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Open Baltimore:

Why Open Data Matters and How to Make It Count



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Roadmap

1. What is “open data”?
2. Why does it matter?
3. How does Baltimore do open data?
4. How can we do it better?



What *is* open data?

The Open Data Institute defines open data as
**“data that’s available to everyone
to access, use and share.”**



Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

There are slight variations in how organizations define it,
but the core principle is the same:

**anyone can do anything with open
data.**

Why is open data *important* ?



- We all benefit from data being widely available to study
- Transparency in government builds trust
- Citizens have a right—or at least deserve—to know



1. Beta version launched in 2011 on Socrata
2. Codified by city council in 2015 →
3. Switched platforms to Esri in 2020

(d) *Open data.*

“Open data” means data made available online:

- (1) in open format; and
- (2) with no legal encumbrances on use or reuse.

(e) *Open Data Portal; Web Portal.*

“Open Data Portal” means the “Open Baltimore” Web Portal as maintained under this subtitle.

(f) *Open format.*

“Open format” means any widely accepted, nonproprietary, platform-independent, machine-readable method for formatting data that:

- (1) permits automated processing of that data; and
- (2) facilitates search capabilities.

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Featured Content



Public Safety Accountability Dashboard

The Dashboard is designed to provide greater levels of...

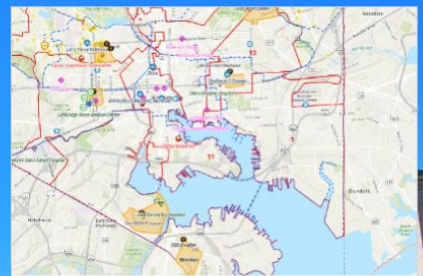


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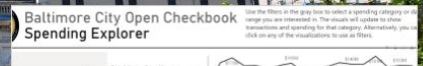
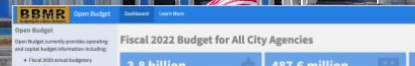
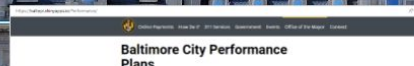
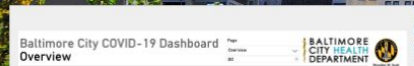


Gun Trace Task Force Settlement Tracker

This dashboard visualizes the settlement amounts agreed...



Baltimore's Community Violence Intervention (C...





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311 Customer Service Requests 2024

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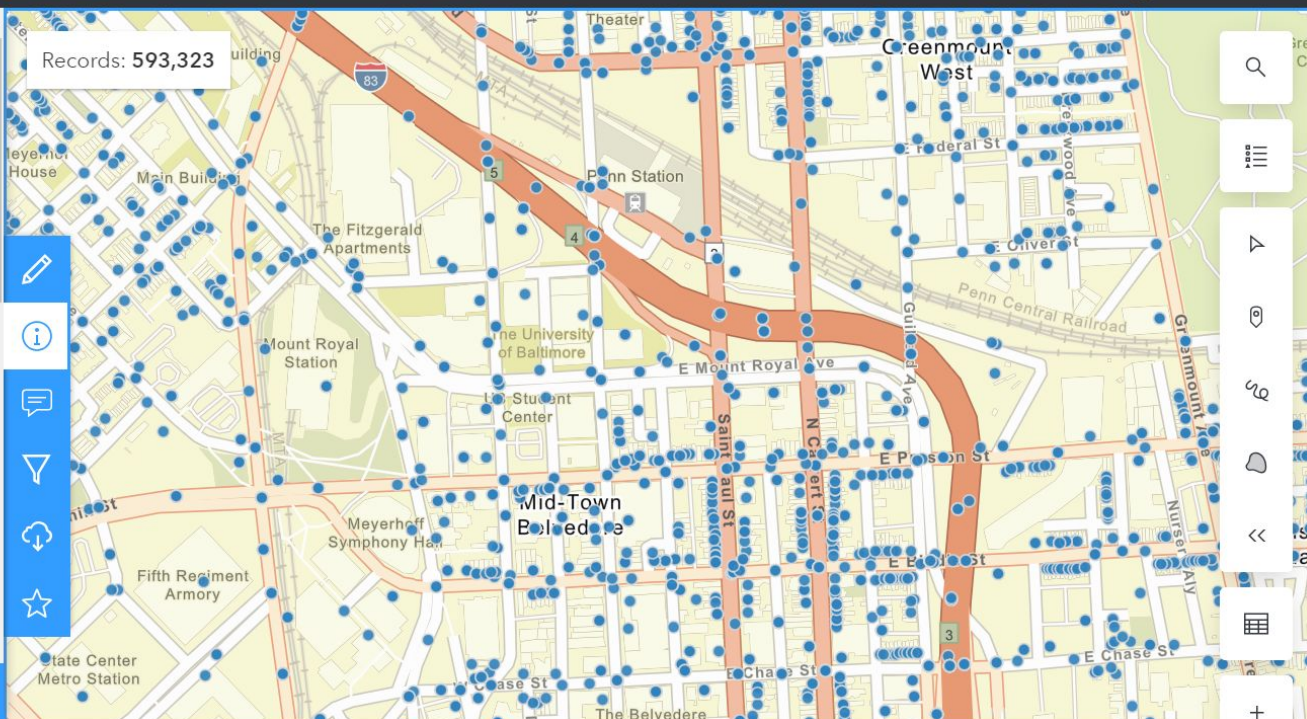
Summary

