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# Crisis Collaborations: Challenges for Safe Data Sharing with Differential Privacy

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# Overview



**Public Safety Data and  
Open Data Initiatives**



**Privacy Risks and  
Approaches**



**Differential Privacy and  
PSCR Challenge**



**Potential Impacts of  
Differential Privacy  
Research**



# Data Collected by Public Safety



## Calls for Service

- Calls to “911” for emergency assistance
- May include calls non-emergency calls
- Typically maintained in law enforcement computer-aided dispatch systems



## Incidents

- Collected by an agency for management
- Stored in Records Management Systems (RMS)
- Officer reports on crimes, situations, concerns, suspects, citizen public safety issues, etc.



## Stops, Citations, Arrests

- Proactive and reactive stop of pedestrians or motor vehicles
- May be resolved through warnings, citations, summons, or physical arrests
- Data may be overlapping such as a stop followed by a citation or arrest



## Complaints

- Potential mistreatment by authorities
- Policy, procedure, and legal violations
- May include internal affairs investigations
- Collection process required by national law and accreditation standards

# Public Safety Data De-Identification Use Cases



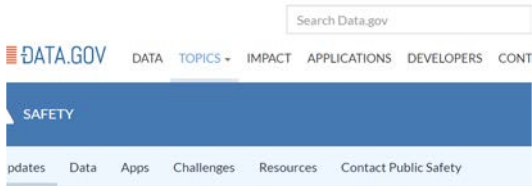
## Analytics

Many cities are developing algorithms to analyze crime, fire, and health data. Developers would like to access other localities' data for training, analysis, and validation.



## Open Access to Data

Many public safety agencies are required to report certain data. Others wish to share data with the public and researchers.



Whether you are interested in crime, roadway safety, or safety in the workplace, we have something for you. Check out the data, browse and use the apps, and be a part of the discussion.

> 21000 open data sets



> 150 Agencies  
> 200 open datasets



~ 3M incident reports

# Open Data Initiatives



# Transparency vs. Privacy

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## Risks

# Personally Identifiable Information Protection

“PII is any information about an individual maintained by an agency, including (1) any information that can be used to **distinguish** or **trace** an individual's identity, such as name, social security number, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, or biometric records; and (2) any other information that is **linked** or **linkable** to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial, and employment information.”

- NIST Special Publication 800-122 Guide to Protecting the Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

# Personally Identifiable Information Risk



**Harm to  
organizations:**

**Low**

**LIMITED**

**Mission Impact:**

Reduced effectiveness

**Asset Damage:** Minor

**Financial Loss:** Minor

**Personnel:** Minor harm

**Mod**

**SERIOUS**

**Mission Impact:**

Reduced functionality

**Asset Damage:** Significant

**Financial Loss:** Significant

**Personnel:** Significant  
non-life threatening

**High**

**SEVERE or  
CATASTROPHIC**

**Mission Impact:**

Loss of a primary function

**Asset Damage:** Major

**Financial Loss:** Major

**Personnel:** Catastrophic  
life threatening injury or  
death



# Approaches to Maintaining Privacy



## Redact

Eliminate sensitive data



## Anonymize

Mask sensitive data



## K-Anonymization

Change the individual data, but maintain statistical relevancy of the overall data set



## Differential Privacy

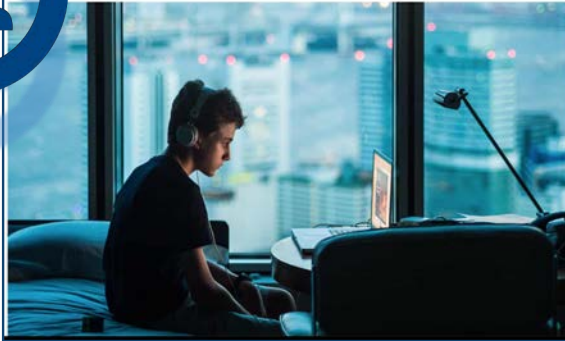
Modify data sets so they no longer link to individual responses

