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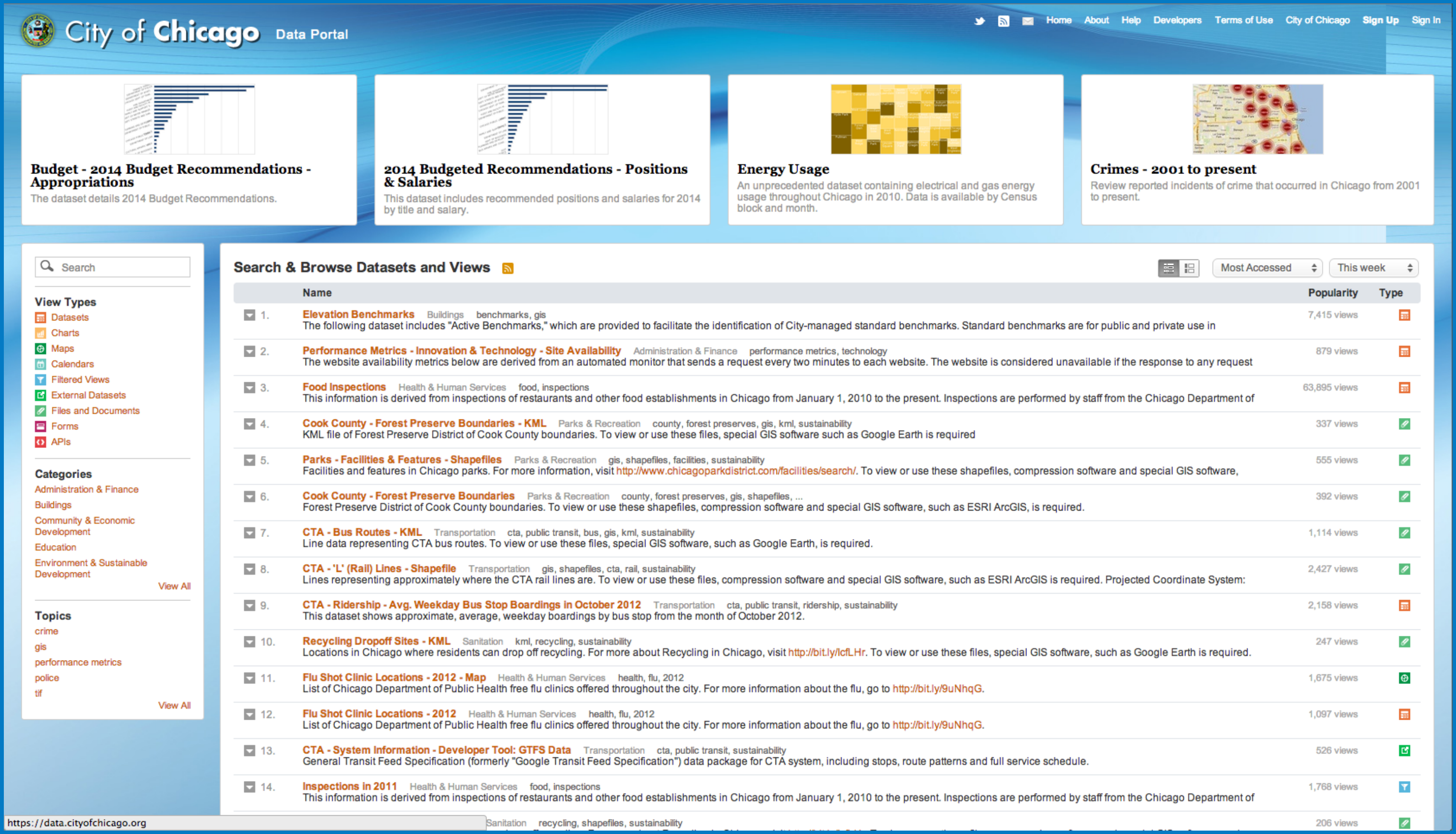

Budget - 2014 Budget Recommendations - Appropriations
The dataset details 2014 Budget Recommendations.

