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# City Governments Making Public Data Easier To Get: 90 Municipal Open Data Portals



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Municipal open data portals provide local government information, like results of restaurant health inspections. (Shutterstock)

It's been more than 50 years since the passage of the federal [Freedom of Information Act](#). The United States' government makes thousands of datasets available to the public, and facilitates access through a unified [federal open data portal](#).

Despite the law and new technology, plenty of people find it difficult to get the information they need. It's not always simple to navigate to the information you want. And not everything is online.

Complaints of federal agencies failing to share requested data are common enough that the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press posts instructions on [how to file a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit](#).

Local governments don't necessarily have the same information sharing obligations as federal agencies. They're governed by state and local laws, and although they're often required to share information on request, not every local government has the resources or motivation to make it easy.

But it's getting better. In the past decade, dozens of American cities have established open data portals, making it easier for the public to obtain information about government activity.

Even cities that boast about transparency can fall down on the job. Chicago has been a leader in data sharing, yet the Chicago Tribune reported that "Chicago paid out about \$670,000 last year to plaintiffs in [lawsuits alleging that officials violated open records law](#)."

Here's a sampling of 90 US cities that now have some type of open data portal.

Albuquerque, <https://www.cabq.gov/abq-data/>

New Mexico

Anaheim, <http://anaheim.opendata.juniar.com/home>

California

Anchorage, <https://data.muni.org/>

Alaska

Arlington, <http://www.arlington-tx.gov/data/>

Texas

Atlanta, Georgia	<a href="http://opendata.atlantaregional.com/">http://opendata.atlantaregional.com/</a>
Aurora, Colorado	<a href="https://apps2.auroragov.org/opendata/">https://apps2.auroragov.org/opendata/</a>
Austin, Texas	<a href="https://data.austintexas.gov/">https://data.austintexas.gov/</a>
Bakersfield, California	<a href="http://www.bakersfieldcity.us/gov/depts/community_development/planning/planning">http://www.bakersfieldcity.us/gov/depts/community_development/planning/planning</a>
Baltimore, Maryland	<a href="https://data.baltimorecity.gov/">https://data.baltimorecity.gov/</a>
Baton Rouge, Louisiana	<a href="https://data.brla.gov/">https://data.brla.gov/</a>
Berkeley, California	<a href="http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=105239">http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=105239</a>
Boise, Idaho	<a href="http://opendata.cityofboise.org/">http://opendata.cityofboise.org/</a>
Boston, Massachusetts	<a href="https://data.boston.gov/">https://data.boston.gov/</a>
Buffalo, New York	<a href="https://data.ny.gov/">https://data.ny.gov/</a>
Carson, City, NV	<a href="http://carson.org/transparency/open-data">http://carson.org/transparency/open-data</a>
Chandler, Arizona	<a href="https://www.chandlerpd.com/data/">https://www.chandlerpd.com/data/</a>
Charlotte, North Carolina	<a href="http://clt-charlotte.opendata.arcgis.com/">http://clt-charlotte.opendata.arcgis.com/</a>
Chesapeake, Virginia	<a href="http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/City-Departments/Departments/Inform">http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/City-Departments/Departments/Inform</a> <a href="http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/City-Departments/Departments/Inform">Department/open-data-portal.htm</a>
Chicago,	<a href="https://data.cityofchicago.org/">https://data.cityofchicago.org/</a>

Illinois

Chula Vista, <http://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/police-department/about-us/open-data-init>  
California

Cincinnati, <https://data.cincinnati-oh.gov/>  
Ohio

Colorado <https://data.colorado.gov/>  
Springs, <https://coloradosprings.gov/page/maps-data>  
Colorado