# Attacks on Privacy: De-anonymization



## 'Data is a fingerprint': why you aren't as anonymous as you think online

So-called 'anonymous' data can be easily used to identify everything from our medical records to purchase histories



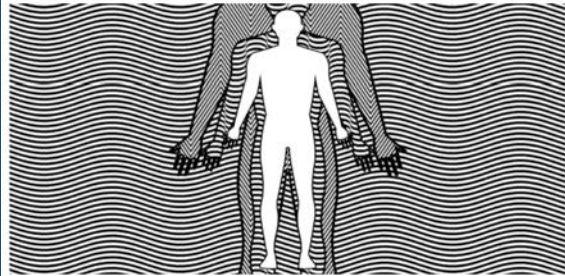
## Keeping Secrets: Anonymous Data Isn't Always Anonymous

March 12, 2014 by [datascience@berkeley Staff](mailto:datascience@berkeley Staff)

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## Sorry, your data can still be identified even if it's anonymized

Urban planners and researchers at MIT found that it's shockingly easy to "reidentify" the anonymous data that people generate all day, every day in cities.



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## "Anonymized" data really isn't—and here's why not

Companies continue to store and sometimes release vast databases of " ...

NATE ANDERSON - 9/8/2009, 7:25 AM





# De-anonymization New York Taxi Data

•“Using a simulation of the medallion data, we show that our attack can re-identify over 91% of the taxis that ply in NYC even when using a perfect pseudonymization of medallion numbers.”

•Douriez, Marie, et al. "Anonymizing nyc taxi data: Does it matter?." *2016 IEEE international conference on data science and advanced analytics (DSAA)*. IEEE, 2016.

New York taxi details can be extracted from anonymised data, researchers say

FoI request reveals data on 173m individual trips in US city - but could yield more details, such as drivers' addresses and income



▲ Data about New York city taxi drivers and rides could be de-anonymised, researchers warn. Photograph: Jan Johannessen/Getty Images Photograph: Jan Johannessen/Getty Images

**Alex Hern**

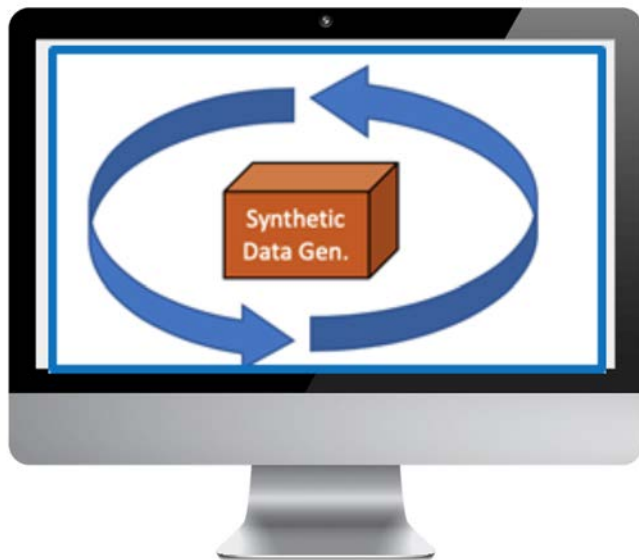
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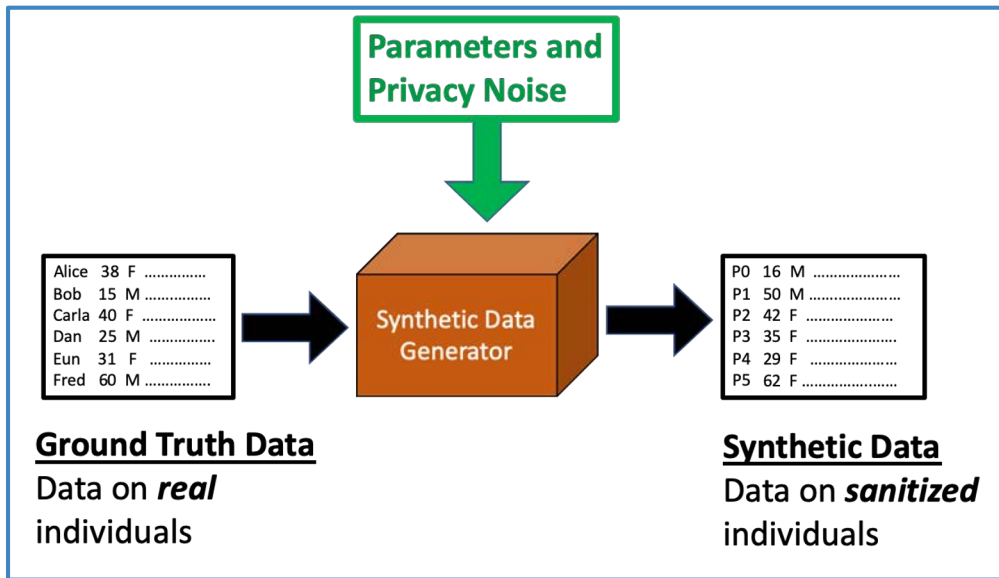
# Formal Privacy Differential Privacy Guarantee

