Open Government Partnership in the U.S.

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Open Government

Open Government Initiative – launched in 2009
Open Government Partnership – launched in 2011
→ Open Government National Action Plans
Open Data Initiatives + Executive Order – 2013
Open Data

More than **190,000 data sets** across sectors including health, energy, education, transportation and law.

Agency efforts to meet the Open Data requirements are publicly tracked including Public Data Listings, Public Engagement, Privacy & Security.
Spending Transparency

**DATA Act:**

Make Federal spending data more accessible, searchable and reliable by setting data standards and creating a standard data exchange.

USAspending.gov

openbeta.usaspending.gov
Open Source

OpenFEC makes it easier to search campaign finance data:

beta.fec.gov

The Digital Analytics Dashboard shows visitors on government websites in real time:

analytics.usa.gov
Public Participation

We the People

15 million users
350,000 petitions
22 million signatures

petitions.whitehouse.gov

Participatory Budgeting

Engaging citizens in a community to help decide how to allocate public funds.

Promoting Innovation in Civic Engagement: Celebrating Community-Led Participatory Budgeting

Summary: The Office of Science and Technology Policy recently hosted representatives from communities across the country at the White House to share their experiences with participatory budgeting, learn about work already underway across the country, and brainstorm new ways to expand outreach and engagement, improve city processes, and create projects that can help transform neighborhoods.
Crowdsourcing, Citizen Science, and Challenges and Prizes are a few ways we collaborate with the public to improve government services.
EDUCATION

By The Numbers

On average, college graduates earn $1 million more over their lifetimes than high school graduates.

You could be eligible for up to $5,775 in Pell grants to help pay for college. No repayment needed!

Did you know that 30% of college students started college at age 25 or older.
Police Data Initiative

Restore the public’s trust in government and policing by increasing access to data around law enforcement activity.

26 jurisdictions around the country (including 2 in Virginia) are agreeing to provide data around:

- Use of force
- Vehicle and pedestrian stops
- Officer involved shootings
Global Goals

In September 2015, world leaders adopted 17 **Sustainable Development Goals** to be achieved over the coming 15 years across areas including:

- education
- health
- climate resilience
- air quality
- food security
- science and innovation
- justice

US Progress on Goals:
- [https://sdg.data.gov/](https://sdg.data.gov/)
Play 11: Use Data to Drive Decision Making

Use data to inform decisions about engagement efforts and public participation. Data can help you decide the best format for your engagement effort, the best tools to use, the most receptive audiences and more. Data will help you get the desired results and adapt your engagement effort along the way.

Checklist

- Define your goals and establish key performance indicators.
- Continuously reconsider metrics to make sure they are still the best ones to use.
- Educate employees about open data policies and publicly available datasets.
- Ask data-literate employees to attend and participate in public engagements.
Convening Meetings with Civil Society

--Never possible to have just one meeting- ongoing dialogue
  >Regional Meetings
  >Subject Matter Experts
  >Webinars

--Meet before and after you develop language for commitments