

New York State Local Data Index

General Description

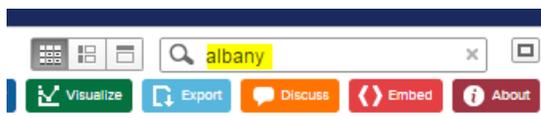
Local government in New York State comprises counties, cities, towns and villages, which are corporate entities known as municipal corporations. These units of local government provide most local governmental services. See Local Government Handbook published by the NYS Department of State for an in-depth description, accessible at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/>

In this dataset, discover the breadth of data collected by the state which is local in nature. Search by county and municipality and discover, explore, and download local data. With a click, find local data across a broad range of categories from health to transportation, to economic development; find local farmer's markets, child care regulated facilities, craft beverages, solar installations, food service establishment inspections, and much more.

This dataset will return for any given local query State datasets which include local data. A local search will return results which include the statewide dataset which can then be searched and/or filtered to view a specific locality. For numerous statewide datasets, it provides quick access to local information on particular services and/or programs in one place, and presenting it in an easy-to-digest format. Datasets may be searched on one or more local attributes (e.g., county, city), depending upon the granularity of the data.

Below are two ways to find datasets containing data about a specific county or municipality:

1. Enter a county or municipality name in the dataset search box.



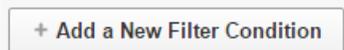
This is a “quick” search and will return all dataset that contain data about either the county of Albany or the city of Albany. For more exact results, try option 2.

2. Create a filter on a specific county or municipality. For example to find only datasets containing data about the county of Albany, follow these steps:

- Click “Filter”.



- To specify the granularity (county), click “Add a New Filter Condition”.

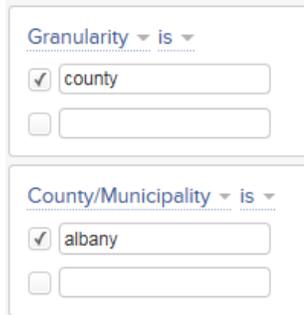


- Select “Granularity” from the fields dropdown, and enter “county” as the value.



A screenshot of a filter condition. It shows a dropdown menu labeled "Granularity" with "is" next to it. Below the dropdown is a checked checkbox and a text input field containing the word "county".

- To specify the county (Albany), click “Add a New Filter Condition” again.
- Select “County/Municipality” from the fields dropdown, and enter “albany” as the value.



A screenshot showing two filter conditions stacked vertically. The top condition is for "Granularity" with "is" and a checked checkbox, with the value "county" entered in the text field. The bottom condition is for "County/Municipality" with "is" and a checked checkbox, with the value "albany" entered in the text field.

- The view will change to include only datasets containing data about the county of Albany. Feel free to add filter conditions to further narrow-down results to a specific category or agency.

Data Collection Methodology

This dataset brings together the vast ecosystem of NYS Open NY open data from across sectors and makes it local. It represents an added tool to complement the breadth and depth data published on Open NY. It complements the broader redesign of state government to make the services and resources of the State more accessible. This dataset combines all of the assets on Open NY, and highlights county and municipality (e.g., city, town, and village) data for the benefit of government, businesses, civic developers, entrepreneurs, researchers, and citizens who benefit from open data. This dataset streamlines discovery to accessible, machine-readable data to export, share, analyze, and reuse. By cataloging Open NY into a centralized local index, it facilitates the discovery of the vast amount of local data embedded within statewide datasets.

Statistical and Analytical Issues

Not all tabular datasets published on Open NY lend themselves to local indexing. Only tabular datasets having these characteristics are included in the index:

- The dataset must include a geographic column such as county name or municipality name.

- The county name or municipality name must contain a single value, e.g. “Albany”, “Buffalo”, etc. Columns that contain lists of county or municipality names in a single cell, e.g. “Albany, Schenectady, Troy” are not indexed.

Limitations

None