

State of Open Data, City of South Bend

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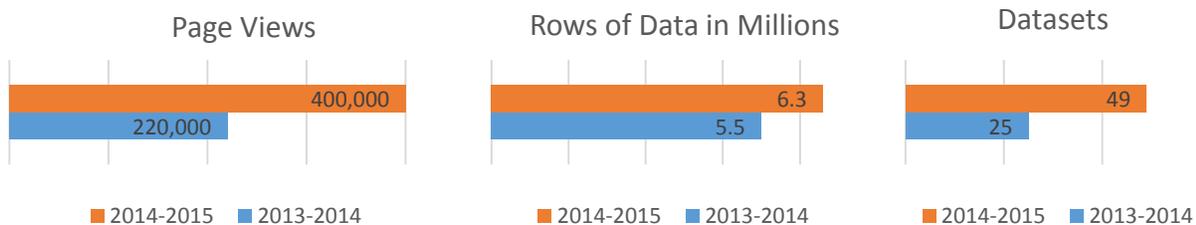


Current Status

Launched on August 22, 2013, the City of South Bend Open Data Portal continues to increase transparency and accessibility to City data while reinforcing the 'good government' and 'making the basics easy' initiatives.

Highlights

In its second year, the Open Data Portal served nearly 400,000 page views and now spans over 6.3 million rows of data. Currently, the portal contains 49 datasets and multiple maps, charts and views.



Plan

To improve online public access to public data and maintain data quality, the following objectives have been established for 2015-2016.

Current Projects

- Open Expenditures Application implementation – finalizing configuration
 - Open Expenditures is an intuitive interface with well-defined visualizations allowing users to view spending down to transaction-level detail; view spending by department, fund or program; view spending trends; search for payments to vendors
- Data Lens Interface – enhanced data consumption experience
 - Data Lens pages makes exploring data visually interesting and readily accessible to non-technical users. The intuitive and interactive pages enable users to more easily understand the insights behind the numbers.

Public Engagement

- Continue involvement with the developer community via intentional interaction with groups such as Hack Michiana
- Increase number of datasets that are developer-desired

Data Quality and Growth

- Research Socrata application for Open Budget
- Increase number of GIS-connected maps for dynamic map generation
- Identify and publish additional datasets at the City agency level
- Continue dialogue with 311 Director to identify datasets based on 311 call types and requests

- Inquire with St. Joseph County departments regarding City-relevant data (Health Department restaurant inspections, for example)
- Continue review of existing datasets for integrity and update compliance