

POLICE DEPARTMENTS
 collect "tips & leads" data or "suspicious activity reports" (SARs), often without reasonable suspicion of criminal activity

Staying at bus/train stops for extended periods while buses/trains come and go

Ordering food at restaurants and leaving before the food arrives; ordering food and not eating

Intrusive questions posed by strangers about personal info or info about government duties and responsibilities

Sitting in a parked car for extended periods of time

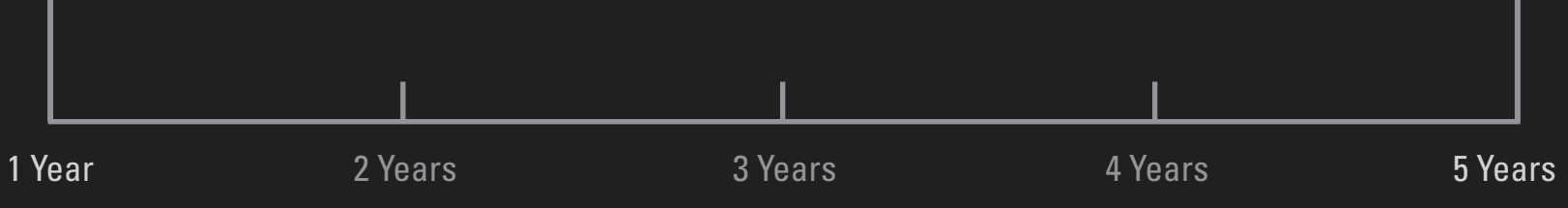
Unknown individuals attempting to obtain info from government personnel or their families in conversation

People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else

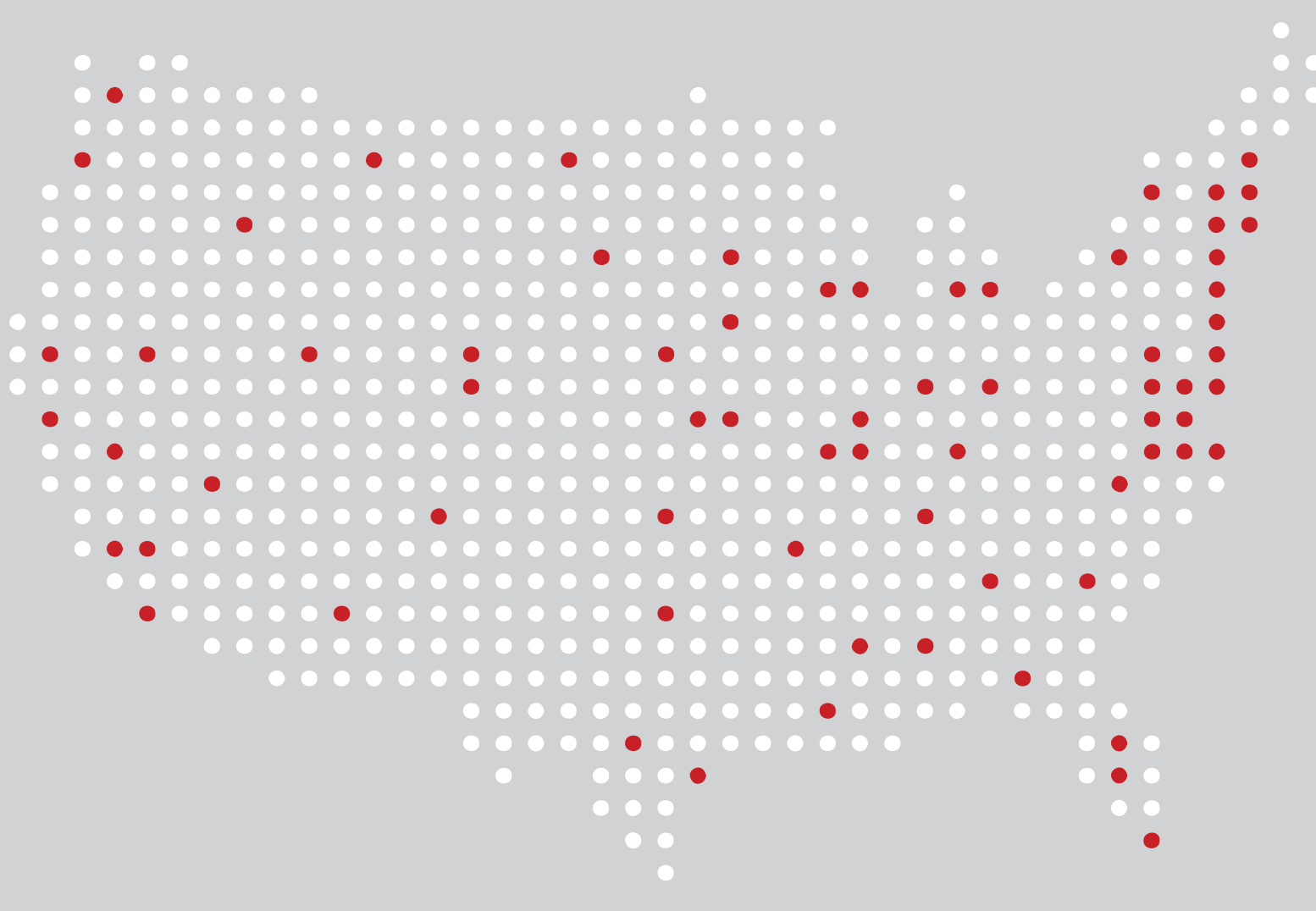
Police send the report to a regional or state-level "fusion center," which analyzes and stores the information.

Information that does not meet the reasonable suspicion requirement is usually kept for up to 1 year.

All other information is usually kept for at least 5 years.



The fusion center shares the report nationally using a "Shared Space" on the Information Sharing Environment (ISE), through the FBI's "eGuardian" platform, or both. Reasonable suspicion of criminal activity is not required.



ISE

Fusion centers share suspicious activity reports if they determine there is a "potential nexus to terrorism."

Fusion centers follow their own rules for keeping data on the ISE (typically one year for reports that do not meet the reasonable suspicion requirement and at least five years for all other data).

eGuardian

Reports with no nexus to terrorism are kept for 180 days; all others are kept for five years.

All reports shared with eGuardian are also automatically copied into the FBI's classified "Guardian" network, which keeps everything for at least five years.

All reports "deleted" from eGuardian or Guardian are kept for another 30 years in the FBI's case management system.

Reports contained in these databases are widely accessible to other government agencies, and may be disseminated to foreign entities and private companies under certain circumstances.

