

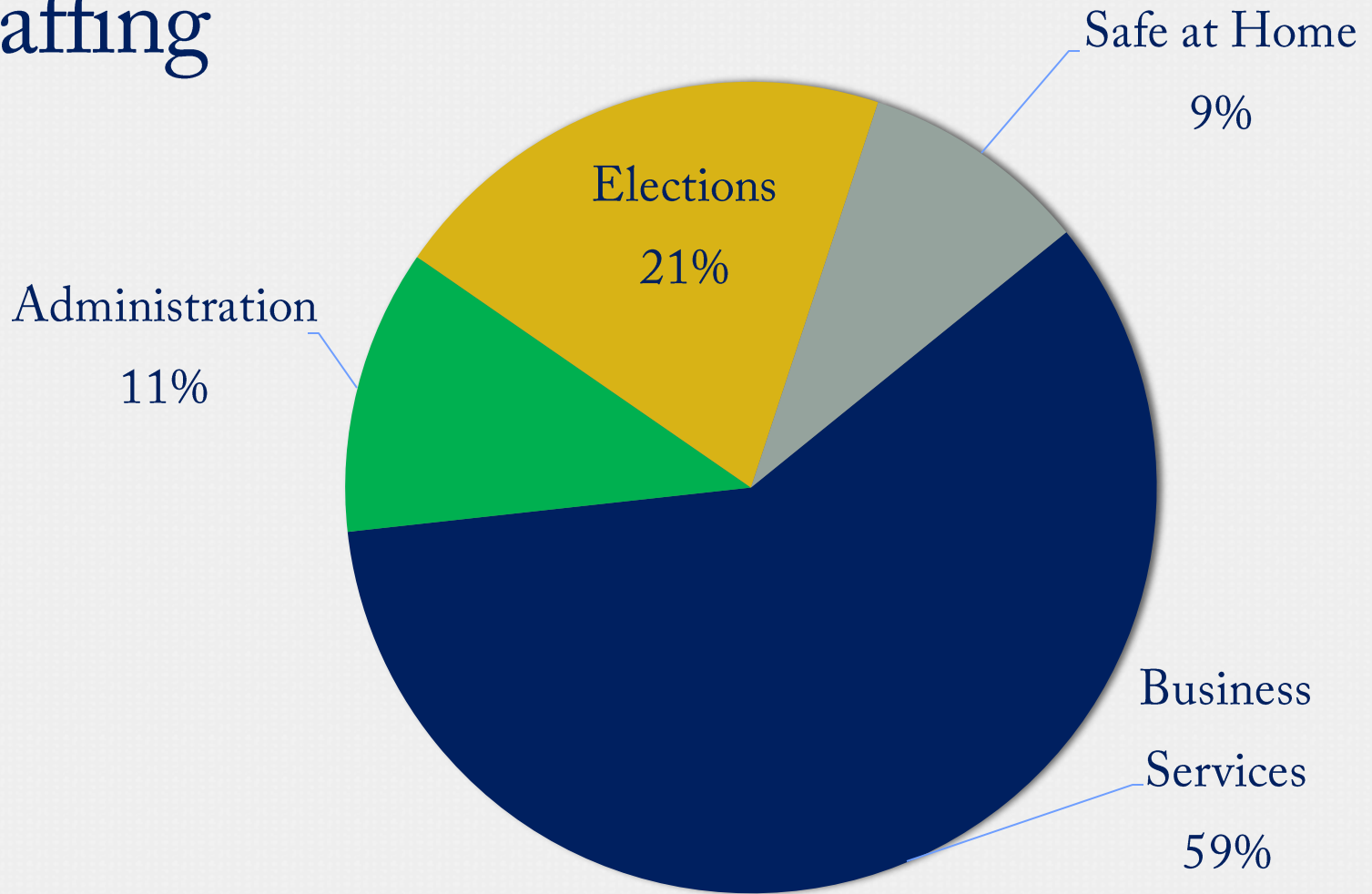


Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State

Office Overview 2023

*Senate State and Local Government and Veterans
Committee*

Office of the Secretary of State Staffing



Business Services

- Approve and file articles of incorporation and amendments for all business and nonprofit organizations operating in the state
- Provide online and in-person services including:
 - business name filings and searches
 - filing articles and renewals
 - ordering copies and certificates

