

Apple Transparency Report: Government and Private Party Requests

January 1 - June 30, 2021

Introduction

Apple is very seriously committed to protecting your data and we work hard to deliver the most secure hardware, software and services available. We believe our customers have a right to understand how their personal data is managed and protected. This report provides information regarding requests Apple received from government agencies worldwide and U.S. private parties from January 1 through June 30, 2021.

Types of requests we receive

Apple receives various forms of legal requests seeking information from or actions by Apple. We receive requests from governments globally where we operate and from private parties.

Government request circumstances can vary from instances where law enforcement agencies are working on behalf of customers who have requested assistance regarding lost or stolen devices, to instances where law enforcement are working on behalf of customers who suspect their credit card has been used fraudulently to purchase Apple products or services, to instances where an account is suspected to have been used unlawfully. Requests can also seek to preserve an Apple account, restrict access to an Apple account or delete an Apple account. Additionally, requests can relate to emergency situations where there is imminent harm to the safety of any person.

Private party request circumstances generally relate to instances where private litigants are involved in either civil or criminal proceedings.

Types of legal requests Apple receives from the United States can be: subpoenas, court orders, search warrants, pen register/trap and trace orders, or wiretap orders.

Types of legal requests Apple receives internationally can be: Production Orders (Australia, Canada, New Zealand), Requisition or Judicial Rogatory Letters (France), Solicitud Datos (Spain), Ordem Judicial (Brazil), Auskunftsersuchen (Germany), Obligation de dépôt (Switzerland), 個人情報の開示依頼 (Japan), Personal Data Request (United Kingdom), as well as equivalent court orders and/or requests from other countries.

The restrictions imposed by the sanctions laws generally prohibit Apple from responding to requests from countries, territories or governments sanctioned by the U.S. Department of Treasury, with the exception of requests involving exempt informational material or where prior authorization has been secured.

Types of customer data sought in requests

The type of customer data sought in requests varies depending on the case under investigation. For example, in stolen device cases, law enforcement generally seek details of customers associated with devices or device connections to Apple services. In credit card fraud cases, law enforcement generally seek details of suspected fraudulent transactions. Depending on what the legal request asks, Apple will provide subscriber or transaction details in response to valid legal requests received.

In instances where an Apple account is suspected of being used unlawfully, law enforcement may seek details of the customer associated with the account, account connections or transaction details or account content. Any U.S. government agency seeking customer content data from Apple must obtain a search warrant issued upon a showing of probable cause. International requests for content must comply with applicable laws, including the U.S. Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA). A request under a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty or Agreement with the U.S. is in compliance with ECPA.

The type of customer data sought in emergency situations generally relates to details of customers' connection to Apple services. We have a dedicated team available around the clock to respond to emergency requests. Apple processes emergency requests from law enforcement globally on a 24/7 basis. An emergency request must relate to circumstances involving imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to any person. If Apple believes in good faith that it is a valid emergency, we may voluntarily provide information to law enforcement on an emergency basis.



How we manage and respond to requests

Apple has a centralized and standardized process for receiving, tracking, processing, and responding to legal requests from law enforcement, government, and private parties worldwide, from when a request is received until when a response is provided.

Government and private entities are required to follow applicable laws and statutes when requesting customer information and data. We contractually require our service providers to abide by the same standard for any government information requests for Apple data. Our legal team reviews requests received to ensure that the requests have a valid legal basis. If they do, we comply with the requests and provide data responsive to the request. If we determine a request does not have a valid legal basis, or if we consider it to be unclear, inappropriate and/or over-broad, we challenge or reject it.

How we count requests and responses

Apple counts requests received from government agencies worldwide and United States private parties within the reporting period in which they are received. Overall numbers of requests and responses are reported.

A request with a valid legal basis is processed and responded to, and is counted as one request. A request that is challenged/rejected is counted as one request. Where new legal process is submitted to amend the request, it is counted as a new request. We count each request we challenge or reject for account-based, account restriction/deletion, emergency and private party requests; and report these numbers accordingly.

We count the number of discernible devices, financial identifiers, and/or accounts specified in requests, and report these accordingly by type. If there are two identifiers for one device in a request, for example a serial number and IMEI number, we count this as one device. If there are multiple identifiers for one account in a request, for example Apple ID, full name and phone number, we count this as one account.

For United States Government Requests by Legal Process Type reporting, where two types of legal process are combined in a single request, such as a search warrant with an incorporated court order, we record the request at the highest level of legal process and the request would be reported as a search warrant. An exception is where a pen register/trap and trace order is received; this is counted as a pen register/trap and trace order, notwithstanding that it may include a search warrant.

How we report requests and responses

We report on requests and responses in the following categories:

- 1) Worldwide Government Device Requests
- 2) Worldwide Government Financial Identifier Requests
- 3) Worldwide Government Account Requests
- 4) Worldwide Government Account Preservation Requests
- 5) Worldwide Government Account Restriction/Deletion Requests
- 6) Worldwide Government Emergency Requests
- 7) United States Government National Security Requests
- 8) United States Government Device Requests by Legal Process Type
- 9) United States Government Financial Identifier Requests by Legal Process Type
- 10) United States Government Account Requests by Legal Process Type
- 11) United States Private Party Requests for Information
- 12) United States Private Party Requests for Account Restriction/Deletion
- 13) Worldwide Government App Store Takedown Requests - Legal Violations
- 14) Worldwide Government App Store Takedown Requests - Platform Policy Violations

For government agency requests for customer information and data, we report the numbers of requests we receive and our responses in various categories. For United States National Security requests for customer information and data, we report as much detail as we are legally allowed. In order to report FISA non-content and content requests in separate categories, Apple is required by law to delay reporting by 6 months and report the numbers in ranges of 500, pursuant to the USA FREEDOM Act of 2015.

Customer notification

When we receive an account request seeking our customers' information and data, we notify the customer that we have received a request concerning their personal data except where we are explicitly prohibited by the legal process, by a court order Apple receives, or by applicable law. We reserve the right to make exceptions, such as instances where we believe providing notice creates a risk of injury or death to an identifiable individual, or where the case relates to child endangerment, or where notice is not applicable to the underlying facts of the case.



