

# **Introduction**

Welcome to Reddit's first mid-year Transparency Report, which is focused specifically on legal requests received from global government agencies, law enforcement officials, and other third parties to remove content or disclose account information between January and June 2022. It also represents a stepping stone towards releasing more metrics on a more frequent basis.

Notably, volumes across all legal requests are trending up, with most request types on track to exceed volumes in 2021 by year's end. For example, copyright takedown requests received between Jan-Jun 2022 have already surpassed the total number of copyright takedowns from all of 2021.

Finally, we've also added new, more granular details to enhance our transparency about legal requests for account information: 1) data about our ability to notify users when their account information is subject to a legal request, and 2) a breakdown of U.S. government/law enforcement legal requests for account information by state.

Previous Transparency Reports are available [here](#).

## **Legal Removals**

This section covers legal removal requests received by Reddit from governments, law enforcement agencies, and private parties around the world during the reporting period of January 1 - June 30, 2022.

NOTE: A single legal removal request may identify several pieces of content (URLs). In this section we report both the number of requests and the total number of pieces of content identified in those requests.

### **Government/Law Enforcement Requests to Remove Content**

This section includes legal requests to remove content on Reddit made by government and law enforcement agencies (either via court order or some other type of request). Governments and law enforcement agencies may seek the removal of content for a variety of reasons, including alleged violations of local law. Reddit scrutinizes each request to determine its legal sufficiency, and may push back or deny the request entirely for any number of reasons, including that the request is overbroad or inconsistent with legal standards.

Process-wise, all reported content is first reviewed under Reddit's [Content Policy](#), and any violations are actioned by the appropriate internal team. When there are no underlying Content

Policy violations, but the content violates the local law(s) cited in the legal request, Reddit may restrict access to the content in the country where it is alleged to be illegal.

In the first half of 2022, we received 214 requests from government and law enforcement agencies to remove content on Reddit that allegedly violated local law(s) and/or Reddit’s Content Policy. Action was taken in whole or in part on ~94% of these requests, with the majority of the content being removed for violating Reddit’s Content Policy.

Chart 1: Government/Law Enforcement content removal requests by country

### Government/Law Enforcement content removal requests by country

Country	Requests	Content or communities identified in requests	Content or communities removed for Content Policy violations*	Content or communities restricted in requesting country	No action**	% of content or communities removed or restricted
Australia	35	96	92	0	4	96%
Belgium	4	17	17	0	0	100%
Brazil	1	1	1	0	0	100%
Canada	3	5	5	0	0	100%
Denmark	2	3	3	0	0	100%
France	14	29	29	0	0	100%
Germany	3	4	4	0	0	100%
India	33	99	76	13	10	90%
Malaysia	6	15	15	0	0	100%
Mexico	1	2	2	0	0	100%
New Zealand	2	4	4	0	0	100%
Norway	1	1	1	0	0	100%
Pakistan	1	2	2	0	0	100%
Philippines	10	16	16	0	0	100%
Russia	14	14	1	2	11	21%
South Korea	17	110	108	0	2	98%
Switzerland	1	1	1	0	0	100%
Turkey	12	12***	11	1	0	100%
United Kingdom	38	104	102	0	2	97%
United States	16	45	41	0	4	91%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>94%</b>

\*includes content already removed by the user, by mods, or by admins

\*\*reasons for no action include incomplete requests, duplicate requests, or requests where we asked for more information and the requester did not respond or follow-up

\*\*\*includes 11 pieces of U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization content

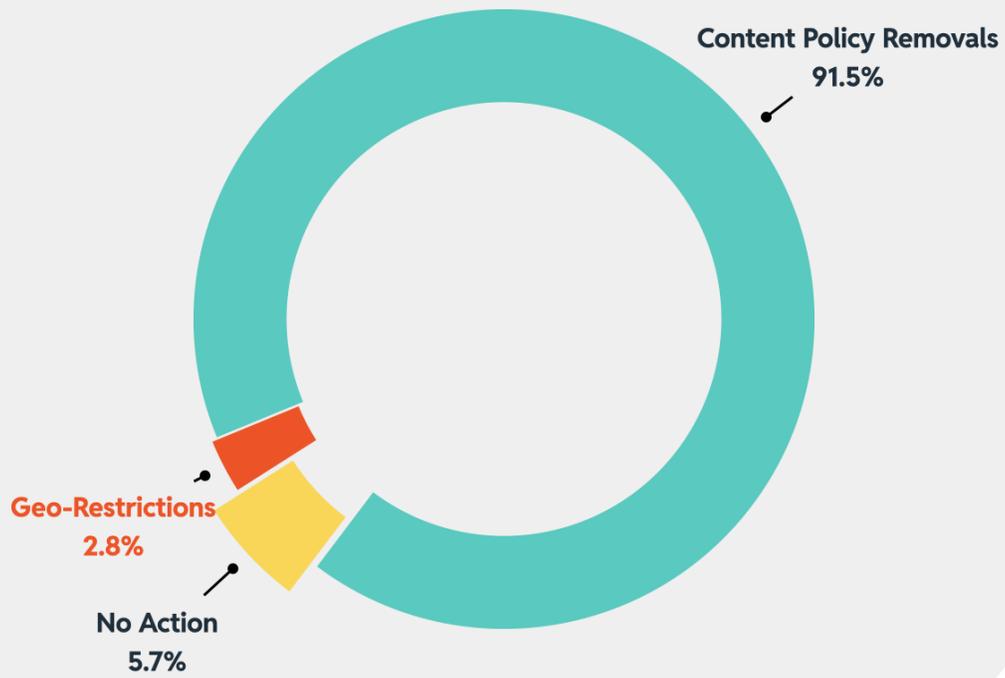
Chart 2 : Content Types & Communities removed or restricted in response to Government/Law Enforcement removal requests

