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5 U.S.C. § 574(j)	Dispute resolution communications	DOD (7); DOI (1); EPA (1); HHS (1); MSPB (1); NARA (18); OSC (2); Treasury (1); USDA (2)	34
5 U.S.C. § 1213(h)	Identities of employees, former employees, or applicants for employment who make certain disclosures pursuant to this section	OSC (4)	4
*5 U.S.C. §§ 7114(b)(4), 7132	Certain labor relations training and guidance materials	DOD (1)	1
Pub. L. 100-71	Drug test results of federal employees	DOT (2)	2
*5 U.S.C. app. 3 § 7(b)	Names of employees who provide information or complaints to the Inspector General	DHS (1); DOD (7); DOJ (1); DOT (1); FEC (1); HHS (31); OPM (3); State (10); USAID (2); USPS (2); VA (7)	66
5 U.S.C. app. § 105	Financial disclosure reports and applications to inspect financial disclosure reports	DOE (5); OGE (16); VA (1)	22
*5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 107(a)(2)	Confidential financial disclosure report pertaining to certain government employees	DOJ (1); EPA (12); HHS (5); OSTP (10); SEC (1); USPS (1)	30
6 U.S.C. § 121(d)	Intelligence sources and methods	DHS (92)	92
6 U.S.C. § 623(e)	Certain anti-terrorism information related to chemical facilities	DHS (7)	7
6 U.S.C. § 673(a)(1) (formerly at 6 U.S.C. § 133(a)(1))	Protection of voluntarily shared critical infrastructure information	DHS (10); State (11); USAID (3)	24
6 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(3)(B)	A cyber threat indicator or defensive measure shared with the federal government under the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015	DHS (1); DOJ (2); ED (1)	4
*7 U.S.C. § 12(a)(1)	"[D]ata and information that would separately disclose the business transactions or market positions of any person and trade secrets or names of customers," as well as certain other information concerning, or obtained in, the course of the Commission's investigation under the Commodity Exchange Act	CFTC (13); DHS (1)	14
7 U.S.C. § 26(h)(2)(A)	"[A]ny information, including information provided by a whistleblower to the Commission, which could reasonably be expected to reveal the identity of a whistleblower, . . . unless and until required to be disclosed to a defendant or respondent in connection with a public proceeding instituted by the Commission or any entity described in subparagraph (C)"	CFTC (7)	7
*7 U.S.C. § 136i-1(b)	"[D]ata, including the location from which the data was derived, that would directly or indirectly reveal the identity of individual producers [of certain pesticides]"	EPA (28)	28
*7 U.S.C. § 1502(c)(1)	Certain information furnished by a producer under the Federal Crop Insurance Act	State (2); USDA (4)	6
*7 U.S.C. § 2018(c)	Information obtained pursuant to chapter 51 of title 7 of the United States Code, which concerns the handling of information submitted by applicants to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	State (1); USDA (5)	6

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*7 U.S.C. § 2276(a)(2)	"[I]nformation furnished under a provision of law referred to in subsection (d) of this section . . . unless such information has been transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow the identification of the person who supplied particular information"	USDA (9)	9
7 U.S.C. § 8401(h)(1)(c)	Registration and transfer documentation for listed biological agents and toxins, and information derived therefrom	HHS (2)	2
*7 U.S.C. § 8791(b)(2)	"[I]nformation provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land concerning the agricultural operation, farming or conservation practices, or the land itself, in order to participate in programs of the Department" and certain "geospatial information . . . maintained by the Secretary about agricultural land or operations"	USDA (296)	296
*8 U.S.C. § 1202(f)	Certain records pertaining to the issuance or refusal of visas to enter the United States	DHS (37,556); DOJ (1); State (5,762)	43,319
8 U.S.C. § 1367(a)(2)	Information that relates to an alien who is the beneficiary of certain applications for relief under the Immigration and Nationality Act	DOJ (3)	3
10 U.S.C. § 128	Unclassified special nuclear weapons information	DOD (4); NARA (1)	5
*10 U.S.C. § 130(a)	Certain "technical data with military or space application in the possession of, or under the control of, the Department of Defense"	CIA (2); DOD (136); DOJ (2); NARA (1)	141
