

federal data
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for



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I'm thankful for **CDC PLACES** because it provides robust, accessible local health indicators across the South.

Many datasets leave critical geographic gaps, but PLACES stands out for its consistent coverage from the smallest rural communities to the largest urban areas.

Denice Ross

Senior Advisor, Federation of American Scientists and military spouse



I'm thankful for VHA's **Facility Health Care Performance** dataset because it enables the veterans in my life to find the best nearby facility for their health needs—including details on how long it takes to get an appointment and whether care is effective and veteran-centered.

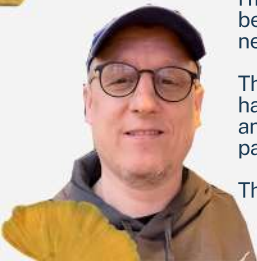


Randy Rosso
MPP, Food Data Nerd

I'm thankful for **ClinicalTrials.gov** data because I have incurable brain cancer, but new research might change that.

These data include what trials are happening, where, what phase they're in, and what could qualify me for participation.

This could literally be life or death.



Daniel Schuman

*Executive Director, American Governance Institute
and co-founder of the Congressional Data Coalition*

I'm thankful for the data behind **Congress.gov** because it lets anyone — advocates, reporters, researchers, and everyday citizens — track Congressional bill text, amendments, votes, and committee actions in real time so they can make their voices heard on policies they care about.





Taryn Mackenzie Williams
*Senior Fellow, National Partnership for
Women and Families and Former Assistant
Secretary for Disability Employment Policy,
USDOL*

I'm thankful for BLS' **Disability Employment Statistics** because they show the trends that matter — who is getting hired, who is not, and where we need to focus to expand real opportunities for disabled people.

Christopher Ard
GIS Data Manager, City of New Orleans

I'm thankful for FEMA's **National Flood Hazard Layer** because I use it to create a "Don't Park Here" web map for my friends and family to use.

By identifying the ponding areas around town, I've saved hundreds of people's cars from flooding... including my own.



A portrait of Jeff Asher, a man with short dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a black t-shirt. Behind him is a large, brown, autumn-colored leaf.

Jeff Asher

Co-Founder of AH Datalytics and creator of the Real-Time Crime Index

I'm thankful for the FBI's **Uniform Crime Report** moving to monthly data updates.

This enhances our ability to understand crime trends as they occur and is a critical resource for accurately communicating public safety information across the nation.

A portrait of Josh De La Rosa, a man with a beard and short dark hair, looking slightly to the side. He is wearing a blue and white checkered button-down shirt. Behind him is a large, brown, autumn-colored leaf.

Josh De La Rosa

Former Director of Reporting and Outreach, National Center for Education Statistics and Dad committed to making education data accessible and useful for all families

I'm thankful for Education's **Civil Rights Data Collection** because it pulls data about advanced coursework into one place, turning scattered details into a clear picture of whether my daughter's school offers challenging classes and how it compares to neighboring public schools.

Caroline Medina

**Senior Advisor for Data Policy and Strategy,
Movement Advancement Project**

I'm thankful for the **National Crime Victimization Survey** because its data on reported and unreported hate crimes support civil rights enforcement and help advocates, researchers, and policymakers develop more effective responses to violence affecting LGBTQ+ communities.



Bryan Levi

Former Midwest Bat Hub Coordinator

I'm thankful for the **NABat** dataset because it gives land managers, developers, and researchers like myself intel on where bats are congregating.

That allows us to better protect the bats so they can continue eating harmful insects, pollinating plants, and strengthening America's ecosystems.



Melanie Klein

**Contributor, dataindex.us and Data Scientist,
Demographic Analytics Advisors**



I'm thankful for OMB's **Information Collection Review** data because I can track changes to federal surveys and forms that collect information from people, businesses, and local govts — even down to a single word — and share on dataindex.us opportunities for the public to give feedback.

... you!

Made it this far? Tell us what datasets you're most thankful for and why.