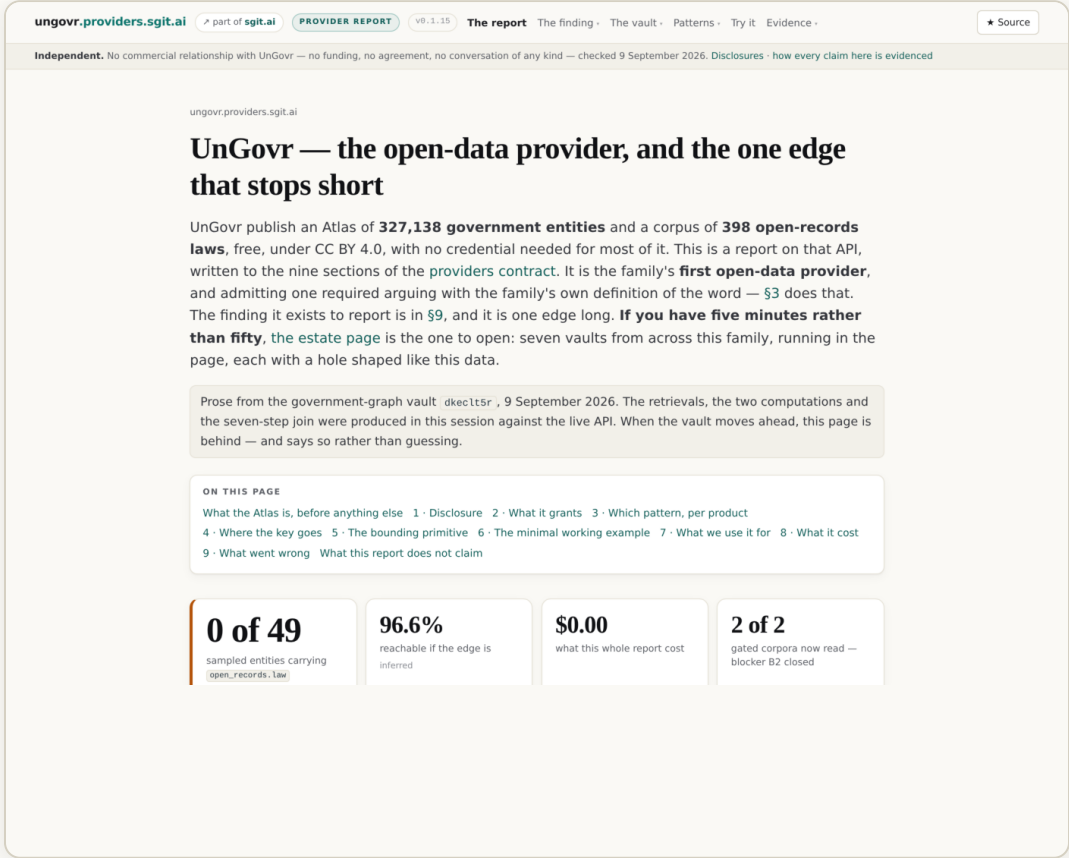


What the Atlas actually is

UnGovr publish **327,138 government entities** across 205 countries — hierarchy, boundaries, domains, websites — and **398 open-records laws**, free, under CC BY 4.0, with **no credential for most of it**.

Their stated purpose is helping a person reach their government. For that, the data is shaped exactly right.

Everything that follows is about what happens when you want to do the *next* thing with it.



