

# 7 Free OSINT Tools to Reverse Trace a Phone Number

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# Introduction

If you have a phone number which is an item for investigation, here are 7 free open source intelligence (OSINT) tools to help.

## 1 — Search Engines



The first way to enumerate a number is to search on one of the many search engines at your disposal. Type in the phone number to bring back different results. The key to using general search engines is to try every type of variant. This can be an arduous process with the classic no results screen popping up multiple times. However, like in any OSINT investigation, persistence is key, and remember to keep

notes so you don't double the work. Below are some examples of formats for the US and UK that should keep in mind

#### US Formats:

- 2124567890
- 212-456-7890
- (212)456-7890
- (212)-456-7890
- 212.456.7890
- 212 456 7890
- +12124567890
- +12124567890
- +1 212.456.7890
- +212-456-7890
- 1-212-456-7890

#### UK Formats:

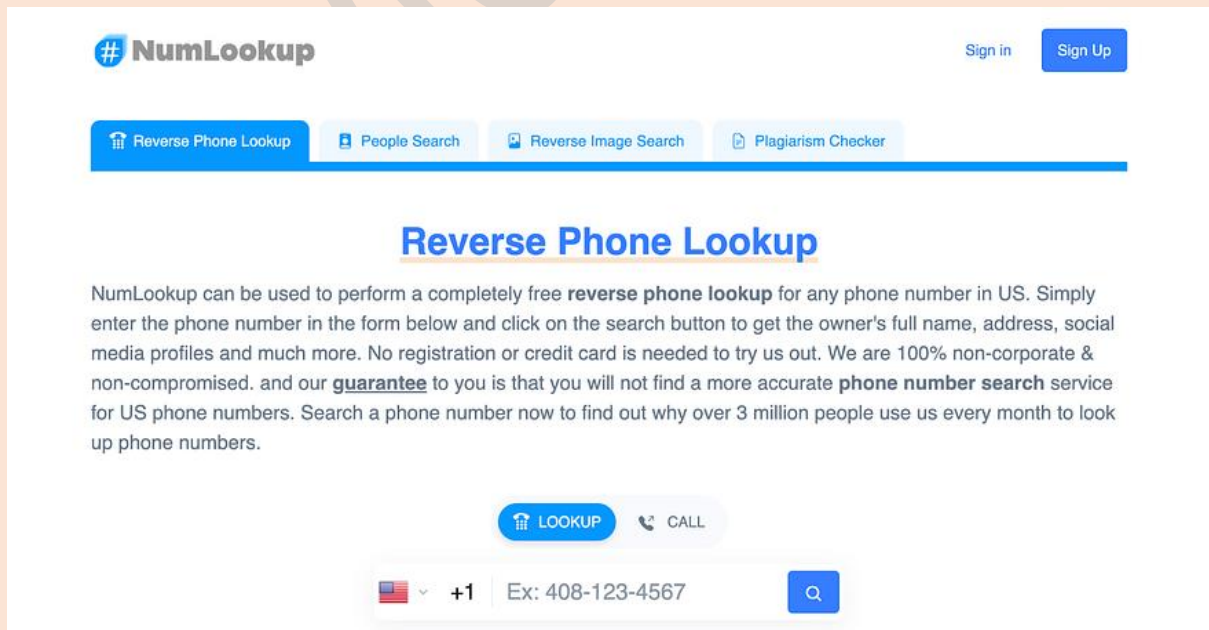
- 02071234567
- 020 7123 4567
- 020-7123-4567

- (+44)02071234567
- (+44)020 7123 4567
- +4420 7123 4567
- 004420 7123 4567
- +44 (0) 20 7123 4567
- +44(0)2071234567

Sometimes, companies include further information that's attached to a phone number. You might be able to obtain a name, email address, and address if you're lucky.

## 2 — NumLookup

Link: [www.numlookup.com](http://www.numlookup.com)



The screenshot shows the NumLookup website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the NumLookup logo, a 'Sign in' link, and a 'Sign Up' button. Below the navigation bar is a menu with four options: 'Reverse Phone Lookup' (highlighted), 'People Search', 'Reverse Image Search', and 'Plagiarism Checker'. The main heading is 'Reverse Phone Lookup'. The text below explains that NumLookup can be used to perform a completely free reverse phone lookup for any phone number in US. It mentions that users can get the owner's full name, address, social media profiles, and much more. It also states that no registration or credit card is needed to try it out, and it's 100% non-corporate & non-compromised. A 'guarantee' is mentioned, stating that users will not find a more accurate phone number search service for US phone numbers. It encourages users to search a phone number now to find out why over 3 million people use it every month to look up phone numbers. At the bottom, there's a search bar with a dropdown menu for country codes (showing '+1' for the US), a text input field with 'Ex: 408-123-4567', and a 'LOOKUP' button. There's also a 'CALL' button with a phone icon.

