Calculate Sums, Averages, Percentages and Rates in Excel

In this lab, you will practice basic data analysis in Excel and explore some of the most common calculations used by data journalists.

After completing this lab, you will be able to use Excel to:

- Calculate sums
- Calculate percentages
- Calculate Averages
- Calculate percentage change
- Calculate rates

Hypothesis

Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been neglected for years by the education budget, especially in funding for tertiary education and while they are catching up, the focus is on primary education.

- Question 1: What was Pakistan's total education budget from 2011 to 2015?
- Question 2: What percentage of the total budget did each province receive?
- Question 3: Which province allocates the largest percentage of its budget to tertiary education?
- Question 4: Which province allocates the largest percentage of its budget to primary education?
- Question 5: Which province allocated the most to development spending?
- **Question 6:** Which province experienced the biggest percentage change in Total Education Budget from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015?
- Question 7: Which province received the most funding per capita in from 2011 to 2015? (have to add population)
- Question 8: Which province received the most funding per capita in 2014-2015? (have to add population)

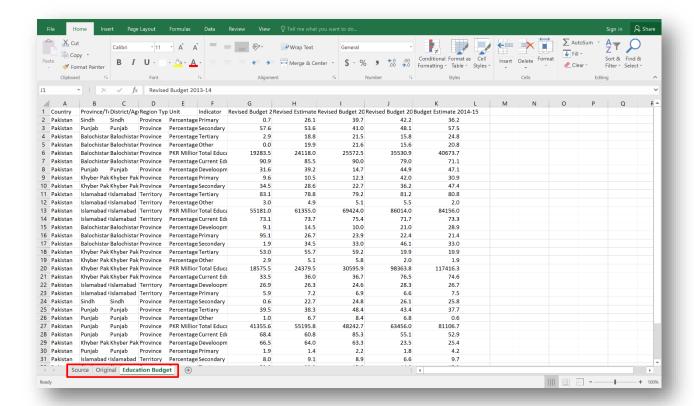
Task 1: Calculating Sums

A basic step for analyzing a dataset is to calculate sums.

To calculate sums, you can use the SUM formula.

Question 1: What was Pakistan's total education budget from 2011 to 2015?

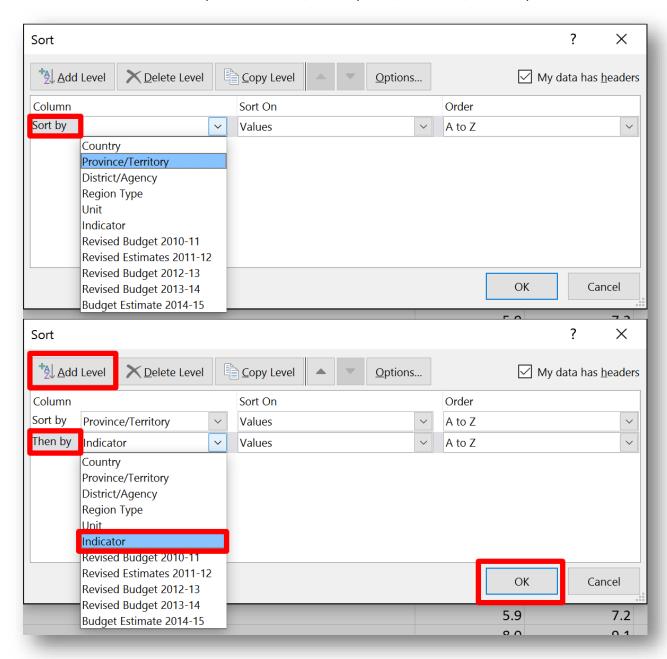
- **1.** Preparing the Excel file to work
 - a. Open PakistanEducationBudget201011to201415.xlsx
 - **b. Rename Sheets**: Rename Sheet 1 by right clicking on tab and use the Rename function. Rename as Original.
 - **c. Make a copy:** Right click on Original sheet use the Move or Copy function, click on move to the end and create a copy.
 - **d. Rename the copy:** Rename Original (2) Sheet as Education Budget.
 - **e.** Save changes.



