

**Snapchat Transparency Report July 1, 2020 - December 30, 2020** 



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# Introduction

Every day, Snapchatters around the world use our app to talk to their close friends and express themselves creatively. Our goal is to design products and build technology that nurtures and supports real friendships in a healthy, safe and fun environment. We are constantly working to improve the ways we do that — from our policies and <a href="Community Guidelines">Community Guidelines</a>, to our tools for preventing, detecting and enforcing against harmful content, to initiatives that help educate and empower our community.

We are committed to providing more transparency about the prevalence of content that violates our guidelines, how we enforce our policies, how we respond to law enforcement and government requests for information, and where we seek to provide more insight in the future. We publish transparency reports twice a year to provide insight into these efforts, and are also committed to making these reports more comprehensive and helpful to the many stakeholders who care deeply about online safety and transparency.

This report covers the second half of 2020 (July 1 - December 31). As with our previous reports, it shares data about our total violations globally during this period; the number of content reports we received and enforced against across specific categories of violations; how we supported and fulfilled requests from law enforcement and governments; and our enforcements broken down by country.

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve both our safety enforcement and our transparency reports themselves, this report also includes several new elements:

- The Violative View Rate (VVR) of content, which offers a better understanding of the proportion of all Snaps (or views) that contained content that violated our policies;
- Total content and account enforcements of false information globally —
  which was especially relevant during this time period, as the world
  continued to battle a global pandemic and efforts to undermine civic and
  democratic norms:
- Requests to support investigations into potential trademark violations.

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We are working on a number of improvements that will enhance our ability to provide more detailed data in future reports. That includes expanding on subcategories of violating data. For example, we currently report violations related to regulated goods, which includes illegal drugs and weapons. Moving forward, we plan to include each in its own subcategory.

As new online threats and behaviors emerge, we will continue to improve our tools and tactics for fighting them. We constantly evaluate the risks and how we can advance our technological capabilities to better protect our community. We regularly seek guidance from security and safety experts about the ways we can stay a step ahead of bad actors — and are grateful to our growing list of partners who give invaluable feedback and push us to be better.

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# **About Transparency Reporting**

Throughout this Transparency Report, we highlight how we enforce safety and privacy across our platform. Beyond simply reporting our data, here we provide additional context and insight into our safety principles and practices, as well as links to various safety and privacy resources.

### **History of Snap's Transparency Reporting**

Since 2015, we have produced Transparency Reports which provide important insight into the volume and nature of governmental requests for Snapchatters' account information and other legal notifications.

Since November 15, 2015, our policy has been to notify Snapchatters when we receive legal process seeking their account information, with exceptions for cases where we are legally prohibited from doing so, or when we believe there are exceptional circumstances (like child exploitation or an imminent risk of death or bodily injury).

In 2020, we enhanced our Transparency Report to provide insights into the volume and nature of accounts reported on Snapchat for violations of our Terms of Service or Community Guidelines. We also included country level breakdown, available for all countries in a downloadable CSV. In 2021, we expanded our categories to include false information, trademark notices and Violative View Rate.

For more information about our approach to safety and privacy, including how we prioritize wellness, keep the human element at the forefront of our decisions, review challenging content, process abuse reports and handle law enforcement data requests, please take a look at our <u>Safety Center</u>, <u>Law Enforcement Guide</u>, <u>Privacy Center</u>, and <u>Terms of Service</u>.



# **About Transparency Reporting**

#### **Approach to Safety Partnerships**

Snap is deeply committed to the privacy, safety and wellbeing of its community, and our teams, technologies, policies, and partnerships apply privacy and safety by design principles to keep Snapchatters safe and informed. Our Safety Advisory Board members also educate, challenge, raise issues, and advise Snap on how to keep the Snapchat community safe.

To learn more about our approach to safety partnerships, and general safety principles at Snap, please visit our <u>Safety Center</u>.



# Additional Safety and Privacy Resources

Snap is committed to developing an ecosystem of safety within our platform. Here are some additional resources that explain and inform our policies, actions, and perspectives on safety and transparency.