### Content Types & Communities removed or restricted in response to Government/Law Enforcement removal requests

Type of content reported by Gov/LE	Content or communities removed for Content Policy violations	Content or communities restricted in requesting country
Post/Comment	380	1
Post/Comment + User	54	0
Post/Comment + Subreddit	50	5
Subreddit	16	8
User	15	0
User + Subreddit	12	2
User + Subreddit + Post/Comment	4	0
Grand Total	531	16

Chart 3: Reddit actions in response to Government/Law Enforcement removal requests

### Reddit actions in response to Government/Law Enforcement removal requests



## Examples of geo-restrictions

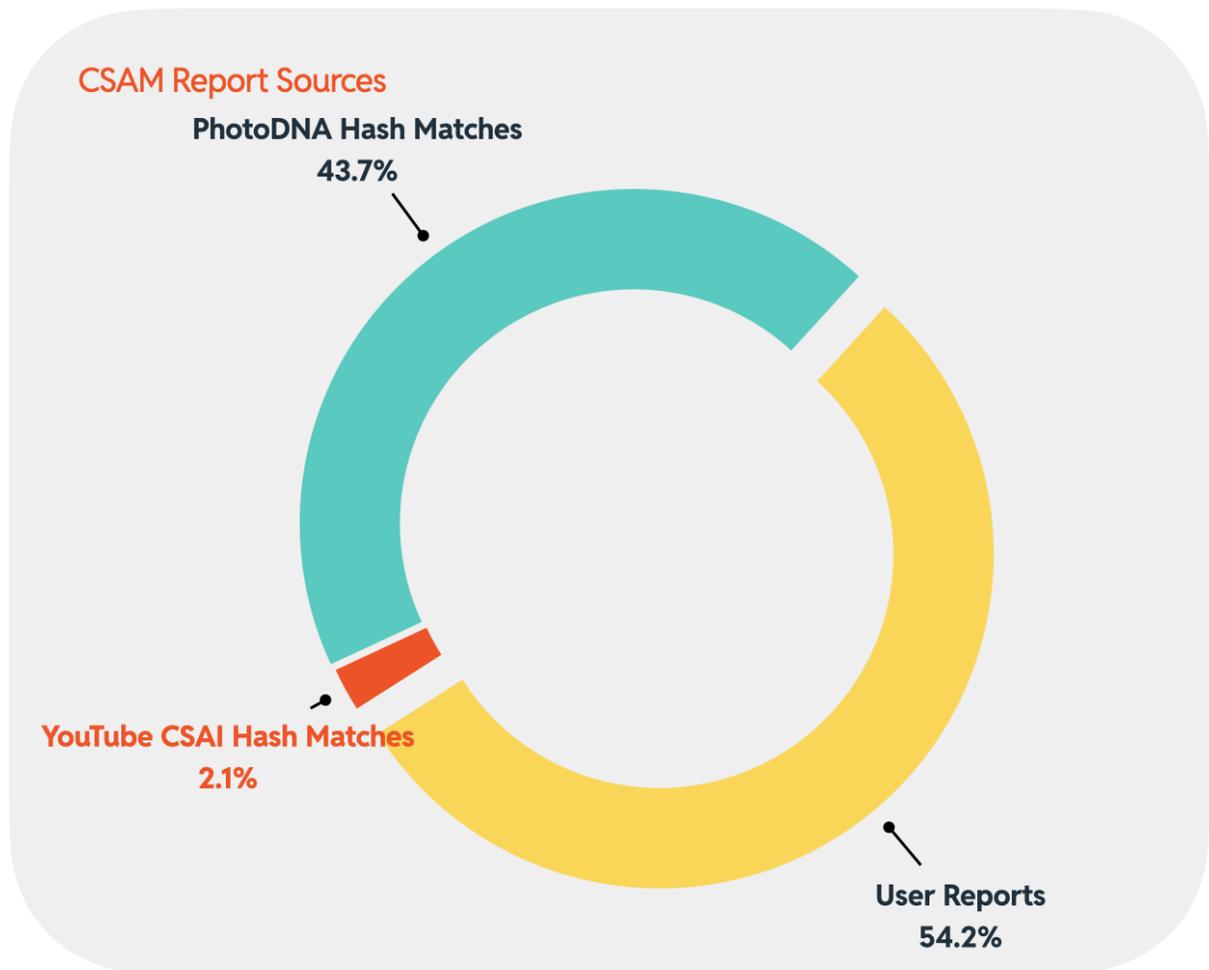
- India - In response to seven requests from law enforcement in India, Reddit restricted access to thirteen sexually explicit subreddits in India. Cited laws included section 91 of the Indian Criminal Procedure Code and 67A of the The Information Technology Act.
- Russia - In January, we restricted access to one subreddit and one post in Russia in response to two separate requests from Roskomnadzor relating to the alleged promotion of illegal drug use, contrary to Federal Law No. 149-FZ.
- Turkey - In response to an 8 Bildirim removal request from the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA), citing Article 8 of the Law No. 5651 dated 04/05/2007 on Regulation of Publications via Internet and Combating Crimes Committed by Means of Such Publications, Reddit restricted access in Turkey to one subreddit devoted to sexually explicit content.

