## A Tale of Three Data Portals

Open Government Data in U.S. States

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## **Open Government Data in the US**

### https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/



Environmental Topics Laws & Regulations About EPA

**CONTACT US** 

Results 1 - 20 of 10,500 for "climate change" in the 2017 Snapshot collection

climate change

Search

### Return to full EPA search

Search for the terms climate AND change occurring separately.

Climate change A significant change in the Earth's climate. The Earth is currently getting warmer because people are adding heat-trapping greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. The term "global warming" refers to warmer temperatures, while "climate change" refers to the broader set of changes that go along with warmer temperatures, including changes in weather patterns, the oceans, ice and snow, and ecosystems around the world.

From Student's Guide to Global Climate Change

- Search all glossaries for terms containing climate change

#### Climate Change

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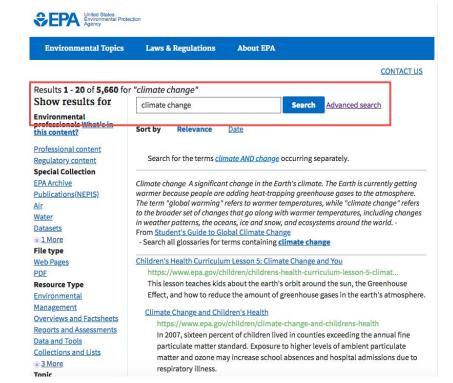
Comprehensive information from U.S. EPA on issues of climate changeglobal warming, including climate change science, greenhouse gas emissions data, frequently asked questions, climate change impacts and adaptation, what EPA is doing, and what you can do.

#### Climate Change Science

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EPA tracks the science on the causes of climate change, observations of climate changes today, and the ways

### https://epa.gov/



## **States Studied**



Maine

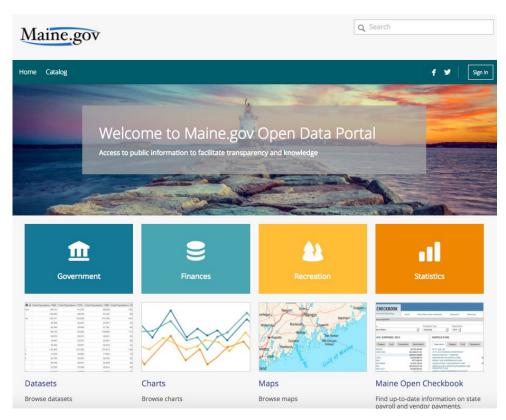
New Hampshire

Vermont

Map Source: https://www.vecteezy.com/map-vector/5937-united-states-map-vector

## The Portals

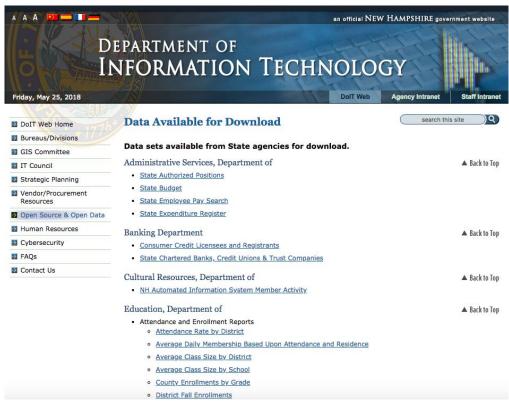
## Maine



Dual Portals
Featured Categories

Source: https://data.maine.gov

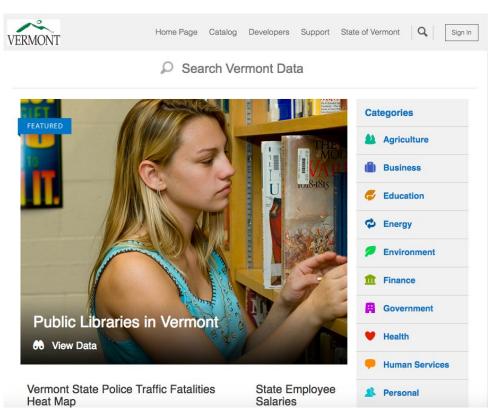
## **New Hampshire**



List Approach
Creator-centric

Source: https://www.nh.gov/doit/open-source/data-sets.

## Vermont



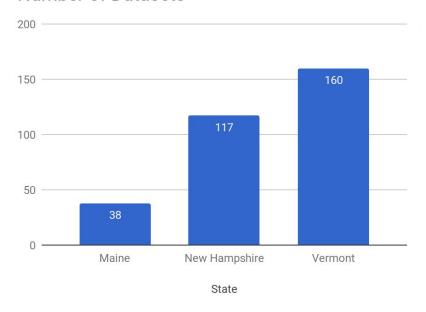
Flexible Category Menu Featured Datasets

Source: https://data.vermont.gov

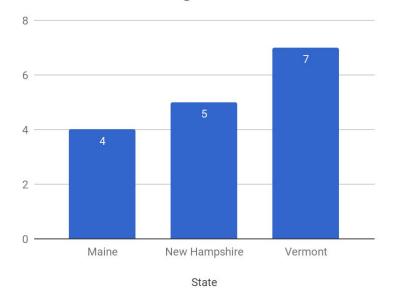
## The Data

## Data Extent

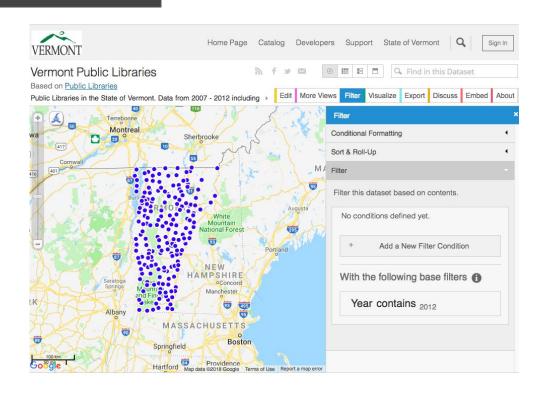
### Number of Datasets



### Number of ODB Categories of Datasets



### **Data Use**



Vermont has highest passive and active use

No information for NH

Source: https://data.vermont.gov

## The Policy

### Laws



## New Hampshire:

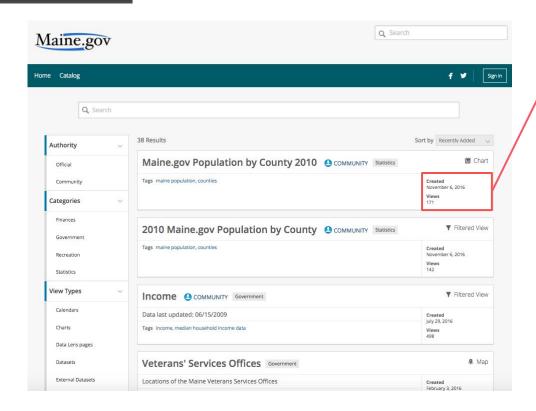
**Open Data Standards** 

**Vermont:** 

"Open Data Democracy"?

Source: https://web.archive.org/web/20170622213544/

## **Politics**



Maine's last added database

General political character reflected in approach

Source: https://data.maine.gov/browse

# What can Information Professionals Contribute?

- Information Architecture
- Data Literacy
- Law Advocacy
- Further Research

## **Future Research**

- Efficacy of state open data in general
- State-specific evaluation framework
- Correlation between city portal and state success
- Political influence