

## Cuomo Unveils State Open Data Portal

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo [unveiled](#) Open.ny.gov, a transparency site dedicated to hosting data from state agencies as well as localities and the federal government. Cuomo showed off the site at a cabinet meeting this morning. The move comes at the start of Sunshine Week .

“Open.ny.gov creates unprecedented transparency across all levels of government and gives the people user-friendly access to vast quantities of information on our State,” Cuomo said in a statement. “This new website will dramatically increase public access to one of our most valuable assets – data. As it expands and evolves over time, Open.ny.gov will spark innovation, improve efficiency, promote accountability, and bring the people back into government.”

Cuomo issued an executive order directing state agencies to review and catalogue data that they collect and make it available to the public on the website. The state Office of Information Technology Services will consult with agencies on how to post the information.

City and county government are also taking part in the site and have made their data available.

For more on the state of open data in New York State, check out [today's feature](#).

Here is a list of features on open.ny.gov provided by Cuomo's office:

- *One-stop access to high value government data*
- *Cross-agency search tools: All data submitted can be easily searched through a single search tool, facilitating the most efficient use of information from all agencies.*
- *Centralized access to New York's top transparency websites: Citizens' Connects, the Tappan Zee Bridge website; TheNewNY.com; the Regional Economic Development Council website; comprehensive Business Resources from Empire State Development; and the Jobs Express database of job openings in New York.*

- *Centralized collection of “apps” and mobile tools using NYS data*
- *Social Media Engagement: Easy ways for citizens to adapt the data to their individual context, visualize it on maps and charts, and share their creations with others on blogs and social networks; use of social media on the website will promote an ongoing “open data” conversation among users.*
- *Suggest a Dataset: Through this feature, the public can suggest ideas for data that should be included on the site.*
- *Ability to search federal and locality data due to partnerships with the federal government and localities across New York*

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