Transparency Program Updates

Transparency Oregon Advisory Commission

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#### Transparency Program Updates. Agenda

- 1) Annual updates to the Transparency website
- 2) Review of Gartner Benchmarking Assessment
- 3) Proposed Legislative changes as a result of benchmark findings
- 4) Current Key Performance Measures
- 5) Final recommendations





# Annual Transparency Updates



### Website Redesign

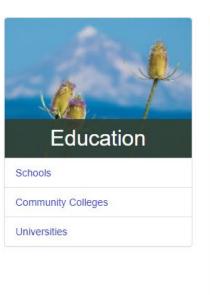
- Redesigned website launched April 2020
  - Newsletter sent out May 2020
- Video review of historical website and update: https://das.adobeconnect.com/pw91b0y5ieq2/?proto=true
- Added new embedded interactive visualizations and new homepage design



# **New Homepage**





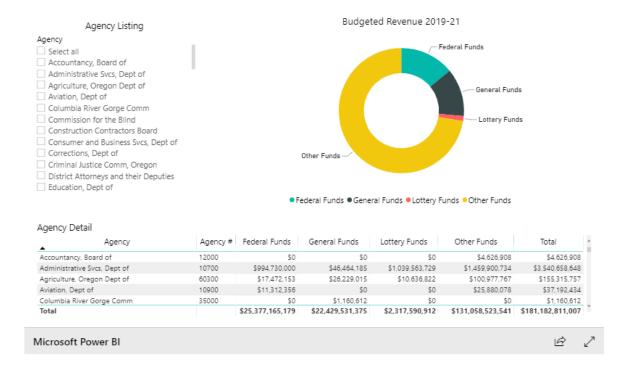






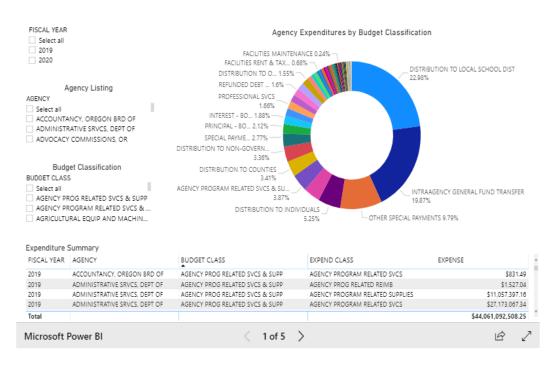
### **Adding New Features**

#### Budgeted Revenue 2019-21



Download this dataset at Budgeted Revenue 2019-21.

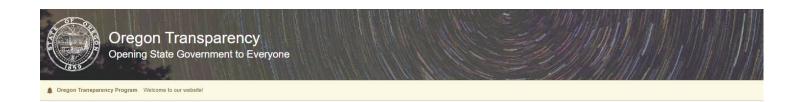
#### Reports: State Agency Expenditures

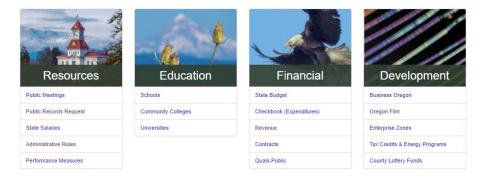


Download state agency expenditure data at Agency Expenditures – Multi-Year Report.



### Homepage - COVID-19 Resources





#### **About Transparency**

This website is a tool that will help you learn more about your state government, how it works, what your taxes buy, how purchasing decisions are made, and much more

#### COVID-19 Resources

Administrative Rules - Suspension

"Pursuant to her emergency powers according to ORS 401.168(2), Governor Brown has ordered administrative rules suspended for the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency declared by Executive Order 20-03. You may view those rules the Governor has suspended here."

For more information visit Coronavirus/COVID-19 Information and Resources.

As requested by the Governor's Office, in March of 2020 the following was added to the homepage and administrative rules page of the Transparency website.