“Differential Privacy is a standard that protects privacy no matter what third-party data is available. It does so by strictly limiting what it is possible to learn about any individual in the data set.”

# Formal Privacy Differential Privacy Tutorial



# PSCR Differential Privacy Challenges: 2018 Differential Privacy Synthetic Data Challenge



# PSCR Differential Privacy Challenges



## 2018: Synthetic Data

- Generated synthetic Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data
- Tabular data

## 2020: Map Data

- Generated synthetic Analytics and PII data
- Map/Geographical data

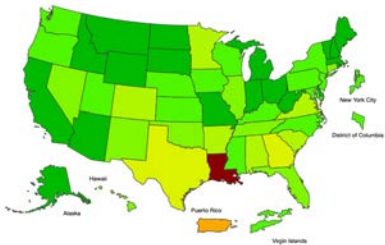
## 2020: Temporal Data

- Time Series Synthetic Maps
- Applications: Situational awareness, planning, model training and prediction

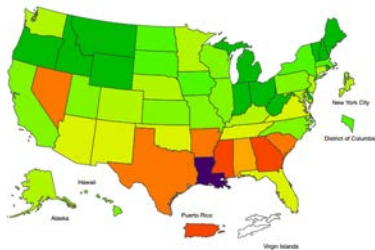
# Privatizing Temporal Map Data

This challenge will follow the success of DEID1 by analyzing differential privacy models tailored to share spatial (e.g. map) and temporal data (changes over time).

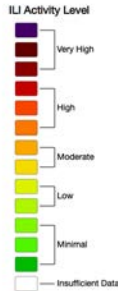
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2019-20 Influenza Season Week 46 ending Nov 16, 2019



2019-20 Influenza Season Week 48 ending Nov 30, 2019



FluView, CDC

# Privatizing Temporal Map Data

Synthetic map data requires quality results across the *entire map*.

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Time sequences increase the data space, and the difficulty *exponentially*.

