



REPORTING FISA AND NSL STATISTICS TO CONGRESS

What are the reporting requirements for FISAs?

Response:

- DOJ submits **annual public reports** to Congress and to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC).
 - The reports are prepared annually in April, reporting statistics for the previous calendar year. The first (CY79) was completed in April 1980.
 - The reports have included the **total number of applications** for orders and extensions of orders approving electronic surveillance or physical search under FISA (50 U.S.C. §1801 *et seq.*). The reports also note whether the FISC modified or denied any requests for orders.
 - Beginning with CY05's statistics, as required by the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, in addition to the total applications and certain other statistics, the public reports include:
 - total number of applications under FISA for access to certain business records ("Sec. 215 orders"), and
 - total numbers of NSL requests concerning *different* U.S. persons.
- In addition to the public reports, DOJ provides **comprehensive semiannual classified reports to Congress**. The first was submitted in March 1980. (The USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 added certain other semiannual reporting requirements.)

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- These reports include:



- requests for certain business records for foreign intelligence purposes.



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