



## Transparency Report - Government Data Requests

January through June 2013

	Govt. Data Requests	Govt. Specified Accounts	Govt. Data Requests Resulting in Disclosure of No User Data				Govt. Data Requests Resulting in Disclosure of Some User Data			
			No Data Found		Rejected		Only NCD Disclosed		Content Disclosed	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Argentina	186	210	27	15	36	19	91	49	32	17
Australia	704	799	146	21	242	34	305	43	11	2
Brazil	308	385	54	18	51	17	146	47	57	18
Canada	29	43	0	0	1	3	2	7	26	90
France	1,855	2,373	207	11	324	18	1,121	60	203	11
Germany	4,295	5,306	440	10	816	19	2,812	66	227	5
Hong Kong	839	839	307	36	0	0	527	63	5	1
India	1,490	2,704	155	10	500	34	494	33	341	23
Ireland	17	17	0	0	2	12	12	70	3	18
Italy	2,637	2,937	279	11	584	22	1,501	57	273	10
Mexico	150	202	16	11	38	25	88	59	8	5
New Zealand	9	9	1	11	1	11	2	22	5	56
Singapore	138	189	7	5	56	41	73	53	2	1
Spain	718	958	85	12	133	18	345	48	155	22
Taiwan	1,942	2,650	109	6	46	2	1,736	89	51	3
United Kingdom	1,709	2,832	146	9	456	27	760	44	347	20
United States**	12,444	40,322	801	6	241	2	6,798	55	4,604	37
Global Total	29,470	62,775	2,780	9	3,527	12	16,813	57	6,350	22

\*\* These numbers include U.S. national security requests reported in more detail below.

## Additional detail on U.S. National Security Requests

Type of Request	Number of Requests	Number of Govt. Specified Accounts
FISA Requests for Disclosure of Content	0 - 499	30,000 - 30,499
FISA Requests for Disclosure of NCD	0 - 499	0 - 499
National Security Letters	4 - 499	500 - 999

## FAQ

### Why are certain countries represented in Yahoo's Transparency Report while others are not?

Beginning with the January-June 2014 reporting period the countries included in the Transparency Report are those countries that submitted a Government Data Request to Yahoo. For our first two reporting periods (January-June 2013 and July-December 2013), the countries listed are those in which Yahoo had a legal entity that received and responded to Government Data Requests during the relevant reporting period. During those reporting periods we did not include statistics associated with Yahoo entities that received fewer than five Government Data Requests during a reporting period. Those entities included Yahoo! Colombia and Yahoo! Hispanic Americas. Additionally, we do not include statistics for Yahoo! Japan, which is a joint venture operating independently from Yahoo! Inc., in which Yahoo! Inc. has a minority ownership interest.

### Under what circumstances will Yahoo disclose information about a user to a government agency?

Yahoo discloses user data in response to valid legal process from a government agency with proper jurisdiction and authority. We carefully review government requests to determine the appropriate scope of data to be provided and interpret them narrowly in an effort to produce the least amount of data necessary to comply with the request.

### Does Yahoo ever disclose user data to government agencies without first receiving legal process?

We may voluntarily disclose user data to a government agency in the rare instance where we conclude that disclosure without delay is necessary to prevent imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to any person, as permitted by law. Even in such circumstances, we carefully review the request and construe it as narrowly as possible in light of the emergency.

**Does this Transparency Report include statistics regarding data requests received by Yahoo from non-government entities?**

No. This Transparency Report only includes Government Data Requests. Yahoo requires non-government entities (e.g., private civil litigants) seeking user data to follow applicable legal process (e.g., obtaining a valid subpoena or court order) before disclosing any user data. When Yahoo receives valid legal process from non-government entities, we carefully review and narrowly interpret such requests in an effort to produce the least amount of data necessary to comply with the request. Except where prohibited by law, our policy is to explicitly notify our users about third-party requests for their information prior to disclosure, and thereby provide them with an opportunity to challenge requests for their data.

**Does this Transparency Report include statistics regarding Government Data Requests received by Tumblr?**

No. Tumblr has issued its own transparency report which can be found at <http://www.tumblr.com/transparency>.

**What do the terms in your report mean?**

**Government Specified Accounts:** The number of Yahoo accounts listed in or about which information was disclosed in response to a Government Data Request. This number may not reflect the number of users and accounts actually involved because: 1) a single account may have been included in more than one Government Data Request; 2) an individual user may have multiple accounts that were specified in one or more Government Data Requests; 3) if a Government Data Request specified an account that does not exist, that nonexistent account would nevertheless be included in our count of Government Specified Accounts; and 4) if a Government Data Request demanded information about accounts that satisfy specified criteria (e.g., accounts registered under a particular proper name or accounts associated with a particular phone number) and we determined that it was appropriate to produce data in response to the request, we would report the total number of accounts about which information was produced to the government in connection with that Government Data Request.

**Government Data Request:** Legal process to a Yahoo entity from a government agency seeking information about Yahoo accounts and/or the activity of Yahoo users within Yahoo products. The Government Data Requests reflected in this report are generally made in connection with criminal investigations, but also include those from government entities in connection with non-criminal matters.

**Content:** Data that our users create, communicate, and store on or through our services. This could include words in a communication (e.g., Mail or Messenger), photos on Flickr, files uploaded, Yahoo Address Book entries, Yahoo Calendar event details, thoughts recorded in Yahoo Notepad or comments or posts on Yahoo Answers or any other Yahoo property.

**NCD:** Non-content data such as basic subscriber information (including the information captured at the time of registration, such as an alternate e-mail address, name, location, and IP address), login details, billing information, and other transactional information (e.g., "to," "from," and "date" fields from email headers).

**No Data Found:** Yahoo produced no data in response to the Government Data Request because no responsive data could be found (i.e., the account didn't exist or there was no data for the date range specified by the request).

**Rejected:** Yahoo may have possessed data responsive to the Government Data Request, but none was produced because of a defect or other problem with the Government Data Request (e.g., the government agency sought information outside its jurisdiction or the request only sought data that could not be lawfully obtained with the legal process provided). This category also includes Government Data Requests that were withdrawn after being received by Yahoo. We carefully review Government Data Requests for legal sufficiency and interpret them narrowly in an effort to produce the least amount of data necessary to comply with the request.