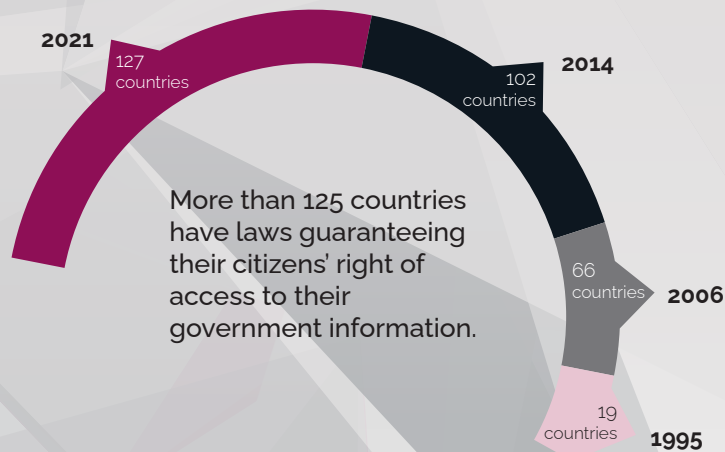




RIGHT TO KNOW



"Government transparency is the foundation of a strong democracy and has never been more important than in time of crisis."

– Information Commissioner
Caroline Maynard, February 2021

- 1766** Sweden becomes the first country in the world to introduce freedom-of-information rules.
- 1977** Nova Scotia becomes the first province in Canada to introduce its own access-to-information legislation.
- 1983** The federal *Access to Information Act* comes into force.
- 2002** International Right to Know Day is established in Bulgaria.
- 2006** Canada's first Right to Know Week is celebrated.
- 2011** Open Government Partnership is created.
- 2019** The federal *Access to Information Act* is amended by Parliament, in particular to give the Information Commissioner order-making powers.
The United Nations General Assembly adopts a resolution proclaiming September 28 as the International Day for Universal Access to Information.
- 2020** As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the right of access to information—a quasi-constitutional right—is of utmost importance.
- 2021**
- 2023** This year will mark the 40th anniversary of the coming into force of the federal *Access to Information Act*.