Business Services UCC Division

- Record documents filed under the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) regarding collateral pledged to secure loans
- Administer the Central Notification System (CNS) for farm product liens
- File and maintain statewide federal tax liens

Business Services

- New business filings in 2021: 90,141
- Total business filings in 2021: over 645,000
 - *Including: Web, mail, and counter filings*

Business Services

Minnesota Business Snapshot

- Voluntary survey designed to serve the business community as they identify partners throughout the state
- Provides the public with data and information on the economic and demographic make-up of Minnesota's businesses.

Business Services

Minnesota Business Snapshot

- Five questions related to:
 - Number of employees
 - Self-identification as a member of a specific community
 - Industry
 - Full or part-time business
 - Gross revenues from the previous year

Business Services

UCC Bogus Filers

- Started in August 2022
 - 45 bogus filings rejected before filing (10 received online and 35 received by mail).
 - 10 affidavits of wrongful filings

Business Services

Structured Settlement Purchase Company Registration

- Began January 1, 2023
- Currently five registered structured settlement purchase companies

Contributor to the General Fund

\$27 million per biennium (net)

\$13.5 million per year



Election Administration

- Work with counties, cities, and towns in the administration of elections
- Operate and maintain the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS), the database of all Minnesota voters
- Certify voting systems
- Accept candidate filings for federal and state offices
- Train local election officials
- Conduct most recounts

Election Administration

Cyber Navigator Program

- Started late 2019
 - Retired naval cryptologist stationed in the Middle East and Germany to fight cyberattacks coming from around the world
- Focus on connecting county elections staff with their I/T staff
- Partnered with federal intelligence agencies
- Classified security briefings

Election Administration

Grants Administration

Grant and reimbursement programs since 2017

- Voting Equipment Grants
 - 2017: \$7 Million
 - 2019: \$2 Million
 - 2021: \$2 Million
- HAVA Security and Accessibility Grants: \$3
- CARES Act Grants: \$4.99 Million
- Drop Box Grants : \$2 Million
- Presidential Primary Reimbursement: \$9.5 million in county, city, and township reimbursements.



Voter Outreach

- Vote hotline for voter information
- Elections 101 presentations for nonprofits, schools, community organizations, and corporate partners
- Youth outreach and civic education through Students Voting and Democracy Cup
- Voter registration and education toolkits
- Produces voting fact sheets and videos in 11 languages

Election Administration

2022 in Numbers

- 3,562,753 million registered voters at 7 a.m. on Election Day
- 2,525,873 million voted (61.01% turnout of eligible individuals)
- 672,571 voted by absentee or mail ballot (26.6% of the total votes cast)
- Approximately 30,000 Minnesotans served as election judges

Administration

- Administers the Open Appointments process
- Certifies Official Documents
- Maintains the Original Chapter Laws
- Serves on the Executive Council and State Board of Investment
- Provides constituent services, working with state, federal, and local elected officials, and constituents on behalf of the Office