COVID-19: Administrative Rules - Suspension

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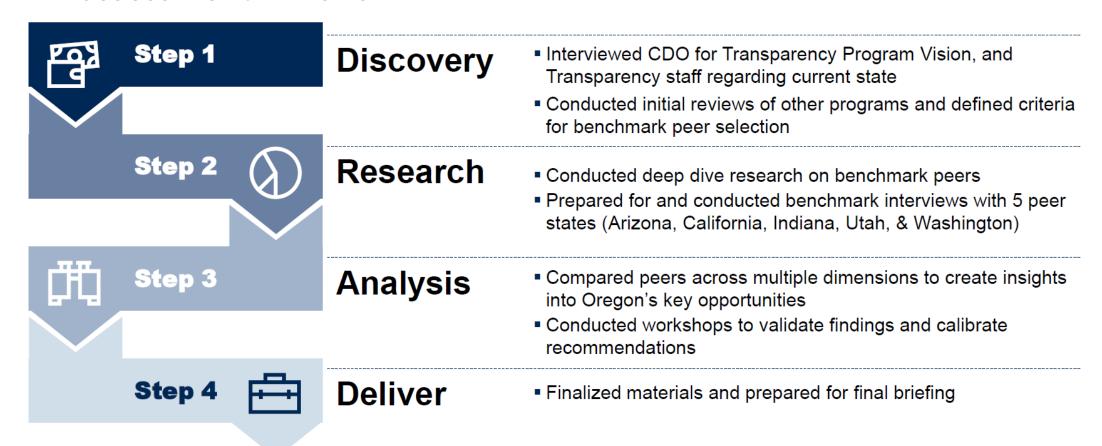


# Gartner Benchmarking Report



### Gartner Benchmarking Assessment

Contracted with Gartner in 2019 to conduct benchmarking assessment in 2020





# How does Oregon's program compare to similar programs in other states?

#### **Scope & Statutory Authority**

#### **Budget & Staffing**

#### **Operational Approach**

# Oregon is similar to other states in...Having transparency

- Oregon is similar to other states in...
  - Having a limited budget

- Oregon is similar to other states in...
  - Using a typical vendor solution (Socrata)

#### Oregon is unique in...

enshrined in statute

- Specificity of its statutory mandate, which includes an extensive set of required data elements and entities (some states cover local entities but are often managed separately, and mandates for specific types of data are typically limited)
- Oregon is unique in...
  - Having staff dedicated to a separate Transparency Program
  - Lack of finance business sponsorship & participation

- Oregon is unique in...
  - Level of manual effort for data collection
  - Low frequency of adding state agencies' financial data
  - Level of custom outreach
  - Lack of graphs & continued focus on tabular data







#### Oregon's "Destination Postcard" for a More Open Government

- Constituent/user participation is dynamic and interactive
- Constituent need/user demand drives development of new solutions
- Constituents are empowered to learn about, and engage government (subscriptions, descriptions, etc.)

Desired Outcomes
Oregon, USA



- Information is governed
- Information is a community resource
- Information landscape is clear and navigable
- Information is provided through a variety of means

Business Model



Transparency is just the tip of the iceberg falling within a larger umbrella of Open Data, and Digital Government



Team seeks out relevant, interesting, and important data challenges to tackle next



Team internalizes constituent/ user-centered design practices (accessibility, usability, etc.)

Operating Model



CDO manages a single team of generalists who are working to solve the critical data problems in Oregon



Team is continually working on solving newer problems, measuring success, and identifying ways to improve



Team breaks down intraoffice, intra-departmental, and inter-departmental silos, and engages constituents/users to maximize partnerships

echnology Model



Technology ecosystem is continuously modernized to provide best-in-class and innovative solutions



Data pipelines are automated wherever possible to allow for more timely publication of information



Team moves past business as usual to implement incremental improvements designed for interoperability and reuse

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### **Key Takeaways**

- Transparency to be incorporated into broader program areas of the Chief Data Office, such as open data, data stewardship, and enterprise data governance
- Focus on empowering agencies to be universally more transparent through new legislation related to Open Data Program (ORS 276A.350-364)
- Current statutory requirements and structure of Transparency Program should be revisited to address a vision for transparency as opposed to discrete data requirements



# Proposed Legislative Changes and Performance Measures



### Proposed Changes to Transparency Statute

- 2021 Legislative Concept proposed removal of several requirements from Oregon Transparency Statute, focused on:
  - Removal of requirements that duplicate agency transparency work
  - Sections that request list of links to other pages
  - Transitioning from linking to pages to building a front door for the State of Oregon
- Intent to codify transparency as a cultural norm within the State, in lieu of individual datasets or reports



#### Final Recommendations

- Work with Transparency Oregon Advisory Commission to reimagine Transparency Program Statute in light of new program and requirements within the State
- Craft a vision for transparency within the State that provides evergreen guidance for EIS in leading data transparency within the State of Oregon
- Modify extant requirements to focus more on vision and less on specific datasets or links



#### 2021 Transparency Website: General Measures

Google Analytics Definitions

<u>Sessions (Visits)</u>: A session is the period of time a user is actively engaged with your website. This number represents the total number of sessions within the date range. All usage data (i.e. screen views) is associated with a session.

<u>Users (Visitors)</u>: Those who have had at least one session within the selected date range. Includes both new and returning users. The number of unduplicated (counted only once) visitors to your website over the course of a specified time period.