## Child Sexual Abuse Material

We have zero tolerance for content or interactions that involve the sexual exploitation of minors. When we find child sexual abuse material (“CSAM”) on the platform, it is removed immediately and the offending user is permanently suspended from Reddit. We also take the steps required by U.S. law to report the relevant users/content to the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children \(NCMEC\)](#), and preserve relevant account data.

Reddit filed 12,349 CyberTipline reports to NCMEC between January and June of 2022.

Chart 4 : CSAM Report Sources



### Legal Requests Submitted by Private Parties to Remove Content

Reddit also receives legal requests from private parties to remove content. Examples include requests from lawyers/solicitors, businesses, private individuals, social organizations, and non-governmental organizations to remove content they believe is defamatory or otherwise violates private legal rights.

As described above, all content identified in these requests is first reviewed under Reddit's Content Policy, and content that violates our rules is removed. When there are no underlying Content Policy violations, but the content violates local law(s), Reddit may restrict access to the content in the country where it is alleged to be illegal.

In the first half of 2022, Reddit received 103 legal demands from private parties seeking the removal of content and citing local laws. Reddit removed content in response to 37% of these

requests, resulting in 97 pieces of content being removed for Content Policy violations and 1 piece of content being restricted in the requester’s country.

NOTE: This section does not include requests from users to remove/delete their own content under the EU General Data Protection Regulation, the California Consumer Privacy Act, or removal requests under Germany’s Network Enforcement Act (NetzDG; see below).

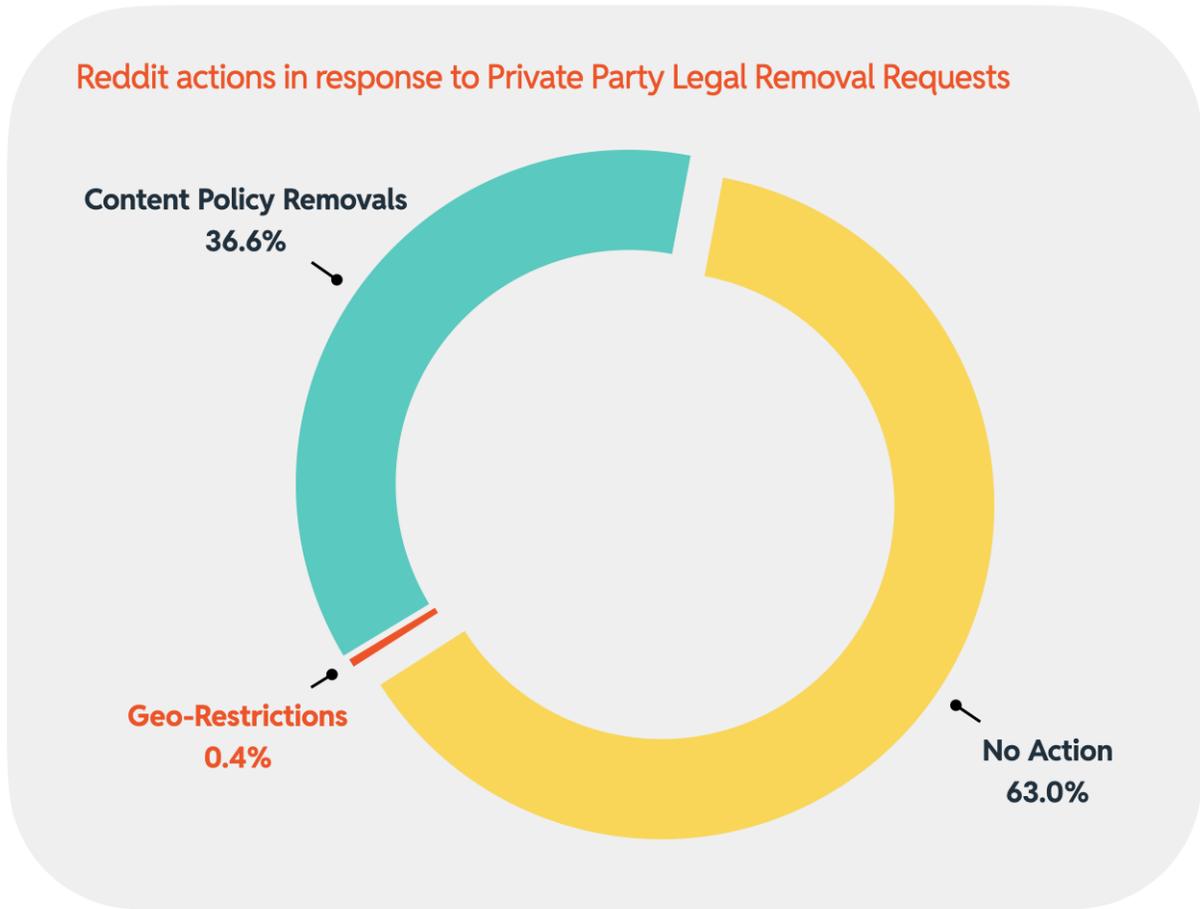
Chart 5 : Private Party Legal Removal Requests - per country breakdown