This dataset represents the 311 call for service requests for the current 2024 calendar year which includes service request types and status. This dataset is updated daily.

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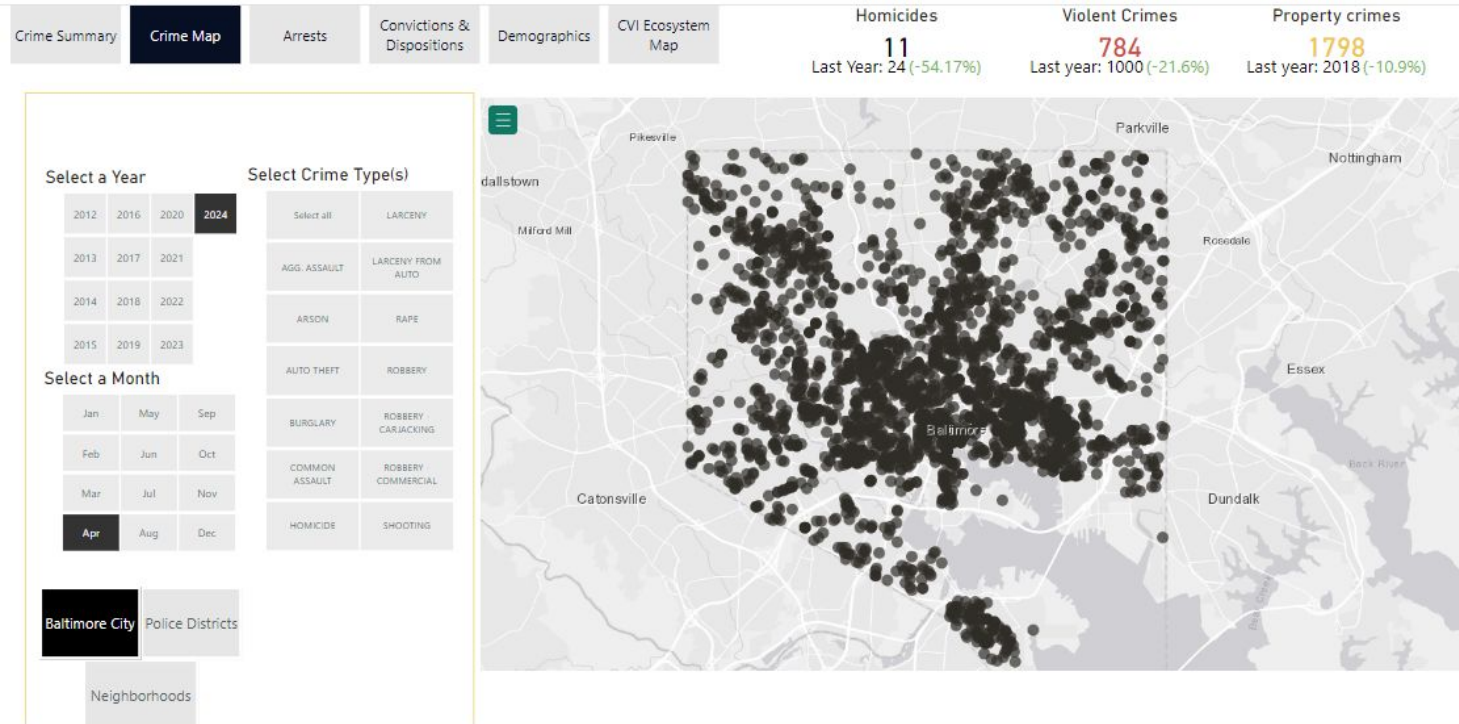
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Open Baltimore Internal Use: MONSE Public Safety Accountability Dashboard