Judging Maps

Map Diversity

Adding Sequences

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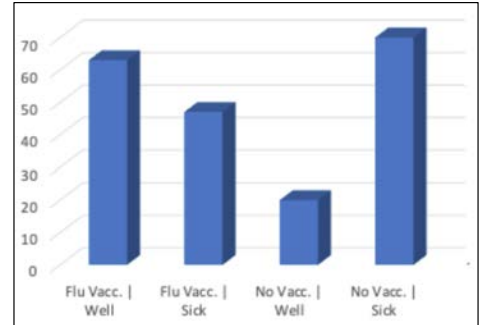
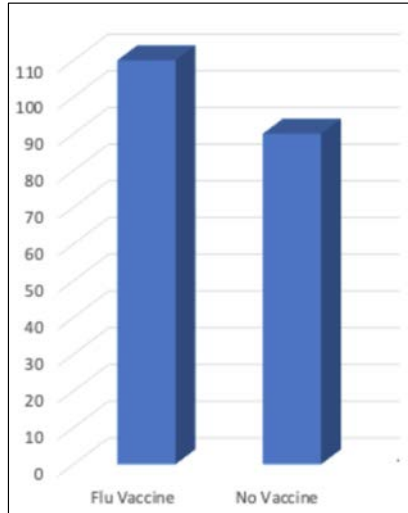
Dense urban, sparse rural, and other variations require *flexible algorithms*.

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Technical Challenges

# Privatizing Temporal Map Data

*Problem size and complexity increase with amount of information shared and number of map locations*

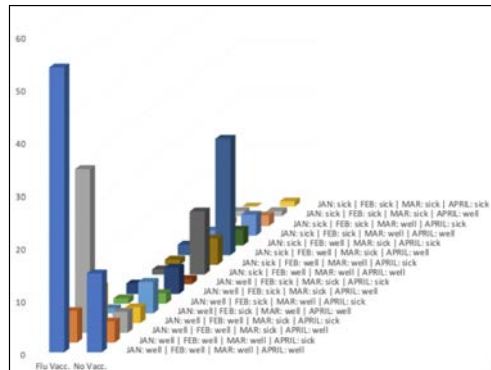
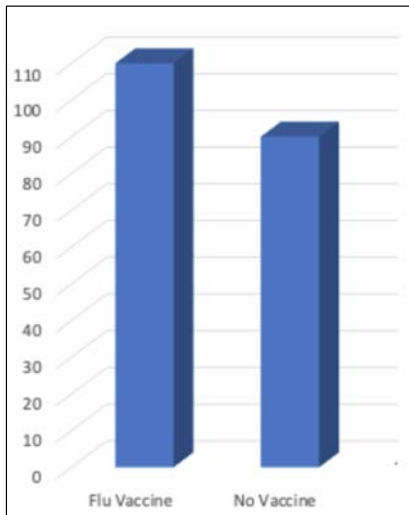


**Technical Challenges**

# Privatizing Temporal Map Data

*Problem size and complexity increase with amount of information shared and number of map locations*

*Problem size and complexity increase exponentially with number of time steps (per individual).*



**Technical Challenges**

# 2020 Differential Privacy Temporal Map Challenge

- 1 October 2020 launch date
- Three contests:
  - Data de-identification algorithm challenge
  - Metric challenge for scoring algorithm accuracy
  - Open Source and Development Contest
- Multi-phase challenge
- Up to \$300,000 in prize money

Visit: [www.nist.gov/ctl/pscr/open-innovation-prize-challenges](http://www.nist.gov/ctl/pscr/open-innovation-prize-challenges)