### Private Party Legal Removal Requests - per country breakdown

Country	Requests	Pieces of content or communities identified in requests	Pieces of content or communities removed for Content Policy violations	Pieces of content or communities restricted in requesting country	No action*	% of content or communities removed or restricted
Australia	5	13	11	1	1	92%
Austria	1	1	0	0	1	0%
Canada	9	50	14	0	36	28%
Curaçao	1	6	6	0	0	100%
Denmark	1	1	0	0	1	0%
Ecuador	1	5	0	0	5	0%
France	1	1	0	0	1	0%
Germany	11	15	9	0	6	60%
Hungary	2	2	2	0	0	100%
Italy	9	9	1	0	8	11%
Japan	3	5	5	0	0	100%
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	1	0%
New Zealand	13	35	34	0	1	97%
Pakistan	1	1	0	0	1	0%
Philippines	1	1	0	0	1	0%
Singapore	1	1	0	0	1	0%
Spain	2	3	0	0	3	0%
Turkey	6	32	3	0	29	9%
United Kingdom	8	29	4	0	25	14%
United States	26	54	8	0	46	15%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>37%</b>

\*reasons for no action include incomplete requests, duplicate requests, or requests where we asked for more information and the requester did not respond or follow-up

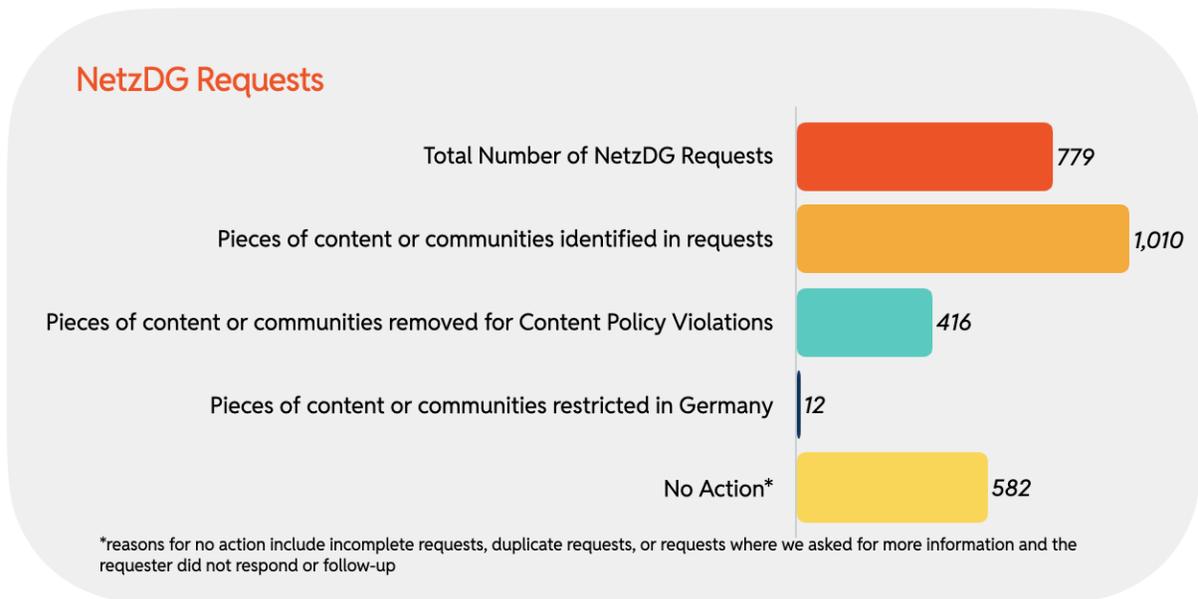
Chart 6: Reddit actions in response to Private Party Legal Removal Requests



## NetzDG

We also receive content removal requests from private parties under Germany's Network Enforcement Act (NetzDG). For completeness, we include the NetzDG removal request data for the first half of 2022 below. For a more in-depth look at these requests, please refer to our bi-annual NetzDG report [here](#) (under "More information about Reddit's handling of NetzDG reports").

Chart 7 : NetzDG Requests



## Copyright Notices

When Reddit receives a complete and valid copyright takedown notice, we remove the content the notice identifies as infringing. We accept and review notices from rights holders following a process consistent with the U.S. Digital Millennium Copyright Act. For more information, please visit our [Copyright Help Center](#).

This section provides data on the volume of content removed from Reddit in January 2022 - June 2022, in response to valid copyright notices, as well as data on the content we declined to remove in response to incomplete or invalid notices. We also include data on content we reinstated after the original poster submitted a valid copyright counter notice or the rightsholder retracted its copyright takedown notice.

From January to June of 2022, Reddit received 176,959 copyright notices reporting 738,010 pieces of content. We removed 564,730 pieces of content in response to these takedown notices.

Chart 8 : Copyright Notice Reports

**Copyright Notice Reports**

Year	Number of Notices	Content Reported	Content Removed	Content Actionability Rate
Mid-Year 2022	176959	738010	564730	76.5%

## User and Subreddit Bans

In accordance with our copyright policy, in appropriate circumstances, Reddit may permanently suspend users who are repeat infringers. This can also result in entire subreddits being removed in certain cases, such as when there is an excessive amount of infringing content in a subreddit.

From January to June 2022, Reddit permanently suspended 3,859 users and banned 1,543 subreddits for excessive copyright infringement.