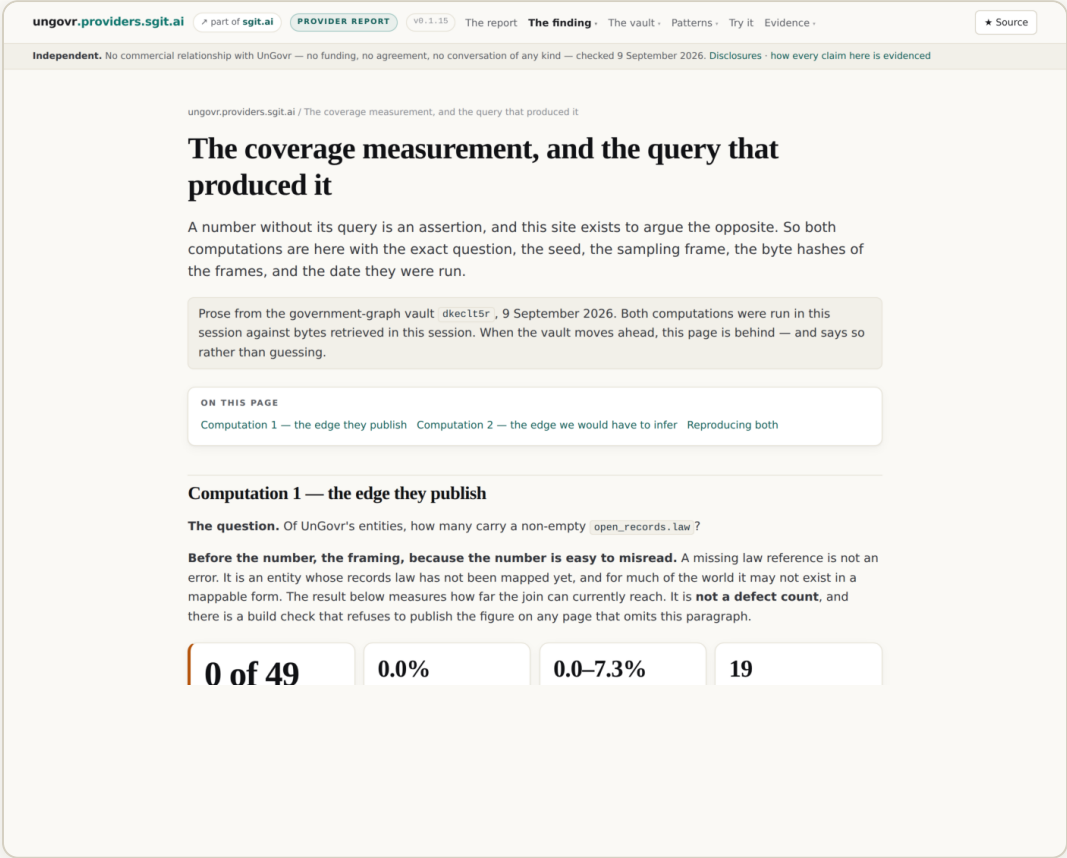
The report itself: nine contract sections, every claim carrying the state it earned.

The finding: 0 of 49

In a seeded random sample of **49 entity-detail documents** across five strata, three countries and seventeen entity types, **not one carried a non-empty** `open_records.law` — including six US states whose records laws are in UnGovr's own corpus.

95% Wilson interval: **0.0 – 7.3%**.

A missing law reference is not an error. It is an entity whose records law has not been mapped yet, and for much of the world it may not exist in a mappable form. The number measures how far the join can currently reach. **It is not a defect count.**



Computation 1, with its sample design and its Wilson interval — not a defect count.

The field is designed. It is just empty.

`open_records` **is** in UnGovr's published JSON Schema, as an optional property of `entity_detail`: an object with one string member, `law`.

So this is not an oversight in the model. **The join point exists and is unpopulated.**

That distinction is the whole difference between "they did not think of it" and "they thought of it and have not filled it in yet", and only the second one is true.

Nobody can measure this — including us

`open_records` appears in exactly one place: the **per-entity detail document**. One HTTP request each. It is in **no bulk surface**, which UnGovr's own OpenAPI states — the full-depth index is *"a compact record ({slug, name, type, parent_slug?, population?})"*.

A census of 327,138 entities is 327,138 requests against a free tier of 100 a day:

about 9 years, or \$327.14 metered.