**Table 1: Worldwide Government Device Requests
January 1 - June 30, 2021**

Table 1 provides information regarding device-based requests received. Examples of such requests are where law enforcement agencies are working on behalf of customers who have requested assistance regarding lost or stolen devices. Additionally, Apple regularly receives multi-device requests related to fraud investigations. Device-based requests generally seek details of customers associated with devices or device connections to Apple services.

Country or Region ¹	# of Device Requests Received	# of Devices Specified in the Requests	# of Device Requests Where Data Provided	% of Device Requests Where Data Provided
Asia Pacific				
Australia	794	1,272	473	60%
China mainland	1,367	23,612	1,288	94%
Hong Kong	33	35	1	3%
Japan	953	3,392	874	92%
Malaysia	2	2	0	0%
New Zealand	22	26	3	14%
Philippines	2	10	0	0%
Singapore	615	729	495	80%
South Korea	47	74	41	87%
Taiwan	86	224	63	73%
Thailand	9	11	3	33%
Vietnam	1	1	1	100%
Asia Pacific Total	3,931	29,388	3,242	82%
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa				
Andorra	5	5	4	80%
Austria	67	131	10	15%
Belarus	1	1	0	0%
Belgium	77	205	57	74%
Czech Republic	72	141	61	85%
Denmark	4	15	1	25%
Finland	3	4	3	100%
France	681	4,987	450	66%
Germany	9,991	17,284	7,711	77%
Greece	13	26	6	46%
Hungary	26	2,623	15	58%
India	64	282	6	9%
Ireland	76	644	62	82%
Israel	7	11	4	57%
Italy	182	449	25	14%
Latvia	2	5	1	50%
Lithuania	4	10	2	50%
Luxembourg	5	178	4	80%
Netherlands	46	68	31	67%
North Macedonia	1	1	0	0%
Norway	8	34	5	63%
Poland	41	92	1	2%
Portugal	82	157	56	68%
Romania	5	5	1	20%
Russia	1,306	5,658	1,147	88%
Slovakia	3	3	1	33%
Slovenia	5	11	5	100%
South Africa	6	21	2	33%
Spain	920	1,886	734	80%
Sweden	175	1,704	154	88%
Switzerland	244	852	193	79%
Turkey	37	56	9	24%
United Arab Emirates	1	2	1	100%
United Kingdom	711	7,761	591	83%
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa Total	14,871	45,312	11,353	76%
Latin America				
Argentina	5	10	3	60%
Brazil	2,012	7,878	1,696	84%
Chile	176	1,656	154	88%
Colombia	3	3	0	0%
Guatemala	1	1	0	0%
Latin America Total	2,197	9,548	1,853	84%
North America				
Canada	17	34	15	88%
Mexico	4	293	2	50%
United States of America	4,084	21,135	3,344	82%
North America Total	4,105	21,462	3,361	82%
Worldwide Total	25,104	105,710	19,809	79%

¹ Only countries / regions where Apple received device requests during report period January 1 - June 30, 2021 are listed.



of Device Requests Received

The number of device-based requests received from a government agency seeking customer data related to specific device identifiers, such as serial number or IMEI number. Requests can be in various formats such as subpoenas, court orders, warrants, or other valid legal requests. We count each individual request received from each country/region and report the total number of requests received by country/region.

of Devices Specified in the Requests

The number of devices specified in the requests. One request may contain one or multiple device identifiers. For example, in a case related to the theft of a shipment of devices, law enforcement may seek information related to several device identifiers in a single request. We count the number of devices identified in each request, received from each country/region, and report the total number of devices specified in requests received by country/region.

of Device Requests Where Data Provided

The number of device-based requests that resulted in Apple providing data, such as customers associated with devices, device connections to Apple services, purchase, customer service, or repair information, in response to a valid legal request. We count each device-based request where we provide data and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

% of Device Requests Where Data Provided

The percentage of device-based requests that resulted in Apple providing data. We calculate this based on the number of device-based requests that resulted in Apple providing data per country/region, compared to the total number of device-based requests Apple received from that country/region.



Table 2: Worldwide Government Financial Identifier Requests January 1 - June 30, 2021

Table 2 provides information regarding financial identifier-based requests received. Examples of such requests are where law enforcement agencies are working on behalf of customers who have requested assistance regarding suspected fraudulent credit card activity used to purchase Apple products or services. Financial identifier-based requests generally seek details of suspected fraudulent transactions.

Country or Region ¹	# of Financial Identifier Requests Received	# of Financial Identifiers Specified in the Requests	# of Financial Identifier Requests Where Data Provided	% of Financial Identifier Requests Where Data Provided
Asia Pacific				
Australia	81	167	30	37%
China mainland	44	8,247	27	61%
Hong Kong	205	1,364	125	61%
Japan	202	487	177	88%
Macau	106	106	97	92%
New Zealand	3	7	1	33%
Singapore	172	737	143	83%
South Korea	302	1,889	271	90%
Taiwan	1,124	5,870	1,072	95%
Thailand	3	3	1	33%
Asia Pacific Total	2,242	18,877	1,944	87%
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa				
Austria	16	28	4	25%
Belgium	12	73	7	58%
Croatia	3	3	1	33%
Czech Republic	29	54	21	72%
Denmark	3	43	0	0%
Finland	7	12	6	86%
France	419	1,079	270	64%
Germany	714	1,255	464	65%
Greece	9	86	5	56%
Hungary	14	19	4	29%
India	83	86	3	4%
Ireland	18	48	11	61%
Israel	1	8	1	100%
Italy	145	171	2	1%
Lithuania	6	6	3	50%
Malta	1	1	0	0%
Monaco	1	11	0	0%
Netherlands	3	3	1	33%
Pakistan	1	1	1	100%
Poland	57	69	7	12%
Portugal	18	18	13	72%
Qatar	1	20	0	0%
Romania	16	16	7	44%
Russia	89	91	27	30%
San Marino	1	1	0	0%
Slovakia	3	3	0	0%
Spain	503	521	324	64%
Sweden	14	36	13	93%
Switzerland	50	201	36	72%
Turkey	409	416	248	61%
United Arab Emirates	5	33	0	0%
United Kingdom	28	51	16	57%
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa Total	2,679	4,463	1,495	56%
Latin America				
Brazil	3	3	2	67%
Costa Rica	3	3	2	67%
Dominican Republic	2	2	1	50%
Peru	1	1	0	0%
Latin America Total	9	9	5	56%
North America				
Canada	14	64	13	93%
United States of America	710	2,378	562	79%
North America Total	724	2,442	575	79%
Worldwide Total	5,654	25,791	4,019	71%