#### **Safety Center**

Given that Snap is a platform for 13+ users, we believe it is imperative to inform and engage all users on how to keep the platform safe. With numerous resources, such as our <u>Parent Guide</u> and <u>Community Guidelines</u>, we aim to equip users and their parents with the tools they need to communicate and understand how to be safe on Snapchat.

#### **Community Guidelines**

Our Community Guidelines form the foundation of our principles around safety and are intended to inform users on how to responsibly use Snapchat. We are constantly assessing our guidelines to ensure that we are proactive in keeping Snapchat a safe environment.

#### **In-App Reporting**

While we have safety teams and advanced AI operating 24/7 to keep Snapchat safe, we also rely on our users to report inappropriate behavior. To do so, we offer tools both in-app and online to report users and content that violate our policies.

#### **Here for You**

The well-being and safety of our users are paramount to us at Snap. To provide engaging and high-touch resources for our users, we have developed in-app tools like Here for You, which provides proactive in-app support to Snapchatters who may be experiencing a mental health or emotional crisis.



# Additional Safety and Privacy Resources

#### **Privacy Center**

At Snap, we make your privacy a priority. We know your trust is earned every time you use Snapchat, or any of our other products — that is why we treat your information differently than most other tech companies. Even though our products are constantly evolving, our privacy principles and commitment to privacy remain unchanged.

#### **Safety & Impact Blog**

Having launched in April 2021, our blog aims to serve as a helpful resource for anyone who wants to better understand how young people experience our product, or the many stakeholders and advocates who seek to better understand how we approach critical issues around safety and trust.



# Overview of Content and Account Violations

Our <u>Community Guidelines</u> prohibit harmful content, including misinformation; conspiracy theories that can cause harm; deceptive practices; illegal activities, including buying or selling illegal drugs, counterfeit goods, contraband or illegal weapons; hate speech, hate groups and terrorism; harassment and bullying; threats, violence and harm, including the glorification of self-harm; sexually explicit content; and child sexual exploitation.

Every day, more than five billion Snaps are created using our Snapchat camera on average. From July 1 - December 31, 2020, we enforced against 5,543,281 pieces of content globally that violated our guidelines.

Enforcement actions could include removing the offending content; terminating or limiting the visibility of the account in question; and referring the content to law enforcement. If an account is terminated for violating our Guidelines, the account holder is not permitted to create a new account or use Snapchat again.

During the reporting period, we saw a **Violative View Rate (VVR) of 0.08 percent**, which means that out of every 10,000 views of content on Snap, eight contained content that violated our guidelines.

We offer in-app reporting tools that allow Snapchatters to quickly and easily report content to our Trust and Safety teams, who investigate the report, and take appropriate action. Our teams work to take enforcement actions as quickly as possible and, in the vast majority of cases, take action within two hours of receiving an in-app report.

In addition to in-app reporting, we also offer online reporting options through our support site. Furthermore, our teams are constantly improving capabilities for proactively detecting violating and illegal content, such as child sexual abuse material, content that involves illegal drugs or weapons, or threats of violence. We outline specific details of our work to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse in this report.



# Overview of Content and Account Violations

As the charts below lay out, during the second half of 2020, we received the most in-app reports or requests for support about content that involved impersonation or sexually explicit content. We were able to significantly improve our time responding to reports of violations, in particular for regulated goods, which includes illegal drugs, counterfeit goods, and weapons; sexually explicit content; and harassment and bullying.

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
10,131,891	5,543,281	2,100,124

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	% of Total Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced	Turnaround Time**
Sexually Explicit Content	5,839,778	4,306,589	77.7%	1,316,484	0.01
Regulated Goods	523,390	427,272	7.7%	209,230	0.01
Threatening/ Violence/Harm	882,737	337,710	6.1%	232,705	0.49
Harassment and Bullying	723,784	238,997	4.3%	182,414	0.75
Spam	387,604	132,134	2.4%	75,421	0.21
Hate Speech	222,263	77,587	1.4%	61,912	0.66
Impersonation	1,552,335	22,992	0.4%	21,958	0.33

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries

\*\*Turnaround Time reflects the median time in hours to action on a user report.