*10 U.S.C. § 130b	Personally identifiable information pertaining to "any member of the armed forces assigned to an overseas unit, a sensitive unit, or a routinely deployable unit" and "any employee of the Department of Defense or of the Coast Guard whose duty station is with any such unit"	DHS (1); DOD (1,066); DOJ (5); GSA (2); SIGAR (1); VA (1)	1,076
*10 U.S.C. § 130c	Certain "sensitive information of foreign governments" and certain international organizations	DOD (30); DOJ (1)	31
10 U.S.C. § 130d	Confidential information shared with State and local personnel	DOD (4)	4
10 U.S.C. § 130e	DOD Critical Infrastructure Security information	DOD (77); DOT (27)	104
*10 U.S.C. § 424	Organization or any function of, and certain information pertaining to, employees of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	CIA (8); CIGIE (1); DOD (299); DOJ (2); NARA (2); ONDCP (1); State (4)	317
10 U.S.C. § 455	Maps, charts, and geodetic data	DOD (16)	16
10 U.S.C. § 457	Operational files previously maintained by or concerning activities of the national photographic interpretation center	DOD (1)	1
10 U.S.C. § 613a(a)	Proceedings from selection and Special Selection Boards for Active Duty Officers and Warrant Officers	DOD (3)	3
*10 U.S.C. § 1102(f)	Medical quality assurance records created by or for the Department of Defense as part of a medical quality assurance program	DOD (19)	19

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10 U.S.C. §§ 1506(d), 1506(f)	Debriefing of a missing person returned to U.S. control from July 8, 1959, forward	DOD (1)	1
*10 U.S.C. § 3309 (formerly at 2305(g))	Certain contractor proposals	DHS (2); DOD (158); DOI (1); DOJ (1); GSA (1); NASA (6)	169
10 U.S.C. § 2485(h)	Limitations on release of Commissary Commercially Valuable Information	DOD (6)	6
*13 U.S.C. §§ 8(b), 9(a)	Certain census data	DOC (1); DOJ (1); FDIC (1)	3
15 U.S.C. § 18a(h)	Information submitted in connection with the premerger notification provisions of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976	DOJ (4); FTC (13)	17
*15 U.S.C. §§ 46(f), 57b-2(f)	"[A]ny trade secret or any commercial or financial information which is obtained from any person and which is privileged or confidential" and certain investigative materials received by the FTC and "provided pursuant to any compulsory process under this subchapter or which is provided voluntarily in place of such compulsory process"	FTC (115)	115
15 U.S.C. § 78m(h)(7)	Information and documents included in or filed with an application or registration statement, or annual reports filed, by issuers of security registered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78l.	SEC (1)	1
15 U.S.C. § 78q(h)(5)	Associated persons of broker-dealers, government securities brokers or dealers, or municipal securities dealers	SEC (1)	1
15 U.S.C. § 78u-6	Information that could identify a whistleblower	SEC (64)	64
15 U.S.C. § 78x(d)	Foreign securities authorities	SEC (12)	12
15 U.S.C. § 80b-4	Reports by investment adviser	SEC (1)	1
15 U.S.C. § 638(k)(4)	Information contained within a Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program evaluation databases	USDA (3)	3
*15 U.S.C. § 1314(g)	"Any documentary material, answers to written interrogatories, or transcripts of oral testimony" provided pursuant to certain civil investigative demands pertaining to antitrust investigations	DOJ (2)	2
*15 U.S.C. §§ 2055(a)(2), 2055(b)(1), 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(5)	Certain information reported to, or otherwise obtained by the Consumer Product Safety Commission which either contains or relates to a trade secret or is "subject to section 552(b)(4) of Title 5"	USCPSC (108)	108
15 U.S.C. 2055(e)(1)	Information submitted under statutory reporting requirement for certain consumer products involved in product liability actions	USCPSC (1)	1
15 U.S.C. § 2074(c)	Information that identifies persons or those treating injured persons, absent consent	USCPSC (67)	67

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*15 U.S.C. § 3710a(c)	"[T]rade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, under the meaning of section 552(b)(4) of Title 5, which is obtained in the conduct of research or as a result of activities under this chapter," which pertains to cooperative research and development agreements for the purpose of technological and industrial innovation	DOC (2); DOD (1)	3
*15 U.S.C. § 6801	Nonpublic personal information of customers of financial institutions	DOJ (1)	1
