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/

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States Studied

Maine

New Hampshire

Vermont

The Portals

Maine
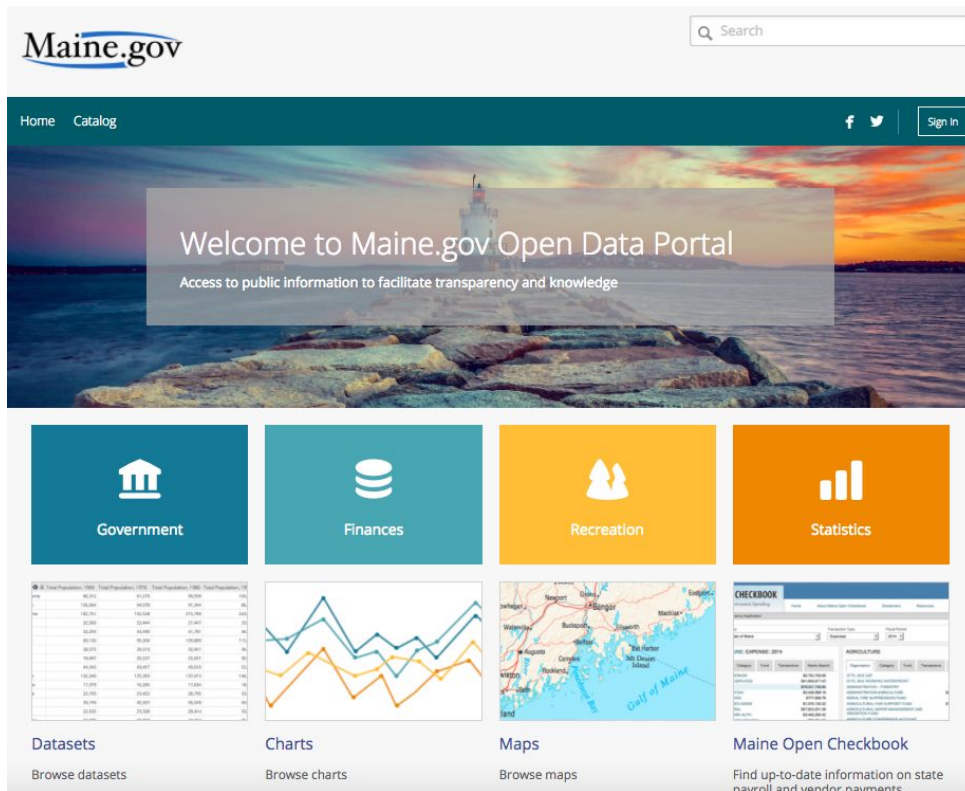
Dual Portals

Featured Categories

New Hampshire

List Approach

Creator-centric

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

Vermont

Flexible Category Menu

Featured Datasets

The Data

Data Extent

Number of Datasets

State	
Maine	38
New Hampshire	117
Vermont	160
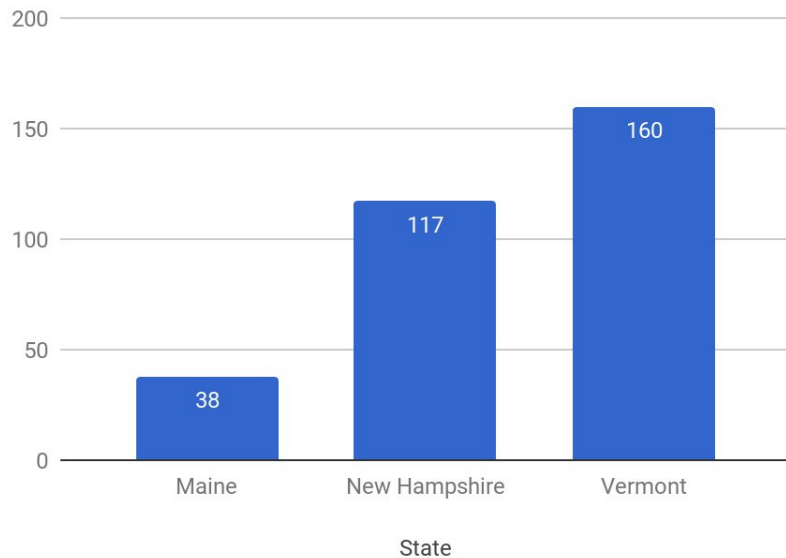
Number of ODB Categories of Datasets