#### **Combating the Spread of False Information**

We have always believed that when it comes to harmful content, it isn't enough just to think about policies and enforcement — platforms need to think about their fundamental architecture and product design. From the beginning, Snapchat was built differently than traditional social media platforms, to support our primary use case of talking with close friends — rather than an open newsfeed where anyone has the right to distribute anything to anyone without moderation.

As we explain in our introduction, our guidelines clearly prohibit the spread of false information that could cause harm, including misinformation that aims to undermine civic processes, like voter suppression, unsubstantiated medical claims, and conspiracy theories such as the denial of tragic events. Our guidelines apply consistently to all Snapchatters — we don't have special exceptions for politicians or public figures.

Across our app, Snapchat limits virality, which removes incentives for harmful and sensationalized content, and limits concerns associated with the spread of bad content. We don't have an open newsfeed, and don't give unvetted content an opportunity to 'go viral.' Our content platform, Discover, only features content from vetted media publishers and content creators.

In November of 2020, we launched our new entertainment platform, Spotlight, and proactively moderate content to make sure it complies with our guidelines before it can reach a large audience.

We have long taken a different approach to <u>political advertising</u> as well. As with all content on Snapchat, we prohibit false information and deceptive practices in our advertising. All political ads, including election-related ads, issue advocacy ads, and issue ads, must include a transparent "paid for" message that discloses the sponsoring organization. We use human review to fact check all political ads, and provide information about all ads that pass our review in our <u>Political Ads library</u>.



This approach isn't perfect, but it has helped us protect Snapchat from the dramatic increase in misinformation in recent years, a trend that has been especially relevant during a period when false information about COVID-19 and the U.S. 2020 presidential election consumed many platforms.

Globally during this period, Snapchat enforced against 5,841 pieces of content and accounts for violations of our false information guidelines. In future reports, we plan to provide more detailed breakdowns of false information violations.

Given the heightened concern about efforts to undermine voting access and the election results in the U.S. in the summer of 2020, we formed an internal Task Force that focused on assessing any potential risk or vectors for misuse of our platform, monitored all developments, and worked to ensure Snapchat was a source for factual news and information. These efforts included:

- Updating our community guidelines to add manipulating media for misleading purposes, such as deepfakes, to our categories of prohibited content:
- Working with our Discover editorial partners to make sure publishers didn't inadvertently amplify any misinformation through news coverage;
- Asking Snap Stars, whose content also appears on our Discover content platform to make sure they complied with our Community Guidelines and didn't unintentionally spread false information;
- Having clear enforcement outcomes for any violating content rather than labeling content, we simply removed it, immediately reducing the harm of it being shared more widely;
- Proactively analyzing entities and other sources of false information that could be used to distribute such information on Snapchat to assess risk and take preventative measures.



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have taken a similar approach to providing factual news and information, including through coverage provided by our Discover editorial partners, through PSAs and Q&A's with public health officials and medical experts, and through creative tools, such as Augmented Reality Lenses and filters, reminding Snapchatters of expert public health guidance.

**Total Content & Account Enforcements** 

5,841



#### **Combating Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse**

The exploitation of any member of our community, especially young people and minors, is illegal, unacceptable, and prohibited by our guidelines. Preventing, detecting, and eliminating abuse on our platform is a top priority for us, and we continuously evolve our capabilities for combating Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) and other types of exploitative content.

Our Trust and Safety teams use proactive detection tools, such as PhotoDNA technology, to identify known images of CSAM and report it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). When we proactively detect or identify instances of CSAM, we preserve these and report them to NCMEC, who will then review and coordinate with law enforcement.

In the second half of 2020, 2.99 percent of the total accounts we took enforcement action against globally for violations of our Community Guidelines contained CSAM. Of this, we proactively detected and took action on 73 percent of content. Overall, we deleted 47,550 accounts for CSAM violations, and in each case reported that content to NCMEC.