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## PSO Systems

Customer's  
CAD/AVL



Customer's  
RMS



json | csv | xml

## TRANSPORT

1. Direct Post
2. Open-source Data Shipping App
3. Data-Runner

### Authentication

- Key and Secret
- Host-based

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API

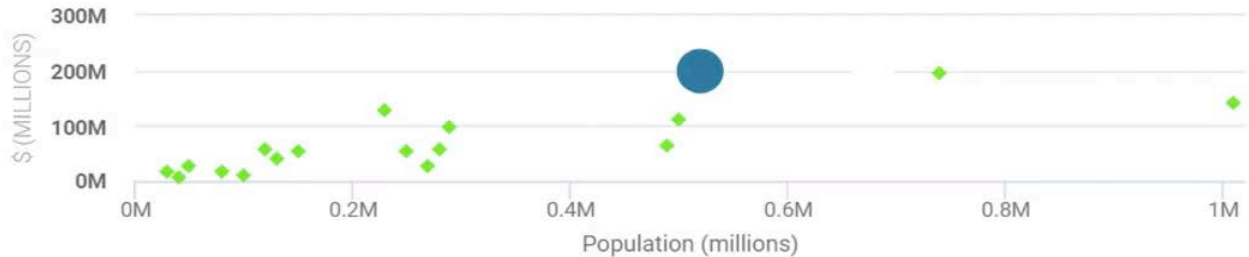


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Optional  
Mapping



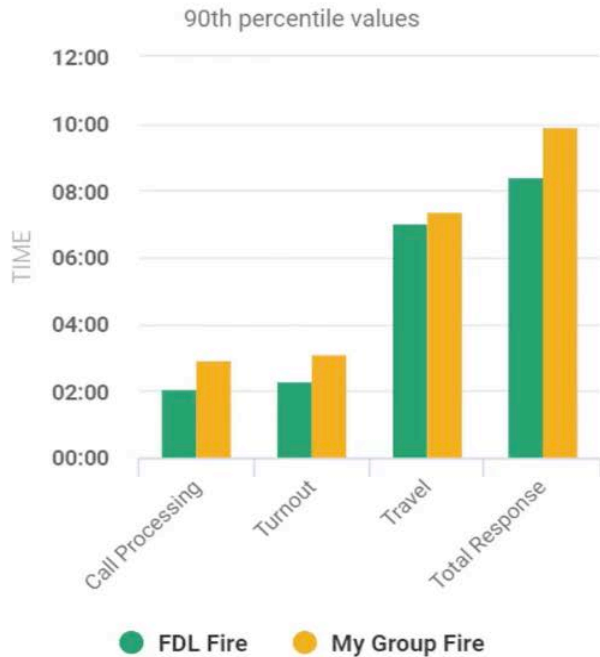
## PER BUDGET PER CAPITA



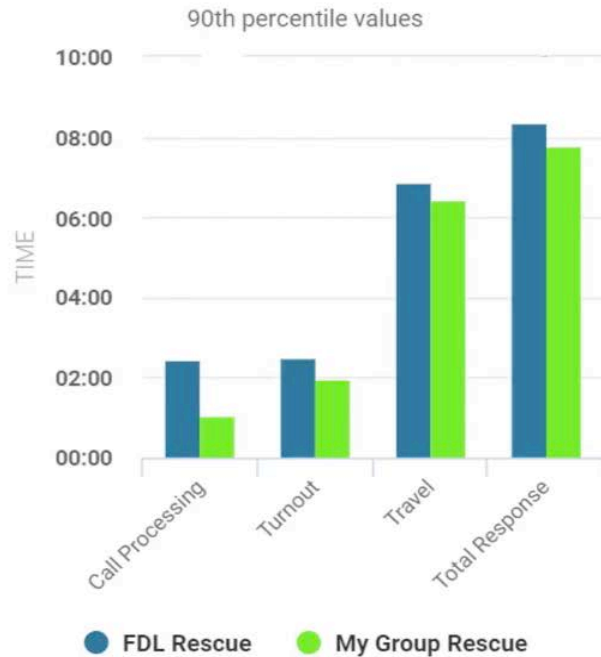
## EMERGENCY RESPONDERS PER CAPITA



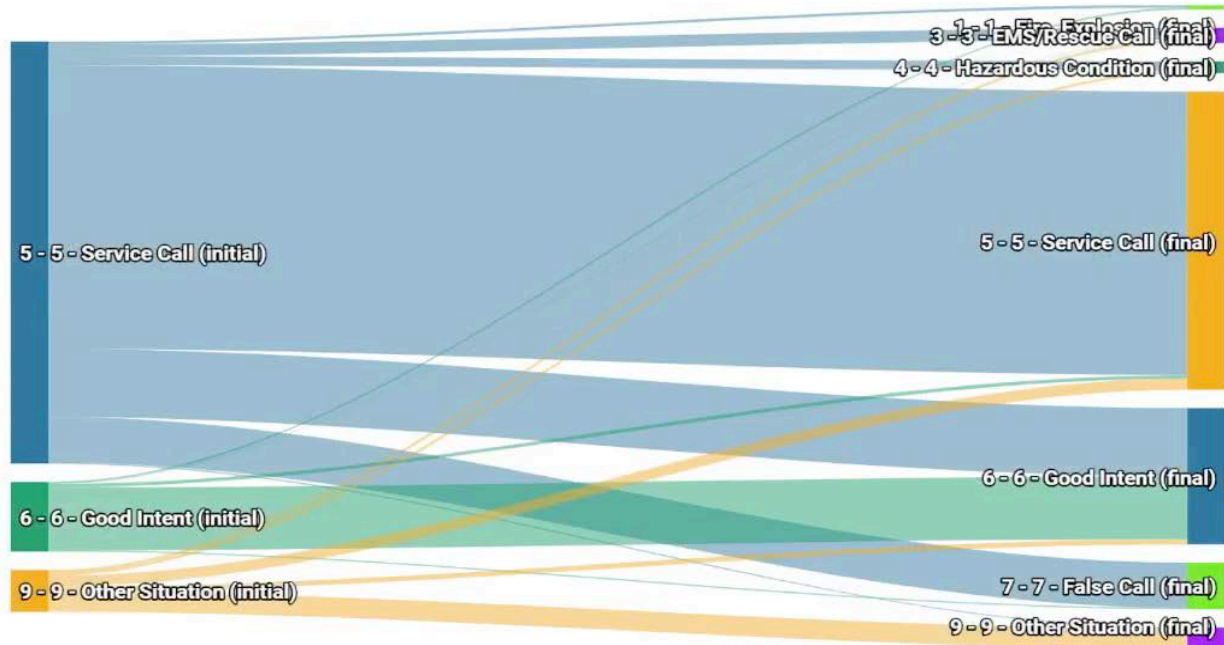