State	
Maine	4
New Hampshire	5
Vermont	7
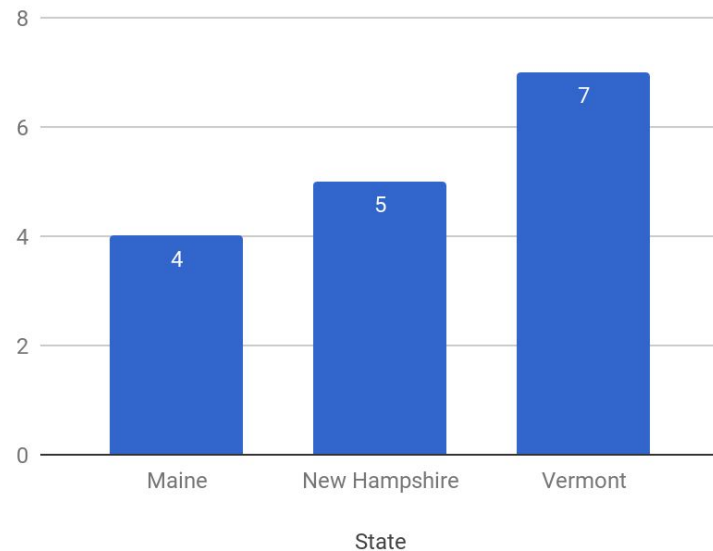
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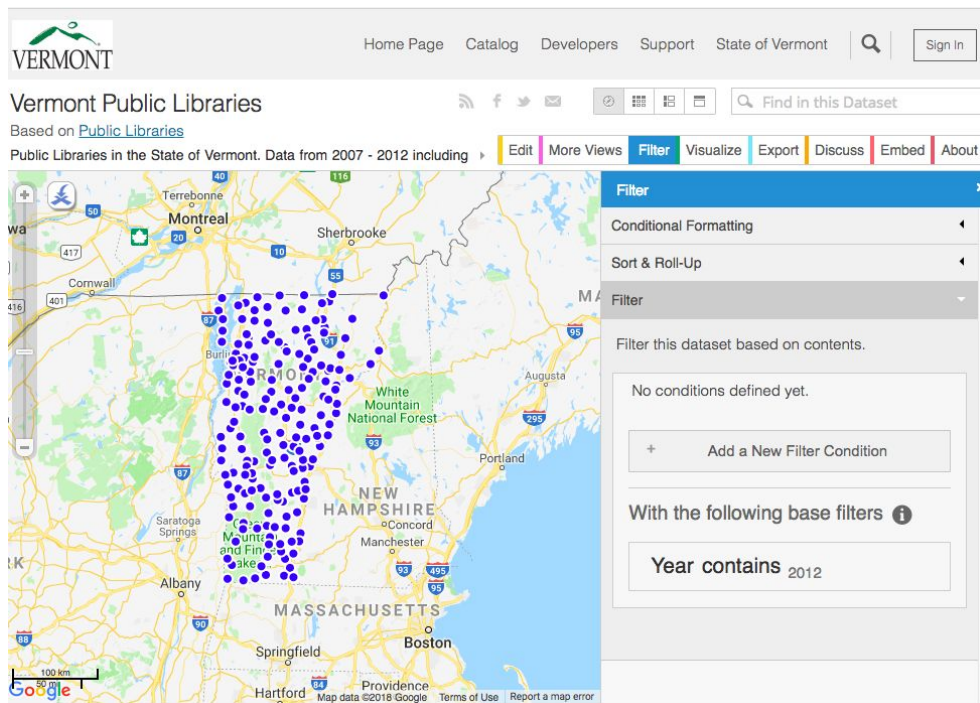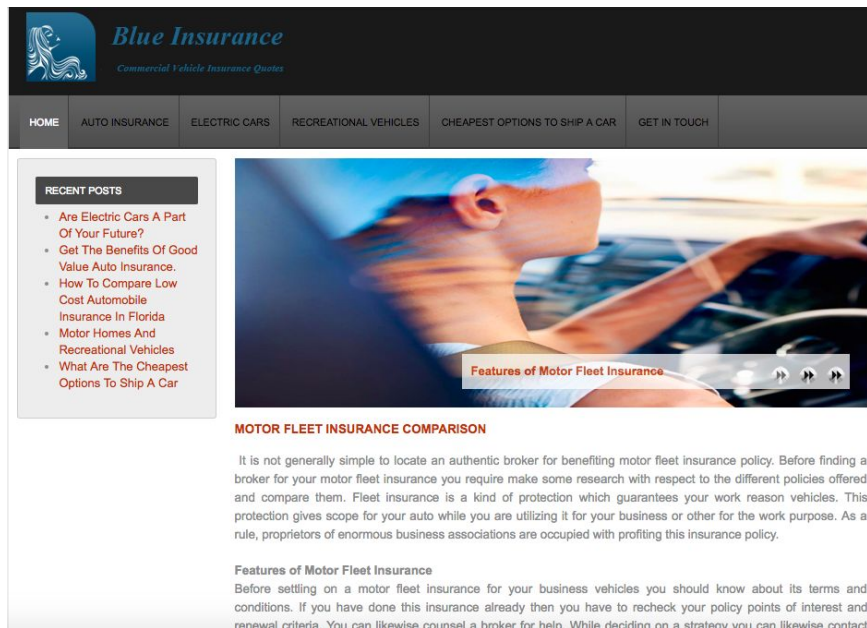
Vermont has highest passive and active use

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