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Public Safety Data
Tool Provides
Greater Levels of
Transparency
Around Public
Safety Outcomes
Across the City***





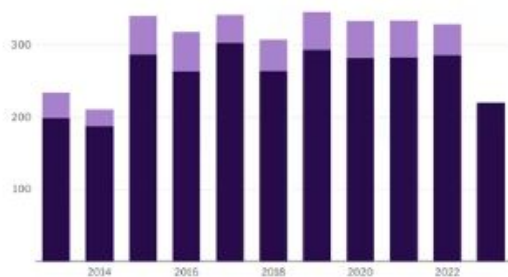
Open Baltimore Journalistic Use: The Baltimore Banner



Data Dashboard: Latest data shows gun violence among teens falling

While shootings victimizing teens between ages 13 and 18 remain above pre-pandemic levels, they have fallen sharply this year compared to the same time period in 2023, a Banner analysis has found. This dashboard is updated with the latest data from BPD.

By Fernando Becerra and Ryan Little • April 24, 2024



Use this data to win the ‘Baltimore is bad’ argument at the dinner table this Thanksgiving

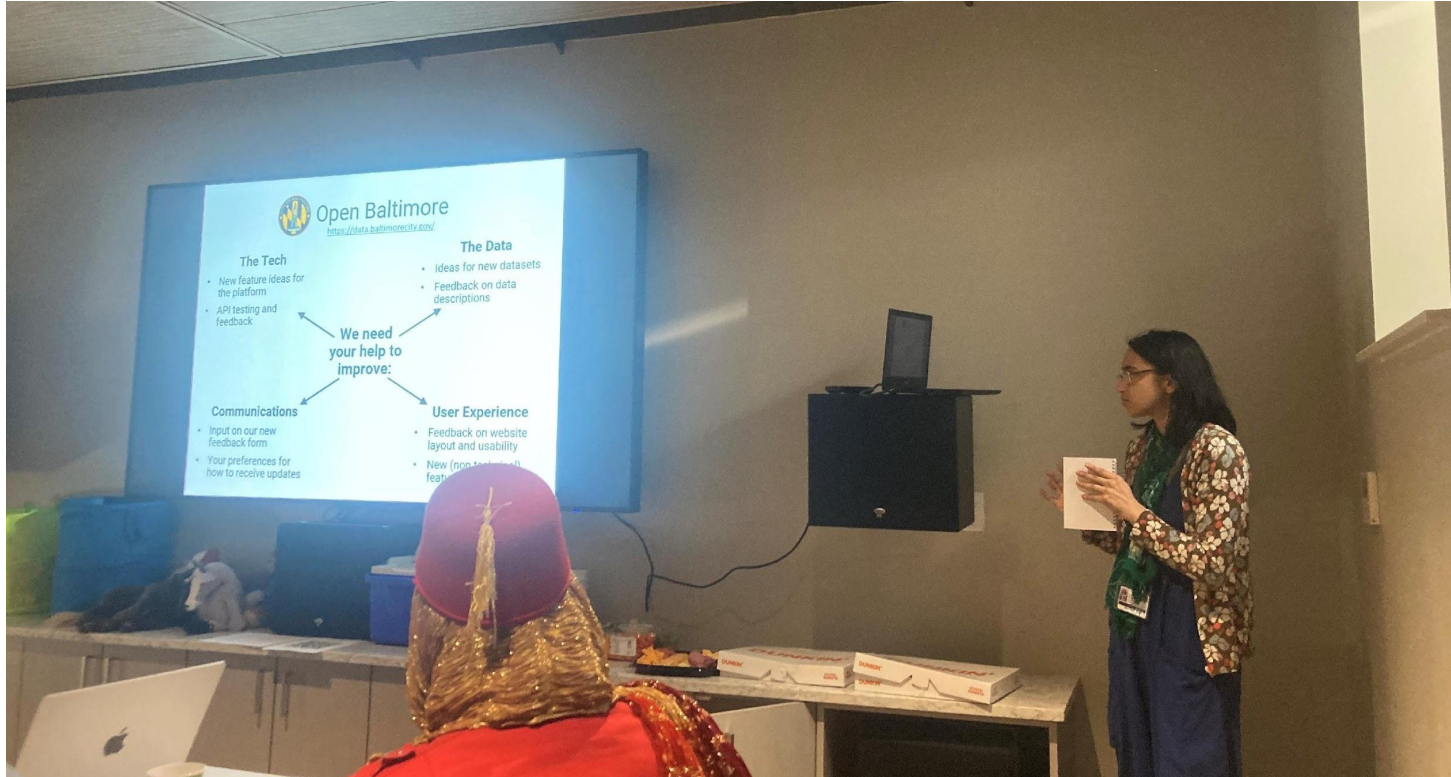
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Open Baltimore Civilian Use: Community Meetups