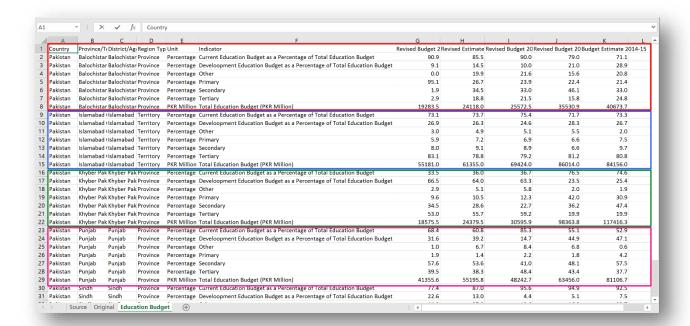
- **2. ALWAYS, ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE DATA.** Data comes in different formats, uses abbreviation, includes obscure indicators and could have a variety of data entry errors. Sometimes you can find the explanation in the **Source** tab of the dataset or you may have to search for it. What we have here:
 - **a.** A column for country (A), it might not be necessary because we are analyzing just Pakistan, unless we are going to make a map, in which case it will be useful for geo-location.
 - **b.** A Province and District column (B, C). Check to make sure each province and district name is typed correctly.
 - **c.** Column (D), which specifies province or region.
 - **d.** In column (E) we have the unit of measure.
 - e. In column (F), the indicator column, there are 3 kinds of indicators: first, the level of Education (Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary). Second, a currency value. Third, two percentage indicator with the Current Education Budget as a Percentage of Total Education Budget and Development Education Budget as a Percentage of Total Education Budget.
 - f. Columns (G, H, I, J, and K) are the data, again in percentage and currency.
- 3. Sorting the data in the dataset may help to understand the structure. In the Main Menu go to Data Sort and Filters Sort



4. In the Sort window in Sort by select Province/Territory. Then, Add Level, in Then by select indicator



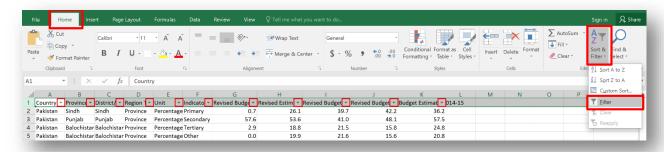
5. As you see now the data set is easier to read and understand: region by region with the associated indicator.



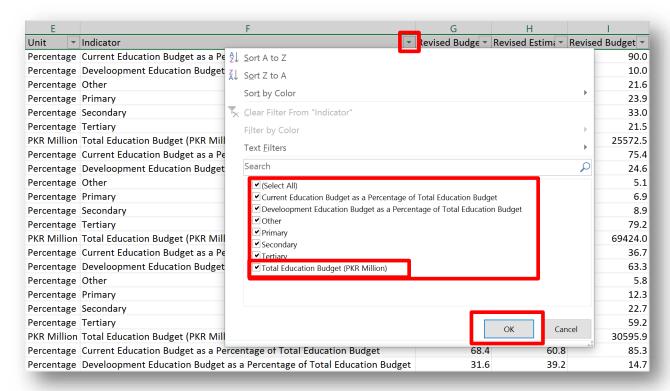
- 6. Make a copy of Education Budget sheet by right clicking on the Education Budget sheet and using the Move or Copy function. Click on move to the end and create a copy.
- 7. Rename Education Budget (2) as Q1
- **8.** Select row 1 by clicking on Row 1



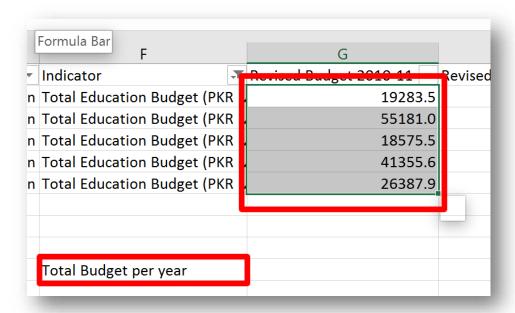
9. In the Main Menu go to Home – Editing – Sort & Filter – Filter. Now all columns have a small arrow on the right side. This is the filter tool.



10. Question 1 the total education Budget. First we need a total by region. Go to the column Indicator (F) and click on the small arrow to filter this column. Then, unselect all categories and leave Total Education Budget or Click on Select all and Total Education Budget. Click OK



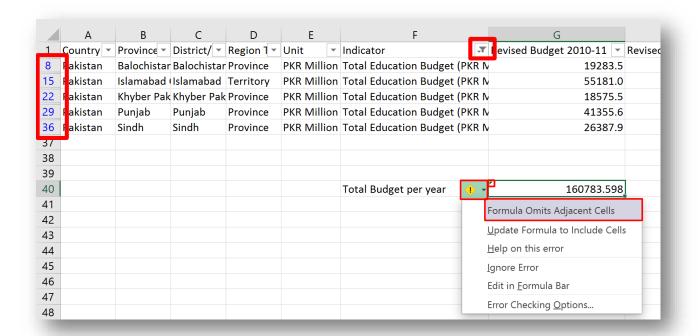
- **11.** Go to cell F40 and name it Total Budget per year. Why, three rows down? Because if you just go one row down, Excel will add the row to the dataset.
- 12. To sum Revised Budget 2010-2011
 - a. Select data in column G