¹ Only countries / regions where Apple received financial identifier requests during report period January 1 - June 30, 2021 are listed.



of Financial Identifier Requests Received

The number of financial identifier-based requests received from a government agency seeking customer data related to specific financial identifiers, such as credit card or gift card number. Financial identifier-based requests can be in various formats such as subpoenas, court orders, warrants, or other valid legal requests. We count each individual request received from each country/region and report the total number of requests received by country/region.

of Financial Identifiers Specified in the Requests

The number of financial identifiers specified in the requests. One request may contain one or multiple financial identifiers. For example, in a case related to large scale fraud, law enforcement may seek information related to several credit card numbers in a single request. We count the number of financial identifiers identified in each request, received from each country/region, and report the total number of financial identifiers specified in requests received by country/region.

of Financial Identifier Requests Where Data Provided

The number of financial identifier-based requests that resulted in Apple providing data, such as transaction details, in response to a valid legal request. We count each financial identifier-based request where we provide data and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

% of Financial Identifier Requests Where Data Provided

The percentage of financial identifier-based requests that resulted in Apple providing data. We calculate this based on the number of financial identifier-based requests that resulted in Apple providing data per country/region, compared to the total number of financial identifier-based requests Apple received from that country/region.



**Table 3: Worldwide Government Account Requests
January 1 - June 30, 2021**

Table 3 provides information regarding account-based requests received. Examples of such requests are where law enforcement agencies are working on cases where they suspect an account may have been used unlawfully or in violation of Apple's terms of service. Account-based requests generally seek details of customers' iTunes or iCloud accounts, such as a name and address; and in certain instances customers' iCloud content, such as stored photos, email, iOS device backups, contacts or calendars.

Country or Region ¹	# of Account Requests Received	# of Accounts Specified in the Requests	# of Account Requests Challenged in Part or Rejected in Full	# of Account Requests Where Only Non-Content Data Provided	# of Account Requests Where Content Data Provided	% of Account Requests Where Data Provided
Asia Pacific						
Australia	155	206	16	112	0	72%
China mainland	52	103	5	31	4	67%
Hong Kong	20	72	1	17	0	85%
Japan	582	849	37	473	1	81%
Macau	2	26	0	2	0	100%
New Zealand	12	26	4	5	2	58%
Singapore	61	68	5	53	0	87%
South Korea	125	185	2	83	0	66%
Taiwan	268	604	7	242	0	90%
Thailand	2	2	2	0	0	0%
Asia Pacific Total	1,279	2,141	79	1,018	7	80%
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa						
Austria	16	28	13	1	1	13%
Belgium	22	35	1	17	0	77%
Croatia	2	2	0	1	1	100%
Czech Republic	17	27	0	14	0	82%
Denmark	1	1	0	1	0	100%
Estonia	7	11	0	6	0	86%
Finland	9	12	0	8	0	89%
France	277	365	45	175	0	63%
Germany	833	1,044	87	618	1	74%
Greece	7	15	0	6	0	86%
Hungary	1	1	0	0	0	0%
India	49	106	43	2	0	4%
Ireland	28	42	8	17	0	61%
Israel	4	12	1	3	0	75%
Italy	113	121	46	23	0	20%
Kosovo	1	1	0	1	0	100%
Lithuania	1	1	0	1	0	100%
Luxembourg	5	6	1	4	0	80%
Malta	5	5	5	0	0	0%
Netherlands	41	61	1	31	0	76%
Norway	2	2	0	2	0	100%
Poland	24	31	15	5	1	25%
Portugal	11	12	5	4	0	36%
Romania	2	2	0	0	0	0%
Russia	27	72	9	16	0	59%
Serbia	1	9	1	0	0	0%
Slovenia	2	2	1	1	0	50%
Spain	93	227	27	41	0	44%
Sweden	64	93	1	61	0	95%
Switzerland	43	49	6	25	2	63%
Turkey	28	33	0	17	0	61%
United Kingdom	826	989	20	708	1	86%
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa Total	2,562	3,417	336	1,809	7	71%
Latin America						
Argentina	7	11	4	2	0	29%
Brazil	1,558	8,956	20	263	1,087	87%
Chile	14	16	4	4	1	36%
Colombia	3	3	1	0	0	0%
Costa Rica	2	2	0	2	0	100%
Guatemala	1	3	1	0	0	0%
Latin America Total	1,585	8,991	30	271	1,088	86%
North America						
Canada	37	129	2	35	0	95%
Mexico	4	5	3	1	0	25%
United States of America	7,122	22,427	261	3,527	2,878	90%
North America Total	7,163	22,561	266	3,563	2,878	90%
Worldwide Total	12,589	37,110	711	6,661	3,980	85%

¹ Only countries / regions where Apple received account requests during report period January 1 - June 30, 2021 are listed.



of Account Requests Received

The number of account-based requests received from a government agency seeking customer data related to specific Apple account identifiers, such as Apple ID or email address. Account-based requests can be in various formats such as subpoenas, court orders, warrants, or other valid legal requests. We count each individual request received from each country/region and report the total number of requests received by country/region.

of Accounts Specified in the Requests

The number of accounts specified in the requests. One request may contain one or multiple account identifiers. For example, in a case related to suspected phishing, law enforcement may seek information related to several accounts in a single request. We count the number of accounts identified in each request, received from each country/region, and report the total number of accounts specified in requests received by country/region.

of Account Requests Challenged in Part or Rejected in Full

The number of account-based requests that resulted in Apple challenging the request in part, or rejecting the request in full, based on grounds such as a request does not have a valid legal basis, or is unclear, inappropriate, and/or over-broad. For example, Apple may reject a law enforcement request if it considers the scope of data requested as excessively broad for the case in question. We count each account-based request where we challenge it in part, or reject it in full, and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

of Account Requests Where Only Non-Content Data Provided

The number of account-based requests that resulted in Apple only providing non-content data, such as subscriber, account connections or transactional information, in response to a valid legal request. We count each account-based request where we provide only non-content data and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

of Account Requests Where Content Data Provided

The number of account-based requests that resulted in Apple providing content data, such as stored photos, email, iOS device backups, contacts or calendars, in response to a valid legal request. We count each account-based request where we provide content data and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

% of Account Requests Where Data Provided

The percentage of account-based requests that resulted in Apple providing either non-content and/or content data. We calculate this based on the number of account-based requests that resulted in Apple providing data (including both non-content and content) per country/region, compared to the total number of account-based requests Apple received from that country/region.



