Open data are often called the crown jewels of the state. Good reason for the city of Amsterdam to start working and experimenting with open data a couple of years ago. By opening up her data Amsterdam aims to improve economic growth, internal efficiency and external transparency. The path to these goals has however many unknowns. Literature states that the only given is that the results of open data for the short term are probably overrated and for the long term underrated; the end results, the users, societal questions and effects of open data all have to shape themselves in the future. Statistics about Amsterdam are widely available. Two important sources are the internet site of the bureau for statistics and the open data platform which contains 138 datasets. In this paper we’ll look which purposes are served by the available products that are based on statistics owned by the city of Amsterdam. We also ask the people living in Amsterdam if they use these apps and internet sites. This way we hope to shine a little light on the course open data will take in the near future.

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