

YAHOO'S FISA CONTENT REQUESTS WENT UP 30% IN SECOND HALF OF LAST YEAR

Yahoo just released their transparency report for the first half of this year, which means they can report on the National Security requests from the last half of last year.

And that data shows a pretty alarming spike in FISA Content Requests.

The first half of the year showed their FISA content requests affected <40,000 accounts.

Type of Request	Number of Requests	Number of Accounts
FISA Requests for Disclosure of Content	0 - 999	30,000 - 30,999
FISA Requests for Disclosure of NCD	0 - 999	0 - 999
National Security Letters	0 - 999	0 - 999

The second half of the year showed their FISA content requests affected <51,000 accounts.

FISA Requests

The table below provides the number of FISA requests received and/or effective during the reporting period (in bands of 1,000 starting with 0 - 999) and the number of accounts that were specified in those requests (in bands of 1,000 starting with 0 - 999). As outlined in [this letter](#), this is the maximum amount of detail that the United States government will allow us to disclose regarding FISA request.

Type of Request	Number of Requests	Number of Accounts
FISA Requests for Disclosure of Content	0 - 999	51,000 - 51,999
FISA Requests for Disclosure of NCD	0 - 999	0 - 999

That's a 30% increase in accounts affected in just 6 months.

It's possible, of course, what we're seeing is a new kind of service being accessed by the government, which might by itself justify such a spike. Or it may be that the government is doing that much more spying.