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The Web Foundation believes that open data must be:

- for everyone — a right for all
- the data people need
- data people can easily use

In this edition of the Barometer, 1,725 datasets from 15 different sectors across 115 countries were assessed. We found that most governments are not meeting the basic Open Data Charter principles. In most cases, the right policies are not in place, nor is the breadth and quality of the datasets released sufficient.

External financial and technical support continues to play a key role in fostering open data initiatives in the region. A lack of government action on open data means the private sector is unable to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by open data. Sustaining and scaling fledgling open data initiatives across changes in government is challenging.

General regional highlights and findings

The regional snapshot covered five Caribbean countries assessed in the fourth edition of the Barometer: Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Trinidad & Tobago, Saint Lucia and Haiti.

Globally, open data competes for scarce resources and political attention within a crowded policy space, and the effects are felt strongly in this region.

The highest-ranking Caribbean country globally is Jamaica at number 40. Climbing 13 places, it was the only country to improve its score since last year’s Barometer (although two out of the five Caribbean countries were new in this edition).

In countries that recently launched open data portals — such as Jamaica and Dominican Republic — the absence of systematic processes to provide consistent updates resulted in incomplete data that quickly became out of date and irrelevant.
The Caribbean

**REGIONAL PROGRESS**

**Average Score**

- Readiness: 21/100
- Implementation: 19/100
- Impact: 14/100

**Readiness for open data initiatives**

- Government Policies: 45/100
- Government Action: 44/100
- Citizens and Civil Rights: 53/100
- Entrepreneurs and Business: 43/100

**Implementation of open data programmes**

- Innovation Datasets: 34/100
- Social Policy Datasets: 36/100
- Accountability Datasets: 27/100

**Impact that open data is having**

- Political Impact: 24/100
- Social Impact: 15/100
- Economic Impact: 16/100

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