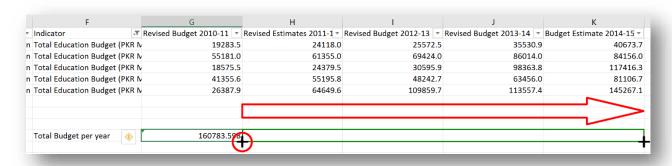
b. In the Main Menu go to Home – Editing – AutoSum



- **c.** Move the calculation you just made to cell G40
- d. Sometime Excel displays a small green arrow in the upper-left corner of a cell. It means than may be a problem with a formula. If you hover over the arrow Excel will display a warning icon. Click on it and Excel will explain the possible mistake, in this case "Formula Omits Adjacent Cells". When filters are used, Excel hides rows and the formula also skipped those rows. That also why on the left the row numbers are no longer consecutive. In this exercise, we want to skip all rows except the Total Education Budget rows, so you can ignore the error message.



e. Instead of typing in the formula for each column, you can copy the formula across. Go to the right-bottom corner of cell G40 until a thick black cross appears. Click and drag across the row until K40.

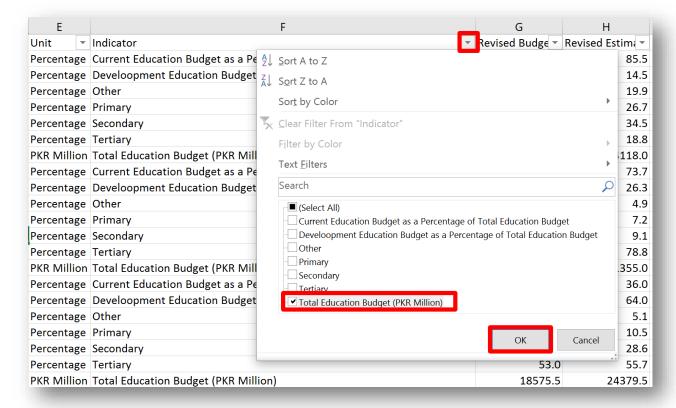


- 13. But question 1 is asking for Pakistan's total education budget from 2011 to 2015. Go to Row L and label L1 as Pakistan's total education budget and in L40 type =SUM(G40:K40). This adds together the value of all cells from G40 to K40. You allso can see the formula in the Formula bar.
- **14. Question 1:** What was Pakistan's total education budget from 2011 to 2015? **Answer:** Pakistan's total education budget from 2011 to 2015 is PKR 1.539.718

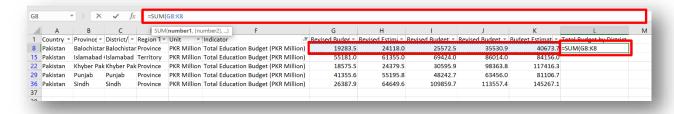
Question 2: What percentage of the total budget did each province receive?

- **15.** Make a copy of the Education Budget sheet by right clicking on Education Budget sheet use Move or Copy function, click on move to the end and create a copy.
- **16.** Rename Education Budget (2) as Q2
- **17.** Select row 1 by clicking on Row 1

- **18.** In the Main Menu go to Home Editing Sort & Filter Filter.
- 19. Filter column F Indicator leaving just the Total Education Budget category



20. Rename cell L1 as Total Budget by District, now add together the Total Education Budgets from each district from 2010 to 2015. In L2 type =SUM(and select the cells to add then close the parentesis. =SUM(G8:K8)

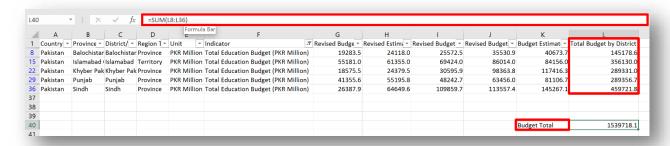


21. Extend the formula to all districts

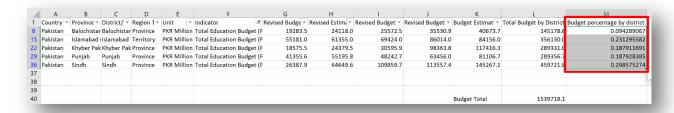


22. Rename K40 as Budget Total

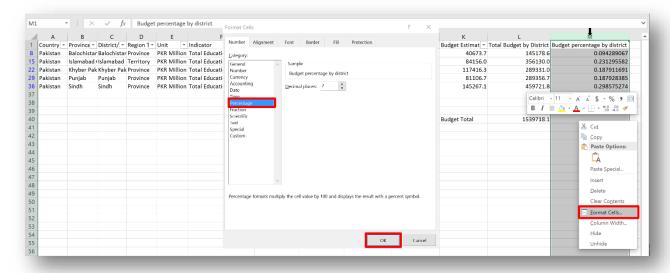
23. Calculate the sum of Total Budget by Districts