2014 Budgeted Recommendations - Positions & Salaries
This dataset includes recommended positions and salaries for 2014 by title and salary.

Energy Usage
An unprecedented dataset containing electrical and gas energy usage throughout Chicago in 2010. Data is available by Census block and month.

Crimes - 2001 to present
Review reported incidents of crime that occurred in Chicago from 2001 to present.

Search & Browse Datasets and Views

	Name	Popularity	Type
1.	**Elevation Benchmarks** Buildings benchmarks, gis The following dataset includes "Active Benchmarks," which are provided to facilitate the identification of City-managed standard benchmarks. Standard benchmarks are for public and private use in	7,415 views	▦
2.	**Performance Metrics - Innovation & Technology - Site Availability** Administration & Finance performance metrics, technology The website availability metrics below are derived from an automated monitor that sends a request every two minutes to each website. The website is considered unavailable if the response to any request	879 views	▦
3.	**Food Inspections** Health & Human Services food, inspections This information is derived from inspections of restaurants and other food establishments in Chicago from January 1, 2010 to the present. Inspections are performed by staff from the Chicago Department of	63,895 views	▦
4.	**Cook County - Forest Preserve Boundaries - KML** Parks & Recreation county, forest preserves, gis, kml, sustainability KML file of Forest Preserve District of Cook County boundaries. To view or use these files, special GIS software such as Google Earth is required	337 views	✎
5.	**Parks - Facilities & Features - Shapefiles** Parks & Recreation gis, shapefiles, facilities, sustainability Facilities and features in Chicago parks. For more information, visit http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/facilities/search/. To view or use these shapefiles, compression software and special GIS software,	555 views	✎