During this time period, we took a number of steps to further combat CSAM. We adopted Google's Child Sexual Abuse Imagery (CSAI) technology for videos, allowing us to identify videos of CSAM and report it to NCMEC. Combined with our PhotoDNA detection for known CSAM imagery and industry hash databases, we now can proactively detect and report to authorities known video and photo imagery. This enhanced capability has allowed us to become much more efficient in our detection — and thus our reporting of this criminal conduct.



In addition, we continued to expand our partnerships with industry experts and rolled out additional in-app features to help educate Snapchatters about the risks of contact with strangers and how to use in-app reporting to alert our Trust and Safety teams to any type of abuse. We continued to add partners to our trusted flagger program that provides vetted safety experts a confidential channel to report emergency escalations, such as an imminent threat to life or a case involving CSAM. We also work closely with these partners to provide safety education, wellness resources, and other reporting support so they can effectively support the Snapchat community.

Additionally, we serve on the Board of Directors for the <u>Technology Coalition</u>, a group of tech industry leaders who seek to prevent and eradicate online child sexual abuse exploitation and abuse, and are constantly working with other platforms and safety experts to explore additional solutions to strengthen our collective efforts in this space.

**Total Account Deletions** 

47,550



#### **Terrorist and Extremist Content**

At Snap, monitoring developments in this space and mitigating any potential vectors for abuse on our platform was a part of our U.S. election integrity task force work. Both our product architecture and the design of our Group Chat functionality limits the spread of harmful content and opportunities to organize. We offer Group Chats, but they are limited in size to several dozen members, are not recommended by algorithms, and are not discoverable on our platform if you are not a member of that Group.

During the second half of 2020, we removed eight accounts for violations of our prohibition of terrorism, hate speech, and extremist content.

**Total Account Deletions** 

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# **Region Overview**

This section gives an overview of the enforcement of our rules in individual countries. Our Community Guidelines apply to all content on Snapchat — and all Snapchatters — across the globe, regardless of location.

Information for all other countries is available for download via the attached CSV file.

Region	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Removed
North America	4,230,320	2,538,416	928,980
Europe	2,634,878	1,417,649	535,649
Rest of World	3,266,693	1,587,216	431,407
Total	10,131,891	5,543,281	1,896,015

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

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# Content and Accounts Violations by Country

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
163,690	79,181	45,997

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	74,178	51,067	25,377
Regulated Goods	13,323	10,882	6,652
Threatening/Violence/Harm	21,020	7,487	5,800
Harassment and Bullying	16,868	6,252	5,299
Spam	6,948	1,613	1,213
Hate Speech	3,789	1,408	1,199
Impersonation	27,564	472	457

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	770	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
35,888	14,475	8,420

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	14,986	9,112	4,686
Regulated Goods	2,534	1,877	1,066
Threatening/Violence/Harm	4,194	1,433	1,029
Harassment and Bullying	4,017	1,117	941
Hate Speech	1,406	537	426
Spam	1,488	290	168
Impersonation	7,263	109	104

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	126	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
52,089	25,379	10,888

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	27,673	19,725	6,762
Threatening/Violence/Harm	4,267	1,597	1,211
Regulated Goods	1,953	1,447	1,000
Harassment and Bullying	4,401	1,188	1,030
Spam	2,228	845	383
Hate Speech	1,000	347	275
Impersonation	10,567	230	227

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	323	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
56,971	47,899	10,373

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	50,214	46,429	9,495
Spam	1,060	660	256
Threatening/Violence/Harm	729	297	236
Regulated Goods	343	248	143
Harassment and Bullying	486	192	177
Hate Speech	107	40	34
Impersonation	4,032	33	32

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	185	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
187,493	93,275	52,095

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	87,732	61,242	29,184
Regulated Goods	13,012	11,125	6,599
Threatening/Violence/Harm	22,154	8,187	6,329
Harassment and Bullying	19,426	7,432	5,931
Spam	7,707	2,373	1,633
Hate Speech	5,871	2,306	1,862
Impersonation	31,591	610	557

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	766	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
37,553	22,277	9,190

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	24,283	18,983	6,775
Regulated Goods	1,234	1,045	598
Threatening/Violence/Harm	2,782	925	719
Harassment and Bullying	2,405	701	578
Spam	1,497	390	315
Hate Speech	369	153	127
Impersonation	4,983	80	78

