



THE STATE OF FOIA



HOW SUCCESSFUL ARE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS?

Only **26.41** percent of FOIA requests are successful, meaning they get a response and result in new information being released to the public.

HOW EXPENSIVE IS FOIA?

Only **2.21** percent of FOIA requests have a fee, but the average fee is a shocking **\$5,203,963.59**.



Top Requests

While people are requesting records everywhere and from every agency, there are a few who have gotten more than their share of requests.

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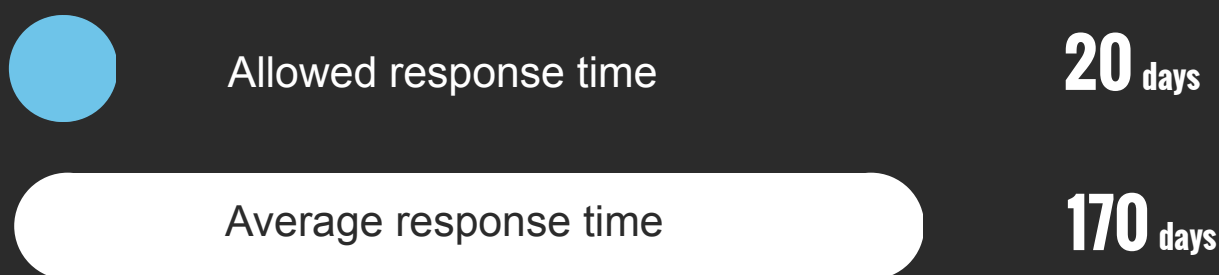
- Massachusetts (14,972)
- New York (7,318)
- California (4,877)
- Arkansas (4,432)
- Washington (3,722)

Agency

- FBI (46,484)
- Dept. of State (11,928)
- NSA (7,943)
- CIA (7,599)
- Customs & Border Protection (4,329)

How Long Is Too Long?

The allowed FOIA request response time is 20 days, but the actual response time is often much, much longer.



How Many Requests Are There?

There are currently more than 17,000 requests submitted through MuckRock. Of those, more than 3,600 have no responsive documents. And while more requests have been completed than are overdue, it's not by much.