**Table 4: Worldwide Government Account Preservation Requests
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Table 4 provides information regarding account preservation requests received. Under the U.S. Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) government agencies may request Apple to preserve users' account data by performing a one-time data pull of the requested existing user data available at the time of the request for 90 days (up to 180 days if Apple receives a renewal request). Examples of such requests are where law enforcement agencies suspect an account may have been used unlawfully or in violation of Apple's terms of service, and request Apple to preserve the account data while they obtain legal process for the data.

Country or Region ¹	# of Account Preservation Requests Received	# of Accounts Specified in the Requests	# of Accounts Where Data Preserved
Asia Pacific			
Australia	7	17	10
Japan	3	3	3
New Zealand	6	27	12
South Korea	1	1	1
Asia Pacific Total	17	48	26
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa			
Armenia	1	1	1
Austria	5	16	14
Belgium	1	3	2
Bulgaria	1	1	1
Cyprus	1	1	1
Czech Republic	1	7	7
Denmark	11	21	17
Finland	2	3	3
France	5	26	18
Germany	21	46	29
Greece	1	2	2
Hungary	2	7	0
Ireland	10	30	22
Italy	2	7	5
Luxembourg	5	10	6
Netherlands	11	18	15
Norway	1	5	5
Poland	2	4	2
Portugal	1	1	1
Russia	1	1	1
South Africa	2	2	2
Spain	1	1	0
Sweden	10	21	20
Switzerland	2	8	4
Trinidad and Tobago	1	3	3
Turkey	1	1	1
United Kingdom	47	97	75
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa Total	149	343	257
Latin America			
Brazil	176	927	607
Costa Rica	1	1	1
Latin America Total	177	928	608
North America			
Canada	23	38	29
United States of America	4,375	11,636	9,349
North America Total	4,398	11,674	9,378
Worldwide Total	4,741	12,993	10,269

¹ Only countries / regions where Apple received account preservation requests during report period January 1 - June 30, 2021 are listed.

of Account Preservation Requests Received

The number of account preservation requests received from a government agency. We count each individual request received from each country/region and report the total number of requests received by country/region.

of Accounts Specified in the Requests

The number of accounts specified in the requests. One request may contain one or multiple account identifiers. For example, in a case related to suspected illegal activity, law enforcement may request Apple to preserve information related to several accounts in a single request. We count the number of accounts identified in each request, received from each country/region, and report the total number of accounts specified in requests received by country/region.

of Accounts Where Data Preserved

The number of accounts that resulted in Apple preserving data in response to a valid preservation request. We count the number of accounts in each request where data was preserved and report the total number of accounts for which data was preserved by country/region.



**Table 5: Worldwide Government Account Restriction/Deletion Requests
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Table 5 provides information regarding account restriction/deletion requests received. Examples of such requests are where law enforcement agencies suspect an account may have been used unlawfully or in violation of Apple's terms of service, and request Apple to restrict or delete the account. For requests seeking to restrict/delete a customer's Apple ID, Apple requires a court order (including conviction or warrant) demonstrating that the account to be restricted/deleted was used unlawfully, except in situations where the case has been verified by Apple to relate to child endangerment.

Country or Region ¹	# of Account Restriction/ Account Deletion Requests Received	# of Accounts Specified in the Requests	# of Requests Rejected/ Challenged Where No Action Taken	# of Requests Where Account Restricted	# of Requests Where Account Deleted
Asia Pacific					
Australia	1	1	1	0	0
Japan	1	1	1	0	0
Singapore	1	1	1	0	0
Asia Pacific Total	3	3	3	0	0
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa					
Austria	1	1	0	1	0
India	1	1	1	0	0
Norway	2	2	0	2	0
United Kingdom	4	4	0	4	0
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa Total	8	8	1	7	0
North America					
United States of America ²	15	23	6	8	0
North America Total	15	23	6	8	0
Worldwide Total	26	34	10	15	0

¹ Only countries / regions where Apple received account restriction/deletion requests during report period January 1 - June 30, 2021 are listed.

² Request received where Apple had no results for account identified in the request.

**# of Account
Restriction/Account
Deletion Requests
Received**

The number of requests received from a government agency seeking to restrict or delete a customer's Apple account. We count each individual request received from each country/region and report the total number of requests received by country/region.

**# of Accounts
Specified in the
Requests**

The number of accounts specified in the requests. One request may contain one or multiple account identifiers. For example, in a case related to possession or distribution of illegal material, law enforcement may request Apple to restrict or delete several accounts in a single request. We count the number of accounts identified in each request, received from each country/region, and report the total number of accounts specified in requests received by country/region.

**# of Requests
Rejected/
Challenged Where
No Action Taken**

The number of account restriction/deletion requests that resulted in Apple challenging or rejecting the request based on grounds such as a request does not have a valid legal basis, or is unclear, inappropriate, and/or over-broad, or where it is not accompanied by a court order (including conviction or warrant) demonstrating that the account to be restricted/deleted was used unlawfully; and where no action was taken by Apple. We count each account restriction/deletion request where we challenge or reject it and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

**# of Requests
Where Account
Restricted**

The number of requests where Apple determined the request and order sufficiently demonstrated the account to be restricted was used unlawfully and we proceeded with restriction. We count each request where we proceeded with account restriction and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

**# of Requests
Where Account
Deleted**

The number of requests where Apple determined the request and order sufficiently demonstrated the account to be deleted was used unlawfully and we deleted the Apple account. We count each request where we deleted an account and report the total number of such instances by country/region.