15 U.S.C. § 7215(b)(5)	Certain information prepared or received by or specifically for the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB)	SEC (2)	2
*15 U.S.C. § 7306(d)	"[A]ny information . . . receive[d] in the course of an investigation under this chapter if the Director finds that the disclosure of that information might jeopardize public safety"	DOC (3)	3
16 U.S.C. § 470aaa-8	Information concerning the nature and specific location of a paleontological resource	DOI (3)	3
*16 U.S.C. § 470hh	Information pertaining to the nature and location of certain archaeological resources	DHS (7); DOD (30); DOI (36); FERC (5); TVA (1); USDA (29)	108
16 U.S.C. § 470w-3	Information about the location, character, or ownership of a historic property	DOD (23)	23
16 U.S.C. § 824o-1(d)	Information pertaining to Critical Electric Infrastructure Security	USNRC (2)	2
16 U.S.C. § 1881a(b)(1)	Certain information submitted to the Secretary, a State fishery management agency, or a marine fisheries commission by any person in compliance with the requirements of this chapter	DOC (12)	12
16 U.S.C. § 4304(a)	Specific location of significant caves	DOI (3)	3
*18 U.S.C. § 208(d)(1)	Providing that "a copy of any determination granting an exemption under subsection (b)(1) or (b)(3) [from application of penalties for acts affecting personal financial interests determined to constitute bribery, graft, or conflicts of interest] shall be made available to the public," but exempting from this disclosure requirement "any information contained in the determination that would be exempt from disclosure under section 552 of title 5"	HUD (1); State (4)	5
*18 U.S.C. § 701	Likeness of any badge, identification card, or other insignia, of the design prescribed by the head of any department or agency of the United States for use by any officer or employee thereof, or any colorable imitation thereof	DOJ (1); Treasury (2)	3
*18 U.S.C. § 798	Certain classified information pertaining to the communication, intelligence, and cryptographic devices of the United States or any foreign government	DOD (629)	629
*18 U.S.C. §§ 2510, <i>et seq.</i>	Wiretap requests and the contents of any wire, oral, or electronic communication obtained through wiretaps	DHS (5); DOD (4); DOJ (61)	70

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*18 U.S.C. § 3123(d)	Certain court "order[s] authorizing or approving the installation and use of a pen register or a trap and trace device"; information pertaining to "the existence of the pen register or trap and trace device or the existence of the investigation"	DHS (1); DOJ (42)	43
*18 U.S.C. § 3509(d)	Certain records containing identifying information pertaining to children involved in criminal proceedings	DHS (2); DOD (272); DOJ (37); HHS (1); USPS (1)	313
*18 U.S.C. § 3521(b)(1)(g)	"[T]he identity or location of the person relocated or protected, or any other matter concerning the person or the program after weighing [various factors]," subject to certain exceptions	DOJ (12)	12
*18 U.S.C. § 5038(a)	Records of juvenile delinquency proceedings	DOD (1); DOJ (10)	11
*19 U.S.C. § 2155(g)	Certain information in connection with trade negotiations that is "submitted in confidence"	DOJ (1); State (2); USDA (5); USTR (4)	12
*20 U.S.C. § 1099c-1	Certain program review reports and institutional responses until the Department of Education issues a final program review determination	ED (5); State (1)	6
*21 U.S.C. § 331(j)	Certain information "concerning any method or process which as a trade secret is entitled to protection"	HHS (17)	17
21 U.S.C. § 350d(a)4	Food Registration Documents	HHS (12)	12
21 U.S.C. § 355	Any information or documentary material that may have been filed pursuant to a pharmaceutical agreement notification	FTC (3)	3
*21 U.S.C. § 387f(c)	Certain information reported to or obtained by the Secretary which is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 4 of the FOIA	State (1); Treasury (2)	3
21 U.S.C. § 1904(e)(3)	Information related to foreign narcotics traffickers	Treasury (2)	2
*22 U.S.C. §§ 1461, 1461-1a	Certain program information prepared by the United States Information Agency	State (5)	5
*22 U.S.C. § 2778(e)	Certain information pertaining to export license applications	DOD (8); NASA (19); State (2)	29
*22 U.S.C. § 3104(c)	Records and reports provided pursuant to subsection (b)(2) of the section of the statute which pertains to certain "surveys and studies" regarding international investment and trade	DOJ (1)	1