After exhausting search engines you can move on to specific phone number search engines like NumLookup. Simply, search a number and the tool will bring back data such as owner's name, address, social media profiles and more. No account is required although there are some results which will require a login to access. The site claims to be the number 1 phone search tool for US numbers, but they also provide searches

for Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, India, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

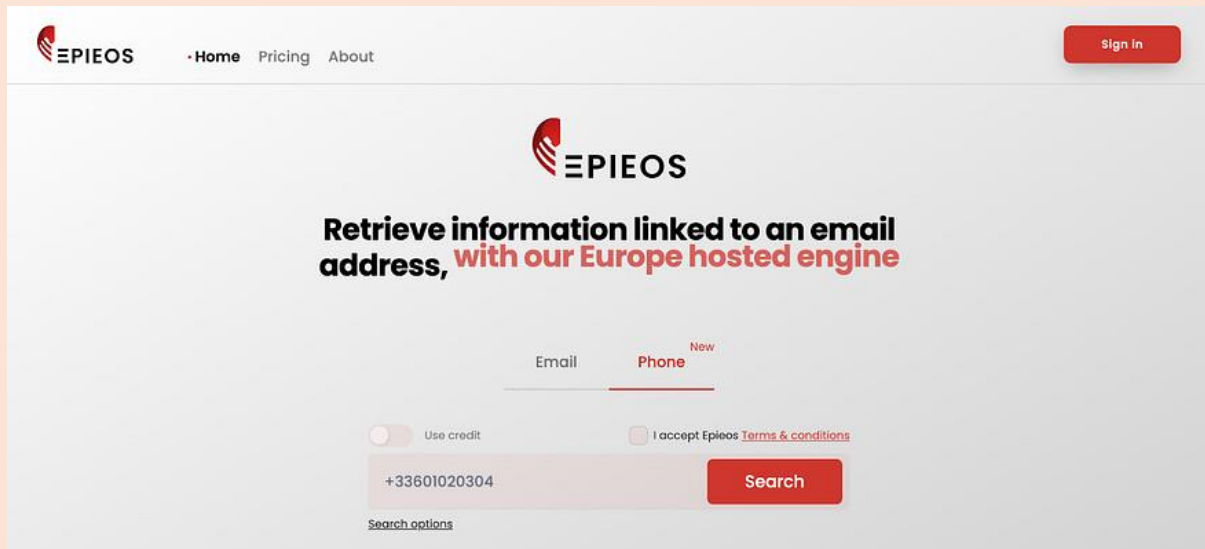
I would recommend searching your own number (on all these tools).

For myself I found public information that I did not want being shared and there is an option to opt out. Just visit the following link and fill out the required fields for an opt

out request: [www.numlookup.com/opt\\_out](http://www.numlookup.com/opt_out)

## 2 — Epios

Link: [www.epios.com](http://www.epios.com)

