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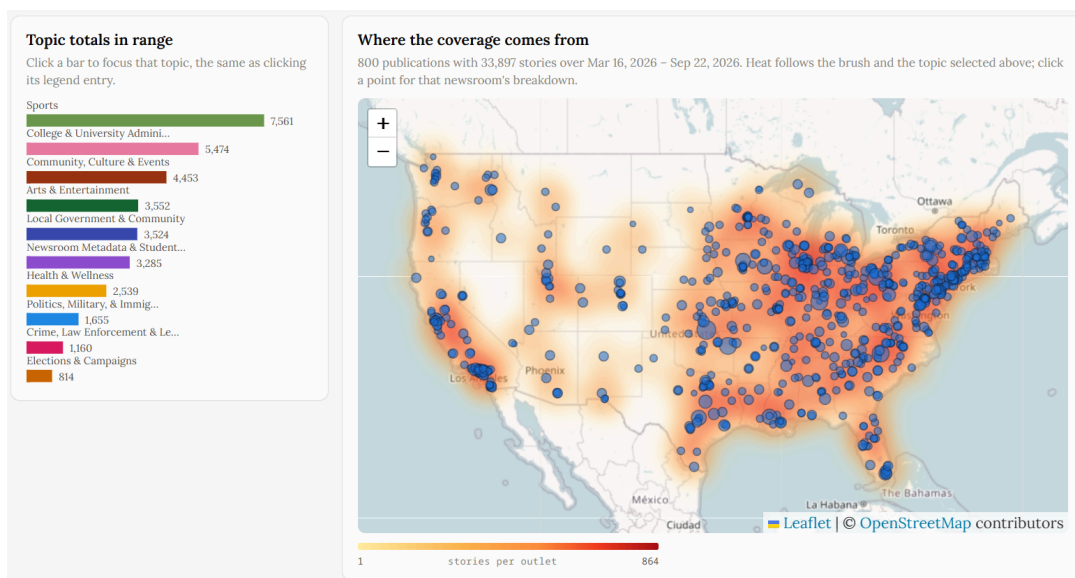
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Introducing the Interactive CCN *Student News Mapping Project*

The first-of-its-kind dashboard offers a snapshot of student newspaper coverage at colleges across the U.S.

Burlington, VT – The Center for Community News at UVM has released its [Student News Mapping Project](#), an interactive, open-source data initiative that tracks student newspaper coverage at colleges across the U.S. The CCN database tracks all available news stories produced by the college newspapers currently in our database and automatically sorts that coverage by subject area, allowing for current monitoring of select beats and changes over time.



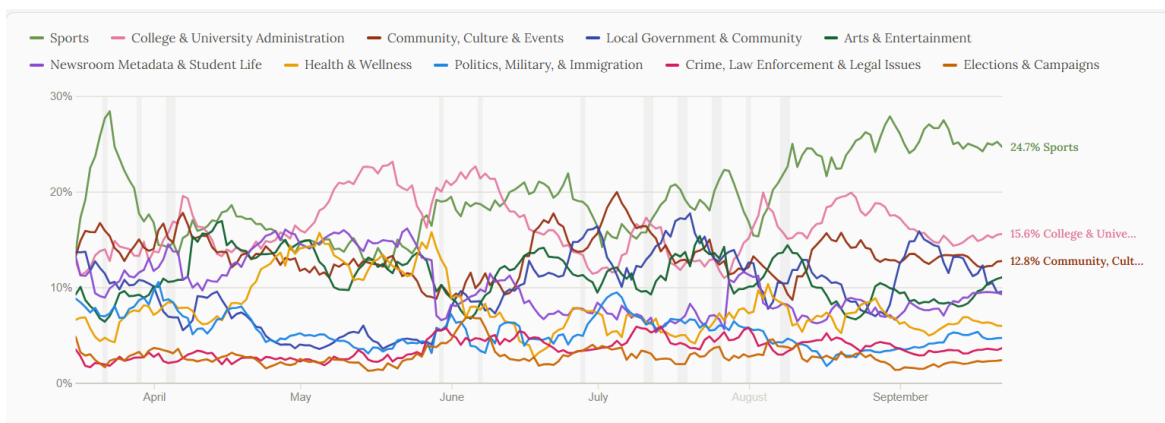
“Student newspapers are producing some of the nation’s most groundbreaking reporting in the country,” said CCN Director Richard Watts. “With this project, CCN is broadening the public’s appreciation and understanding of student media contributions to the news landscape.”

The database, which continues to be refined and expanded, has captured more than 900 publications and tens of thousands of stories in roughly six months. It was designed by CCN’s data visualization engineer Ben Cooley, in partnership with UVM’s Vermont Complex Systems Center.

CCN’s interactive maps are available for free to anyone. All stories in the database include links back to the original source.

CCN has three primary goals with this initiative:

1. To invite other reporters and academic researchers to explore the data and pursue their own investigations into the impact of student media;
2. To raise awareness for the essential informational role that student media is playing on and off college campuses today;
3. And to drive users back to the original sources and encourage more people to read student media.



This project was made possible by support from the Knight Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation. More CCN data and mapping can be found [here](#), and the CCN research hub is [here](#).

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About CCN

The [Center for Community News](#) at UVM is a nonpartisan nonprofit that is working to grow and strengthen university-led reporting programs around the country, to create a more sustainable future for local news outlets and the communities they serve.

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