*25 U.S.C. § 1675()	Medical quality assurance records	HHS (4)	4
25 U.S.C. § 2103(c)	Information related to decisions to grant/disapprove minerals agreements for Indian tribes	DOI (4)	4
*26 U.S.C. §§ 6103, 6105	Certain tax return information, to include Taxpayer Identification Numbers of third parties, and certain tax convention information	DHS (193); DOD (3); DOE (10); DOI (2); DOJ (123); ED (1); EPA (2); GSA (2); HHS (81); MSPB (1); SBA (3); SSA (8); Treasury (1,599); VA (9)	2,037
*28 U.S.C. § 652(d)	"[C]onfidential dispute resolution communications"	DOD (2); DOJ (1); ED (1); HHS (1); FMC (1); State (1)	7
29 U.S.C. § 1310(c)	Any information or documentary material submitted to the [agency] pursuant to . . . section [1310 of title 29 of the United States Code]	PBGC (4)	4
29 U.S.C. § 1343(f)	Any information or documentary material submitted to the [agency] pursuant to . . . section [1343 of title 29 of the United States Code]	PBGC (2)	2
31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(2)	Records pertaining to civil actions for false claims against the United States Government	DOE (2); DOJ (1); GSA (6)	9

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*31 U.S.C. § 5319	Reports pertaining to monetary instruments transactions filed under subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 31 and records of those reports	DHS (65); DOJ (17); FHFA (1); Treasury (182)	265
34 U.S.C. § 10231 (formerly at 42 U.S.C. § 3789g)	Certain research and statistical data obtained pursuant to this section	DOJ (16)	16
*35 U.S.C. § 122	Applications for patents; certain information pertaining to applications for patents	DOC (7)	7
35 U.S.C. § 205	Information relating to government invention information	VA (1)	1
*38 U.S.C. § 5701	"All files, records, reports, and other papers and documents pertaining to any claim under any of the laws administered by the Secretary and the names and addresses of present or former members of the Armed Forces, and their dependents, in the possession of [VA]"	VA (1,716)	1,716
*38 U.S.C. § 5705	Records created by VA as part of its medical quality assurance program; certain other information pertaining to VA's medical quality assurance program	VA (43)	43
*38 U.S.C. § 7332	Records of patients being treated for certain conditions	VA (1,124)	1,124
38 U.S.C. § 7451	Information collected in VA nurse and other health-care personnel wage surveys	VA (2)	2
39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(1)	Records relating to names and addresses of postal customers	USPS (466)	466
*39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(2)	Commercial information which would not be disclosed under good business practice	CIGIE (1); USPS (462)	463
39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(3)	Information prepared for use in the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements under 39 U.S.C. Chapter 12 and minutes or notes kept during the negotiating sessions	USPS (6)	6
39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(4)	Information prepared for proceedings under 39 U.S.C. Chapter 36, relating to rates, classification, and service charges	USPS (2)	2
39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(5)	Reports and memoranda of consultants or independent contractors, except to the extent that they would be required to be disclosed if prepared within the Postal Service	USPS (5)	5
39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(6)	Investigatory files, whether or not considered closed, compiled for law enforcement purposes except to the extent available by law to a party other than the Postal Service	USPS (2)	2
39 U.S.C. § 412	Records containing lists of postal customers	USPS (20)	20
39 U.S.C. § 3016(d)	Documentary material provided pursuant to an administrative subpoena issued in an investigation conducted under 39 U.S.C. § 3005	HHS (1); State (3)	4
*41 U.S.C. § 2102 (amending 41 U.S.C. § 423(a)(1))	Contractor bid or proposal information; source selection information	CFPB (3); CNCS (1); DHS (9); DOD (25); DOE (3); DOI (4); DOJ (8); DOT (2); ED (14); GSA (4); HHS (2); NASA (8); SEC (4); USAID (1); USIBWC (2); VA (14)	104
*41 U.S.C. § 4702 (formerly at 41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)(1))	Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by reference into contracts	CFPB (1); DHS (31); DOC (1); DOD (4); DOE (2); DOI (19); DOJ (9); DOT (2); ED (2); GSA (9); HHS (38); HUD (2); NSF (17); OPM (2); PBGC (2); SSA (1); State (5); STB (1); Treasury (4); TVA (4); USDA (16); USNRC (2); USITC (3); VA (42)	219