Safe at Home

Minnesota's Address Confidentiality Program

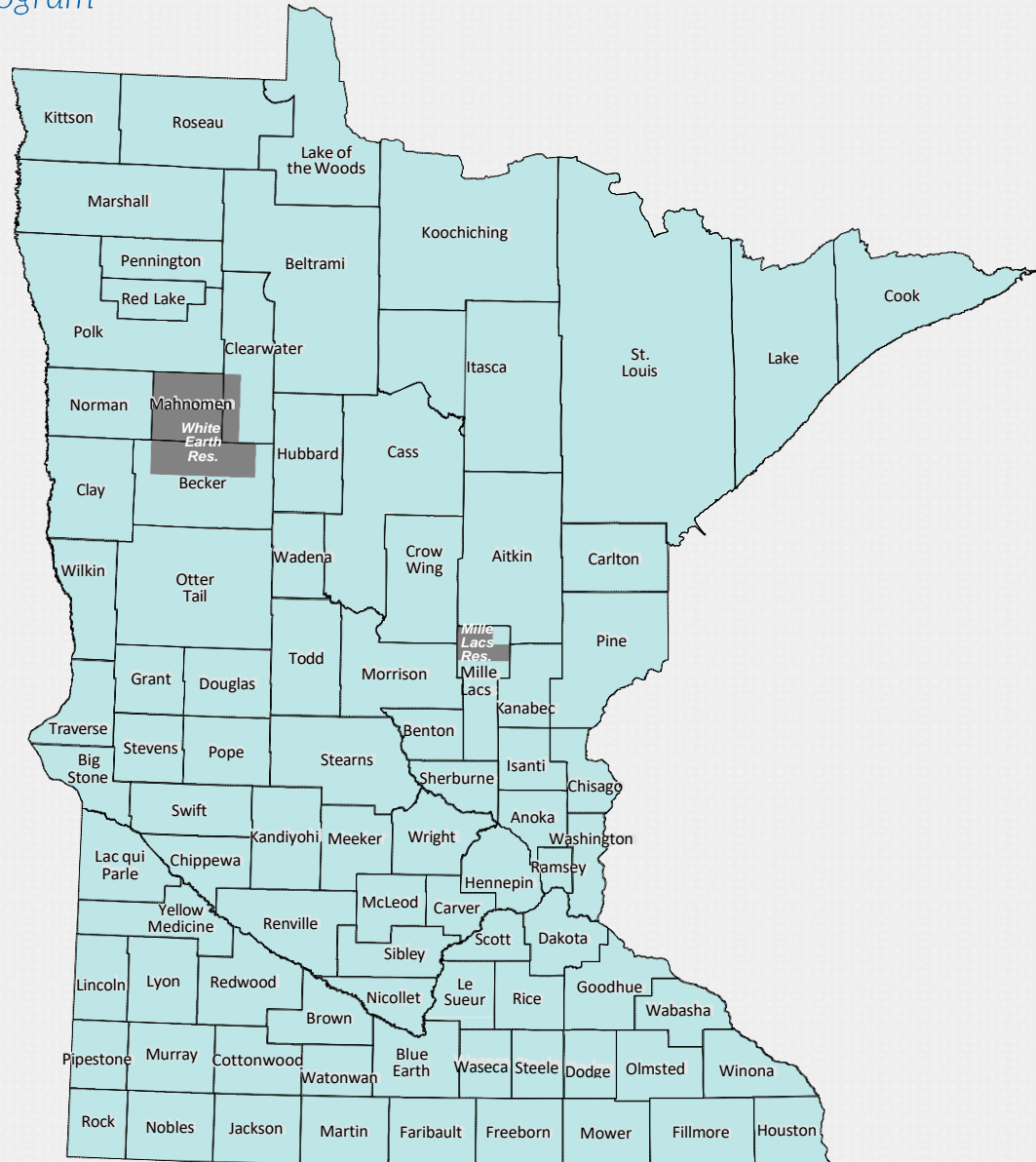
- Enacted by legislature in 2006
- Provide an address participants can use for all purposes—including legal service
- Receive participants' mail, repackage it, and forward it on daily basis and administers absentee balloting for participants
- Partner with 89 social service agencies statewide encompassing 337 application assistants who assist the program by enrolling participants



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89 Geographical Areas Served
by Safe at Home
Application Assistants