**Table 6: Worldwide Government Emergency Requests
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Table 6 provides information regarding emergency requests received. Under the U.S. Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) government agencies may request Apple to voluntarily disclose information, including customer information and contents of communications, to a government entity if Apple believes in good faith that an emergency involving imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to any person requires such disclosure without delay. International agencies may make similar requests to Apple under applicable local law. Examples of such requests are where a person may be missing and law enforcement believes the person may be in danger. Emergency requests generally seek details of customers' connections to Apple services.

Country or Region ¹	# of Emergency Requests Received	# of Requests Rejected/Challenged & No Data Provided	# of Emergency Requests Where No Data Provided	# of Emergency Requests Where Data Provided	% of Emergency Requests Where Data Provided
Asia Pacific					
Australia	19	0	1	18	95%
Japan	63	1	1	61	97%
New Zealand	2	0	0	2	100%
South Korea	1	0	0	1	100%
Taiwan	1	0	0	1	100%
Asia Pacific Total	86	1	2	83	97%
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa					
Austria	2	0	0	2	100%
Belgium	2	0	0	2	100%
Czech Republic	1	0	0	1	100%
France	10	0	0	10	100%
Germany	19	0	0	19	100%
Greece	1	0	0	1	100%
India	14	0	3	11	79%
Ireland	1	0	0	1	100%
Israel	7	0	0	7	100%
Italy	7	0	0	7	100%
Lithuania	1	0	0	1	100%
Netherlands	6	1	0	5	83%
Norway	1	0	1	0	0%
Poland	8	0	1	7	88%
Portugal	1	0	0	1	100%
Slovenia	1	0	0	1	100%
Spain	1	0	1	0	0%
Sweden	1	0	0	1	100%
Switzerland	20	0	1	19	95%
Ukraine	5	0	0	5	100%
United Kingdom	637	5	35	597	94%
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa Total	746	6	42	698	94%
Latin America					
Argentina	3	1	1	1	33%
Brazil	54	3	1	50	93%
Chile	1	0	0	1	100%
Costa Rica	1	0	0	1	100%
Latin America Total	59	4	2	53	90%
North America					
Canada	73	0	4	69	95%
Mexico	1	1	0	0	0%
United States of America	335	3	25	307	92%
North America Total	409	4	29	376	92%
Worldwide Total	1,300	15	75	1,210	93%

¹ Only countries / regions where Apple received emergency requests during report period January 1 - June 30, 2021 are listed.



of Emergency Requests Received

The number of emergency requests received from a government agency. We count each individual request received from each country/region and report the total number of requests received by country/region.

of Requests Rejected/Challenged & No Data Provided

The number of emergency requests that resulted in Apple challenging or rejecting the request based on grounds such as a request is unclear, inappropriate, or fails to demonstrate that it relates to an emergency circumstance; and where no data was provided. We count each emergency request where we challenge or reject it and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

of Emergency Requests Where No Data Provided

The number of emergency requests that resulted in Apple providing no data. For example, instances where there was no responsive data. We count each emergency request where we do not provide data and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

of Emergency Requests Where Data Provided

The number of emergency requests that resulted in Apple providing data, such as connections to Apple services, subscriber or transactional information, or in certain instances customers' iCloud content, such as stored photos, email, iOS device backups, contacts or calendars, in response to a valid emergency request. We count each emergency request where we provide data and report the total number of such instances by country/region.

% of Emergency Requests Where Data Provided

The percentage of emergency requests that resulted in Apple providing data. We calculate this based on the number of emergency requests that resulted in Apple providing data per country/region, compared to the total number of emergency requests Apple received from that country/region.



**Table 7: United States Government National Security Requests
January 1 - June 30, 2021**

Table 7 provides information regarding United States national security requests that Apple received for customer data, including orders received under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (“FISA”) and National Security Letters (“NSLs”). To date, Apple has not received any orders for bulk data.

We report national security requests received for Apple users/accounts (NSLs and orders received under FISA) within ranges permissible by law pursuant to the USA FREEDOM Act of 2015 (“USA Freedom”). In order to report FISA non-content and content requests in separate categories, Apple is required by law to delay reporting by 6 months and report in bands of 500. Though we want to be more specific, this is currently the range permitted under USA Freedom for reporting this level of detail regarding national security requests. Apple responds to National Security FISA content requests with information obtained from iCloud. Under the law, Apple cannot further disclose what information or data may be sought through these requests.

National Security Request Type	# of Requests Received	# of Users/Accounts
FISA Non-Content Requests	0 - 499	26,000 - 26,499
FISA Content Requests	0 - 499	32,500 - 32,999
National Security Letters	1 - 499	1,001 - 1,499
National Security Letters where non-disclosure order lifted	1	

The below table identifies the National Security Letters received during this reporting period where the non-disclosure orders have been lifted and public disclosure is permitted. See [Apple's Transparency website](#) for redacted PDFs of these National Security Letters.

National Security Letter #	Issue Date	Non-Disclosure Order End Date
NSL-21-531193	3/31/21	8/12/21

National Security Request Type

FISA Non-Content & Content Requests: FISA Court issued orders for non-content or content data. Non-content data is data such as subscriber or transactional information and connection logs. Content data is data such as stored photos, email, iOS device backups, contacts or calendars.

National Security Letters: Federal Bureau of Investigation issued requests for non-content data in national security investigations. Non-content data is data such as subscriber data. Apple does not produce transactional information and connection logs in response to National Security Letters.

of Requests Received

The number of United States National Security requests received. We count each individual order and National Security Letter received for Apple users/accounts and report the total number of orders and National Security Letters received within bands/ranges permissible by law. Pursuant to USA Freedom, to report the number of non-content and content orders received, we are limited to providing this data in bands of 500.

of Users/Accounts

We count the number of users/accounts in each request received for which Apple has data and report the total number of users/accounts within bands permissible by law. Pursuant to USA Freedom, we are limited to providing this data in bands of 500.