<u>Pageviews</u>: The total number of pages viewed. Repeated views of a single page are counted.

<u>Pages/Session (Visit)</u> (Average Page Depth): The average number of pages viewed during a session (visit) to your site. Repeated views of a single page are counted.

Avg. Session Duration: The average length of a session.

Bounce Rate: The percentage of single-page visits (i.e. visits in which the person left your site from the entrance page).

% of New Sessions (Visits): An estimate of the percentage of first time visits.

New User: The number of first time users during the selected date range.

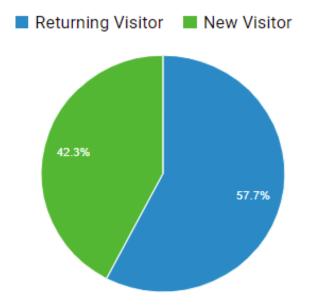


2020 Transparency Website: General Measures

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

#### 20,511 people (users) visited the website.





New Visitor: 10,100 / 42.3 %

Returning Visitor: 13,755 / 57.7 %



2021 Transparency Website: General Measures

January 1, 2021 – September 15, 2021

#### 16,346 people (users) visited the website.

| Users     | New Users       | Sessions              | Number of Sessions per User |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 16,346    | 9,349           | 22,994                | 1.41                        |
|           |                 |                       |                             |
|           |                 |                       |                             |
| Pageviews | Pages / Session | Avg. Session Duration | Bounce Rate                 |
| 40,420    | 1.76            | 00:01:35              | 52.74%                      |
|           |                 |                       |                             |
|           |                 |                       |                             |

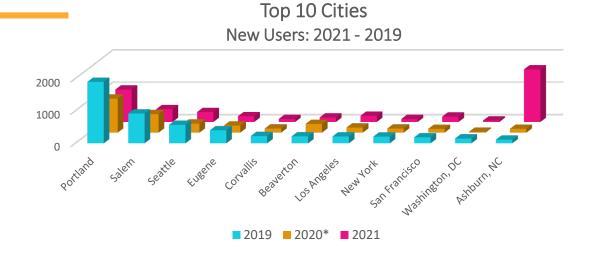


New Visitor: 9,340 / 52 %

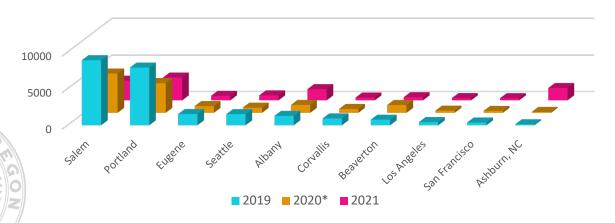
Returning Visitor: 8,630 / 48 %







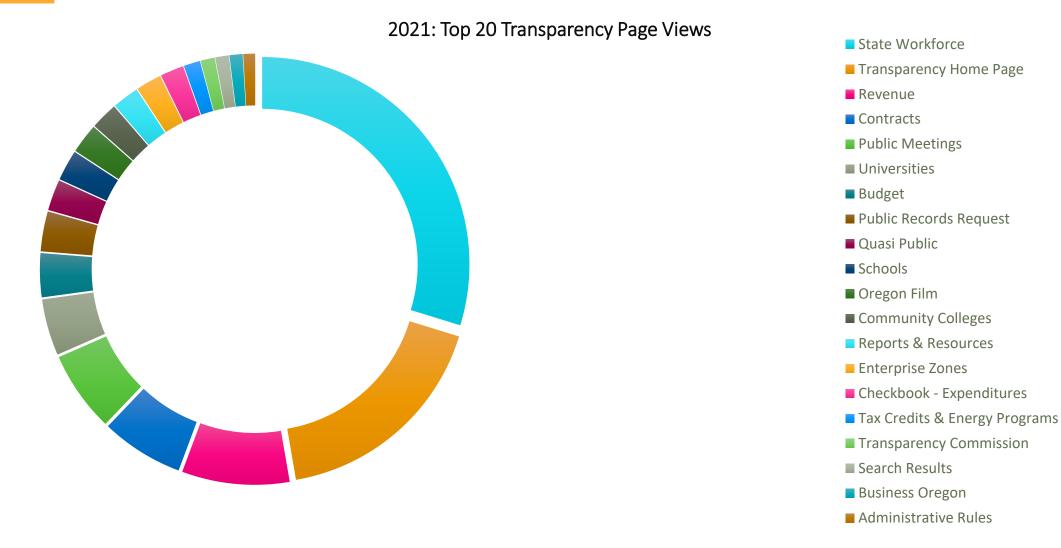
Top 10 Cities
Website Sessions: 2021 - 2019