## Incomplete or Invalid Copyright Notices

When Reddit receives an incomplete or invalid copyright notice, we reject the notice and decline to remove the content identified in the request.

A request may be incomplete or invalid for many reasons, including:

- Failing to include [all the necessary information](#) in the notice
- Confusing other issues for copyright infringement, such as privacy or harassment
- Targeting content that makes a “[fair use](#)” of the claimant’s work, as allowed by copyright law

For more information about copyright notices, please visit our [Copyright Help Center](#).

From January to June 2022, 173,280 pieces of content did not qualify for removal due to invalid, incomplete, or duplicate copyright notices.

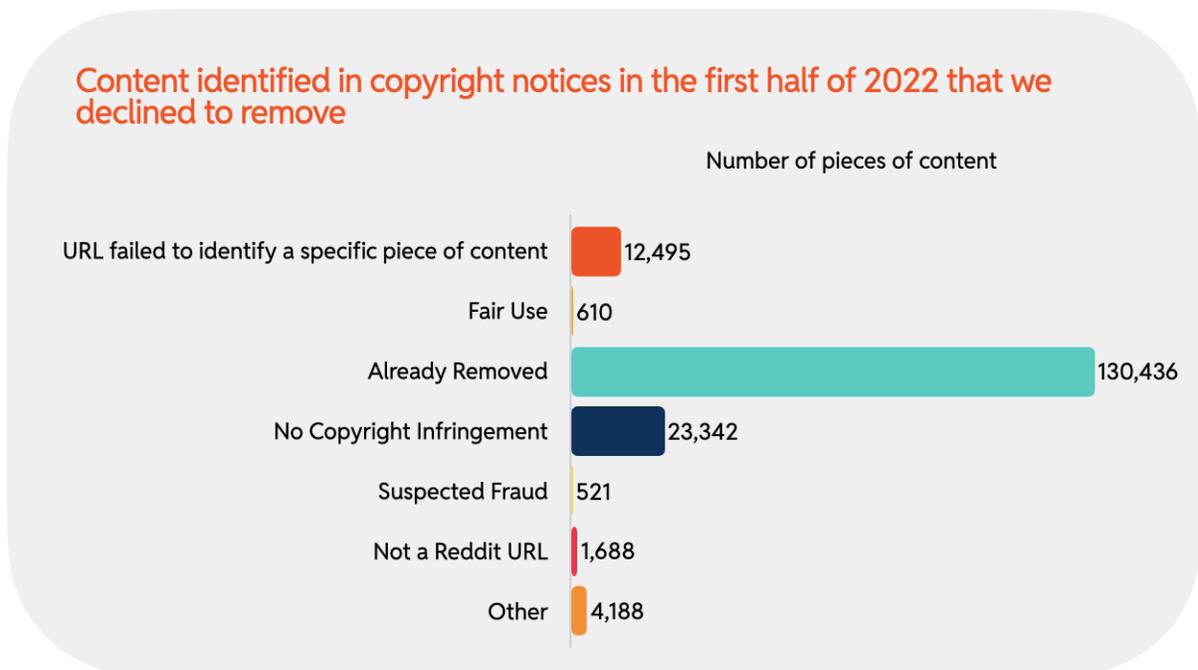
Examples:

- Not Subject to Copyright - A video game publisher requested removal of a Reddit post featuring the logo of a fictional company from the publisher’s game franchise. The logo consists of the name of the fictional company next to a simple geometric figure resembling the first letter of the fictional company’s name. Because the logo was too simple to meet the creativity requirement for protection under copyright law, we declined to remove the content.
- Unclear Description - A third-party agent submitted a copyright removal notice that identified the underlying copyrighted works only by reference to the homepage of a website that hosts content from a wide variety of content creators. In addition, the agent’s

notice only identified its client (the copyright owner) by an internal client number. Because the copyright notice did not sufficiently identify the copyright owner or describe the works allegedly infringed, we rejected the notice.

- Fair Use - A religious organization requested the removal of a video post that included a segment of one of the organization's livestreamed worship services. Because the creator of the Reddit post used only a limited portion of the livestream to make a critical point about the religious organization and its teachings reflected in the clip, we rejected the notice on the grounds of fair use.

Chart 9 : Content identified in copyright notices in the first half of 2022 that we declined to remove



## Counter Notices and Retractions

Reddit accepts and reviews appeals from Reddit users whose content has been removed in response to a copyright notice following a counter notice procedure consistent with the U.S. Digital Millennium Copyright Act. A valid counter notice results in the reinstatement of the removed content to Reddit. More information on counter notices can be found [here](#).

Reddit may also restore content that was removed as a result of a valid copyright takedown notice if the party who submitted the notice retracts their claim of copyright infringement.

Reddit complies with counter notices and retraction requests that are complete, and rejects those that are incomplete or invalid. From January - June 2022, Reddit received 567 counter notices and 31 retraction requests. 228 counter notices were found to be valid, resulting in the restoration of 1250 pieces of content to Reddit. Similarly, all retraction requests resulted in restoration of the associated content.

## Trademark Removals

When Reddit receives a complete and valid trademark infringement notice, we remove any content identified in the request that is determined to be trademark-infringing.

From January to June 2022, Reddit received 354 trademark infringement notices reporting 4,394 pieces of content, and removed 428 pieces of content for alleged trademark infringement. Reddit also permanently suspended 15 users and banned three subreddits for trademark infringement in the first half of 2022.