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42 U.S.C. § 242m(d)	Identifiable information for certain research and statistical activities	HHS (13)	13
42 U.S.C. § 247d-6b(d)	Information identifying the location at which materials in the stockpile under subsection (a) of this section	HHS (2)	2
*42 U.S.C. § 262a(h)(1)	Certain categories of information relating to biological agents and toxins	HHS (18)	18
42 U.S.C. § 282(j)(6)	Information submitted for publication on clinicaltrials.gov that is not otherwise publicly available	HHS (67)	67
42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2	Confidentiality of patient records maintained in connection with substance abuse education, prevention, training, treatment, rehabilitation, or research	DOD (1)	1
42 U.S.C. § 299c-3(c)	Identifying information obtained in the course of health care improvement research and projects conducted under this subchapter	HHS (1)	1
*42 U.S.C. § 300aa12(d)(4)(A)	"Except as provided in subparagraph (B), information submitted to a special master or the court in a proceeding on a petition [for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program] . . . without the express written consent of the person who submitted the information"	DOJ (12); HHS (2)	14
*42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-5(b), 2000e-8(e)	Information pertaining to charges of unlawful employment practices; information obtained by the EEOC in investigating charges of unlawful employment practices	HUD (1); EEOC (379)	380
42 U.S.C. § 2000ff-6	Information pertaining to charges of unlawful employment discrimination practices	EEOC (363)	363
42 U.S.C. § 2000g-2b	Conciliation assistance data received by the Community	DOJ (3)	3
*42 U.S.C. §§ 2162, 2167, 2168(a)(1)	"Restricted Data" pertaining to atomic weapons and special nuclear material and certain safeguards information for nuclear material	DOD (10); DOE (11); NARA (4); USNRC (1)	26
42 USC § 3537a	Covered information during the grant selection process	HUD (1)	1
*42 U.S.C. § 3610(d)	Records pertaining to conciliation of disputes regarding allegations of unfair housing practices; information derived from housing discrimination investigations and any final investigative reports pertaining to such investigations	HUD (20)	20
42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7)(H)(iii)	Certain off-site consequence analysis information and any ranking of stationary sources derived from the information	EPA (2)	2
42 U.S.C. § 11137(b)(1)	National Practitioner Data Bank information	HHS (1)	1
42 U.S.C. § 12117	Americans with Disabilities Act charges, conciliation materials, required reports, and case file information	EEOC (454)	454
44 U.S.C. § 3501 note	Data or information acquired under a pledge of confidentiality for exclusively statistical purposes	FRB (4)	4
*45 U.S.C. § 362(d)	Information obtained by the Railroad Retirement Board that reveals, in any manner, an employee's identity	RRB (11)	11
46 U.S.C. § 40306	Agreement information and documents filed with the FMC (other than Agreements)	FMC (1)	1



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*49 U.S.C. § 114(r), (formerly at 49 U.S.C. § 114(s))	Information obtained or developed in carrying out security under the authority of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act or under chapter 449 of this title	DHS (21,690); DOT (261); Treasury (1)	21,952
*49 U.S.C. § 1114(c)	Certain "cockpit voice or video recorder recording[s] or transcript[s] of communications by and between flight crew members and ground stations pertaining to [] incident[s] investigated by the [National Transportation Safety] Board"	DHS (2); DOJ (1); NTSB (5)	8
49 U.S.C. § 1114(d)(1)	Certain surface vehicle recordings and transcripts related to an accident investigated by the Board	NTSB (2)	2
49 U.S.C. § 1114(f)	Any information relating to Board participation in foreign aircraft accidents, where the country conducting the investigation has not issued its report or two years have not elapsed from the date of the accident	DOT (2); NTSB (4)	6
49 U.S.C. § 1136(d)	Passenger lists	NTSB (2)	2
49 U.S.C. § 30305(c)	National Driver Registration information on certain individuals	DOT (3)	3
49 U.S.C. § 31143(b)	Identities of motor carrier safety complaints	DOT (662)	662