Columbus, <http://data-columbus.opendata.arcgis.com/>  
Ohio

Dallas, Texas <https://www.dallasopendata.com/>

Denver, <https://www.denvergov.org/opendata>  
Colorado

Detroit, <https://data.detroitmi.gov/>  
Michigan

Durham, <https://opendurham.nc.gov/page/home/>  
North  
Carolina

El Paso, Texas <http://www.epcad.org/OpenGovernment>

Fort Wayne, <http://maps.cityoffortwayne.org/>  
Indiana

Fort Worth, <https://data.fortworthtexas.gov/>  
Texas

Fremont, <https://fremont.gov/2082/Open-Data>  
California

Glendale, <http://data-cog-gis.opendata.arcgis.com/>  
Arizona

Gilbert, <https://alex.gilbertaz.gov/>

Arizona

Greensboro, <https://data.greensboro-nc.gov/>

North

Carolina

Henderson, <https://opendata.cityofhenderson.com/>

Nevada

Honolulu, <https://data.honolulu.gov/>

Hawaii

Houston, <http://data.houstontx.gov/>

Texas

Indianapolis, <http://data.indy.gov/>

Indiana

Jacksonville, <http://www.coj.net/jaxscore-1-0.aspx>

Florida

Jersey City, <http://data.jerseycitynj.gov/>

New Jersey

Kansas City, <http://yourdata.wycokck.org/>

Kansas

Kansas City, <https://data.kcmo.org/>

Missouri

Las Vegas, <https://opendata.lasvegasnevada.gov/>

Nevada

Lexington, <https://data.lexingtonky.gov/>

Kentucky

Lincoln, <http://opendata.lincoln.ne.gov/>

Nebraska

Long Beach, <http://www.longbeach.gov/openlb/>

California

Los Angeles, <https://data.lacity.org/>  
California

Louisville, <https://data.louisvilleky.gov/>  
Kentucky

Madison, <https://data.cityofmadison.com/>  
Wisconsin

Memphis, <https://data.memphistn.gov/>  
Tennessee

Mesa, Arizona <https://data.mesaaz.gov/>

Miami, <https://data.miamigov.com/>  
Florida

Milwaukee, <http://city.milwaukee.gov/mkedata#.WVXC2lGQzGg>  
Wisconsin

Minneapolis, <http://opendata.minneapolismn.gov/>  
Minnesota

Nashville, <https://data.nashville.gov/>  
Tennessee

New Orleans, <https://data.nola.gov/>  
Louisiana

New York <https://opendata.cityofnewyork.us/>  
City, New  
York

Newark, New <http://data.ci.newark.nj.us/>  
Jersey

Norfolk, <https://www.norfolk.gov/opendata>  
Virginia

Oakland, <https://data.oaklandnet.com/>  
California

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	<a href="https://data.okc.gov">https://data.okc.gov</a>
Omaha, Nebraska	<a href="http://dataomaha.com/">http://dataomaha.com/</a>
Orlando, Florida	<a href="https://data.cityoforlando.net/">https://data.cityoforlando.net/</a>
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	<a href="http://www.phila.gov/data/">http://www.phila.gov/data/</a>
Phoenix, Arizona	<a href="https://phoenixopendata.com/">https://phoenixopendata.com/</a> <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/opendata/">https://www.phoenix.gov/opendata/</a>
Plano, Texas	<a href="https://dashboard.plano.gov/">https://dashboard.plano.gov/</a>
Portland, Oregon	<a href="https://www.portlandoregon.gov/28130">https://www.portlandoregon.gov/28130</a> <a href="https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/71673">https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/71673</a>
Raleigh, North Carolina	<a href="https://data.raleighnc.gov/">https://data.raleighnc.gov/</a>
Riverside, California	<a href="http://riversideca.gov/transparency/data/">http://riversideca.gov/transparency/data/</a>
Sacramento, California	<a href="http://data.cityofsacramento.org/">http://data.cityofsacramento.org/</a>
San Antonio, Texas	<a href="https://sanantoniotx.opengov.com/transparency">https://sanantoniotx.opengov.com/transparency</a> <a href="https://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/SAPD-Open-Data-Initiative">https://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/SAPD-Open-Data-Initiative</a> <a href="https://www.sanantonio.gov/opengovernment/">https://www.sanantonio.gov/opengovernment/</a>
San Bernardino, California	<a href="http://open.sbcounty.gov/">http://open.sbcounty.gov/</a>
San Diego,	<a href="https://data.sandiego.gov/">https://data.sandiego.gov/</a>

California

San Francisco, <https://datasf.org/opendata/>

California

San Jose, <http://data.sanjoseca.gov/home>

California

Santa Ana, <http://opendata-santa-ana.opendata.arcgis.com/>

California

Santa Monica, <https://data.smgov.net/>

California

Scottsdale, <http://data.scottsdaleaz.gov/>

Arizona

Seattle, <https://data.seattle.gov/>

Washington

South Bend, <https://www.southbendin.gov/government/content/open-data>

Indiana

St. Louis, <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/data/>

Missouri

St. Paul, <https://information.stpaul.gov/>

Minnesota

Tampa, <http://city-tampa.opendata.arcgis.com/>

Florida

Tempe, <https://data.tempe.gov/http://data-tempegov.opendata.arcgis.com/>

Arizona

Tucson, <https://data.tucsonaz.gov/>

Arizona

Tulsa, <https://www.cityoftulsa.org/government/departments/information-technology/open-ti>

Oklahoma

Virginia <https://data.vbgov.com/>



Beach, <http://gis.data.vbgov.com/>

Virginia

Washington, <http://opendata.dc.gov/>

DC

Wichita, <http://opendata.wichita.gov/>

Kansas

Winston- <http://www.cityofws.org/departments/planning/gis/gis-data-sets-for-download>

Salem, North

Carolina

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