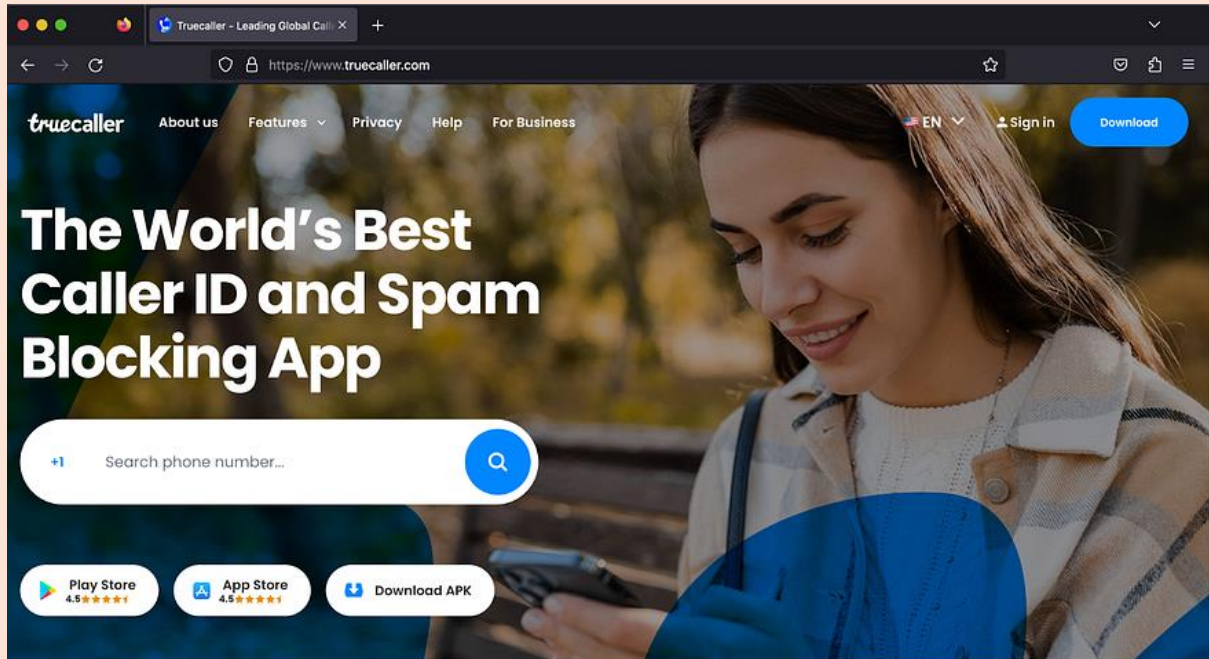


The screenshot shows the Epios website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Epios logo, links for Home, Pricing, and About, and a Sign In button. The main content area features the Epios logo and the text "Retrieve information linked to an email address, with our Europe hosted engine". Below this, there is a search form with two tabs: "Email" and "Phone". The "Phone" tab is selected and marked as "New". The form includes a "Use credit" toggle, a checkbox for "I accept Epios Terms & conditions", and a search input field containing the phone number "+33601020304". A red "Search" button is next to the input field. A link for "Search options" is located at the bottom of the form.

I have written about this website before in another article ([here](#)), which is a great tool for searching the web if you have an email account. It has a new feature for searching phone numbers. Similar to the above, just input the target phone number and the tool will search the web for account details on services like Google and Skype.

### 3 — Truecaller

Link: [www.truecaller.com](https://www.truecaller.com)

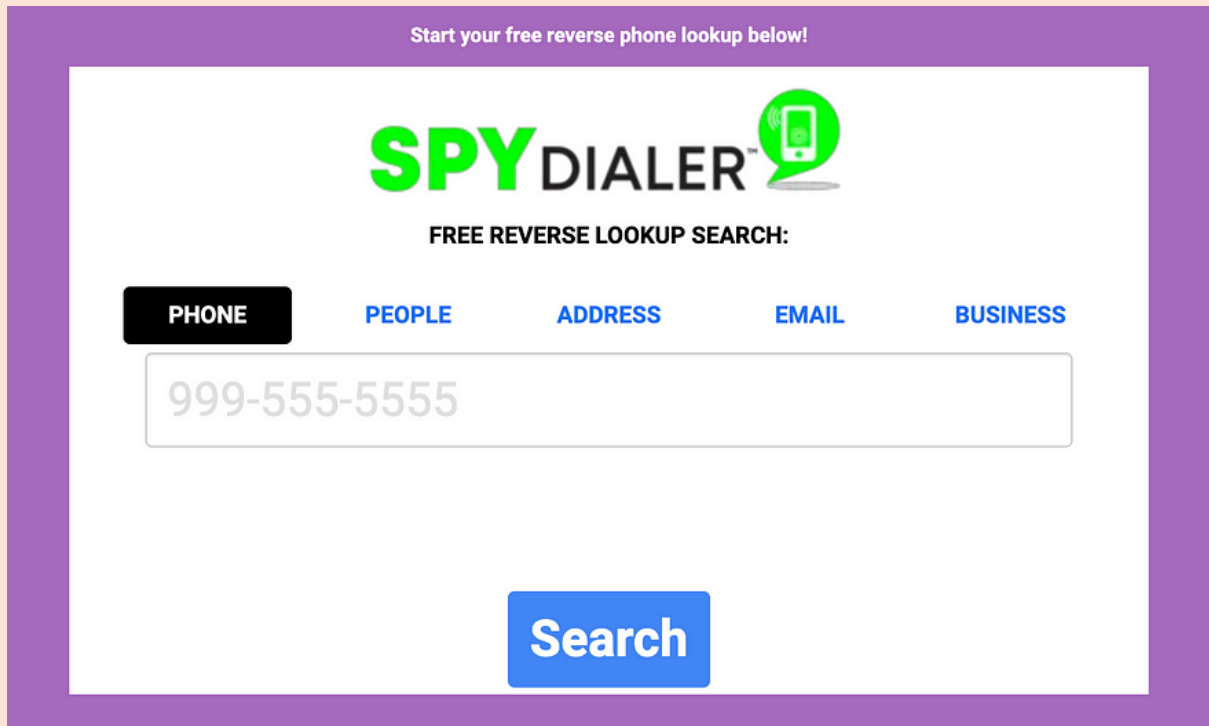


Another popular tool is true caller, for this site you will need an account which also logs a lot of your own data like name, email address, info on your search, and IP address are stored. So it's quite a good idea to have a browser that is as private as you can make it (I'll be making a post on the best free private browser with settings in an upcoming article).



