



# Government Open Data Access to All (GO DATA)

Open Data seeks to:

- increase public access to valuable data and information concerning City government
- reduce barriers to access the public data and information
- promotes trust, transparency, and accountability between City agencies and the people we serve

The City of Detroit embarked on its Open Data journey in February of 2015 through City of Detroit's Government Open Data Access to All (GO DATA) Policy via Executive Order 2015-2 to increase public access to valuable data and information concerning City government operations and service delivery.

## How Open Data?

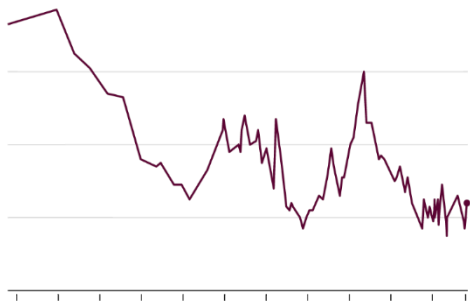
The Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) has convened a committee of Data Liaisons who are responsible, along with departmental leadership, for developing inventory of all data in departments, identifying high value dataset for the public, and working with DoIT to release these to the public through [data.detroitmi.gov](http://data.detroitmi.gov). We need the help of Department Directors and leaders to make clear the importance of this work.

## Why Open Data?



**Better governmental decisions:** Making data more accessible internally and externally makes it easier to find connections and overlap, leading to better decisions and service delivery.

**Reduce the burden of Freedom of Information Act Requests:** By putting making public FOIA-eligible data and information, your staff can focus more on [improving service] and less on responding to information requests.



**Transparency and democratic control:** Opening up governmental data creates more trust between citizens and government—a key priority of Mayor Duggan's.

**Private/Non Profit Solutions built on Gov data:** There are many cases of others building apps and services that can help citizens understand their neighborhoods more deeply.

**Some Examples from Detroit:** We have been at this for about 12 months and what can we say are some notable accomplishments:

- Data Sharing/ Connection between Fire Department and DWSD regarding Fire Hydrants
- Reported Crimes Mapped
- Park Inspections Dashboard
- Building and Trade Permits Online