49 U.S.C. § 40110(e)	Contractor proposal not incorporated into the contract	DOT (3)	3
49 U.S.C. § 40115(a)	Information harmful to U.S. position in international aviation negotiations, or harmful to any U.S. international air carrier	DOT (5)	5
49 U.S.C. § 40123(a)	Aviation Safety Action Program voluntarily submitted information	DOT (19)	19
*50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1) (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 403-1(i)(1))	Intelligence sources and methods	CIA (1,630); DHS (95); DOD (820); DOJ (1,347); FHFA (2); NARA (2); ODNI (120)	4,016
*50 U.S.C. § 3507 (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 403g)	Intelligence sources and methods; certain information pertaining to Agency employees, specifically: "the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency"	CIA (1,631); CIGIE (1); DHS (1); DOD (162); DOJ (10); NARA (10); ODNI (271); ONDCP (1); State (2); Treasury (3)	2,092
*50 U.S.C. § 3605 (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 402 note)	Information pertaining to the functions or organization of NSA; certain information pertaining to NSA employees	DOD (938); DOJ (1); ONDCP (1); State (3)	943
50 U.S.C. § 4555(d) (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 2155(d))	Information obtained under the Defense Production Act of 1950 that the President deems confidential or the person furnishing such information requests confidential treatment of the information	DOC (1)	1
50 U.S.C. § 4565(c) (formerly at 50 U.S.C. app. § 2170(c))	Information or documentary material filed with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States	DHS (8)	8
*50 U.S.C. § 4820(h)(1) (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 4614(c)(1))	Information pertaining to license applications under the Export Administration Act	DOC (16); DOD (4)	20
*52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12)(A) (formerly at 2 U.S.C. § 437(a)(12)(A))	Any notification or investigation made under this section of the Federal Election Campaign Act pertaining to federal campaign funds	DHS (1); FEC (10); State (2)	13
*54 U.S.C. § 100707 (formerly at 16 U.S.C. § 5937)	Information pertaining to: "endangered, threatened, rare, or commercially valuable" NPS resources; "mineral or paleontological objects within units of the National Park System"; or "objects of cultural patrimony within units of the National Park System"	DOI (23)	23





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<b>Statute</b>	<b>Type of Information Protected by Statute</b>	<b>Agency (Agencies) and No. of Times Cited</b>	<b>Total No. of Citations in FY 2021</b>
54 U.S.C. § 307103 (formerly at 16 U.S.C. § 470w-3)	Information about the location, character, or ownership of a historic resource	DOC (1); DOD (13); DOI (7); NASA (1)	22
*Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e), enacted by Act of July 30, 1977, Pub. L. No. 95-78, §2, 91 Stat. 319	Certain records that would reveal some secret aspect pertaining to grand jury proceedings	DHS (41); DOI (1); DOJ (548); DOL (2); DOT (2); EPA (2); FHFA (1); HHS (1); HUD (1); SBA (1); Treasury (4); USPS (3)	607
Pub. L. No. 102-190, 105 Stat. 1290, 1480-81	Information concerning US personnel classified as POW/MIA during the Vietnam and Korean Conflicts (McCain Bill)	DOD (1)	1
*Pub. L. No. 108-447, 118 Stat. 2809, 2859-60; Pub. L. No. 110-161, 121 Stat. 1844, 1903-04; Pub. L. No. 112-55, 125 Stat. 552, 609-10	Certain firearms database information	DOJ (1)	1
Pub. L. No. 111-8, 123 Stat. 524	Information required to be maintained by Federal Firearms Licensees and information maintained in the ATF Firearms Tracing Systems	DOJ (102)	102
*Pub. L. No. 111-83, 123 Stat. 2142	Certain photographs related to the treatment of individuals engaged, captured, or detained after September 11, 2001.	DOD (2); State (1)	3
Treaty on Cooperation Between the United States of America and Japan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, U.S.-Jap., Aug. 5, 2003, S. TREATY DOC. 108-12 (2006)	Evidence obtained by way of a treaty with a confidentiality clause	DOJ (1)	1
*Treaty on Cooperation Between the United States of America and the United Mexican States for Mutual Legal Assistance, U.S.-Mex., Dec. 9, 1987, S. TREATY DOC. 100-13 (1991)	Evidence obtained by way of a treaty with a confidentiality clause	DOJ (1)	1

\* An asterisk indicates that this statute has been found to qualify under Exemption 3 of the FOIA by a federal court of law.

