frame-Options | **SAMEORIGIN** |

### File type protection — PASS

| | |
|---|---|
| X-Content-Type-Options | nosniff |

### Security contact (security.txt) — MISSING

| | |
|---|---|
| /.well-known/security.txt | Not found |

**What this means:** People who find a security problem have no standard way to tell the agency before it is misused.

**How to fix:** Publish /.well-known/security.txt with a contact address and an expiry date. (Your web host)

## Email — 3 of 5 passed

### SPF — PASS

| | |
|---|---|
| Record | `v=spf1 include:spf.protection.outlook.com -all` |
| Ending | Strict (-all) |

### DKIM — PASS

| | |
|---|---|
| Selectors found | selector1 |

### DMARC — PASS

| | |
|---|---|
| Policy | quarantine |
| Record | `v=DMARC1; p=quarantine; fo=1; pct=100` |

### MTA-STS — MISSING

| | |
|---|---|
| DNS record | Not found |
| Policy file | Not found |
| Enforced | No |

**What this means:** Mail sent to agency staff can be forced onto an unencrypted connection and read in transit.

**How to fix:** Publish an _mta-sts TXT record and a policy file at mta-sts.(domain)/.well-known/mta-sts.txt. (Your email or DNS provider)

### TLS-RPT — MISSING

| | |
|---|---|
| TLS-RPT record | Not found |

**What this means:** Nobody is told when encrypted mail delivery to the agency fails or is tampered with.

**How to fix:** Publish a TXT record at _smtp._tls with an address to receive reports. (Your DNS provider)

## DNS and domain — 1 of 3 passed

### DNSSEC — MISSING

| | |
|---|---|
| Zone signed | No |
| Result | No DNSSEC records found. DNSSEC may not be enabled for this domain. |

**What this means:** DNS answers are not signed. A forged answer can send residents to a fake payment page, or redirect the agency's email, with no visible sign.

**How to fix:** Turn on DNSSEC signing at the DNS host, then add the DS record at the registrar. (Your DNS host and domain registrar)

## IPv6 MISSING

| | |
|---|---|
| Website reachable over IPv6 | No |
| Name servers reachable over IPv6 | Yes |

**What this means:** Networks that only use IPv6, including some mobile carriers, cannot reach the site directly.
**How to fix:** Ask the host for an IPv6 address and publish an AAAA record for the site. (Your web host)

## RPKI route protection PASS

| | |
|---|---|
| Website route signed | Yes |
| Website route valid | Yes |
| Name server route valid | Yes |

## .gov domain PASS

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|---|---|
| Ends in .gov | Yes |

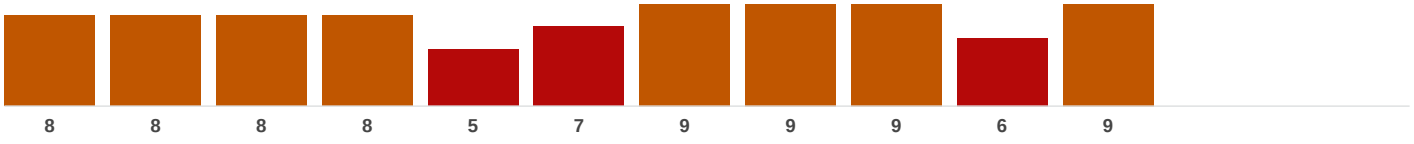
## Hosting and platform

Informational, not scored

| | |
|---|---|
| Website server | **208.90.189.214** |
| Mail server | **independenceia-gov.mail.protection.outlook.com** |
| Website server reputation | **Not on abuse lists** |
| Mail server blocklists | **Not listed** |
| WordPress | **Not detected** |
| Email addresses published on the site | **0** |
| Broken links found | **2** |
| Referrer policy header | **No** |

## Progress over time

Checks passed at each scan, oldest to newest. Highest possible is 16.



## If these basics were missed, what else has been missed?

These are published CISA standards that any IT department or provider can check in seconds. YesGov can fix all 7 in under 24 hours, re-run this check to prove it, and keep watching every day.

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## How we check

We only check settings that any computer on the internet can see: DNS records, certificates, web headers and mail policies. We never log in to, scan or probe any agency system. The 16 checks build on CISA Binding Operational Directive 18-01 and other published internet standards. Full method: yesgov.com/open-data#how-we-grade.

### Verify this report online

Scan the code or visit the address below to see these results, check the domain again and get alerts when anything changes.

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