Example:

- We received a number of trademark notices from multiple companies about posts, users, and subreddits using the companies' registered trademarks to promote unauthorized NFTs, tokens, or cryptocurrencies. Where the reported content was found to be likely to cause consumer confusion as to the source or affiliation of the promoted tokens and cryptocurrencies, we removed the content for trademark infringement.

## Incomplete or Invalid Trademark Notices

When Reddit receives an incomplete or invalid trademark notice, we reject the notice and decline to remove the content identified in the request. From January to June 2022, 3,966 pieces of content did not qualify for removal due to incomplete or invalid trademark notices.

A request may be incomplete or invalid for many reasons, including:

- Failing to identify a valid, registered trademark
- Failing to include information sufficient to assess whether or not trademark infringement has occurred
- Reporting a use of a mark that does not constitute a trademark infringement
- Targeting content that makes a "fair use" of the claimant's trademark, as allowed by trademark law

Examples:

- We received a trademark notice sent on behalf of a company with a registered trademark matching its name. The notice requested removal of two posts that criticized the company's human resources department and business practices. The posts referred to the company by its (trademarked) name. The posts used the mark in a way that was unlikely to cause consumer confusion and would constitute fair use under trademark law, so we rejected the trademark request and declined to remove the content.
- Similarly, we received a trademark notice from a law firm on behalf of its client, a crypto services company with a registered trademark matching its name. The notice requested removal of several posts and one subreddit critical of the company's goods and services. The subreddit and one of the posts did not use the registered trademark, and were thus found to be non-infringing. The remaining posts used the trademark to provide commentary and criticism of the company in a manner that would constitute fair use

under trademark laws. We rejected the trademark request and declined to remove the content.

## **Information Requests**

Reddit receives a variety of requests for account information, including legal process (e.g. a subpoena or court order) related to law enforcement and government investigations, private party legal requests related to civil litigation and criminal defense, and user requests for their own data under applicable privacy regulations. This section covers the volume of global information requests received in the first half of 2022 and our rate of compliance.

### **Legal Requests for Account Information**

When required by law and in certain emergency situations, Reddit may disclose specific account information in response to valid requests from government and law enforcement agencies or private parties (e.g. civil litigants and criminal defendants). Reddit carefully reviews every information request for procedural validity and legal sufficiency, and objects when appropriate.

### **User Notice**

To promote due process and advance transparency, Reddit attempts to notify our users when their account data is subject to legal information requests before any disclosures are made, unless we are legally prohibited from doing so, or under certain other counterproductive circumstances (e.g. exigent emergency situations, child safety matters).

If Reddit is legally prohibited from providing advanced notice of an information request, Reddit will attempt to notify the user upon expiration of the legally required non-disclosure period.

For more information regarding user notice, please refer to the [Reddit Guidelines for Law Enforcement](#).

### **Government and Law Enforcement Agency Requests for Account Information**

Reddit receives requests for the disclosure of account information from government and law enforcement agencies on a regular basis. These requests are typically one of two varieties: routine disclosure requests or exigent emergency disclosure requests.

- Routine requests require the issuance of formal legal process, such as a subpoena or court order, which is then submitted to Reddit.
- Emergency disclosure requests involving threats of death or serious bodily harm do not require formal legal process due to their exigent nature, but must be submitted in accordance with applicable law (e.g. 18 USC § 2702(c)(4)).

### **Routine Government and Law Enforcement Agency Requests for Account Information**

Reddit carefully reviews each request for compliance with applicable laws. If we determine that a

request is not legally valid (e.g. missing legal requirements, or seeking information outside the scope of the issued legal process), Reddit will challenge or reject it. If we consider the request to be overbroad or unclear, we will ask the requesting entity to modify or refine the request.

Reddit received 570 routine (non-emergency) requests for account information from global government and law enforcement agencies between January and June of 2022, and disclosed account information in response to 341 of these requests (60%). Of these global requests, U.S. government and law enforcement agencies accounted for 393 requests (69% of global volume), and Reddit disclosed data (in whole or in part) in response to 311 of these U.S. requests (79% of U.S. requests, or 55% of global requests).

Reddit received information requests from 31 different countries during this period, and disclosed data (in whole or in part) in response to seven of those countries.

Chart 10: Global Government and Law Enforcement Agency routine request volumes and compliance rate

### Global Government and Law Enforcement Agency routine request volumes and compliance rate

Country	Number of Requests	Request Compliance* rate	Identifiers** Cited
Argentina	1	0%	3
Australia	6	0%	7
Austria	1	0%	4
Brazil	7	14%	21
Canada	10	70%	14
Denmark	1	0%	1
Finland	1	0%	1
France	12	17%	15
Germany	27	4%	36
Greece	2	0%	4
Hungary	1	0%	1
India	38	0%	114
Ireland	1	0%	1
Italy	1	0%	1
Malta	1	0%	1
Mexico	1	0%	2
Netherlands	1	0%	1
New Zealand	6	33%	12
Nigeria	1	0%	2
Norway	1	0%	2
Pakistan	1	0%	1
Philippines	1	0%	5
Poland	3	0%	5
Portugal	1	0%	1
Singapore	6	0%	8
Spain	6	0%	14
Sweden	3	0%	5
Switzerland	4	0%	6
Taiwan	1	0%	1
United Kingdom	31	55%	39
United States	393	79%	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>1328</b>

\*Compliance may refer to partial or full disclosure of the requested account data. If Reddit disclosed any data in response to a request, it is counted in the compliance rate. The compliance rate is calculated using the total number of requests rather than the total number of identifiers cited.

