Washington Counties & Cities Open Data: Data Dictionary

This data dictionary describes data recorded in the *ODL\_WACounties&CitiesOpenData* dataset.

# Methods

I searched for open data for each locality through a basic Google search for “open data [locality name].” I also searched the locality’s official website for “data” and “GIS,” if the locality’s website had a search function; if not, I browsed menus for “data,” “GIS” and “maps.”

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# Notes on Dictionary Entries

*For values, y = yes, n = no, NA = not applicable*

*Throughout, “open data” means machine-readable data that anyone can download and use for any reason.*

*Open data subcategories for “activity” account for data on incidents, events, decisions, sales, purchases and other actions. A map showing criminal offenses would be recorded as public safety data, for example, while a map of police precinct locations would be recorded under GIS maps.*

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| **Column Label** | **Term** | **Definition** | **Value** |
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| Name | Publisher name | Name of locality or other data publishers. Counties are spelled in All Caps, cities are in regular case, and other data publishers are italicized. | Proper name |
| Type | Publisher  type | The type of locality (e.g., county, city, district etc.) or other publisher | * **co** = county * **city** = city |
| Location | Location | Geographic location for marker in maps visualizations. For counties, this is the county seat -- or a city near the seat, if the seat and largest city are the same (to avoid markers overlapping). | [City], WA |
| Loc\_URL | Locality website | A URL for the locality’s official website, if one exists | [URL] |
| open data? | Open data? | Whether locality publishes open data. | * y * n * NA |
| GIS maps | GIS maps | Locality publishes open GIS data for maps showing topography, districts, boundaries and landmarks. | * y * n * NA |
| pubSafe | Public safety | Publishes open data about activity concerning crime, fires and other emergency or safety matters. | * y * n * NA |
| transp | Transportation | Publishes open data about activity concerning any public or personal transportation. | * y * n * NA |
| prop | Property | Publishes open data about activity concerning sales or other property matters. | * y * n * NA |
| permLic | Permits & licenses | Publishes open data about issuance or activity of permits and licenses. | * y * n * NA |
| budgt | Budget | Publishes open data about the locality’s funding, spending or other budget matters. | * y * n * NA |
| other | Other | Publishes open data on other issues not listed in a separate column. | * y * n * NA |
| OD\_URL | Open data URL | Website for locality’s open data | [URL] |
| GIS\_URL | GIS URL | Website for locality’s open GIS data. (This may be the same as the Open Data URL, in some cases.) | [URL] |
| notes | Notes | Notes about other records documented by locality/publisher, or other items of interest. | text |
| DEMS? | Data Equity area? | Whether the locality includes a library system that participated in Data Equity for Main Street project | * y * n |
| Last chk | Date last checked | Date the locality’s open data availability was last searched for | [YYYYMMDD] |