

Data Visualization - PS4

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Due 02/07 at 5:00PM Central.

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Github Classroom Assignment Setup and Submission Instructions

1. Accepting and Setting up the PS4 Assignment Repository

- Each student must individually accept the repository for the problem set from Github Classroom ("ps4") – <https://classroom.github.com/a/hWhtchqH>
 - You will be prompted to select your cnetid from the list in order to link your Github account to your cnetid.
 - If you can't find your cnetid in the link above, click "continue to next step" and accept the assignment, then add your name, cnetid, and Github account to this Google Sheet and we will manually link it: <https://rb.gy/9u7fb6>
- If you authenticated and linked your Github account to your device, you should be able to clone your PS4 assignment repository locally.
- Contents of PS4 assignment repository:
 - `ps4_template.qmd`: this is the Quarto file with the template for the problem set. You will write your answers to the problem set here.

2. Submission Process:

- Knit your completed solution `ps4.qmd` as a pdf `ps4.pdf`.
 - Your submission does not need runnable code. Instead, you will tell us either what code you ran or what output you got.
- To submit, push `ps4.qmd` and `ps4.pdf` to your PS4 assignment repository. Confirm on Github.com that your work was successfully pushed.

Grading

- You will be graded on what was last pushed to your PS4 assignment repository before the assignment deadline
- Problem sets will be graded for completion as: {missing (0%); - (incomplete, 50%); + (excellent, 100%)}
 - The percent values assigned to each problem denote how long we estimate the problem will take as a share of total time spent on the problem set, not the points they are associated with.
- In order for your submission to be considered complete, you need to push both your `ps4.qmd` and `ps4.pdf` to your repository. Submissions that do not include both files will automatically receive 50% credit.

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import pandas as pd
import altair as alt
import time

import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
alt.renderers.enable("png")

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RendererRegistry.enable('png')

Step 1: Develop initial scraper and crawler

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import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

url = "https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/enforcement/"
response = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'lxml')

news_ul = soup.find("ul", class_="usa-card-group padding-y-0")
news_li = news_ul.find_all("li", class_="usa-card card--list
    ↳ pep-card--minimal mobile:grid-col-12")

data = []
for li in news_li:
    title_a = li.find("h2", class_="usa-card__heading").find("a")
    title = title_a.get_text(strip=True)
    link = "https://oig.hhs.gov" + title_a["href"]

    date_span = li.find("div", class_="font-body-sm").find("span")
    date = date_span.get_text(strip=True)

    category_li = li.find("ul", class_="display-inline
        ↳ add-list-reset").find("li")
    category = category_li.get_text(strip=True)

    data.append({
        'Title': title,
        'Date': date,
        'Category': category,
        'Link': link
    })

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    })

df = pd.DataFrame(data)
df.head()

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	Title	Date	Category	Link
0	Houston Transplant Doctor Indicted For Making ...	February 5, 2026	Criminal and Civil Actions	http://...
1	MultiCare Health System to Pay Millions to Set... 2	February 4, 2026	Criminal and Civil Actions	http://...
2	Brooklyn Banker Pleads Guilty to Laundering Pr... 3	February 3, 2026	COVID-19	http://...
3	Delafield Man Sentenced to 18 Months' Imprison... 4	February 3, 2026	Criminal and Civil Actions	http://...
4	Former NFL Player Convicted for \$197M Medicare... 5	February 3, 2026	Criminal and Civil Actions	http://...

Step 2: Making the scraper dynamic

1. Turning the scraper into a function

- a. Pseudo-Code DEFINE FUNCTION scrape(start_month, start_year, run_scraper = False)

IF run_scraper IS False: RETURN

IF start_year < 2013: PRINT "Start year must be 2013 or later" RETURN

data <- empty list page <- 1 continue_crawling <- True

WHILE continue_crawling IS True:

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url <- "https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/enforcement/?page=" + page
page_content <- send request to url with headers
li_items <- parse page_content to find all news list items

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IF li_items IS empty:
    continue_crawling <- False
    BREAK

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FOR EACH item IN li_items:

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    title <- extract title from item
    date_string <- extract date from item
    category <- extract category from item
    link <- extract link from item

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date <- convert date_string to datetime format