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	178	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
50,325	22,737	11,612

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	20,606	12,285	5,432
Threatening/Violence/Harm	9,018	3,894	2,111
Regulated Goods	4,001	2,904	1,474
Harassment and Bullying	7,491	2,371	1,638
Hate Speech	1,862	856	595
Spam	1,942	322	264
Impersonation	5,405	105	98

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	262	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
619,470	305,941	123,228

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	299,362	215,303	69,450
Regulated Goods	37,133	30,255	15,446
Threatening/Violence/Harm	71,355	27,543	18,449
Harassment and Bullying	42,894	13,059	9,747
Spam	27,150	12,778	4,326
Hate Speech	15,770	5,325	4,192
Impersonation	125,806	1,678	1,618

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	1,910	1

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
218,663	103,659	41,382

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	126,766	87,952	30,545
Regulated Goods	7,670	4,301	2,987
Threatening/Violence/Harm	15,748	4,092	2,703
Harassment and Bullying	17,105	4,021	2,632
Spam	8,031	1,835	1,244
Hate Speech	3,747	972	792
Impersonation	39,596	486	479

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	782	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
220,753	66,768	27,527

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	96,384	52,326	18,869
Harassment and Bullying	17,155	4,868	1,719
Spam	18,884	4,216	2,125
Threatening/Violence/Harm	21,129	2,662	2,408
Regulated Goods	4,087	1,513	1,292
Impersonation	60,273	810	777
Hate Speech	2,841	373	337

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	590	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
366,156	193,729	31,351

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	221,323	148,832	22,291
Threatening/Violence/Harm	34,096	21,084	3,092
Regulated Goods	18,137	14,375	1,772
Spam	9,188	4,837	1,365
Harassment and Bullying	13,541	3,055	1,561
Impersonation	67,070	853	812
Hate Speech	2,801	693	458

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	969	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
47,400	19,787	12,793

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	16,700	10,527	6,218
Regulated Goods	3,423	2,785	1,591
Threatening/Violence/Harm	6,045	2,605	1,793
Harassment and Bullying	5,757	2,285	1,911
Hate Speech	1,622	742	603
Spam	2,450	585	428
Impersonation	11,403	258	249

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	219	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
17,639	12,183	7,256

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	13,179	11,384	6,615
Spam	565	349	280
Threatening/Violence/Harm	626	169	127
Harassment and Bullying	420	105	98
Regulated Goods	151	95	60
Impersonation	2,581	54	53
Hate Speech	117	27	23

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	65	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
27,271	15,036	7,127

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	15,538	12,432	5,530
Threatening/Violence/Harm	1,824	688	521
Regulated Goods	865	688	349
Spam	1,013	635	231
Harassment and Bullying	1,074	380	301
Impersonation	6,646	110	108
Hate Speech	311	103	87

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	116	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
112,355	59,381	24,227

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	65,492	49,215	16,670
Regulated Goods	3,455	2,720	1,892
Threatening/Violence/Harm	7,472	2,691	1,910
Harassment and Bullying	9,079	2,569	2,033
Spam	4,723	1,354	961
Hate Speech	1,537	459	400
Impersonation	20,597	373	361

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	755	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
18,431	8,275	4,552

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	9,159	6,149	2,787
Regulated Goods	966	696	505
Threatening/Violence/Harm	2,080	595	502
Harassment and Bullying	1,862	520	483
Spam	731	140	110
Hate Speech	341	122	112
Impersonation	3,292	53	53

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	127	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
79,711	46,814	9,149

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	56,228	41,797	5,823
Threatening/Violence/Harm	5,171	1,565	1,087
Harassment and Bullying	5,056	1,405	958
Regulated Goods	1,790	1,345	685
Hate Speech	858	285	221
Spam	2,486	277	239
Impersonation	8,122	140	136

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	223	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
80,872	37,787	17,468

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	47,462	33,363	14,156
Spam	5,958	1,223	718
Threatening/Violence/Harm	5,731	949	773
Regulated Goods	1,817	916	608
Harassment and Bullying	5,300	824	742
Hate Speech	1,406	304	275
Impersonation	13,198	208	196

