

TAGITM Access to GMIS Data Dive – a Data Collection and Benchmarking Tool



TAGITM members have access to a robust data repository and benchmarking tool called GMIS Data Dive. This tool is provided under a cooperative agreement with GMIS International. The information collected and available for participating members includes demographics and budget, organization and planning data as well as hardware and software solutions.

ACCESS

The Data Dive platform is accessible from the [TAGITM Data Dive webpage](#) to TAGITM agency members in good standing. If, at any point, an agency member has forgotten their information, they may contact headquarters@gmis.org.

ABOUT THE PLATFORM

This comprehensive platform is designed to bring our members the information they need to see trends specific to public sector information technology professionals and the communities they serve. Information your organization can use to assist in making crucial business decisions.

KEY POINTS

- Data is collected annually, and there is an option to copy the previous year's information to the next year and make any required updates. As of September 1st, previous year's (2015) results are available for all participants who have completed at least 70% of the previous year's (2015) survey. 2016 has just recently been opened for data collection, and the 2016 results are scheduled to be released later this year as soon as enough agencies enter their data to make the reporting valuable. You are encouraged to take the time to enter your previous year's data (2015) first and then select the option to copy it to the following year and update only the data that has changed. Entering data in both years in this fashion will provide participants the opportunity to review and analyze year over year and trend data and provide immediate access to 2015 reports immediately
- The platform has been designed to work around your schedule, allowing you to enter information in more than one sitting. Questions have been divided into categories, allowing you to choose the order in which you complete the survey. Just make sure to hit "save" at the bottom of each page when entering data.
- For ease of entry, we recommend that you download the data collection worksheet available on the Help page of the Data Dive website to assemble the data offline before entering on the website. Alternatively, you can enter your data directly online and your progress will be saved so you can pick up where you left off when you return. The Help page is available after you have logged in by clicking Help on the top right hand corner of any page on the GMIS Data Dive website and also includes a quick start guide and access to a webinar.
- Remember, you **must** complete at least 70% of the survey to access results. However, the more information you input the more beneficial and valuable the data becomes. It is in your best interest to complete the survey as fully as possible.
- For comparison and benchmarking purposes, data can be filtered by multiple criteria including region, state, population, users served, organization type and budget and will provide results in various formats including PowerPoint presentations for ease of use.
- For security purposes, no one will be able to drill down to specific agency data. This is accomplished by only returning data results when there are at least three agencies that meet the requested criteria.

Your feedback is appreciated at any time and comments may be sent to info@tagitm.org.