

Associated Press Data Distributions with data.world

Want your news organization to do more data-driven stories, but don't have the staff to sift through datasets, clean spreadsheets and dig deep on all the possibilities? Want to localize AP investigations and national enterprise, but not sure where to get the numbers to do that? Want to produce more graphics and interactives that help explain issues that affect your communities?

AP Data Distributions

As a service to its members, The Associated Press regularly releases data that can help tell local stories. The data is vetted, cleaned, analyzed and we'll even help you make sense of the numbers with webinars or Associated Press contacts you can reach out to with questions. The data can be used to write local stories, drive interactives and graphics, or to simply add a paragraph or two of local information to a national AP story.

Here are just some of the topics we've covered since April:

- The decline in African-American homeownership, by metro area
- County-level opioid prescribing patterns over time
- How gerrymandered are your state's legislative districts?
- Flood insurance coverage declines at a community and county level
- Fatal workplace accidents among older workers
- Scarce choices in the 2017 housing market

Past projects have examined commute times for workers across the country, accidental shootings involving children and lead in community drinking water.

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We use data.world as a data-sharing platform for these projects. Once you become an AP member there, you'll find all our datasets and documentation in one place, along with a discussion forum where you can ask questions or share your work. You can download the data, or can work right in the browser -- data.world supports writing SQL queries. In fact, AP data journalists often write these queries for you and walk you through how to use them to do your own analysis.

Here's how it works:

Any reporter, editor, graphic artist or developer at a member news organization can sign up to see our data library and get alerts about our latest data releases.

- You email us at DataTeam@ap.org and tell us you're interested, with "Data distribution signup" in the subject line
- We create an account for you on data.world
- You get access to our past projects and notification every time we release a new data set