

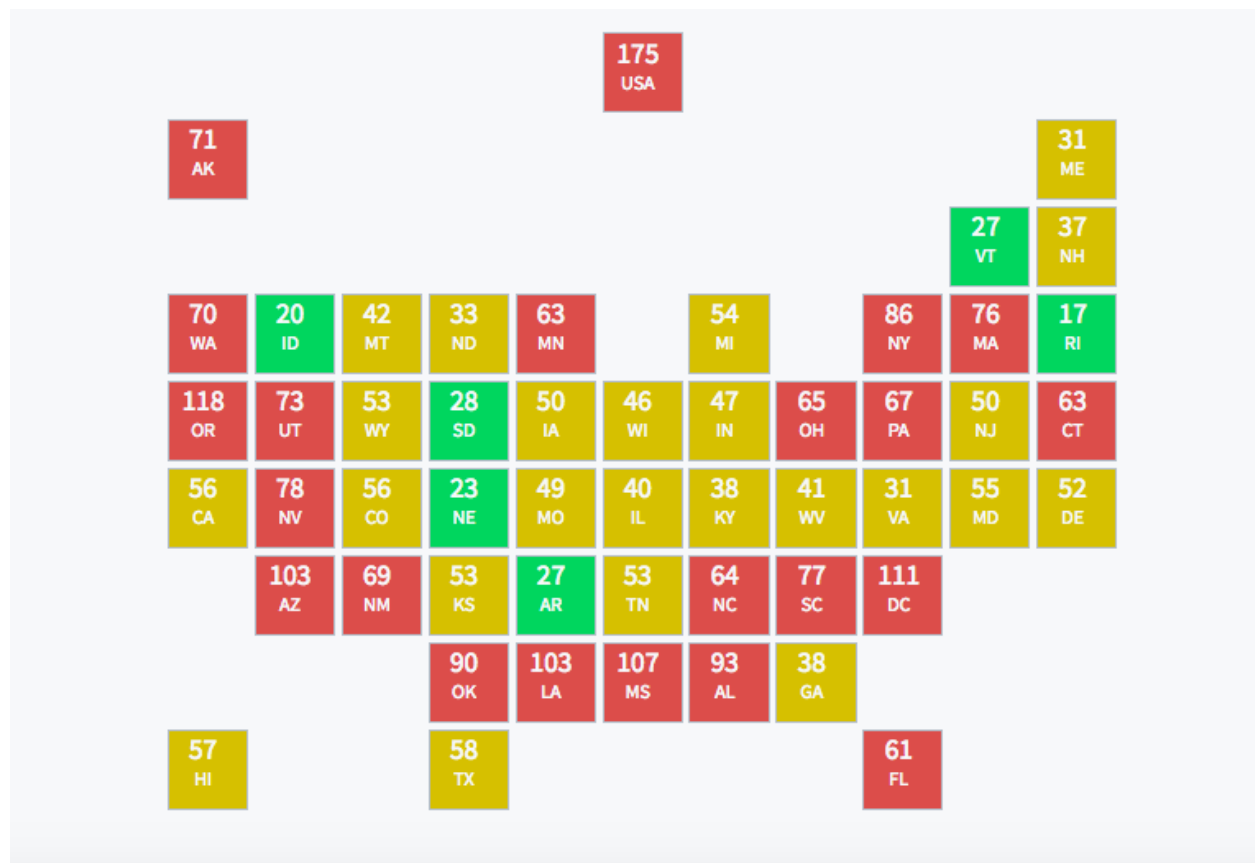
How does your state's public records law measure up?

MuckRock's interactive database provides general overviews of state public records law

For more than 50 years, the [Freedom of Information Act](#) has been the governing federal law that mandates what records and federal agencies are subject to transparency. Although the law of the land, the act permits each state to hold its own set of public records laws.

There are 50 state records laws, all with different statutes, exemptions, and limitations that dictate what you can get from your state and local agencies. With the rules to access differing across the board, MuckRock provides an easy way to keep track of them all through our interactive database.

At a glance, our [MuckRock place page](#) gives a quick overview of each state's average response time, state's that block out-of-state requesters, as well as state exemptions and government branches exempt from records law, per each state.



If you are looking for more information on a state's records law, you can click any of the 50 states on our map to access our [state-by-state guides](#). Our state guides gives readers an in-depth overview of each state's records law, notable attributes of the law, and supplemental knowledge on appeal processes and statistics.

You too can be a part of our database by helping us expand our appeal and exemptions page. We're looking for winning appeal language and commonly cited state exemptions to help other requesters file successful appeals and navigate state exemptions. You can [send us your winning appeals and exemptions](#) through our assignment page. Your insights will help hundreds of requesters unlock records across the nation.