**Tables 8, 9, 10: United States Government Requests by Legal Process Type
January 1 - June 30, 2021**

Tables 8, 9, and 10 provide information regarding United States requests by legal process type. Legal process types can be Search Warrants, Wiretap Orders, Pen Register/Trap and Trace Orders, Other Court Orders, or Subpoenas.

Table 8: United States Government Device Requests by Legal Process Type

Table 8 provides information regarding the types of legal process Apple received as Device Requests.

# of Device Requests	Search Warrants	Wiretap Orders	Pen Register/Trap & Trace Orders	Other Court Orders	Subpoenas
4,084	620	N/A	1	98	3,365
% of Total (100%)	15%	-	~0%	2%	82%

Table 9: United States Government Financial Identifier Requests by Legal Process Type

Table 9 provides information regarding the types of legal process Apple received as Financial Identifier Requests.

# of Financial Identifier Requests	Search Warrants	Wiretap Orders	Pen Register/Trap & Trace Orders	Other Court Orders	Subpoenas
710	112	N/A	0	38	560
% of Total (100%)	16%	-	-	5%	79%

Table 10: United States Government Account Requests by Legal Process Type

Table 10 provides information regarding the types of legal process Apple received as Account Requests.

# of Account Requests	Search Warrants	Wiretap Orders	Pen Register/Trap & Trace Orders	Other Court Orders	Subpoenas
7,122	3,232	0	91	490	3,309
% of Total (100%)	45%	-	1%	7%	46%



of Device/ Financial Identifier/ Account Requests

The total number of United States government requests Apple received by request type (Device, Financial Identifier, and Account). We count each individual request received from the United States by request type and report the total number of requests received by request type.

Search Warrants

A search warrant is a judicial document used in a criminal case authorizing law enforcement officers to search a person or place to obtain evidence. The Fourth Amendment requires that law enforcement officers obtain search warrants by submitting affidavits and other evidence to a judge or magistrate to meet a burden of proof that a search will yield evidence related to a crime. The judge or magistrate will issue the warrant if satisfied that the law enforcement officers have met the burden of proof. For customer content, Apple requires a search warrant issued upon a showing of probable cause in order to provide content.

Wiretap Orders

A wiretap order is a specific type of court order used in a criminal case that authorizes law enforcement officers to obtain contents of communications in real-time. A Title III wiretap order includes requirements that law enforcement officers make an application and furnish evidence to a judge or magistrate to demonstrate there is probable cause to believe that interception of communications will yield evidence related to a particular crime, there is probable cause to believe that an individual has committed or is about to commit a particular crime and must specifically identify the individual/target whose communications are to be intercepted. A statement must also be included as to whether other investigatory measures have been tried and failed or are unlikely to succeed. If satisfied that the requirements have been met, the judge or magistrate will issue the wiretap order. A wiretap order allows the government to obtain content on a forward-looking basis for a specific limited period of time as opposed to stored historical content. Apple can intercept users' iCloud email communications upon receipt of a valid Wiretap Order. Apple cannot intercept users' iMessage or FaceTime communications as these communications are end-to-end encrypted.

Pen Register/Trap & Trace Orders

A pen register or trap and trace order is a specific type of court order used in a criminal case authorizing law enforcement officers to obtain headers of electronic communications and other non-content data in real-time. A pen register order requires law enforcement officers to make a statement of the offense to which the pen register relates and certify the information likely to be obtained is relevant/material to an ongoing criminal investigation. The legal standard for obtaining a pen register order is lower than what is required for a search warrant or a wiretap order. A pen register order allows the government to obtain non-content data on a forward-looking basis for a specific limited period of time as opposed to stored historical information. A pen register order can be combined with a court order/warrant for historical records; in such instances, we report the process type as pen register/trap and trace order.

Other Court Orders

A court order is a document issued by a judge or magistrate directing a person or entity to comply with the order. An order may be issued in either a criminal or civil case. Government agencies applying for an order in a criminal case must generally present facts and evidence to a judge or magistrate showing there are reasonable grounds to believe that the information sought is relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation or similar legal standard. Non-content data such as subscriber and transaction information can be provided in response to a court order.

Subpoenas

A subpoena or equivalent legal process request (e.g. petition or summons) is a document issued by a government agency or court directing a person or entity to comply with requests for information. Local, state and federal government agencies may issue subpoenas. Under many jurisdictions, a judge or magistrate is not required to review a subpoena before it is issued. Accordingly, the subpoena has the lowest threshold for burden of proof. A subpoena may be issued in either a criminal or civil case. Non-content data such as device, subscriber and connection information can be provided in response to a subpoena.

% of Total

The percentage of requests by Legal Process Type. We calculate this based on the number of respective Legal Process Types compared to the respective total number of Device/Financial Identifier/Account Requests received by Apple.



**Table 11: United States Private Party Requests for Information
January 1 - June 30, 2021**

Table 11 provides information regarding United States private party (non-government) requests for information. Examples of such requests are where private litigants are involved in either civil or criminal proceedings. Apple complies with these requests insofar as we are legally required to do so.

# of Private Party Requests	# of Requests Rejected/ Challenged & No Data Provided	# of Requests Where No Data Provided	# of Requests Where Data Provided
265	188	17	60
% of Total (100%)	71%	6%	23%

of Private Party Requests The number of requests received from private parties (non-government) in the United States seeking customer data related to specific devices, financial identifiers and/or accounts. We count each individual request received from private parties and report the total number of requests received.

of Requests Rejected/Challenged & No Data Provided The number of private party requests that resulted in Apple challenging or rejecting the request based on grounds such as a request does not have a valid legal basis, or is unclear and/or over-broad; and where no data was provided. We count each private party request where we challenge or reject it in full, and report the total number of such instances.

of Requests Where No Data Provided The number of private party requests that resulted in Apple providing no data. For example, where there was no responsive data. We count each instance where we do not provide data in response to a private party request and report the total number of such instances.

of Requests Where Data Provided The number of private party requests that resulted in Apple providing data in response to valid legal process or subscriber consent. We count each instance where we provide data in response to a private party request and report the total number of such instances.

% of Total The percentages are calculated based on the number of the respective response types compared to the total number of private party requests received by Apple.