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	361	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
1,573,034	752,663	192,355

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	1,048,220	706,641	158,062
Harassment and Bullying	102,126	15,485	10,475
Threatening/Violence/Harm	80,429	12,182	9,718
Spam	56,390	7,527	5,084
Regulated Goods	21,653	6,155	4,664
Impersonation	252,247	2,374	2,290
Hate Speech	11,969	2,299	2,062

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	9,167	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
24,424	16,995	8,327

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	18,467	15,395	7,360
Regulated Goods	634	499	175
Spam	854	479	355
Threatening/Violence/Harm	957	291	186
Harassment and Bullying	897	213	153
Hate Speech	264	74	56
Impersonation	2,351	44	42

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	55	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
74,081	29,433	14,265

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	33,710	20,476	8,265
Regulated Goods	3,498	2,801	1,379
Threatening/Violence/Harm	8,223	2,598	1,847
Harassment and Bullying	7,151	2,038	1,632
Hate Speech	1,545	603	473
Spam	3,263	596	358
Impersonation	16,691	321	311

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	467	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
99,836	41,126	16,407

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
Sexually Explicit Content	57,737	37,575	13,747
Threatening/Violence/Harm	4,918	1,099	650
Harassment and Bullying	4,719	871	738
Spam	3,894	721	585
Regulated Goods	979	416	271
Impersonation	26,696	263	258
Hate Speech	893	181	158

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	140	1

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
103,722	37,126	9,418

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced	
Sexually Explicit Content	66,210	33,709	7,179	
Threatening/Violence/Harm	8,817	1,235	805	
Harassment and Bullying	6,492	724	515	
Spam	5,158	618	365	
Regulated Goods	1,294	442	246	
Hate Speech	1,982	263	176	
Impersonation	13,769	135	132	

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	583	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
707,355	400,083	187,694

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced	
Sexually Explicit Content	334,500	252,965	97,965	
Regulated Goods	66,975	58,810	28,926	
Threatening/Violence/Harm	82,625	38,626	25,798	
Harassment and Bullying	62,660	26,796	20,441	
Spam	34,102	12,258	5,797	
Hate Speech	18,070	8,514	6,734	
Impersonation	108,423	2,114	2,033	

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	2,064	0

Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced
3,517,903	1,992,157	920,678

Reason	Content Reports*	Content Enforced	Unique Accounts Enforced	
Sexually Explicit Content	1,801,487	1,352,933	500,143	
Regulated Goods	274,551	238,228	115,186	
Threatening/Violence/Harm	395,019	168,940	126,528	
Harassment and Bullying	317,610	126,890	102,069	
Spam	121,438	49,118	30,931	
Hate Speech	132,159	48,179	38,290	
Impersonation	475,639	7,869	7,531	

<sup>\*</sup>The Content Reports reflect alleged violations via our in-app and support inquiries.

	CSAM	Terrorism
<b>Total Account Deletions</b>	9,730	0



## **Government Requests and DMCA Takedown Notices**



### Government Requests and DMCA Takedown Notices

A critical part of our work to make Snapchat safer is working with law enforcement and government agencies to fulfill requests for assistance in investigations. We also work to proactively escalate any content that could involve imminent threats to life, such as school shooting threats, bomb threats, missing persons cases, and other types of harm.

While content on Snapchat is ephemeral, we preserve and provide account information to government agencies in response to valid legal requests. Once we have received and established the validity of a legal request for Snapchat account records — which is important in verifying the request is being made by a legitimate law enforcement agency and not a bad actor — we respond in compliance with applicable law and privacy requirements.

The chart below details the types of requests we support from law enforcement and government agencies, including subpoenas and summons, court orders, search warrants and emergency disclosure requests.

## United States Criminal Legal Requests

Requests for User Information pursuant to U.S. legal process.