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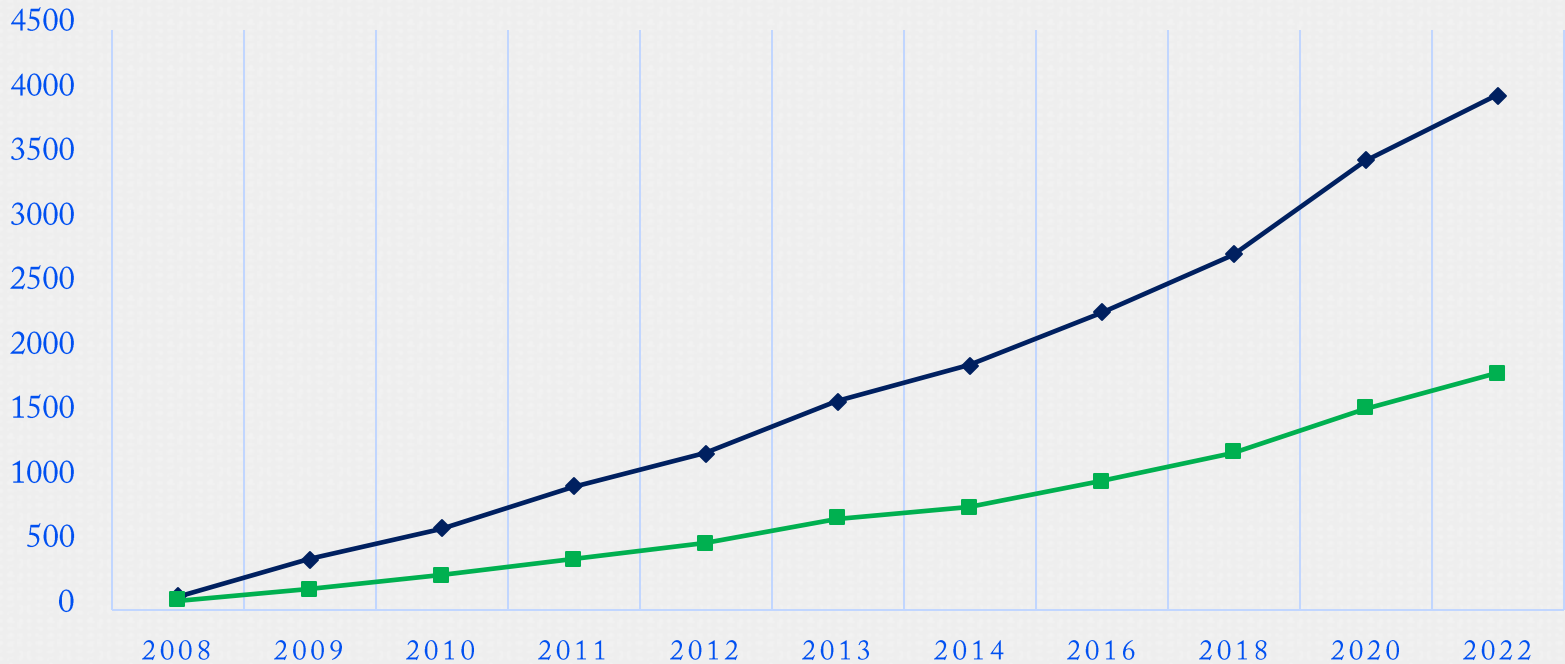


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ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS AS OF DECEMBER 31