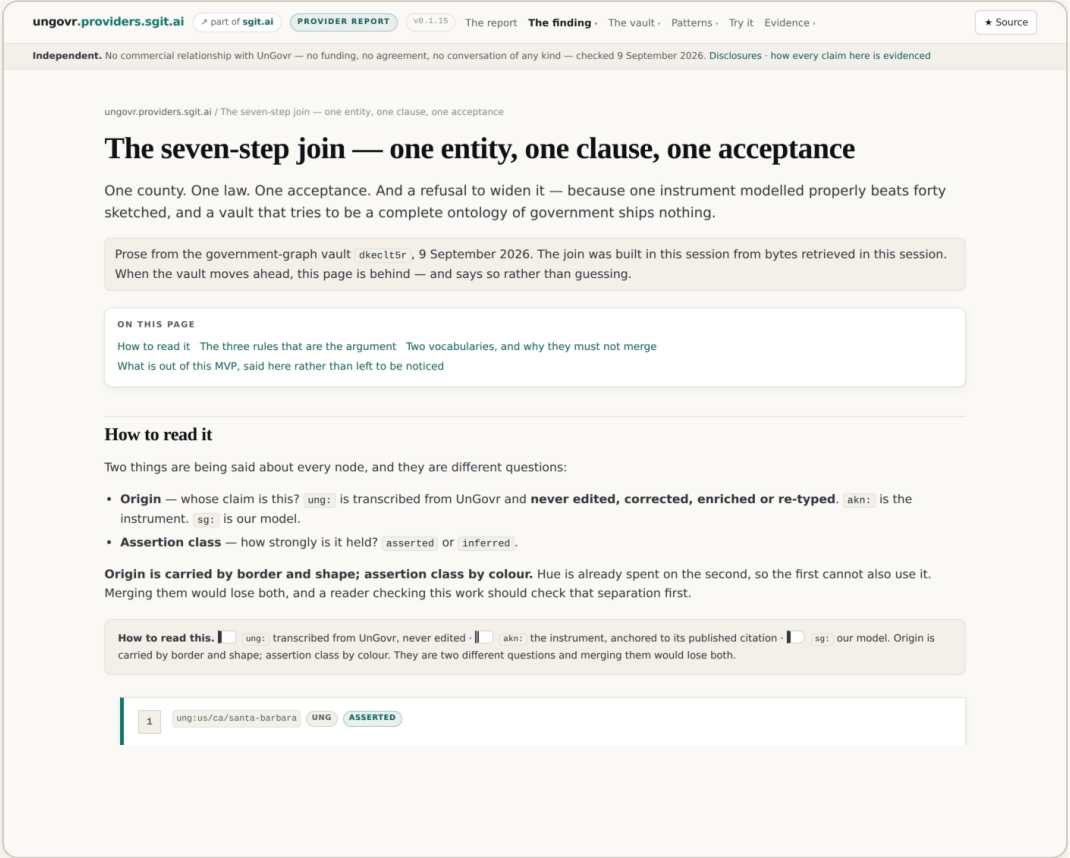
That is why the number above is a sample with an interval and a published seed, rather than a total. **The brief that commissioned this work asked for a census. It could not have produced one.**

The constructive half: 96.6%

The same edge, **inferred** by the longest law-corpus jurisdiction that is a path-prefix of the entity slug, reaches **96.6%** of California's 16,071 entities.

```
us/ca/santa-barbara/spd/goleta-west-sanitary-district
us/ca/santa-barbara
us/ca                <- longest match: California Public Records Act
us                    (Freedom of Information Act - the shorter, wrong a
```

The join is one derivable hop away, over data they already publish, with a two-line rule.



The seven-step join, filterable by origin, with the provenance of every node.

And why it must stay inferred: 20.5%

Of those matches, **20.5% would need a human.**

Slug hierarchy is **geography**. Records law is **jurisdiction**. They coincide for general-purpose local government and come apart for interstate compacts, federal categories, tribal nations, regulated utilities and charter schools — **exactly the bodies a requester most often wants.**

So `sg:resolvesTo` carries an **assertion class**, not a confidence score. UnGovr did not make this claim, and rendering it as though they had would be a lie about the source.

Below the law, nothing is addressable

The CPRA record is **better than expected** — `initial_response_days: 10`, `extension_days: 14`, `private_right_of_action: true`, fee rates, submission methods, required elements. Somebody read the statute and modelled it.

But `Gov. Code § 7922.535(a)` — the clause that creates the duty — exists only as **prose inside a free-text notes field**. No provisions array, no clause identifier, no byte range.

You can cite the Act. You cannot cite the clause, so you cannot attach evidence to it.

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The rabbit hole works right up to the law. **Entity → Jurisdiction → instrument all resolve**. Then it stops: there is no text, no PDF, no markdown, no graph — and for **every sub-national jurisdiction**, no detail document that can be addressed at all.