Category	Requests	Account Identifiters	Percentage of requests where some data was produced
Total	16,509	25,588	81%
Subpoena/Summons*	3,916	7,159	80%
PRTT	282	519	95%
Court Order	284	444	76%
Search Warrant	10,569	15,576	82%
EDR	1,432	1,837	71%
Wiretap Order	26	53	85%

<sup>\*</sup>Starting in this reporting period and moving forward, Snap will be combining subpoenas and summons into one category.

# International Government Information Requests

Requests for User Information from government entities outside the United States.

Country	Emergency Requests	Account Identifiers* for Emergency Requests	Percentage of emergency requests where some data was produced	Other Information Requests	Account Identifiers for other information requests	Percentage of other information requests where some data was produced
Total	1,352	1,723	72%	4,406	6,404	51%
Argentina	0	0	0%	1	1	0%
Australia	40	48	38%	124	221	7%
Austria	1	3	0%	32	47	0%
Belgium	1	1	100%	49	59	2%
Canada	329	432	80%	135	212	55%
Czech Republic	0	0	0%	2	2	0%
Denmark	1	1	0%	82	154	0%
Estonia	0	0	0%	2	2	0%
Finland	8	10	75%	19	28	0%
France	127	169	39%	782	1,113	58%
Germany	124	151	75%	304	414	0%

Greece	0	0	0%	1	1	0%
Hungary	0	0	0%	2	2	0%
India	11	13	36%	73	127	0%
Ireland	7	12	14%	20	26	0%
Israel	2	2	50%	3	3	0%
Italy	2	3	50%	7	9	0%
Jordan	1	1	0%	1	1	0%
Kosovo	0	0	0%	2	3	0%
Lithuania	0	0	0%	1	1	0%
Luxembourg	0	0	0%	2	2	0%
Maldives	0	0	0%	1	2	0%
Mexico	0	0	0%	3	3	0%
Netherlands	18	22	50%	10	15	40%
New Zealand	3	3	33%	7	13	0%
Norway	65	85	77%	68	176	0%
Pakistan	0	0	0%	3	3	0%
Poland	8	13	75%	28	91	0%
Portugal	0	0	0%	4	3	0%
Qatar	0	0	0%	1	1	0%
Romania	0	0	0%	2	3	0%
S. Korea	1	1	100%	0	0	0%
Saudi Arabia	2	4	0%	0	0	0%
Serbia	1	1	0%	0	0	0%

Singapore	0	0	0%	5	5	0%
Slovenia	0	0	0%	1	2	0%
Spain	0	0	0%	5	6	0%
Sweden	15	16	40%	133	243	2%
Switzerland	11	12	45%	25	74	0%
Turkey	0	0	0%	1	1	0%
United Arab Emirates	7	7	43%	1	1	0%
United Kingdom	567	713	80%	2,464	3,334	70%

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Account Identifiers" reflects the number of identifiers (e.g., username, email address, phone number, etc.) specified by law enforcement in legal process when requesting user information. Some legal process may include more than one identifier. In some instances, multiple identifiers may identify a single account. In instances where a single identifier is specified in multiple requests, each instance is included.

## United States National Security Requests

Requests for User Information pursuant to national security legal process.

**National Security** 

**Requests** 

Account Identifiers\*

NSLs and FISA Orders/Directives

0-249

1,250-1,499

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## Governmental Content Removal Requests

This category identifies demands by a government entity to remove content that would otherwise be permissible under our <u>Terms of Service</u> or <u>Community Guidelines</u>.

**Removal Requests** 

Percentage of requests where some content was removed

0

N/A

Note: Although we do not formally track when we remove content that violates our policies when a request has been made by a governmental entity, we believe it is an extremely rare occurrence. When we believe it is necessary to restrict content that is deemed unlawful in a particular country, but does not otherwise violate our policies, we seek to restrict access to it geographically when possible, rather than remove it globally.

## **Copyrighted Content Takedown Notices (DMCA)**

This category reflects any valid takedown notices we received under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

**DMCA Takedown Notices** 

Percentage of requests where some content was removed

166

39.15%

**DMCA Counter-Notices** 

Percentage of requests where some content was reinstated

0

N/A

### **Trademark Notices**

**Trademark Notices** 

Percentage of requests where some content was removed

**67** 

11%



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