IF date >= (start_year, start_month):
    APPEND (title, date, category, link) TO data
ELSE:
    continue_crawling <- False
    BREAK OUT OF ALL LOOPS

WAIT 1 second
page <- page + 1

END WHILE

df <- convert data to DataFrame filename <- "enforcement_actions_" + start_year + "_" +
start_month + ".csv" SAVE df AS filename

RETURN df, total number of records, earliest date

• b. Create Dynamic Scraper

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from datetime import datetime

def scrape(start_month, start_year, run_scraper=False):
    if not run_scraper:
        return pd.DataFrame()
    if start_year < 2013:
        print("Please restrict to year >= 2013, since only enforcement actions
              ↴ after 2013 are listed.")
        return pd.DataFrame()

    base_url = "https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/enforcement/"
    headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0"}
    data = []
    page = 1
    continue_crawling = True
    start_date = datetime(start_year, start_month, 1)

    print(f"Start collecting the enforcement actions from {start_year} -
          ↴ {start_month}.")

    while continue_crawling:
        current_url = f"{base_url}?page={page}"
        try:
            response = requests.get(current_url, headers=headers)

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response.raise_for_status()
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")

news_ul = soup.find("ul", class_="usa-card-group padding-y-0")
if not news_ul:
    continue_crawling = False
    break

news_li = news_ul.find_all("li", class_="usa-card card--list
↪ pep-card--minimal mobile:grid-col-12")
if not news_li:
    continue_crawling = False
    break

for li in news_li:
    title_a = li.find("h2", class_="usa-card__heading").find("a")
    title = title_a.get_text(strip=True)
    link = "https://oig.hhs.gov" + title_a["href"]

    date_span = li.find("div", class_="font-body-sm").find("span")
    date_str = date_span.get_text(strip=True)
    try:
        item_date = datetime.strptime(date_str, "%B %d, %Y")
    except:
        item_date = None
        continue

    if item_date < start_date:
        continue_crawling = False
        break

    category_li = li.find("ul", class_="display-inline
↪ add-list-reset").find("li")
    category = category_li.get_text(strip=True)

    data.append({
        "Title": title,
        "Date": date_str,
        "Category": category,
        "Link": link,
        "Date_Datetime": item_date
    })

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time.sleep(1)
print(f"Page {page} has been scraped, the total number of data is
    ↵ {len(data)} items.")
page += 1

except Exception as e:
    print(f"Error occurred while scraping page {page} {e}")
    continue_crawling = False
    break

df = pd.DataFrame(data)
if not df.empty:
    df = df.sort_values("Date_Datetime",
    ↵ ascending=False).reset_index(drop=True)
    csv_filename = f"enforcement_actions_{start_year}_{start_month}.csv"
    df.to_csv(csv_filename, index=False, encoding="utf-8")
    print(f"\nScraping completed, obtained {len(df)} pieces of data in total.
        ↵ The earliest data date is {df['Date'].iloc[-1]}. The data has been
        ↵ saved to {csv_filename}")
else:
    print("\nNo data scraped.")

return df

df_2024_01 = scrape(start_month=1, start_year=2024, run_scraper=True)
df_2024_01 = pd.read_csv("enforcement_actions_2024_1.csv")

print(f"Total enforcement actions (2024-01 to present): {len(df_2024_01)}")
df_2024_01["Date_Datetime"] = pd.to_datetime(df_2024_01["Date"], format="%B
    ↵ %d, %Y")
df_2024_01_sorted = df_2024_01.sort_values("Date_Datetime")
earliest_2024 = df_2024_01_sorted.iloc[0]
print(f"Earliest enforcement action date: {earliest_2024['Date']}")
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Start collecting the enforcement actions from 2024 - 1.
Page 1 has been scraped, the total number of data is 20 items.
Page 2 has been scraped, the total number of data is 40 items.
Page 3 has been scraped, the total number of data is 60 items.
Page 4 has been scraped, the total number of data is 80 items.
Page 5 has been scraped, the total number of data is 100 items.
Page 6 has been scraped, the total number of data is 120 items.
Page 7 has been scraped, the total number of data is 140 items.
Page 8 has been scraped, the total number of data is 160 items.