**Table 12: United States Private Party Requests for Account Restriction/Deletion
January 1 - June 30, 2021**

Table 12 provides information regarding United States private party (non-government) requests for Apple account restriction/deletion. Examples of such requests are where private litigants are involved in either civil or criminal proceedings, and requests for Apple to restrict/delete an account may arise. For requests seeking to restrict/delete a customer’s Apple ID, Apple requires a court order. Apple complies with these requests insofar as we are legally required to do so.

# of Account Restriction/ Account Deletion Requests Received	# of Accounts Specified in the Requests	# of Requests Rejected/ Challenged Where No Action Taken	# of Account Restriction Requests Where Account Restricted	# of Account Deletion Requests Where Account Deleted
0	0	0	0	0

**# of Account
Restriction/Account
Deletion Requests
Received**

The number of requests received from private parties (non-government), such as participants in a civil or family law case, seeking to restrict or delete a customer’s Apple ID. We count each individual request received from private parties and report the total number of requests received.

**# of Accounts
Specified in the
Requests**

The number of accounts specified in the requests. One request may contain one or multiple account identifiers. For example, in a case related to multiple shared accounts, a private party may request Apple to restrict or delete several accounts in a single request. We count the number of accounts identified in each request received from private parties and report the total number of accounts specified in requests received.

**# of Requests
Rejected/Challenged
Where No Action
Taken**

The number of account restriction/deletion requests that resulted in Apple challenging or rejecting the request based on grounds such as a request does not have a valid legal basis, or is unclear, inappropriate, and/or over-broad, or where it is not accompanied by a court order demonstrating the grounds upon which the account is to be restricted/deleted; and where no action was taken by Apple. We count each account restriction/deletion request where we challenge or reject it and report the total number of such instances.

**# of Account
Restriction Requests
Where Account
Restricted**

The number of account restriction requests where Apple determined the request and order sufficiently demonstrated the grounds upon which the specified account was to be restricted; and we proceeded with the requested restriction. We count each account restriction request where we proceeded with restriction and report the total number of such instances.

**# of Account
Deletion Requests
Where Account
Deleted**

The number of account deletion requests where Apple determined the request and order sufficiently demonstrated the grounds upon which the specified account was to be deleted; and we deleted the Apple account. We count each account deletion request where we deleted an account and report the total number of such instances.



**Table 13: Worldwide Government App Store Takedown Requests - Legal Violations
January 1 - June 30, 2021**

Table 13 provides information regarding requests from government authorities to remove apps from the App Store based on alleged/suspected violations of local law. Examples of such requests are where law enforcement or regulatory agencies suspect an app may be unlawful or relate to/contain unlawful content. Apple complies with these requests insofar as we are legally required to do so.

(App removals were limited to requesting country/region App Store storefront, except where indicated otherwise in the footnotes)

Country or Region ¹	# of Legal Violation Takedown Requests Received	# of Apps Specified in the Requests	# of Requests Objected to in Part or Rejected in Full	# of Requests Where App Removed	# of Apps Removed	# of Appeals Received	# of Appeals Granted	# of Apps Reinstated
Asia Pacific								
China mainland ²	34	89	0	34	89	0	0	0
Malaysia ³	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
South Korea ⁴	3	25	0	3	25	1	1	1
Asia Pacific Total	38	115	0	38	115	1	1	1
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa								
India ⁵	3	-	3	0	0	0	0	0
Pakistan ⁶	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Russia ⁷	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa Total	6	7	5	1	1	0	0	0
Latin America								
Brazil ⁸	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Latin America Total	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Worldwide Total	45	123	5	40	117	1	1	1

¹ Only countries / regions where Apple received legal violation removal requests during report period January 1 - June 30, 2021 are listed.

² Requests predominantly related to apps with illegal content.

³ Request related to app identified as a securities violation.

⁴ Requests related to apps with inaccurate ratings and app violating the Game Industry Promotion Act. Developer resolved inaccurate rating issue and submitted appeal to agency. Agency provided approval for app to be restored.

⁵ Requests did not provide adequate information to identify apps related to financial services investigations.

⁶ Request related to illegal app content investigation.

⁷ Requests related to illegal app content investigations, including breach of copyright.

⁸ Request related to breach of copyright.



# of Legal Violation Takedown Requests Received	The number of requests received from a government agency seeking to take down a third party application offered on the App Store related to alleged/suspected legal violations. We count each individual request received from each country or region and report the total number of requests received by country or region.
# of Apps Specified in the Requests	The number of apps specified in the requests verified to be apps available on the App Store. A government agency request may contain one or multiple apps. We count the number of apps identified in each request received from each country or region and report the total number of apps specified in requests received by country or region.
# of Requests Objected to in Part or Rejected in Full	The number of app takedown requests related to alleged/suspected legal violations that resulted in Apple objecting to or rejecting the request in part or in full based on grounds such as a request does not have a valid legal basis, or is unclear, inappropriate and/or over-broad, or does not sufficiently demonstrate the legal violation of the app to be removed. We count each App Store takedown request related to alleged/suspected legal violations where we object in part or reject in full and report the total number of such instances by country or region.
# of Requests Where App Removed	The number of App Store takedown requests where the request sufficiently demonstrated a valid legal violation and Apple proceeded with removal of app(s) from the App Store. We count each app takedown request related to alleged/suspected legal violations where we proceeded with app removal and report the total number of such instances by country or region.
# of Apps Removed	The number of App Store takedown requests where the request sufficiently demonstrated a valid legal violation and Apple proceeded with removal of app(s) from the App Store. We count each app takedown request related to alleged/suspected legal violations where we proceeded with app removal and report the total number of apps removed in such instances by country or region.
# of Appeals Received	The number of App Store takedown requests where Apple received notice of an appeal to court or government agency. We count each app takedown appeal related to alleged/suspected legal violations.
# of Appeals Granted	The number of App Store takedown requests where Apple received notice of a court or government agency granting an appeal to the takedown request. We count each app takedown appeal granted that related to alleged/suspected legal violations.
# of Apps Reinstated	The number of apps reinstated to the App Store due to a court or government agency appeal being granted. We count each app reinstated from app removal related to alleged/suspected legal violations.



