# **Data Equity for Main Street**

# **Handout 2: Where can you find open data?**

[**Directions for Instructors:** This version has both California and Washington examples. During the Train-the-Trainer Training or before class, please personalize this handout for your community. To do that, go to File -> Make a Copy. This will create your own version that you can update and share with your class. You may choose to only keep portals from your city or state. The local resources are ideas, and ideally should include data of interest to your community. If your community has a portal, simply provide the link for the specific topics you want to highlight. In some cases, your community may have useful data that is not open data. You may want to include it and use it as an opportunity to talk with your class about asking the city/county/state to turn it into open data. *Please delete this paragraph in the version you provide to participants.*]

**Portals:**

Most governments that publish open data do it through some kind of “portal” - a website that helps them know and control what’s being published. If your government has an open data portal it’s conventional to give it a web address that starts with “data” or “open” instead of “www”, and uses the government’s name.

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| Publisher | Portal | Website |
| United States | [https://data.gov](https://data.gov/) | [http://usa.gov](http://usa.gov/) |
| California | [https://data.ca.gov](https://data.ca.gov/) | [www.ca.gov](http://www.ca.gov/) |
| California - Agency Portals | <https://data.ca.gov/state-portals> | Multiple |
| Washington State | [https://data.wa.gov](https://data.wa.gov/) | [http://www.wa.gov](http://www.wa.gov/) |
| Seattle | [https://data.seattle.gov](https://data.seattle.gov/) | [http://www.seattle.gov](http://www.seattle.gov/) |
| Los Angeles | <https://data.lacity.org/> | <https://www.lacity.org/> |

**Local Community/Region] Resources**

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| Topic | Site | Publisher |
| Maps, water, boundaries | <http://opendata.yakimawa.gov> | City of Yakima |
| Restaurant Inspections | <https://goo.gl/BDaxrx> | Yakima Herald (note: this is not downloadable, so doesn’t meet the “open” definition, but something like it may be interesting for your community. Just note that it falls into the “useful, but not open category”) |
| School District data | <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/summary.aspx?schoolId=294&reportLevel=District> | WA Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) (also falls in the useful, but not open category) |

**General Resources**

Open Data Collections: Open Data Sets by Topic

<http://libguides.sjsu.edu/datacollections>

**Workshop Resources**

Walkscore  
<https://www.walkscore.com/bike-score-methodology.shtml>

ForeignAssistance.gov

<http://beta.foreignassistance.gov/explore>

College Scorecard (U.S. Department of Education)

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

Community Crime Map (LexisNexis)

<https://communitycrimemap.com/>