Page 52 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1040 items.
Page 53 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1060 items.
Page 54 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1080 items.
Page 55 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1100 items.
Page 56 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1120 items.
Page 57 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1140 items.
Page 58 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1160 items.
Page 59 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1180 items.
Page 60 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1200 items.
Page 61 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1220 items.
Page 62 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1240 items.
Page 63 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1260 items.
Page 64 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1280 items.
Page 65 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1300 items.
Page 66 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1320 items.
Page 67 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1340 items.
Page 68 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1360 items.
Page 69 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1380 items.
Page 70 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1400 items.
Page 71 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1420 items.
Page 72 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1440 items.
Page 73 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1460 items.
Page 74 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1480 items.
Page 75 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1500 items.
Page 76 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1520 items.
Page 77 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1540 items.
Page 78 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1560 items.
Page 79 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1580 items.
Page 80 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1600 items.
Page 81 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1620 items.
Page 82 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1640 items.
Page 83 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1660 items.
Page 84 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1680 items.
Page 85 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1700 items.
Page 86 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1720 items.
Page 87 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1740 items.
Page 88 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1760 items.
Page 89 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1780 items.
Page 90 has been scraped, the total number of data is 1787 items.

Scraping completed, obtained 1787 pieces of data in total. The earliest data date is January 3, 2024. The data has been saved to enforcement_actions_2024_1.csv

Total enforcement actions (2024-01 to present): 1787
Earliest enforcement action date: January 3, 2024

- c. Test Your Code

```
df_2022_01 = scrape(start_month=1,start_year=2022, run_scraper=True)
df_2022_01 = pd.read_csv("enforcement_actions_2022_1.csv")

print(f"Total enforcement actions (2022-01 to present): {len(df_2022_01)}")
df_2022_01["Date_Datetime"] = pd.to_datetime(df_2022_01["Date"], format="%B
    ↵ %d, %Y")
df_2022_01_sorted = df_2022_01.sort_values("Date_Datetime")
earliest_2022 = df_2022_01_sorted.iloc[0]
print(f"Earliest enforcement action date: {earliest_2022['Date']}")
```

Start collecting the enforcement actions from 2022 - 1.
Page 1 has been scraped, the total number of data is 20 items.
Page 2 has been scraped, the total number of data is 40 items.
Page 3 has been scraped, the total number of data is 60 items.
Page 4 has been scraped, the total number of data is 80 items.
Page 5 has been scraped, the total number of data is 100 items.
Page 6 has been scraped, the total number of data is 120 items.
Page 7 has been scraped, the total number of data is 140 items.
Page 8 has been scraped, the total number of data is 160 items.
Page 9 has been scraped, the total number of data is 180 items.
Page 10 has been scraped, the total number of data is 200 items.
Page 11 has been scraped, the total number of data is 220 items.
Page 12 has been scraped, the total number of data is 240 items.
Page 13 has been scraped, the total number of data is 260 items.
Page 14 has been scraped, the total number of data is 280 items.
Page 15 has been scraped, the total number of data is 300 items.
Page 16 has been scraped, the total number of data is 320 items.
Page 17 has been scraped, the total number of data is 340 items.
Page 18 has been scraped, the total number of data is 360 items.
Page 19 has been scraped, the total number of data is 380 items.
Page 20 has been scraped, the total number of data is 400 items.
Page 21 has been scraped, the total number of data is 420 items.
Page 22 has been scraped, the total number of data is 440 items.
Page 23 has been scraped, the total number of data is 460 items.
Page 24 has been scraped, the total number of data is 480 items.
Page 25 has been scraped, the total number of data is 500 items.
Page 26 has been scraped, the total number of data is 520 items.
Page 27 has been scraped, the total number of data is 540 items.

Page 157 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3140 items.
Page 158 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3160 items.
Page 159 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3180 items.
Page 160 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3200 items.
Page 161 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3220 items.
Page 162 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3240 items.
Page 163 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3260 items.
Page 164 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3280 items.
Page 165 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3300 items.
Page 166 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3320 items.
Page 167 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3340 items.
Page 168 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3360 items.
Page 169 has been scraped, the total number of data is 3377 items.