- 24. Rename M1 as Budget percentage by district. Percentage are the division of the part by the total. In this exercise, the part is the Total Budget by District and the total is the Budget Total. So, the formula to get the percentage looks like =L8/\$L\$40. The \$ symbol mean that the second part of the equation is locked on cell L40. This prevents the bottom half of the equation from moving as you copy down the formula.
- 25. Extent the formula down in Column M



26. Change column M to a percentage by selecting column M, then right-clicking on the column, click on Format Cell and then in format cell window click on Percentage.

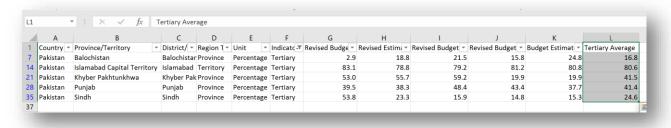


27. Question 2: What percentage of the total budget did each province receive?

Budget percentage by district
9.43%
23.13%
18.79%
18.79%
29.86%

Question 3: Which province allocates the largest percentage of its budget to tertiary education?

- **28.** Make a copy of Education Budget sheet by right-clicking on Education Budget sheet and use the Move or Copy function, click on move to the end and create a copy.
- 29. Rename Education Budget (2) as Q3
- **30.** Select row 1 by click on Row 1
- 31. In the Main Menu go to Home Editing Sort & Filter Filter.
- **32.** Filter column F Indicator leaving just Tertiary.
- 33. Rename L1 as Tertiary Average
- **34.** Excel provides you a simple formula to calculate the numerical average or 'mean' = **AVERAGE(First cell #: Last cell#)** in these case =AVERAGE(G7:K7)
- **35.** Extend the formula to all districts
- **36. Question 3:** Which province allocates the largest percentage of its budget to tertiary education?



Question 4: Which province allocates the largest percentage of its budget to primary education?

- **37.** Make a copy of Education Budget sheet by right-click on Education Budget sheet.
- 38. Rename Education Budget (2) as Q4
- **39.** Select row 1 by clicking on Row 1
- **40.** In the Main Menu go to Home Editing Sort & Filter Filter.
- **41.** Filter column F Indicator leaving just Primary
- **42.** Rename L1 as Primary Average
- **43.** Excel provides you a simple formula to calculate the numerical average or 'mean' = **AVERAGE(First cell # : Last cell#)** in these case =AVERAGE(G7:K7)
- **44.** Extend the formula to all districts
- **45. Question 4:** Which province allocates the largest percentage of its budget to primary education?

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5	Pakistan	Balochistar	Balochistar	Province	Percentage	Primary	95.1	26.7	23.9	22.4	21.4	37.9
12	Pakistan	Islamabad	Islamabad	Territory	Percentage	Primary	5.9	7.2	6.9	6.6	7.5	6.8
19	Pakistan	Khyber Pak	Khyber Pak	Province	Percentage	Primary	9.6	10.5	12.3	42.0	30.9	21.:
26	Pakistan	Punjab	Punjab	Province	Percentage	Primary	1.9	1.4	2.2	1.8	4.2	2.3
33	Pakistan	Sindh	Sindh	Province	Percentage	Primary	0.7	26.1	39.7	42.2	36.2	29.0
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Question 5: Which province allocated the most to development spending?

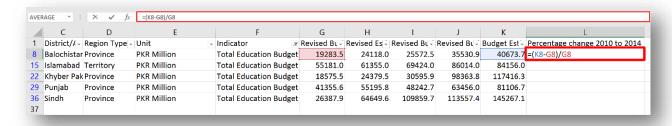
- **46.** Make a copy of Education Budget sheet.
- 47. Rename Education Budget (2) as Q5
- **48.** Select row 1 by click on Row 1
- **49.** In the Main Menu go to Home Editing Sort & Filter Filter.
- **50.** Filter column F Indicator leaving just Development Education Budget as a Percentage of Total Education Budget
- **51.** Rename L1 as Primary Average Development
- **52.** Excel provides you a simple formula to calculate the numerical average or 'mean' = **AVERAGE(First cell #: Last cell#)** in these case =AVERAGE(G3:K3)
- **53.** Extend the formula to all districts
- **54.** Which province allocated the most to development spending?