\*\*Legal requests must specify an identifier (Reddit usernames, email addresses, legal names, phone numbers, etc.) for which data is sought. In some cases, an identifier (such as an email address) may be connected to multiple usernames. Inclusion of an alternate identifier does not mean that Reddit is able to search by it.

## User Notice for Government and Law Enforcement Agency Requests

The following table outlines the number of users notified by Reddit in response to Government and Law Enforcement Agency Requests between January and June of 2022.

Chart 11 : User Notice for Government and Law Enforcement Agency Requests

### User Notice for Government and Law Enforcement Agency Requests

Notice Type	Number of Legal Requests	Number of Users Notified
Pre-production Notice	55	170
Post Production Notice*	23	49

\*Post-production notice occurs after the expiration of any legally required non-disclosure timeframe, and may apply to legal process received outside of the January-June 2022 reporting period.

## Routine U.S. Legal Process Types

The overwhelming majority of global requests to disclose account information originate from U.S. government and law enforcement authorities.

The type of legal process served by U.S. government and law enforcement agencies determines the type of data that Reddit is compelled to disclose. In general:

- U.S. subpoenas may compel disclosure of basic subscriber information (BSI): IP logs (including registration IP), the account holder's name (if any), and email address (if any).
- U.S. court orders may compel disclosure of BSI and other non-content records about the account, such as account preferences and communication header information (e.g. the to/from fields of a Private Message or the participant list for a chat discussion).
- U.S. search warrants may compel disclosure of BSI, other non-content records, and the content of communications (e.g. the actual words/media included in a post, comment, PM, or chat).
- U.S. pen register / trap and trace (PRTT) orders may compel the ongoing disclosure of IP logs and communication headers for a strictly defined and limited period of time. PRTT orders may not compel disclosure of the content of communications.

For more information regarding the types of data collected by Reddit, please refer to the [Reddit Guidelines for Law Enforcement](#).

Chart 12 : U.S. Government and Law Enforcement Agency routine disclosure requests by type of legal process

### U.S. Government and Law Enforcement Agency routine disclosure requests by type of legal process

Legal Process Type	Received	Request Compliance* Rate	Identifiers** Cited
U.S. Subpoenas	263	81%	655
U.S. Court Orders	21	86%	64
U.S. Search Warrants	108	71%	280
U.S. PRTT Orders	1	100%	1

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## United States Requests - State Breakdown

U.S. disclosure requests are issued pursuant either to federal or local/state law. From January to June of 2022, Reddit received the largest volume of requests from agencies located in California, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

The following table breaks down U.S. information requests for disclosure of Reddit account information by state, further categorized by federal or state legal process.

Chart 13 : U.S. State Requests

### U.S. State Requests

Originating U.S. State/Territory*	U.S. Federal Requests	State/Local Requests
Alabama	1	4
Alaska	1	0
Arizona	2	6
Arkansas	0	1
California	28	6
Colorado	1	1
Connecticut	2	0
Delaware	0	1
Florida	9	22
Georgia	3	15
Hawaii	1	0
Idaho	0	0
Illinois	5	4
Indiana	1	2
Iowa	0	4
Kansas	0	0
Kentucky	2	0
Louisiana	0	2
Maine	0	0
Maryland	22	4
Massachusetts	2	5
Michigan	8	10
Minnesota	3	5
Mississippi	0	0
Missouri	12	3
Montana	2	0
Nebraska	1	0
Nevada	0	2
New Hampshire	0	3
New Jersey	1	13
New Mexico	0	0
New York	21	6
North Carolina	5	5
North Dakota	0	0
Ohio	2	15
Oklahoma	0	3
Oregon	1	3
Pennsylvania	6	7
Puerto Rico	3	0
Rhode Island	2	0
South Carolina	3	0
South Dakota	1	3
Tennessee	1	1
Texas	8	19
Utah	0	1
Vermont	0	0
Virginia	16	9
Washington	3	1
Washington, D.C.	18	0
West Virginia	0	4
Wisconsin	1	5
Wyoming	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>195</b>

\*Compliance may refer to partial or full disclosure of the requested account data. If Reddit disclosed any data in response to a request, it is counted in the compliance rate. The compliance rate is calculated using the total number of requests rather than the total number of identifiers cited.

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## U.S. National Security Requests

We are prohibited from reporting exact numbers of National Security Letters or Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act orders received. The U.S. FREEDOM ACT of 2015 (50 U.S.C. § 1874) sets forth large bands of numbers that a company must use if it wants to report its receipt of national security legal process (and only by using even larger bands can we differentiate between receipt of NSLs and FISA orders).

We can share, however, that Reddit has never received any national security requests for bulk data.

These reporting rules may work for larger companies that receive large numbers of national security requests, but they do little for smaller companies like Reddit that receive few, if any, national security requests. As others have pointed out, these disclosure rules undermine the effectiveness of this transparency report and diminish the trust our communities place in us.

Chart 14 : U.S. National Security request volumes

### U.S. National Security request volumes

Time Period	Requests Received	Identifiers* Cited
2022 Midyear	0-249	0-249
2021	0-249	0-249
2020	0-249	0-249
2019	0-249	0-249
2018	n/a	n/a

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## Emergency Disclosure Requests

Emergency disclosure requests are law enforcement requests seeking disclosure of limited account information without legal process in emergency situations. Reddit may grant such requests if we have a good faith belief that disclosure is necessary to prevent imminent death or serious bodily harm to a person.