**Table 14: Worldwide Government App Store Takedown Requests - Platform Policy Violations
January 1 - June 30, 2021**

Table 14 provides information regarding requests from government authorities to remove apps from the App Store based on alleged/suspected violations of App Store platform policies. Examples of such requests are where law enforcement or regulatory agencies suspect an app may violate the App Store platform policies or relate to/contain content violating platform policies. Apple complies with these requests where Apple has determined there is an App Store platform policy violation.

(App removals were worldwide)

Country or Region ¹	# of Platform Policy Violation Takedown Requests Received	# of Apps Specified in the Requests	# of Requests Objected to in Part or Rejected in Full	# of Requests Where App Removed	# of Apps Removed	# of Appeals Received	# of Appeals Granted	# of Apps Reinstated
Asia Pacific								
China mainland ²	1	4	0	1	4	0	0	0
Asia Pacific Total	1	4	0	1	4	0	0	0
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa								
Pakistan ³	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Russia ⁴	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa Total	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
Worldwide Total	3	6	0	3	6	0	0	0

¹ Only countries / regions where Apple received platform violation removal requests during report period January 1 - June 30, 2021 are listed.

² Request related to apps with pornographic content violating App Store Review Guidelines.

³ Request related to app violating privacy-related App Store Review Guidelines.

⁴ Request related to gambling app violating App Store Review Guidelines.



# of Platform Policy Violation Takedown Requests Received	The number of requests received from a government agency seeking to take down a third party application offered on the App Store related to alleged/suspected platform policy violations. We count each individual request received from each country or region and report the total number of requests received by country or region.
# of Apps Specified in the Requests	The number of apps specified in the requests verified to be apps available on the App Store. A government agency request may contain one or multiple apps. We count the number of apps identified in each request received from each country or region and report the total number of apps specified in requests received by country or region.
# of Requests Objected to in Part or Rejected in Full	The number of app takedown requests related to alleged/suspected platform policy violations that resulted in Apple objecting to or rejecting the request in part or in full based on grounds such as a request does not have a valid legal basis, or is unclear, inappropriate and/or over-broad, or does not sufficiently demonstrate the platform policy violation of the app to be removed. We count each App Store takedown request related to alleged/suspected platform policy violations where we object in part or reject in full and report the total number of such instances by country or region.
# of Requests Where App Removed	The number of App Store takedown requests where Apple determined the request sufficiently demonstrated a valid App Store platform policy violation and Apple proceeded with removal of app(s) from the App Store. We count each app takedown request related to alleged/suspected platform policy violations where we proceeded with app removal and report the total number of such instances by country or region.
# of Apps Removed	The number of App Store takedown requests where Apple determined the request sufficiently demonstrated a valid App Store platform policy violation and Apple proceeded with removal of app(s) from the App Store. We count each app takedown request related to alleged/suspected platform policy violations where we proceeded with app removal and report the total number of apps removed in such instances by country or region.
# of Appeals Received	The number of App Store takedown requests where Apple received notice of an appeal to court or government agency. We count each app takedown appeal related to alleged/suspected platform policy violations.
# of Appeals Granted	The number of App Store takedown requests where Apple received notice of a court or government agency granting an appeal to the takedown request. We count each app takedown appeal granted that related to alleged/suspected platform policy violations.
# of Apps Reinstated	The number of apps reinstated to the App Store due to a court or government agency appeal being granted. We count each app reinstated from app removal related to alleged/suspected platform policy violations.



Matters of note in this report:

Government requests related to customer data / accounts

Table 1 Worldwide Government Device Requests

China mainland - High number of devices specified in requests predominantly due to a device recall matter.

Germany - High volume of device requests predominantly due to stolen device investigations.

Hungary - High number of devices specified in requests predominantly due to a tax fraud investigation.

Mexico - High number of devices specified in requests predominantly due to stolen device investigations.

United Kingdom - High number of devices specified in requests predominantly due to a tax fraud investigation.

United States of America - High number of devices specified in requests predominantly due to a return and repair fraud investigation.

Table 2 Worldwide Government Financial Identifier Requests

China mainland - High number of financial identifiers specified in requests predominantly due to credit card fraud investigations.

Germany - High volume of financial identifier requests predominantly due to App Store & iTunes Gift Card and credit card fraud investigations.

Taiwan - High volume of financial identifier requests predominantly due to App Store & iTunes Gift Card and credit card fraud investigations.

United States of America - High volume of financial identifier requests with no predominant investigation type.

Table 3 Worldwide Government Account Requests

Brazil - High volume of account requests due to court orders with no predominant investigation type or where investigation type was not indicated.

United States of America - High volume of account requests with no predominant investigation type.

Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) Requests

Requests received from a foreign government pursuant to the MLAT process or through other cooperative efforts with the United States government are included in Apple's transparency report. Apple has identified 15 MLAT requests for information were issued by the United States government in this reporting period. However, this may not be the precise number of MLAT requests received, as in some instances a United States court order or search warrant may not indicate that it is the result of an MLAT request. In instances where the originating country was identified, we count and report the MLAT request under the country of origin. In instances where the originating country was not identified, we count and report the request under the United States of America.



Matters of note in this report:

Government requests related to app removals

Table 13 Worldwide Government App Store Takedown Requests - Legal Violations

Brazil - Request related to breach of copyright.

China mainland - Requests predominantly related to apps with illegal content.

India - Requests did not provide adequate information to identify apps related to financial services investigations.

Malaysia - Request related to app identified as a securities violation.

Pakistan - Request related to illegal app content investigation.

Russia - Requests related to illegal app content investigations, including breach of copyright.

South Korea - Requests related to apps with inaccurate ratings and app violating the Game Industry Promotion Act. Developer resolved inaccurate rating issue and submitted appeal to agency. Agency provided approval for app to be restored.

Table 14 Worldwide Government App Store Takedown Requests - Platform Policy Violations

China mainland - Request related to apps with pornographic content violating App Store Review Guidelines.

Pakistan - Request related to app violating privacy-related App Store Review Guidelines.

Russia - Request related to gambling app violating App Store Review Guidelines.