
**ANNUAL OPEN DATA REPORT FOR
LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
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This serves as the second OPEN DATA REPORT to the Mayor in accordance with the requirements set forth in Executive Order No. 1, Series 2013, dated October 11, 2013. The purpose is to summarize the current state of data availability in Louisville Metro Government (LMG) and to outline opportunities for continued improvement of access to public information.

STATE OF OPEN DATA

As of October 2014, LMG was offering a total of 107 datasets to the public. Over the past year, LMG has made significant progress and added 49 new datasets to the Open Data Portal, which brings the total number of datasets to 156. With the advancements made in open data this year, LMG is exceeding the benchmarks outlined in the Mayor’s Strategic Plan for Goal 4.

When comparing the availability of open datasets to other cities, Louisville ranks 20th out of 84 ranked cities, (as of August 19, 2015) according to the “US City Open Data Census” published by Code for America and the Sunlight Foundation. An analysis of the Open Data Portal from October 1, 2014 through August 23, 2015 revealed there were 492,633 page views, which is a substantial increase in activity from last year. This data indicates the demand for more information is growing and the City of Louisville continues to meet citizen needs while ensuring accountability of government.

In addition to advancements in offering more datasets to the public, there has also been remarkable progress in other areas of the program. Below are the highlights of accomplishments:

- Department of Information Technology (DoIT) now has a dedicated resource managing all facets of online services and open data
- Implemented a technology steering group made up of metro departments and community partners
- Developed a metro IT strategic plan to transform government services, automate processes, and better manage data
- One of 8 initial cities selected by the Bloomberg Philanthropies for the “What Works Cities” program focusing on open data delivery and quality results for citizens; Louisville will be one of the first cities to work with Johns Hopkins Center for Government Excellence on open data and will serve as a benchmark for other What Works Cities
- One of 16 U.S. cities working with White House regarding data innovation for transparency and accountability in policing; involving DoIT, Louisville Metro Police Department, Office of Performance Improvement, Code for America, Police Foundation, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and many other police departments from around the nation--Louisville continues to lead the way by being one of the first to identify and publish public safety information to the public.

The table below showcases current activities:

Recently Published on Open Data Portal	Next to be Published on Open Data Portal
Crime Data-offenses reported to police	Traffic Stop Data
Assaulted Officers-incidents of assaults on officers	Hate Crime Data
Uniform Citation Data-arrest and citation data	Officer Involved Shooting Data
	Complaints against Officer(s) Data

PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT

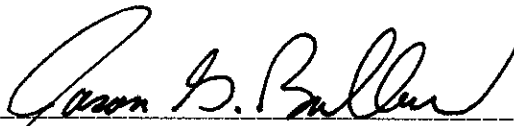
LMG has made great strides over the past year and continues to be a national leader with open data. In an effort to improve government services and increase transparency, LMG will be undertaking the following activities:

- Migrating to a new open data platform that will provide better capabilities of hosting data in a more automated, integrated, and user friendly way; providing enhanced keyword searches, ability for consumers to provide feedback, and presenting a full-featured visualization toolset
- Continuing ongoing efforts with Bloomberg Philanthropies, Results for America, Johns Hopkins Center for Government Excellence and the Behavioral Insights Team focusing on data from the citizen perspective, data quality and integrity, automation, and streamlined business processes
- Creating a digital ecosystem across government that will integrate various business systems for better communication, reduce/eliminate paper usage and manual processes, prevent duplication of efforts, standardize data, and manage the data environment as a strategic city resource
- Implementing public website improvements, such as MyLouisville, which will provide a more responsive, customer specific experience tailored to individual interests
- Continuing to offer services through multiple methods of mobile apps, text-based services, social media, websites, and geospatial/mapping capabilities
- Transitioning ownership of open data from the IT department to data owners in the various LMG departments where open data becomes a part of daily work

CONCLUSION

This has been an exciting year for the City of Louisville, having been highlighted for successes in economic development, job opportunities, education advancements, transportation infrastructure improvements, and many more initiatives that has enhanced the quality of life for residents and visitors. As Louisville continues to evolve, technology will be a central part of how people communicate, stay informed, make decisions, and live their lives. LMG must continue to meet those needs in an open and transparent manner. This continues to be a top priority for LMG and I look forward to expanding LMG's digital services into the future.

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