6.	**Cook County - Forest Preserve Boundaries** Parks & Recreation county, forest preserves, gis, shapefiles, ... Forest Preserve District of Cook County boundaries. To view or use these shapefiles, compression software and special GIS software, such as ESRI ArcGIS, is required.	392 views	✎
7.	**CTA - Bus Routes - KML** Transportation cta, public transit, bus, gis, kml, sustainability Line data representing CTA bus routes. To view or use these files, special GIS software, such as Google Earth, is required.	1,114 views	✎
8.	**CTA - 'L' (Rail) Lines - Shapefile** Transportation gis, shapefiles, cta, rail, sustainability Lines representing approximately where the CTA rail lines are. To view or use these files, compression software and special GIS software, such as ESRI ArcGIS is required. Projected Coordinate System:	2,427 views	✎
9.	**CTA - Ridership - Avg. Weekday Bus Stop Boardings in October 2012** Transportation cta, public transit, ridership, sustainability This dataset shows approximate, average, weekday boardings by bus stop from the month of October 2012.	2,158 views	▦
10.	**Recycling Dropoff Sites - KML** Sanitation kml, recycling, sustainability Locations in Chicago where residents can drop off recycling. For more about Recycling in Chicago, visit http://bit.ly/lcfLHr. To view or use these files, special GIS software, such as Google Earth is required.	247 views	✎
11.	**Flu Shot Clinic Locations - 2012 - Map** Health & Human Services health, flu, 2012 List of Chicago Department of Public Health free flu clinics offered throughout the city. For more information about the flu, go to http://bit.ly/9uNhqG.	1,675 views	⊕