Scraping completed, obtained 3377 pieces of data in total. The earliest data date is January 4, 2022. The data has been saved to enforcement_actions_2022_1.csv

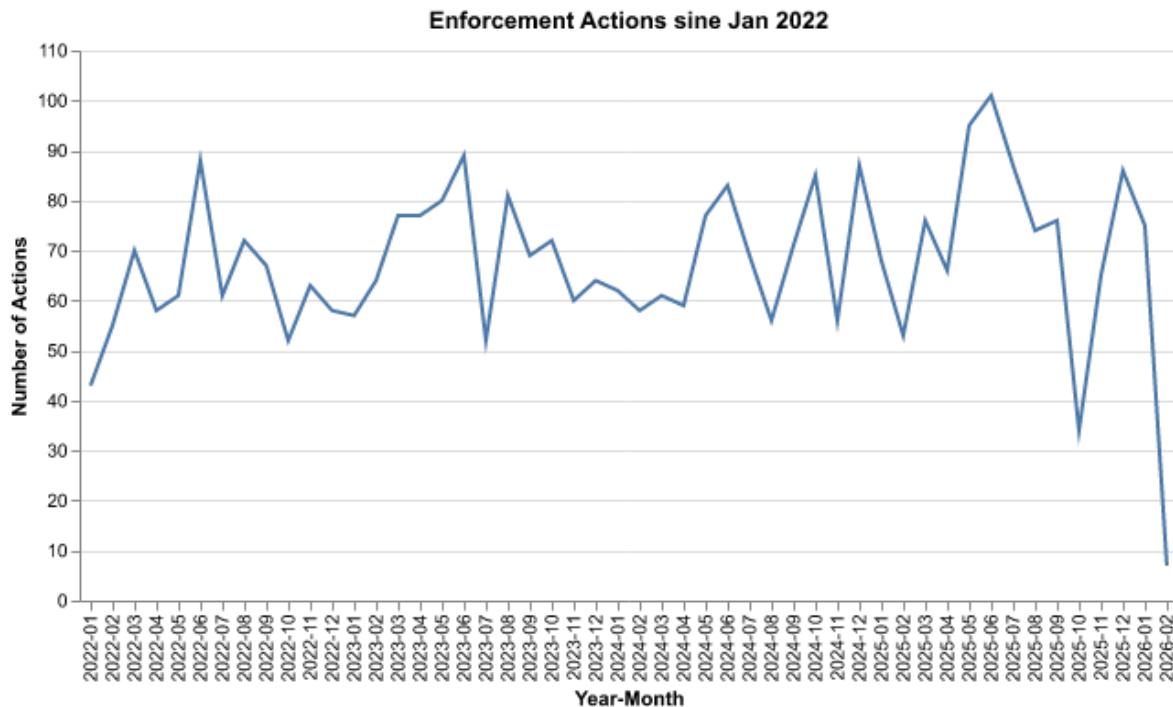
Total enforcement actions (2022-01 to present): 3377

Earliest enforcement action date: January 4, 2022

Step 3: Plot data based on scraped data

1. Plot the number of enforcement actions over time

```
df_2022_01["Date_Datetime"] = pd.to_datetime(df_2022_01["Date"], format="%B  
↪ %d, %Y")  
df_2022_01["Year_Month"] = df_2022_01["Date_Datetime"].dt.strftime("%Y-%m")  
  
monthly_total = df_2022_01.groupby("Year_Month").agg(Count=("Title",  
↪ "count")).reset_index()  
  
chart1 = alt.Chart(monthly_total).mark_line().encode(  
    alt.X("Year_Month:O", title="Year-Month"),  
    alt.Y("Count:Q", title="Number of Actions")  
).properties(title="Enforcement Actions sine Jan 2022", width=600,  
↪ height=300)  
chart1
```



2. Plot the number of enforcement actions categorized:

- based on “Criminal and Civil Actions” vs. “State Enforcement Agencies”

```
df_2022_01["Main_Category"] = df_2022_01["Category"].apply(
    lambda x: x if x in ["Criminal and Civil Actions", "State Enforcement
        ↴ Agencies"] else "Other"
)

def get_sub_category(title):
    title = title.lower()
    if "health care" in title or "medical" in title:
        return "Health Care Fraud"
    elif "financial" in title or "bank" in title:
        return "Financial Fraud"
    elif "drug" in title or "opioid" in title:
        return "Drug Enforcement"
    elif "bribery" in title or "corruption" in title:
        return "Bribery/Corruption"
    else:
        return "Other"
```

