

# Open Data

According to Wikipedia, [Open data](#) is the idea that certain data should be freely available to everyone to use and republish as they wish, without restrictions from copyright, patents or other mechanisms of control. The first article in the list below is just the tip of the iceberg of what data is becoming available on the Internet. All sorts of data, political and otherwise. Feel free to add to the list. This just seems like something UCLA faculty and students can really use.

- [Awesome Public Datasets](#) – *continually updated*
- [The United States \(Code\) is on Github](#)
- <http://www.data.gov/>
- [How should Los Angeles license its free GIS data?](#)
- <http://opendatakit.org/>
- [The Open Data Institute](#)
- [Amsterdam City Dashboard: a City as Urban Statistics](#) – *Aug. 2014*
- [20 Big Data Repositories You Should Check Out](#) – *Sept. 24, 2014*
- [Indexes of Federal Data coming](#) – *Feb. 9, 2015*
- [Colorado Upgrades Online Transparency Website](#) –  
[Citizens with improved access to state financial records](#) – *April 29, 2015*
- [The state of California has launched a new Web site with government and lobbyist information](#) – *May 6, 2015*
- [Announcing the new Open Data Handbook](#) – *May 13, 2015* – <http://opendatahandbook.org/>
- [The Causes, Costs and Consequences of Bad Government Data](#) – *June 24, 2015*
- [The World Bank Group Archives goes online](#) – *Aug. 18, 2015*
- [Adopt A Department of Education Dataset](#) – *Aug. 28, 2015*
- [New Census Web Tool Helps Business Owners Make Data Driven Decisions](#) – *Sept. 9, 2015* Or  
here's a direct link to the [Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition](#)
- [White House Launches The Opportunity Project, Utilizing Open Data to Build Stronger Ladders of Opportunity for All](#) – *March 7, 2016*
- [4 Ways to Use Government Data to Automate & Improve Your Life](#) – *March 21, 2016*
- [‘Open data’: Why it’s making waves across Canada](#) – *May 1, 2016*
- [What’s Wrong with Open-Data Sites—and How We Can Fix Them](#) – *May 2, 2016*
- [How open rail data is changing the way passengers travel](#) – *July 4, 2016*
- [The NEH “Chronicling America” Challenge: Using Big Data to Ask Big Questions](#) – *Aug. 4,*

2016

- [How open data helps citizens to know the law](#) – *Aug. 11, 2016*
- [Expanded Corporate Crime Database Highlights Fraud by Healthcare Companies and Banks & Violation Tracker 2.0](#) – *Sep. 26, 2016*
- [open.NASA](#) is an open data portal with extensive data sets, code repositories, and application program interfaces (APIs) available to the general public. Data Stories highlights how individuals and organizations around the world are making use of open data. – *Oct. 7, 2016*
- [Resources to Find the Data You Need, 2016 Edition](#) – Nathan Yau, [FlowingData blog](#) – *Nov. 11, 2016*
- [Sunlight Foundation launches national open data policy portal at \[www.opendatapolicies.org\]\(http://www.opendatapolicies.org\)](#) – *Dec. 9, 2016*
- [Tips and Tricks for Using World Bank's New Data Tool](#) – *Feb. 3, 2017*
- [New Open Data Homepage As New York City Celebrates 5 Years Of Open Data](#) – *March 7, 2017*
- [Open data — Canada's 'new natural resource' — proves harder to mine than expected](#) – *May 15, 2017*
- [San Diego Among First to Build Open Data Portal at <https://data.sandiego.gov/datasets/>](#) – *June 5, 2017*
- [Reaching the Next Level of Open Data Maturity – Arriving at Open Data 3.0](#) – *June 12, 2017*

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