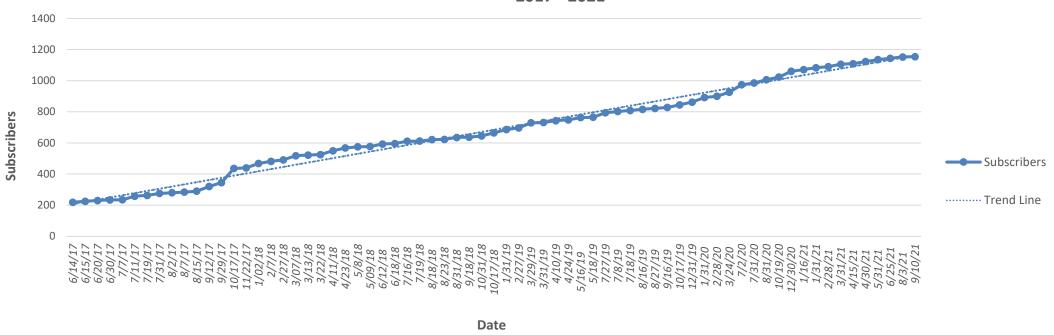
| City           | New Users |       |      |
|----------------|-----------|-------|------|
|                | 2019      | 2020* | 2021 |
| Portland       | 1901      | 1051  | 1003 |
| Salem          | 921       | 572   | 395  |
| Seattle        | 571       | 280   | 305  |
| Eugene         | 402       | 219   | 176  |
| Corvallis      | 225       | 127   | 92   |
| Beaverton      | 216       | 269   | 139  |
| Los Angeles    | 212       | 156   | 191  |
| New York       | 207       | 126   | 93   |
| San Francisco  | 185       | 116   | 166  |
| Washington, DC | 149       | 27    | 44   |
| Ashburn, NC    | 113       | 118   | 1629 |

| City          | Website Sessions |       |      |  |
|---------------|------------------|-------|------|--|
|               | 2019             | 2020* | 2021 |  |
| Salem         | 8888             | 5367  | 2686 |  |
| Portland      | 7884             | 4059  | 3112 |  |
| Eugene        | 1537             | 913   | 620  |  |
| Seattle       | 1519             | 709   | 680  |  |
| Albany        | 1287             | 1076  | 1526 |  |
| Corvallis     | 936              | 534   | 385  |  |
| Beaverton     | 766              | 1069  | 428  |  |
| Los Angeles   | 434              | 295   | 304  |  |
| San Francisco | 379              | 258   | 291  |  |
| Ashburn, NC   | 140              | 125   | 1682 |  |





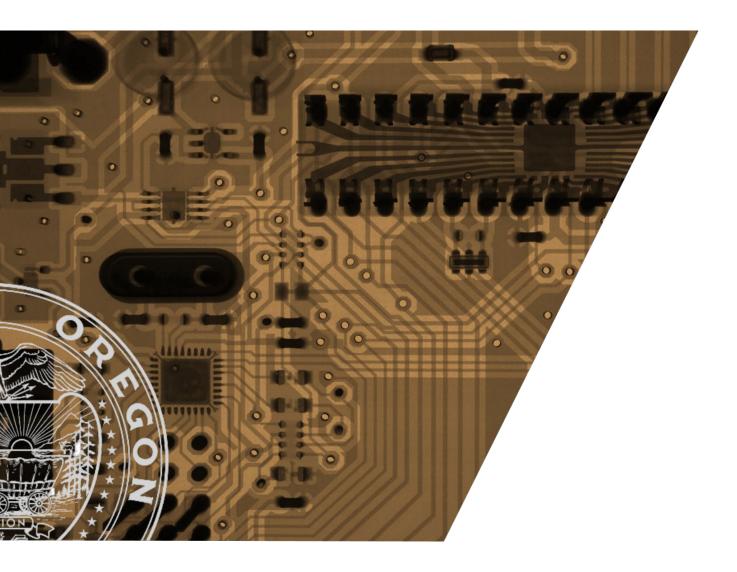
#### Newsletter Subscribers of Oregon Transparency Updates 2017 - 2021



#### **Highlights & Milestones**

- Subscriptions to *Transparency Updates* newsletter have increased 18.48% since the launch of the new Transparency website in April of 2020.
- Transparency Updates reached a milestone of 1000+ subscribers in August of 2020.
- View Transparency Updates at <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/transparency/Pages/Oregon Transparency Updates.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/transparency/Pages/Oregon Transparency Updates.aspx</a>.





# **Questions?**