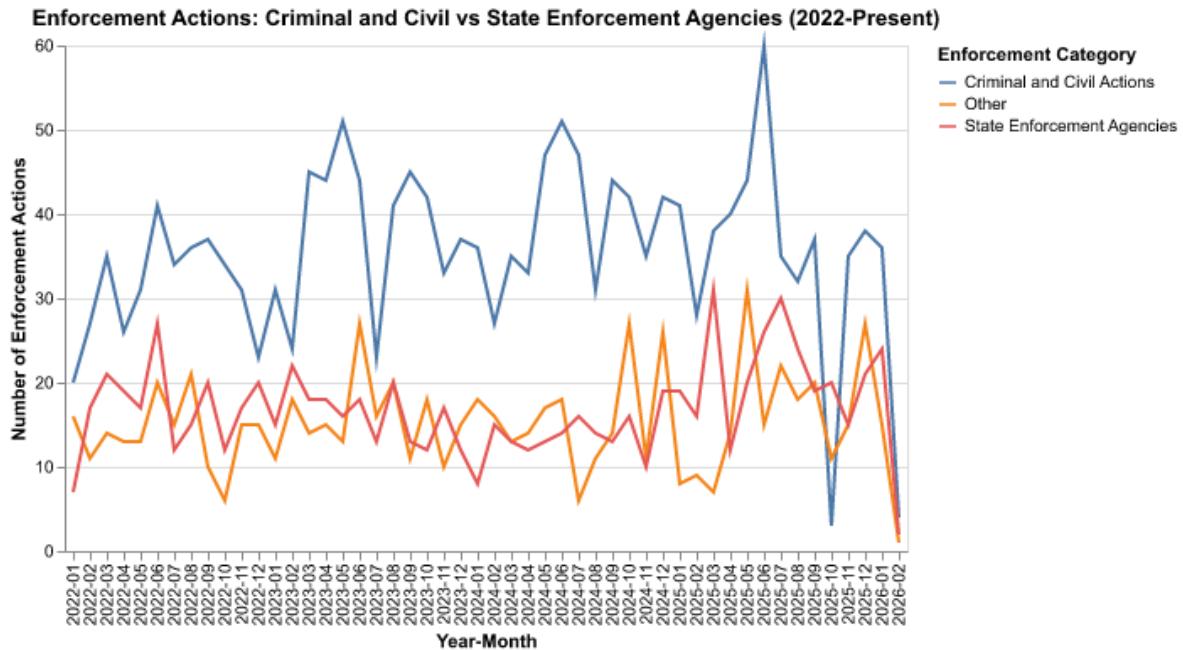
```

df_2022_01["Sub_Category"] = df_2022_01.apply(
    lambda row: get_sub_category(row["Title"]) if row["Main_Category"] ==
        "Criminal and Civil Actions" else None,
    axis=1
)

monthly_main = df_2022_01.groupby(["Year_Month", "Main_Category"]).agg(
    Action_Count=("Title", "count")
).reset_index()

chart2 = alt.Chart(monthly_main).mark_line().encode(
    alt.X("Year_Month:O", title="Year-Month"),
    alt.Y("Action_Count:Q", title="Number of Enforcement Actions"),
    alt.Color("Main_Category:N", title="Enforcement Category")
).properties(title="Enforcement Actions: Criminal and Civil vs State
    Enforcement Agencies (2022-Present)", width=500, height=300)
chart2

```



- based on five topics

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df_criminal_civil = df_2022_01[df_2022_01["Main_Category"] == "Criminal and
↪ Civil Actions"].dropna(subset=["Sub_Category"])

monthly_sub = df_criminal_civil.groupby(["Year_Month", "Sub_Category"]).agg(
    Action_Count=("Title", "count")
).reset_index()

chart3 = alt.Chart(monthly_sub).mark_line().encode(
    alt.X("Year_Month:0", title="Year-Month"),
    alt.Y("Action_Count:Q", title="Number of Enforcement Actions"),
    alt.Color("Sub_Category:N", title="Sub Category")
).properties(title="Criminal and Civil Actions: Breakdown by Sub Category
↪ (2022-Present)", width=500, height=300)
chart3

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