### Objective

To determine whether the Social Security Administration (SSA) had effectively addressed known systems vulnerabilities.

### Background

In computer security, a vulnerability is a weakness that can be exploited (for example, by an attacker) to perform unauthorized actions in a computer system.

### Findings

SSA needs to more effectively address known systems vulnerabilities.

Although timely vulnerability management poses challenges, SSA must overcome these challenges to protect its systems and its ability to serve the public.

### Recommendations

SSA agreed with our recommendations.