◆ Participants ■ Households

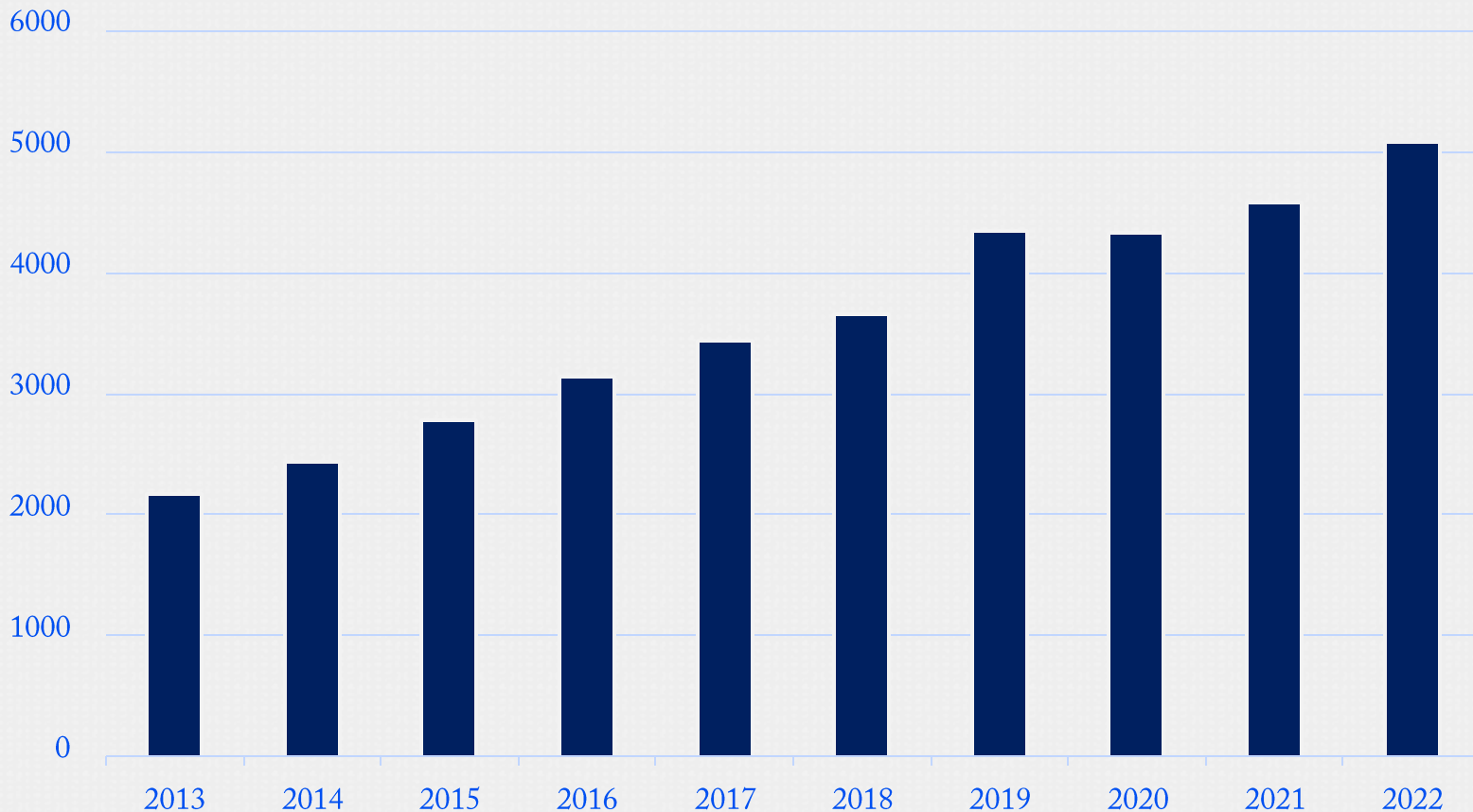




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Total Served Per Calendar Year





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Minnesota's Address Confidentiality Program

	2018	2022	% Increase
Number of Applications Received	626	961	54%
Number of Renewal Applications Received	94	197	110%
Number of Active Participants as of December 31st	2,758	3,992	45%
Number of Active Households as of December 31st	1,228	1,837	50%
Number of Applicants and Participants Served	3,568	5,078	42%
Postage Costs	\$71,000	\$109,000	54%
Number of Outgoing Envelopes	86,988	111,535	28%
Number of Staff Designated to Perform this Work	5	5	0%

Praise for



Safe at Home

Minnesota's Address Confidentiality Program

“My children are thriving and are finally able to be stable.”

“This program has given my family and I our life back. My abuser has not been able to find us due to this program.”

“The program has changed my life. I feel like I can lead a semi-normal life again, and my daughter is safe.”

“Although the person that attacked me has tried to find me, he has not been successful due to Safe at Home. Thank you so much for this program.”

“Our ‘public information’-based society makes it impossible to get away from abusive partners without a program like Safe at Home.”

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Budget Requests

- Election Administration and Voter Information
- Responding to Safe at Home Participant Growth and Increased Costs
- Expanding Business Services Customer Communication and Outreach
- Enhancing OSS Physical Security
- Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator
- Help America Vote Act State Funds Matching Requirements
- Redistricting Litigation Fees

Questions