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2. Create a way for citizens to request datasets
3. Retain more historical data



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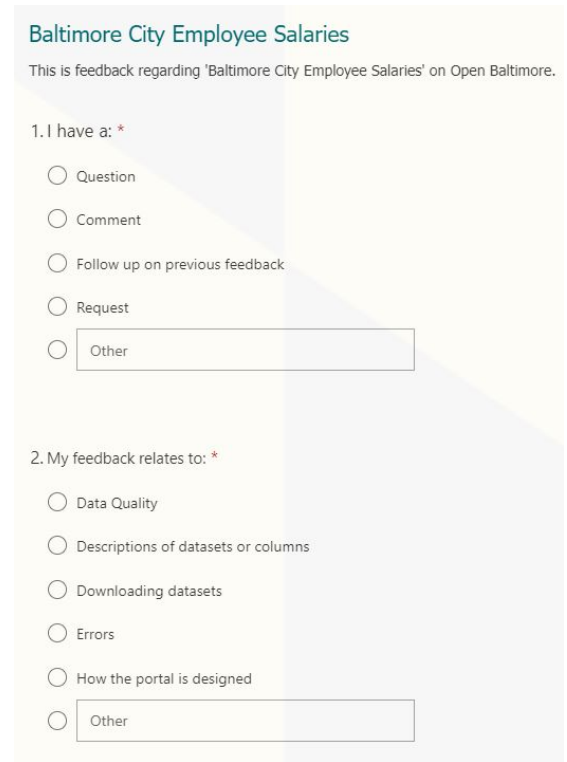
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- Future: Exciting new dataset-specific feedback form
 - Goes directly to Data Stewards
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Baltimore City Employee Salaries

This is feedback regarding 'Baltimore City Employee Salaries' on Open Baltimore.

1. I have a: *

- Question
- Comment
- Follow up on previous feedback
- Request
- Other

2. My feedback relates to: *

- Data Quality
- Descriptions of datasets or columns
- Downloading datasets
- Errors
- How the portal is designed
- Other

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Accessibility means more than just availability

1. User-friendly interface
2. Meaningful descriptions of datasets
3. Thorough data dictionaries for every dataset
4. Instructional content

Baltimore City Employee Salaries



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Summary

This dataset includes Baltimore City employee salaries and gross pay from fiscal year 2011 through fiscal year 2023 and includes employees who were employed on June 30 of the last fiscal year.

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Discussion questions



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1. Have you used Open Baltimore before?
How do you think it could be improved?
2. What are some untapped potentials of Open Baltimore, or open data generally?
3. How can we engage the community more with open data?

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