

Plan:

1. Discuss characteristics of good tables
2. Identify ways to improve tables

Dataviz: Tables

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Allow viewer to make comparison top to bottom



Airport Name	Cleveland Hopkins Intl	William P Hobby	Metropolitan Oakland Intl	San Francisco Intl	Bellingham Intl
Airport Code	CLE	HOU	OAK	SFO	BLI
Mean Arrival Delay	26.15	10.25	10.07	8.86	8.67



Avoid comparisons
across rows

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Compare down columns

Order rows logically



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longest
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shortest
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Order columns logically



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Order sensically from left to right



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Limit the number of rows and columns



	mean	max	UnzipPop	Pop
Alabama	13.2	235	58	21.2
Alaska	10.0	283	48	44.5
Arizona	8.1	294	80	31.0
Arkansas	8.8	190	50	18.5
California	9.0	276	91	40.6
Colorado	7.9	204	78	36.7
Connecticut	3.3	113	77	11.1
Delaware	5.9	238	72	18.8
Florida	13.4	300	80	31.9
Georgia	17.4	211	80	25.8
Hawaii	5.3	45	83	20.2
Idaho	3.6	133	34	14.2
Illinois	12.4	249	83	24.0
Indiana	7.2	113	85	21.0
Iowa	2.2	58	57	11.3
Kansas	6.0	115	65	18.0
Kentucky	9.7	109	52	16.3
Louisiana	15.4	249	95	22.2
Maine	2.1	83	51	7.8
Maryland	11.3	203	87	27.9
Massachusetts	4.4	149	85	16.3
Michigan	12.1	255	74	36.1
Minnesota	2.7	72	66	14.9
Mississippi	16.1	209	44	17.7
Missouri	9.0	178	70	28.2
Montana	6.0	109	53	16.4
Nebraska	4.3	102	62	16.5
Nevada	12.8	202	81	49.0
New Hampshire	2.1	57	55	9.5
New Jersey	7.4	199	89	18.8
New Mexico	11.4	285	70	30.1
New York	11.1	254	86	28.1
North Carolina	13.0	287	45	16.1
North Dakota	0.8	45	44	7.3
Ohio	7.5	182	75	21.4
Oklahoma	8.6	191	68	20.0
Oregon	4.9	189	87	29.3
Pennsylvania	6.3	196	72	14.9
Rhode Island	2.4	114	87	6.3
South Carolina	14.4	273	48	22.5
South Dakota	3.8	85	45	12.8
Tennessee	13.2	188	59	26.9
Texas	12.7	291	80	26.5
Utah	3.2	100	60	22.9
Vermont	2.2	48	32	11.2
Virginia	8.5	198	83	20.7
Washington	4.0	73	148	26.2
West Virginia	5.7	81	39	9.3
Wisconsin	2.6	53	66	10.8
Wyoming	6.8	181	60	15.6



Too many
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Be mindful of significant digits



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	CLE	26.15145
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San Francisco Intl	SFO	8.8688173
Bellingham Intl	BLI	8.671234

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Include a good caption



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