

# More than just data

Metro is launching a comprehensive trove of data about greater Portland in a free, easy to use tool — the Regional Barometer.

The Regional Barometer presents a rare opportunity to examine the greater Portland region through an interactive, easy to use website. With this open data platform, Metro is providing a valuable resource to give you access to metrics built from more than 350 sources of data, all at your fingertips in one convenient tool.

As we look toward the future of the region and how the Barometer can impact policy, we are engaged in a collaborative process with policymakers and the community. We want to ensure that the way we look at data to make plans for the region supports shared goals, creates value and has meaningful impact. Making data open and accessible is a service reflective of good government, and the Regional Barometer is transparency and accountability in action. By democratizing information, we can make better decisions together.

## What can the Barometer do for me?

Provide information about more than 120 region-wide metrics on racial equity, communities, climate, environment, economy, and transportation all in one place.

Give users the ability to download the 350+ data sets that inform the metrics and analyze those sets for their own needs



Users can view easy-to-understand facts and figures with accompanying narratives; access related strategies, research and reports; and download data for additional analysis.

# Building a platform that gets better, together

Consolidating 350+ data sets into one regional, open-data resource is a major undertaking. Our effort is rooted in listening to the community and working together to make data and the ways we use these metrics more responsive and accurate to the needs of our communities.

We recognize that data collection is constantly evolving and may not be perfect, which is why we've included context to help clarify trends and background, especially in relation to racial inequities and disparities. The Barometer is adaptive and evolving — it will help the region find out what we need to know more about by incorporating feedback, making improvements to metrics, and updating the platform as new data becomes available.

## Our vision is for the Regional Barometer to:

- Be easy to access, inclusive, and evolving
- Function as a key source of information for everyone
- Drive openness and transparency in government decision making
- Help identify and address gaps in data sets so that we can do better for each other

Check out the Barometer at:  
[oregonmetro.gov/regionalbarometer](http://oregonmetro.gov/regionalbarometer)

## Tips for using the Regional Barometer



### Use the buttons

to get to metrics within specific topics



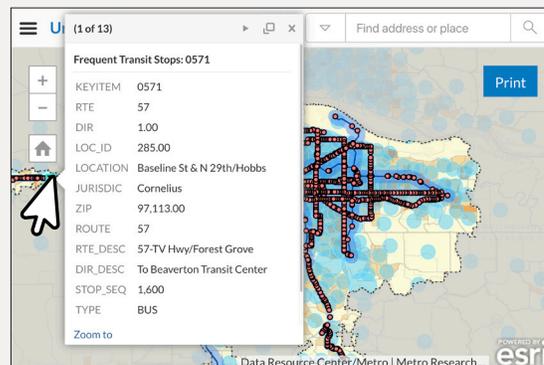
### The search bar

can help you find datasets for download



### Click on maps

to open popup windows with more details



### Hover over interactive graphs

to for more details