Prose from the government-graph vault dkeclt5r @ obj-cas-imm-e23f0cecfccf , 9 September 2026. Every row below was fetched in this session and hashed; the requests are in the retrieval log. Nothing here is read from their documentation. When the vault moves ahead, this page is behind — and says so rather than guessing.

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The short answer JSON, and only JSON What the summary actually holds — and it is a lot

The provenance link is there, and it works Provision-level identifiers: one field, some of the time

The sub-national half is unreachable Ontology: a controlled vocabulary, not a graph

So: could we help? Yes, and this is the shape of it What this page does not claim

The short answer

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The law's text — md, html, txt, pdf, docx	Nothing . No format carries the instrument itself	absent
A structured summary of it	31-34 JSON fields : deadlines, residency, fees, exemptions, appeals, penalties	rich
A link to the actual source	<code>law_url</code> + <code>primary_source_url</code> + typed <code>secondary_sources[]</code>	good

What UnGovr hands you when you reach a law — and the 254 you cannot reach.

Two licences on one API

The OpenAPI document declares the whole Open Data API **CC BY 4.0**.

The AI-law payloads carry their **own** licence block — *"UnGovr Data License (non-exclusive, by agreement)"* — whose grant field reads **"No license is conveyed by receipt of this file."**

The specific term governs. **A consumer who reads only the OpenAPI licence and redistributes what they fetched would be wrong**, and would have had to open a payload to find out.

That corpus is described and measured in this vault and **stored nowhere in it**.

The one that cost us a link

The API's `401` advertises OAuth Protected Resource Metadata in `WWW-Authenticate` — the discovery an MCP client follows.

The same valid key returns **200** as `X-API-Key` and **401** as `Authorization: Bearer`, byte-identical to anonymous.

A client that trusts the header over the documentation fails open into anonymity.

Their key page says so. The header does not.

What it cost

\$0.00. 76 requests inside a free tier of 100 entity requests a day per IP.

No `402` was ever returned, so everything about the payment path is read rather than run — and is badged `docs` on the site for exactly that reason.

The cheapest finding in this deck is also the most useful one: putting `open_records` into the bulk files would make the coverage of that edge knowable to everybody, at no cost to anyone.

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The rule: write the raw response bytes to disk unmodified, hash **those** bytes, and log before parsing anything. A node that cannot name the bytes it came from is an assertion, not a retrieval.

Every number on this site derives from these bytes. Nothing on any page here is fetched at read time — the site makes no network call at all — so this log is the only thing standing between a published figure and an unsupported one.

UTC	METHOD	STATUS	SHA256 OF THE BYTES	BYTES	URL
2026-09-09T01:47:30Z	GET	200	fa22c89c637f1e58...	115	https://data.ungovr.org/v1/meta/last-updated.json
2026-09-09T01:47:31Z	GET	200	ac7ce7e32a70c65d...	2182	https://data.ungovr.org/v1/meta/schema.json
2026-09-09T01:47:31Z	GET	200	85d5b05756fe29f9...	29099	https://data.ungovr.org/v1/entities/index.json
2026-09-09T01:47:32Z	GET	200	4a4aa242a2d16941...	1644990	https://data.ungovr.org/v1/entities/us/ca.json
2026-09-09T01:47:32Z	GET	200	6b71da2f1a20fdff...	109257	https://data.ungovr.org/v1/laws/records/index.json
2026-09-09T01:48:16Z	GET	200	ecb652db036b748f...	29453	https://data.ungovr.org/v1/entities/us.json
2026-09-09T01:48:17Z	GET	200	8d5e6db9e4056b2f...	748	https://data.ungovr.org/v1/entities/detail/us--ca--santa-barb-ara.json
2026-09-09T01:48:17Z	GET	200	7fa6641141d72042...	146921	https://data.ungovr.org/v1/entities/boundaries/us--ca--santa-barbara.geojson
2026-09-	GET	200	ec4d5238a7dd2c2f...	584	https://data.ungovr.org/v1/entities/detail/us--ca.json

Every request, with the sha256 of the bytes it returned. The 404s are rows too.