Reddit evaluates these requests on a case-by-case basis. We may request additional information for a variety of reasons, including to further contextualize the nature of the emergency, clarify overly-broad requests, or validate the identity of the law enforcement official that is seeking data. Requests that do not meet the emergency disclosure threshold may be denied and the requester may be directed to obtain legal process.

From January to June of 2022, Reddit received a total of 199 emergency disclosure requests worldwide, and disclosed limited account information in response to 96 (48%) of the requests received. Reddit received emergency disclosure requests from 18 different countries during this time period, and disclosed data (in whole or in part) in response to 13 of those countries.

Chart 15 : Emergency Disclosure Request volumes and compliance rate

### Emergency Disclosure Request volumes and compliance rate

Country	Emergency Disclosure Requests	Request Compliance* Rate	Identifiers** Cited
Australia	1	100%	1
Canada	15	40%	15
Denmark	1	100%	1
Finland	3	100%	3
France	2	50%	2
Germany	3	67%	3
Greece	3	67%	3
India	1	0%	1
Israel	1	100%	1
New Zealand	1	0%	1
Pakistan	2	0%	3
Poland	1	100%	1
Romania	1	0%	1
Singapore	4	50%	2
Spain	1	0%	1
Switzerland	1	100%	1
United Kingdom	1	100%	1
United States	157	47%	161
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>202</b>

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## Preservation Requests

Government entities also send legal requests directing Reddit to temporarily save certain account information. These requests are issued in anticipation of obtaining legal process (e.g. a subpoena, court order, or warrant) to ensure the account's existing data is not edited, altered, or destroyed in the meantime. Preservation requests can only demand retention of information already in the account when the request is received; a single preservation request cannot be used to compel Reddit to preserve new data on an ongoing basis, or capture data that is no longer contained in the account. A preservation request may result in information being retained beyond its standard retention period.

Independent of whether Reddit preserves data pursuant to a preservation request, Reddit will not disclose the preserved information to law enforcement unless and until Reddit receives valid legal process. After the requested preservation period lapses, Reddit purges the preserved data unless it receives a request to extend the preservation.

From January to June of 2022, Reddit received 388 preservation requests. Of these requests, 324 were from U.S. law enforcement and 64 were from international law enforcement.

Chart 16 : Preservation request volumes

### Preservation request volumes

Country	Number of Requests	Identifiers Cited*
Argentina	1	3
Australia	4	25
Belgium	1	7
Brazil	3	13
Canada	12	13
Denmark	4	6
Finland	1	1
Germany	4	23
India	8	27
Ireland	12	14
New Zealand	3	3
Philippines	1	4
Sweden	1	2
United Kingdom	9	11
United States	324	674

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## Private Party Requests for Account Information

While government and law enforcement agencies submit most of the requests for account information we receive, private parties also send Reddit legal process (e.g. subpoenas) for disclosure of information for use in civil litigation and criminal defense.

From January to June of 2022, Reddit received a total of 18 account information requests from private parties across the globe. Of those, Reddit provided account records for three requests (17%).

Reddit carefully reviews each request it receives for compliance with applicable law and regulations. If we determine that a request is invalid, overbroad, or in violation of applicable law (e.g. law regarding unmasking anonymous speakers), Reddit will object to or challenge the request.

Chart 17 : Private Party information request volumes and compliance rate

### Private Party information request volumes and compliance rate

Origin of Private Party Request	Private Party Request Count	Request Compliance* Rate	Identifiers** Cited
Canada	3	0%	22
France	1	0%	2
United States	14	21%	48

\*Compliance may refer to partial or full disclosure of the requested account data. If Reddit disclosed any data in response to a request, it is counted in the compliance rate.

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## User Notice for Private Party Requests

The following table outlines the number of users notified by Reddit in response to Private Party Requests between January and June of 2022.

Chart 18 : User Notice for Privacy Party Requests

### User Notice for Privacy Party Requests

Notice Type	Number of Legal Requests	Number of Users Notified
Pre-production Notice	3	4
Post Production Notice*	0	-

\*Post-production notice occurs after the expiration of any legally required non-disclosure timeframe, and may apply to legal process received outside of the January-June 2022 reporting period.

## User Access Requests

Reddit users can request a copy of the information Reddit has stored for their accounts (known as "access requests") and these requests may include EU General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") data subject access requests and California Consumer Privacy Act ("CCPA") consumer information requests. In the first half of 2022, Reddit received a total of 6,724 access requests.

For more information on this process, please refer to our [Privacy Policy](#).

# Appendix

Links to previous transparency reports ([HERE](#))

- 2021 Transparency Report ([LINK](#))
- 2020 Transparency Report ([LINK](#))
- 2019 Transparency Report ([LINK](#))
- 2018 Transparency Report ([LINK](#))
- 2017 Transparency Report ([LINK](#))
- 2016 Transparency Report ([HTML](#))
- 2015 Transparency Report ([HTML](#))
- 2014 Transparency Report ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#))

Links to previous security reports

- [Q2 2022](#)
- [Q1 2022](#)
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- [Q3 2021](#)
- [Q2 2021](#)
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Data available for download

- Mid-Year Transparency Report 2022 (PDF)

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