Province/Territory	Indicator	Average Development
Balochistan	Development Education Budget as a Percentage of Total Education Budget	16.7
•	Development Education Budget as a Percentage of Total Education Budget	26.6
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Development Education Budget as a Percentage of Total Education Budget	48.5
Punjab	Development Education Budget as a Percentage of Total Education Budget	35.5
Sindh	Development Education Budget as a Percentage of Total Education Budget	10.5

Question 6: Which province experienced the biggest percentage change in Total Education Budget from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015?

- **55.** Make a copy of Education Budget sheet.
- **56.** Rename Education Budget (2) as Q6
- **57.** Select row 1 by click on Row 1
- **58.** In the Main Menu go to Home Editing Sort & Filter Filter.
- **59.** Filter column F Indicator leaving just Development Education Budget as a Percentage of Total Education Budget
- 60. Rename L1 as Percentage change 2010 to 2014
- 61. In general, to calculate the percentage change between two numbers you need to first work out the change between the two numbers you are comparing. Then, divide the changed amount by the original number and right click, format cells and select percentage to change from a decimal to

percentage. In these case you need to type **=(K8-G8)/G8**, means the last Budget 2014-15 minus Budget 2010-11 divided by the original than is Budget 2010-11.



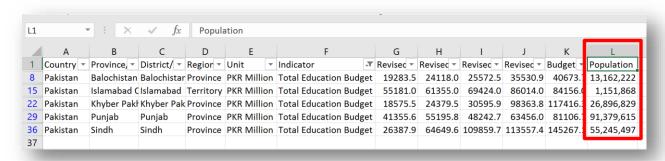
- **62.** Extend the formula to all districts
- **63.** Change column L as a percentages by select column L, then right-click on the select column, click on Format Cell and then in format cell window click on Percentage.
- **64. Question 6:** Which province experienced the biggest percentage change in Total Education Budget from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015?

Province/Territory	Indicator	Percentage change 2010 to 2014
Balochistan	Total Education Budget (PKR Million)	110.92%
Islamabad Capital Territory	Total Education Budget (PKR Million)	52.51%
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Total Education Budget (PKR Million)	532.10%
Punjab	Total Education Budget (PKR Million)	96.12%
Sindh	Total Education Budget (PKR Million)	450.51%

Question 7: Which province received the most funding per capita in 2014-2015? (have to add population)

- **65.** First of all, we need population data to compare which province is allocating the largest budget per student. We are controlling for the size of the population to be able to compare how much each region invests per student.
- **66.** Make a copy of Education Budget sheet.
- 67. Rename Education Budget (2) as Q7
- **68.** Select row 1 by click on Row 1
- **69.** In the Main Menu go to Home Editing Sort & Filter Filter.
- **70.** Filter column F Indicator leaving just Total Education Budget (PKR Million)
- **71.** To answer Question 7 is necessary to:
 - a. Add Population by province
 - **b.** Calculate with the Population Groups of 100,000. We are choosing 100,000 because each region has a population of over a million.
 - **c.** Calculate Total Budget from 2010 to 2015
 - **d.** And finally, calculate the budget per capita.
- 72. Add population by province:
 - **a.** Rename cell L1 in Q7 sheet as Population
 - b. Open Population Statistics 2012.xlsx
 - c. Copy and paste the data from Population Statistics 2012.xlsx column B cell by cell. NOTE: Copying cell by cell is NOT the best way to copy information into a dataset, it could be

introduce a lot of mistakes. We are doing it in this case because there are only five cells. The correct function to join two datasets is VLOOKUP.



- 73. Calculate Total Budget from 2010 to 2015
 - a. Rename cell N1 in Q7 sheet as Total Budget Education
 - **b.** In N2 type =SUM(G8:K8), which means add everything from G8 to K8 to sum budgets for all years.
 - **c.** Extend the formula to all districts
- **74.** And finally, calculate the budget per capita.
 - a. Rename cell O1 in Q7 sheet as Education Budget Per Capita
 - **b.** In O2 type =N8/M8, which divides the Total Budget Education by the number of people in the province.
 - c. Extend the formula to all districts
- **75.** We get a very small decimal because the budget was calculated in MILLIONS of Rupees. To get the amount spent per citizen in Rupees, we need to add another column, label it Education Budget Per Capital Rupees and calculate =O2*1000000.
- **76. Question 7:** Which province received the most funding per capita in 2014-2015? (have to add population)

Province/Territory	Education Budget Per (
Islamabad Capital Territo	309176.0514
Balochistan	11029.94502
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	10757.06869
Sindh	8321.434071
Punjab	3166.53491