

Oregon's Open Data Program

Oregon's Open Data Program is a new program with executive leadership from the Chief Data Officer, and supports agencies in inventorying, prioritizing, and publishing data assets as open data. Oregon's Open Data Program is codified within ORS 276A.350-374.

What is Open Data?

Open Data is available at no direct cost and is made publicly accessible to a variety of users including other state agencies and employees, non-profit organizations, and any individual with an interest in accessing, downloading, and using data. Open data provides transparency and accountability for state agencies, and creates an opportunity for communication and relationship building with our constituents and engaged public.

The Value of Open Data

Open Data...



Improves internal data sharing. Agencies can use open data to provide continual access to public data and decrease the number of sharing requests received from other agencies.



Saves time and resources. Publishing open data decreases the volume of public records requests an agency receives by pro-actively releasing data that is of high interest.



Enables growth and innovation. The release of open data can help promote the development of new applications and technologies or stimulate new sectors within Oregon.



Fosters active constituent engagement. Open data empowers constituents to use data to learn more about government functions and services.

Open data relies on participation from State agencies to achieve its vision of making high-quality, authoritative data available to users and the public to increase transparency, improve data sharing, and foster engagement.



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To achieve Oregon's vision of building a culture of transparency throughout the State, Oregon's Open Data Program relies on agencies to identify and publish high-quality open datasets.

Oregon's new [Open Data Standard](#) provides the requirements for State Agencies' participation in the State's Open Data Program and outlines expectations for inventorying, prioritizing, and publishing open data. The Chief Data Officer will provide ongoing training, support, and resources to agencies to help them publish meaningful and valuable open data.

Agency Data Coordinators: Critical to Open Data Success

Each State agency is expected to appoint a **Data Coordinator** to assist with inventorying data and acting as the primary point of contact for the agency's open data program. Your agency Data Coordinator will work closely with the Chief Data Officer to help produce valuable open data for other agencies, academics, and the public to use.

Data Coordinators will rely on subject matter expertise within the agency to help identify datasets, prioritize data for release, and identify datasets that are candidates for publication as open data.*

Ideal Data Coordinators will:

- Have direct connections to business and program subject matter experts and possess familiarity with agency business functions, program areas, and data collections
- Be imbued with appropriate authority to convene meetings, assign tasks, and review work products for other employees
- Possess project management skills and the ability to manage accountability for specific deadlines

A [sample role description](#) for the Data Coordinator is posted on the [Open Data Standard website](#).

Agencies should prioritize:

- Identifying a Data Coordinator to support the agency data inventory effort
- Completing the data inventory and prioritization for contribution to the enterprise data inventory. By focusing on identifying valuable datasets, agencies can more effectively plan for open data in the future.

**Please note that inventorying a dataset does not mean the agency will be required to publish it as open data. The inventory and prioritization are the first step in identifying possible datasets for publication.*

Agency Deadlines and Milestones

July 2021
Appoint data coordinator

October 2021
Begin data inventory

March 2022
Submit data inventory to Chief Data Officer

June 2022
Submit Open Data Plan to Chief Data Officer