## 4 — Spydialer

Link: [www.spydialer.com](http://www.spydialer.com)

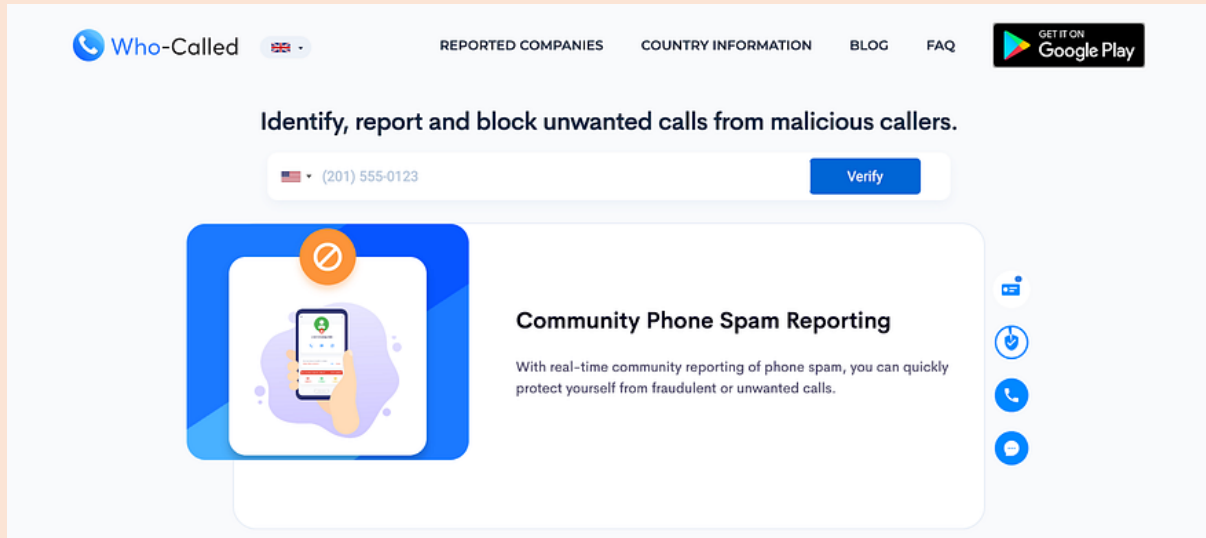


The screenshot shows the Spydialer website interface. At the top, a purple banner reads "Start your free reverse phone lookup below!". Below this is the "SPYDIALER" logo, which includes a green speech bubble icon with a phone handset. Under the logo, the text "FREE REVERSE LOOKUP SEARCH:" is displayed. There are five tabs: "PHONE" (highlighted in black), "PEOPLE", "ADDRESS", "EMAIL", and "BUSINESS". Below the tabs is a text input field containing the placeholder "999-555-5555". At the bottom of the form is a blue "Search" button.

Similar to the above options this is just an input and search tool. It is however only limited to the US. The service also offers options to search People, address, email, and Business details. I personally have not used it because I live outside the US.

## 6 — Who-Called

Link: [www.who-called.com](http://www.who-called.com)



Who-called is a services that allows investigators to see if previous victims of malicious callers have reported anything to do with the target phone number. It's mission is "Identify, report and block unwanted calls from malicious callers", this is helpful to double check if a call is legitimate or not. You can add notes to a phone number if you've received a suspicious call from a number. The service operates for 38 different countries as well, which better than most of the previous options in this list. There are services like this one unique to each country, for example tellows.co.uk for the UK.

## 7 — Cocofinder

Link: [www.cocofinder.com](http://www.cocofinder.com)



This is another service that is entirely free, I would recommend it just as a source to cross check results from the other tools above. I say this because whilst the service is “entirely free”, there are multiple pop ups to wade through before you get your results.

### Additional

If you have exhausted all of the above options on your target here are some additional areas you might be able to investigate the number:

- Sale Boards
- Resumes
- OSINT software

### Challenge

Using some of the services above, what are the details of the following phone number:

**(805) 637–7243**

Aim to look for:

- A Namer (person or business)
- Phone Carrier
- Phone Type (mobile or landline)

Leave your answer in the comments.

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