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13.	**CTA - System Information - Developer Tool: GTFS Data** Transportation cta, public transit, sustainability General Transit Feed Specification (formerly "Google Transit Feed Specification") data package for CTA system, including stops, route patterns and full service schedule.	526 views	↗
14.	**Inspections in 2011** Health & Human Services food, inspections This information is derived from inspections of restaurants and other food establishments in Chicago from January 1, 2010 to the present. Inspections are performed by staff from the Chicago Department of	1,768 views	▼
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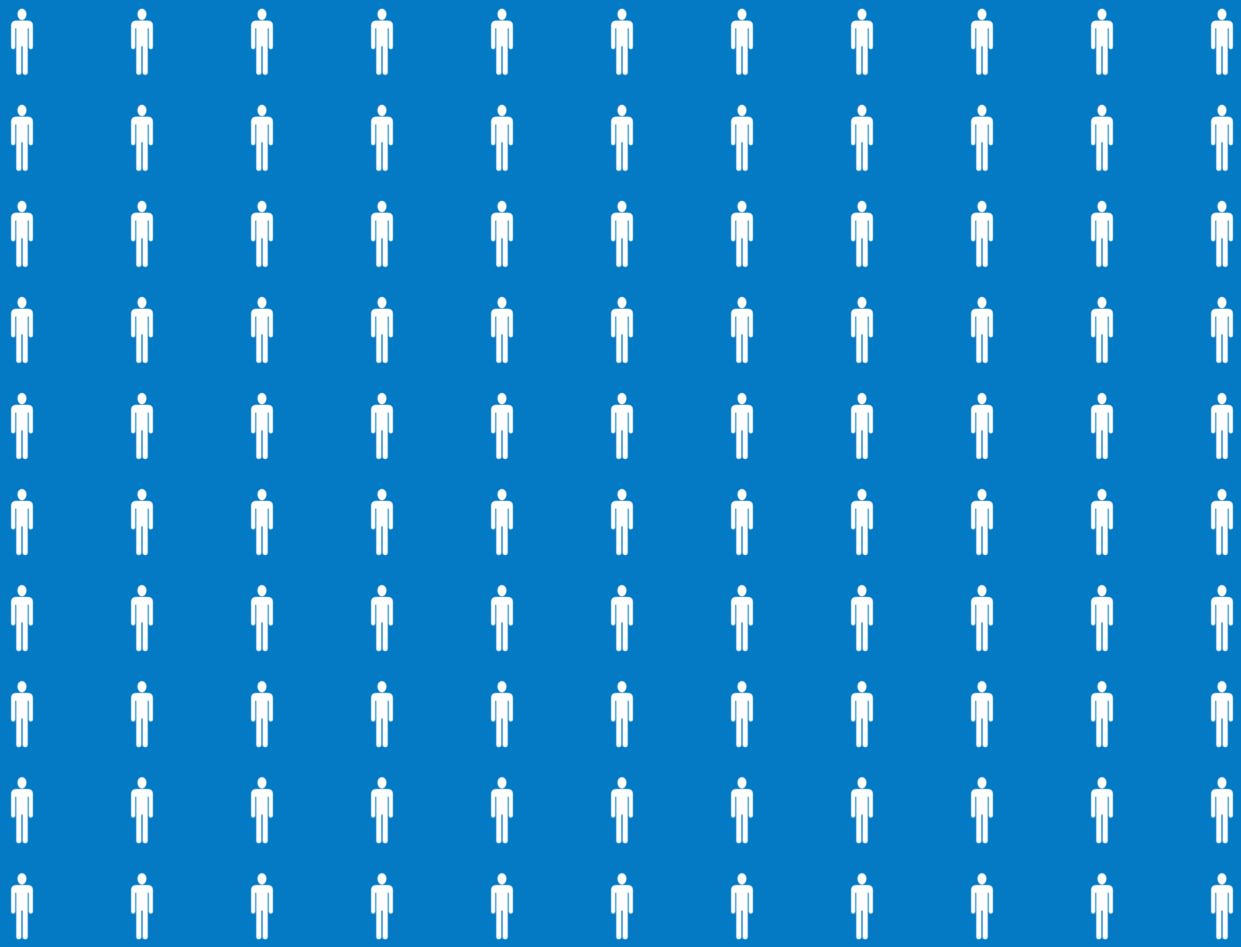

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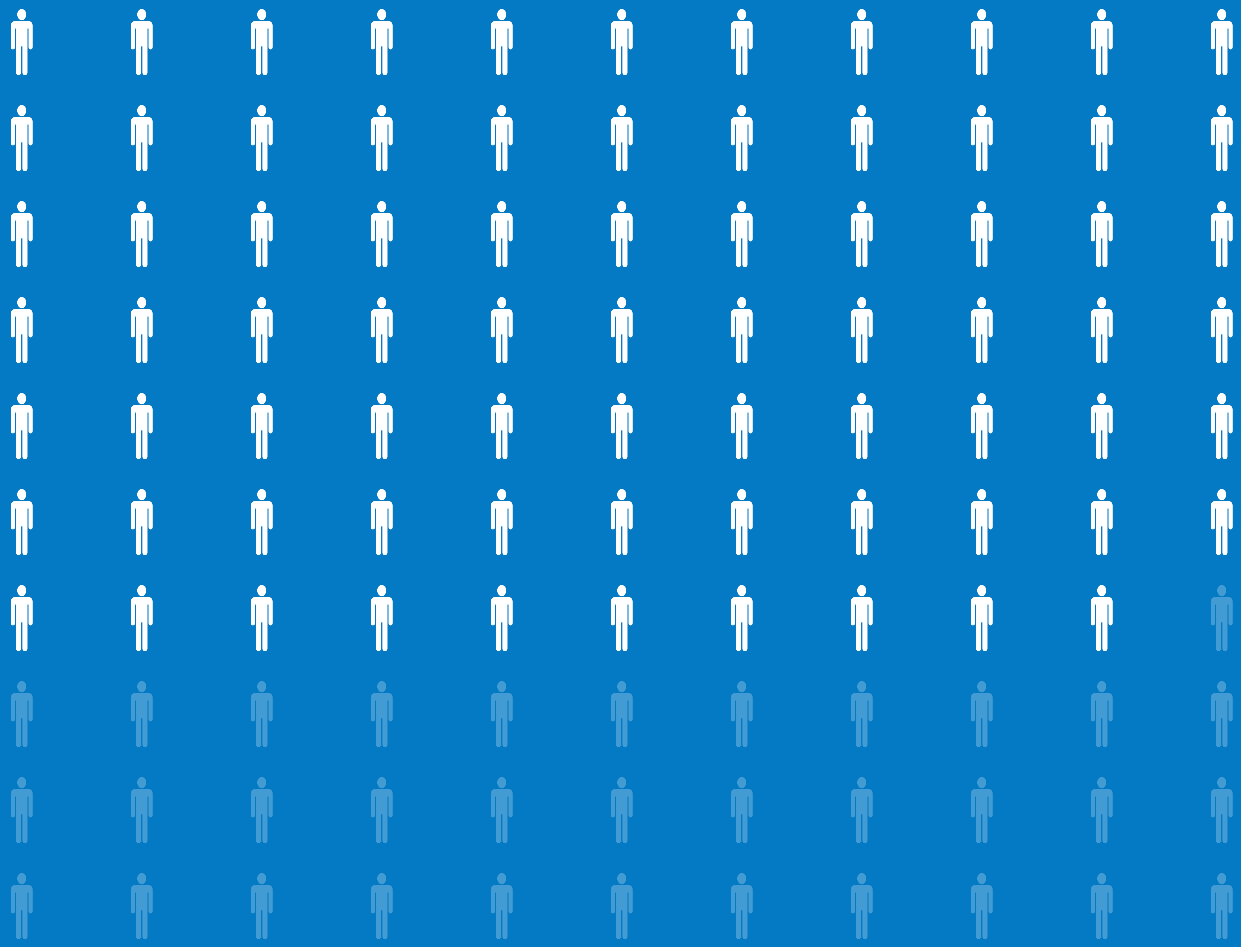

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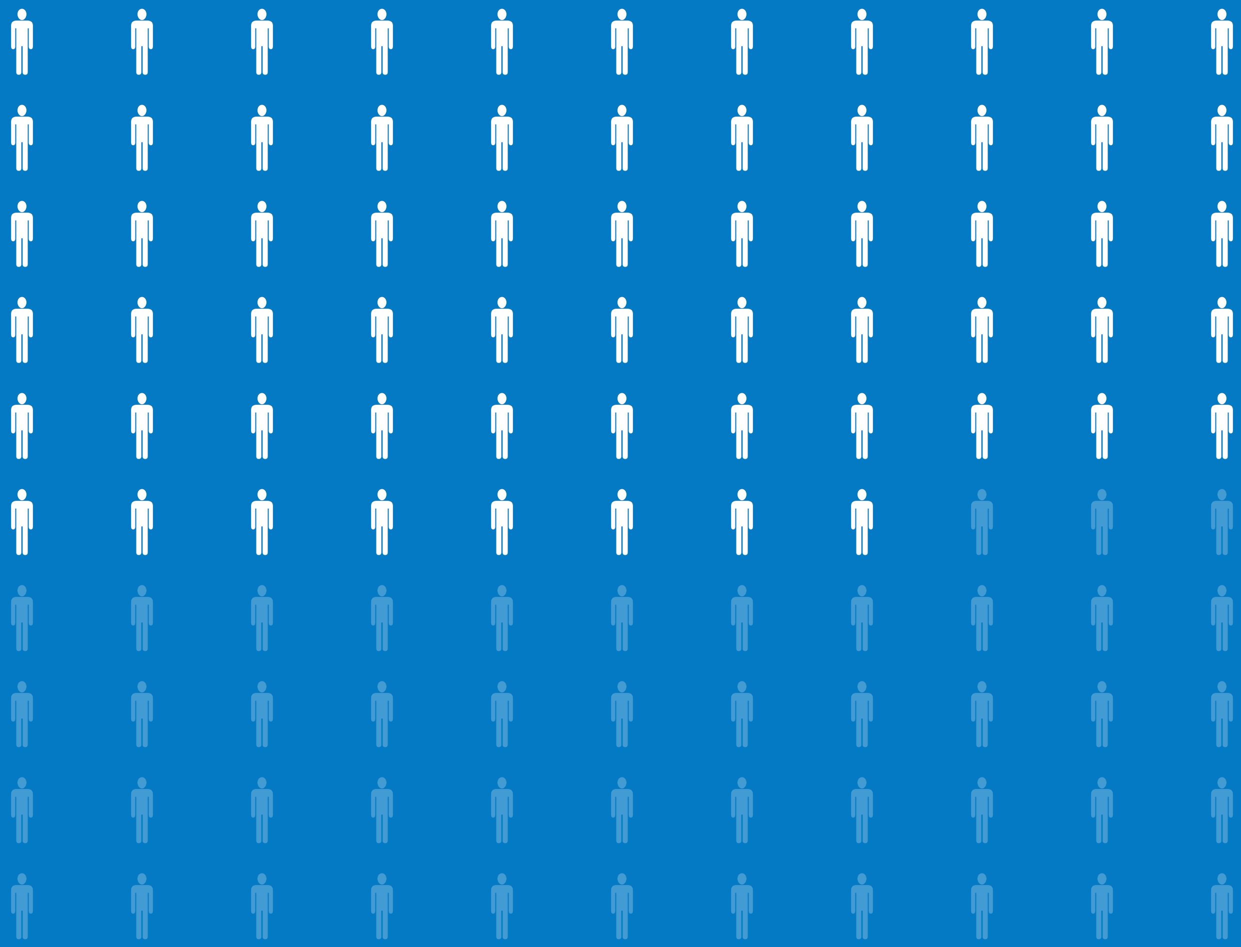

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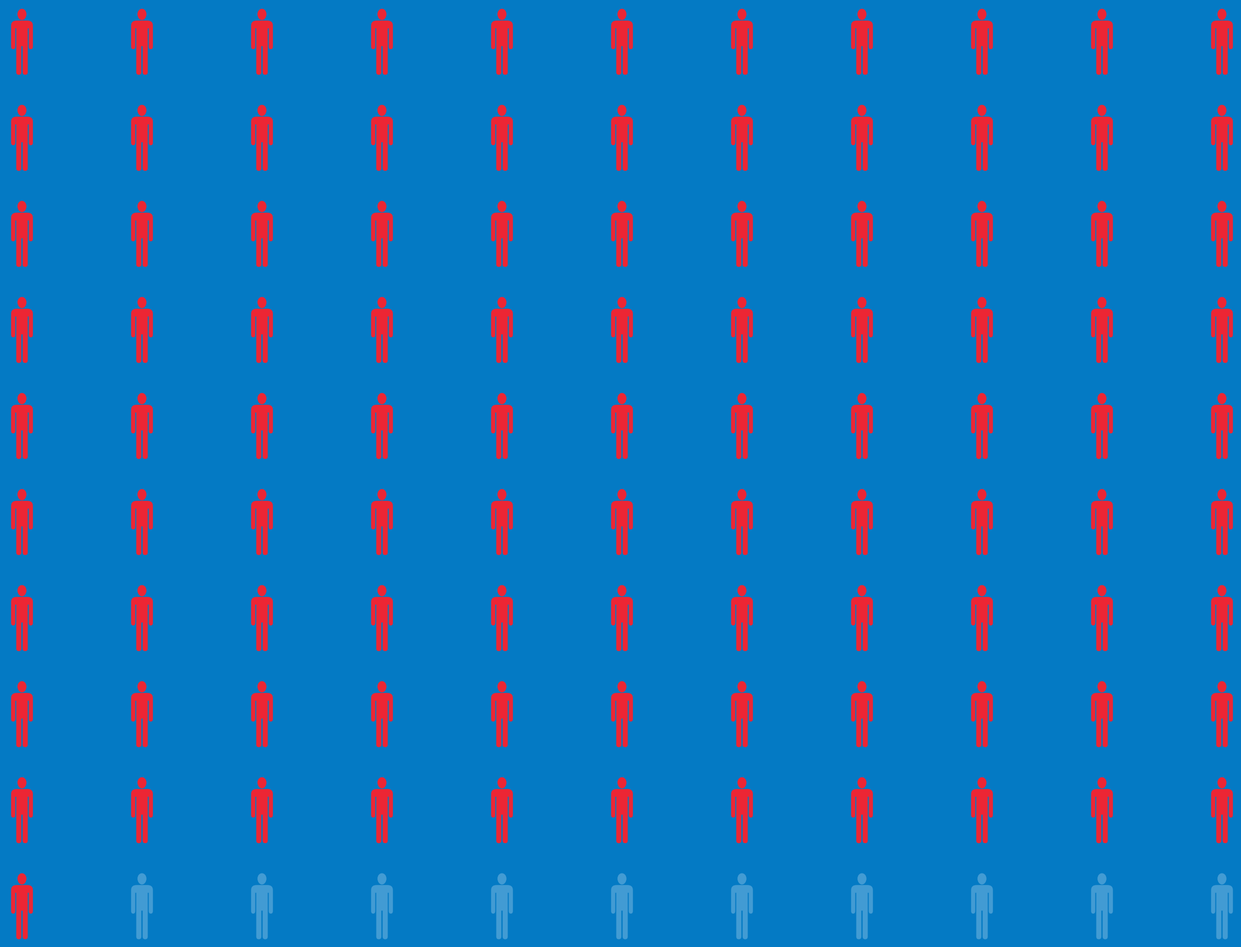

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