

Taylor M. Nichols

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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

- Data and investigations intern** at Bloomberg Industry Group | *Arlington, VA* Summer 2025
- Investigative fellow** at The Howard Center for Investigative Journalism | *College Park, MD* Aug. 2023 - present
- Investigated [lobbyist exploitation](#) of House ethics rules for privately funded congressional travel
 - Created a dataset of nonprofit board members' lobbying history using tax records
 - Currently investigating the hazardous materials transport nationwide using government and private databases
- Freelance reporter** at [Street Sense Media](#) | *Washington, DC* Sept. 2023 - present
- Wrote about housing and public health for a nonprofit newspaper covering homelessness in Washington, D.C.
 - Created a newsroom tool to scrape, analyze and visualize data on scheduled evictions in D.C.
- Data reporter** at [Capital News Service](#) | *College Park, MD* Aug. 2024 -Dec. 2024
- Produced data-driven articles and graphics on Maryland state politics and policy
 - Wrote quick-hit data articles on early voting and early election results with a two-day turnaround
 - Designed a workflow to scrape election results and [create visualizations](#) to show live updates on election night
- Research intern** at Education Week Research Center | *Bethesda, MD* Jan. 2024 - May 2024
- Cleaned and analyzed survey data using SPSS to examine trends in K-12 education post-pandemic
 - Used Department of Education data to explore changing needs of English Language Learners in public schools
- Data reporter, writer and editor** at Optimal | *Kirkland, WA* June 2020 - Dec. 2024
- Wrote 6-8 audience-driven data articles per month for a [college rankings website](#)
 - Covered return on investment for college students, financial aid and student loan debt
 - Gathered, cleaned and analyzed data from public and private sources, including IPEDS and BLS data

SKILLS

Data cleaning and analysis	Datawrapper	Investigative reporting
Web scraping	Flourish	Open source intelligence
Statistical analysis	Adobe Creative Suite	Public records requests
R and Python	HTML and CSS	Data-driven storytelling
OpenRefine	Web design	Intermediate Spanish

EDUCATION

University of Maryland | Master of Journalism in Computational and Data Reporting, expected May 2025

Western Washington University | Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, 2018

AWARDS and LEADERSHIP

2024 IRE Award for Best [Large Student Investigation](#)

2024 SPJ DC Dateline Award for [Business Reporting](#), Weekly Newspaper

2019 Society of Professional Journalists Award for [Best Nonfiction Magazine Article](#), Region 10

Memberships: Investigative Reporters and Editors (**IRE**) | The Association of LGBTQ+ Journalists (**NLGJA**)