




DATASETS OF INTEREST

During this project, we used statistical techniques to analyze public records requests. These processes mapped the frequency and relationship between words and helped us identify the popularity of particular themes over time.¹

Broadly, the topics we discovered fell into the following categories:

	Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance Cases re: Car Accidents• Parking Infractions• Stolen Vehicles
	Law Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police Officer Recordings (Audio & Video)• Arrest Records• Police Incidents
	Architecture & Buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Code Violations• Environmental Assessments• Construction Permits

Since you are concerned with open data within your department/jurisdiction, you have undoubtedly considered some (or all) of these categories as possible data sources to open up. Try evaluating the gains that might come from releasing data; barriers to doing so; and how you might mitigate risks related to disclosure.

¹ Visit <https://github.com/OpenDataLiteracy/OpenDataAlliance-KM> to examine the theoretical underpinnings of these processes and take a closer look at what we discovered.