## EMERGENT FIRE CALL RESPONSE



## EMERGENT RESCUE CALL RESPONSE



# AMBIGUOUS NFIRS CLASSIFICATIONS



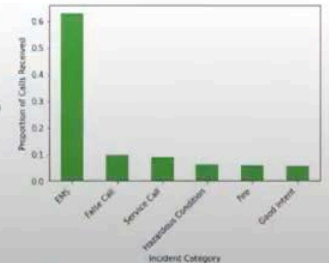
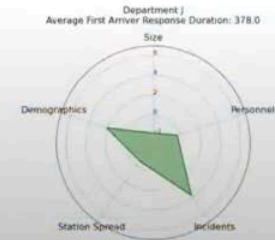
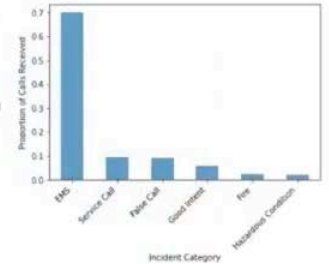
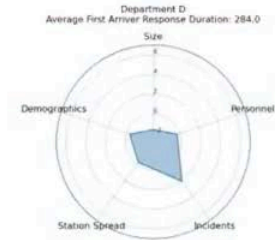
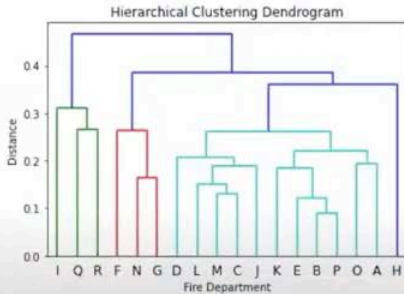
# Visualization

Chosen Department:

Department D

Most similar department  
by clustering:

Department J



## Potential Impacts: Crisis

Granular Cohorts

Intervention  
Analysis

Defined value of  
service

Research Access



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