+ OIP has compiled this chart using information reported by agencies in their Annual FOIA Reports for Fiscal Year 2021. OIP consolidated information from those reports to provide an overall summary of the statutes used by agencies in connection with Exemption 3 of the FOIA, along with the number of times those statutes were used. In some instances, human error resulted in an agency including an outdated citation in their report; in such cases, OIP lists the agency's usage under the current citation. All agency Annual FOIA Reports are available on OIP's website under the "Reports" page. Additionally, data from all agency 2021 Annual FOIA Reports is available on FOIA.gov.



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<i>CIA</i>	Central Intelligence Agency
<i>CFPB</i>	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
<i>CFTC</i>	Commodity Futures Trading Commission
<i>CIGIE</i>	Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
<i>CNCS</i>	Corporation for National and Community Service
<i>USDA</i>	Dept. of Agriculture
<i>DOC</i>	Dept. of Commerce
<i>DOD</i>	Dept. of Defense
<i>ED</i>	Dept. of Education
<i>DOE</i>	Dept. of Energy
<i>HHS</i>	Dept. of Health and Human Services
<i>DHS</i>	Dept. of Homeland Security
<i>HUD</i>	Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
<i>DOJ</i>	Dept. of Justice
<i>DOL</i>	Dept. of Labor
<i>State</i>	Dept. of State
<i>DOI</i>	Dept. of the Interior
<i>Treasury</i>	Dept. of the Treasury
<i>DOT</i>	Dept. of Transportation
<i>VA</i>	Dept. of Veterans Affairs
<i>EPA</i>	Environmental Protection Agency
<i>EEOC</i>	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
<i>FDIC</i>	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
<i>FEC</i>	Federal Election Commission
<i>FERC</i>	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
<i>FHFA</i>	Federal Housing Finance Agency
<i>FMC</i>	Federal Maritime Commission
<i>FRB</i>	Federal Reserve Board
<i>FTC</i>	Federal Trade Commission
<i>GSA</i>	General Services Administration



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<i>NASA</i>	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
<i>NARA</i>	National Archives and Records Administration
<i>NSF</i>	National Science Foundation
<i>NTSB</i>	National Transportation Safety Board
<i>OGE</i>	Office of Government Ethics
<i>OPM</i>	Office of Personnel Management
<i>ODNI</i>	Office of the Director of National Intelligence
<i>ONDCP</i>	Office of National Drug Control Policy
<i>OSC</i>	Office of Special Counsel
<i>OSTP</i>	Office of Science and Technology Policy
<i>PBGC</i>	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
<i>RRB</i>	Railroad Retirement Board
<i>SBA</i>	Small Business Administration
<i>SEC</i>	Securities and Exchange Commission
<i>SSA</i>	Social Security Administration
<i>SIGAR</i>	Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
<i>STB</i>	Surface Transportation Board
<i>TVA</i>	Tennessee Valley Authority
<i>USAID</i>	U.S. Agency for International Development
<i>USCPSC</i>	U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
<i>USIBWC</i>	U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission
<i>USITC</i>	U.S. International Trade Commission
<i>USNRC</i>	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
<i>USPS</i>	U.S. Postal Service
<i>USTR</i>	U.S. Trade Representative