

# Anthropic Government Requests Report

Today, we're publishing the first of periodic reports about requests for user data by law enforcement and governmental entities in keeping with our commitment to transparency.

Our approach to government data requests is guided by three core principles:

- First, we carefully evaluate each request to ensure it complies with applicable laws. We challenge or reject requests that are overly broad, vague, or otherwise legally deficient.
- Second, we believe users have a right to know when their data is requested. We notify affected users about government requests for their information unless we believe we are legally prohibited from doing so, or in extraordinary situations such as emergencies involving imminent risk of serious harm.
- Third, wherever possible, we encourage government agencies to obtain relevant data without our intervention. We strongly believe that any government agency seeking access to customer data should address its request directly with that customer, where possible. For more information, see [here](#).

This report provides statistics about the number, type, and disposition of government requests we received, as well as information about our response process.

## Government requests

January - June 2024

Type of request	Number of requests	Number of accounts	Number of requests where data was provided
Content requests	0	0	0
Non-content requests	1	228	228
Emergency requests	0	0	0

“Content requests” consist of legal demands to produce content data, such as prompts submitted to our responses provided by Anthropic’s services. For example, under U.S. law, a search warrant may request a user’s content from Anthropic.

“Non-content requests” consist of legal demands to produce non-content data, such as information of an account user’s name, email address or other basic account information. Under U.S. law, these types of requests could include subpoenas or specific kinds of court orders.

In limited circumstances, user data may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies in response to “emergency requests,” where Anthropic believes that making such a disclosure is necessary to prevent an emergency involving danger of death or serious physical injury to a person.

## **U.S. National security requests**

In cases of national security, the U.S. government can use the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to request non-content and content information, and use National Security Letters (NSLs) to request limited information about a user's identity. Anthropic reports this information annually, subject to a one-year delay.

*For the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, Anthropic received 0-99 NSLs, orders, and directives, targeting 0-99 accounts.*