



RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICE INTEGRITY
KANE COUNTY BEST PRACTICES
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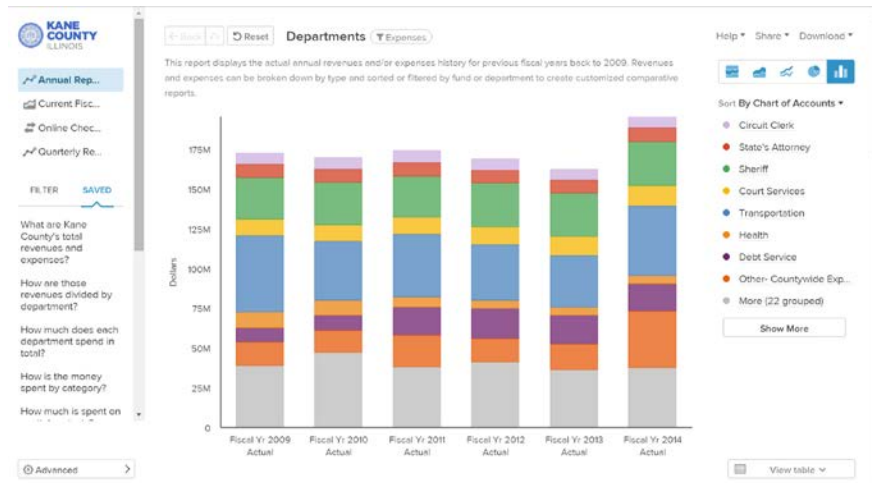


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HOW CAN KANE COUNTY OPENGOV HELP ME?

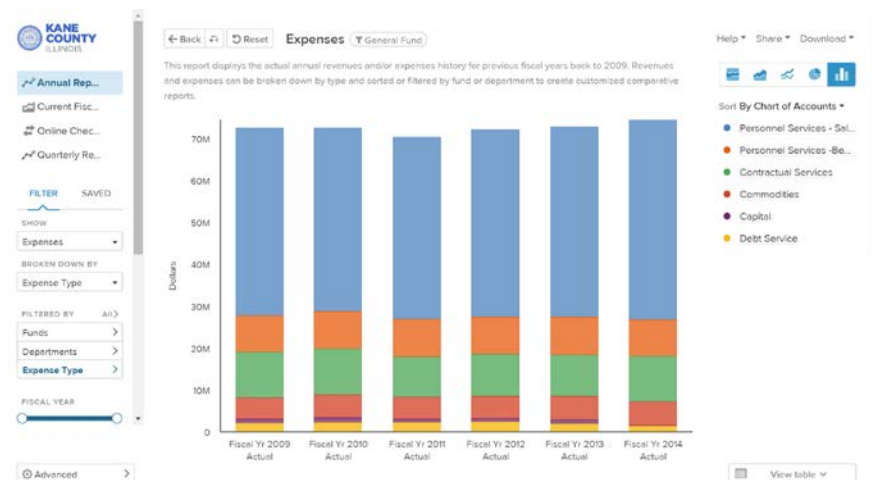
Q: What is OpenGov?

A: OpenGov is a financial transparency platform which displays Kane County's government finances over a multi-year period beginning with fiscal year 2009. The default view is our Annual Reports History, which is shown below, compares fiscal year expenses broken down by department.



Q: How do I select the data I want to see?

A: To focus on specific data — for example, a fund or department, revenue or expense type, or some combination — use the menus on the left side panel. The series of drop-down menus allows you to customize which information and breakdown will be included on the graphs and table rows. In the example below, the Annual Reports History has been filtered to display only general fund expenses by expense type for fiscal years 2009 through 2014. Expense and revenue data can be presented by fund, department, or type allowing the user hundreds of different combinations for detailed analysis.





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Q: Can I select more than fund or departments?

A: Yes. Use the Data Filter on the left side panel to make specific selections within the data. The Data Filter shows you the hierarchical relationships of Funds, Departments, and Account Types. You'll notice the title of the graph you are viewing on top along with the account type selector. You can use the filter to see the data of most interest to you.

Q: How do I see the actual numbers within the graph?

A: Hover over any area of the graph to see the actual or budgeted amounts for that period. Or, just scroll down to see a table with detailed information.

Q: Can I see the data in a different graph?

A: In the upper right hand corner, you will see options for the different graphs and tables. There are five graph types overall: an area graph, an area graph by percentage, a line graph, a pie graph, and a bar chart. There is also always a table view below any chart or graph. The table allows you to zoom-in on the detailed financial data selected in the chart or graph above.

Q: Why are there sometimes spikes in one year?

A: In reviewing multiple years of data, you may see "spikes" in the individual years. This can be due to unexpected expenses, such as a hard winter or equipment failure. Capital projects, or other specific events such as a labor contract settlement can also require funds to be spent unevenly. OpenGov allows you to "drill-down" further to learn more about what exactly those expense or revenues are categorized.

Q: Can I save the data I am looking at?

A: Yes, there are Share and Download buttons in the upper right corner. You can share any view on a social network or by email. There are also options to download the displayed data in .csv spreadsheet and .png image formats.

Q: How do I learn more about government accounting?

A: Use the Help menu on the top right corner to navigate to the "Budget 101" primer to learn more about multi-fund accounting.

Q: I have a question. How do I contact Kane County?

A: Use the Help menu on the top right corner to navigate to the "Contact" option to send your message to Kane County or return to the Kane County Auditor home page and click the "Contact" tab.