# Using the Data Modeling Features of Power BI Desktop

Lab Time: 40 minutes

Lab Folder: C:\Student\Modules\PowerPivot\Lab

Lab Overview: In this set of lab exercises, you will continue to work on the Power BI Desktop project you started in the previous lab. At this point, you have already imported Wingtip sales data from a SQL Azure database and transformed it using the Power Query features of Power BI Desktop to create a starting point for the data model associated with your project. In this lab you will begin to leverage the Power Pivot features of Power BI Desktop to enhance this data model by adding calculated columns and calculated fields. Along the way, you will add pages and visuals to a Power BI Desktop report so you can see the effects of your modeling efforts.

Lab Dependencies: This lab assumes you have completed the previous lab titled Designing Queries to Generate a Data Model in Power BI Desktop in which you created a Power BI Desktop project named Wingtip Sales Analysis.pbix. In the previous lab you should have imported data into the data model using data from the WingtipSalesDB database in SQL Azure and transformed the data into a schema that is better suited for data modeling and analysis. If you would like to begin work on this lab without first completing the previous lab, use the Windows Explorer to copy the lab solution file named Wingtip Sales Analysis.pbix which is located in the student folder at C:\Student\Modules\03\_Queries\Lab\\ into the folder at C:\Student\Projects.

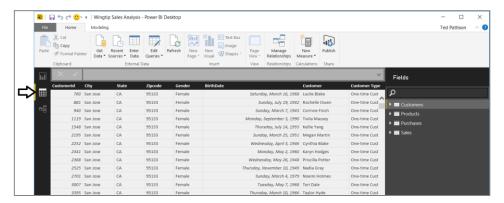
## **Exercise 1: Hiding and Formatting Columns in the Data Model**

In this exercise you will start with the data model you created in the previous lab and begin by hiding and formatting table columns inside the data model. After that, you will create a simple report to see the effects of your formatting changes.

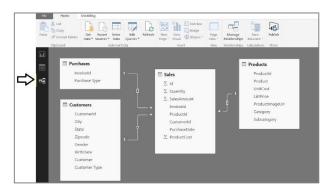
- 1. Launch Power BI Desktop to start a new project.
- 2. Open the Power BI Desktop project named Wingtip Sales Analytics.pbix from the previous lab located at the following path.

#### C:\Student\Projects\Wingtip Sales Analysis.pbix

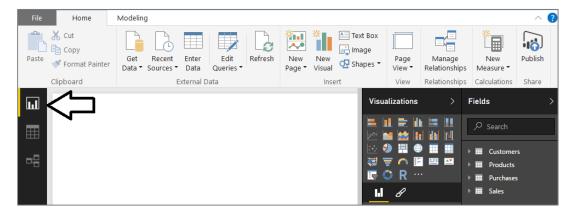
When the project opens, click the table icon in the middle of the sidebar to enter data view mode.



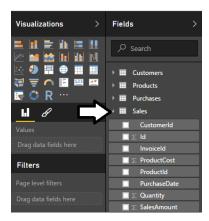
- 4. Take a moment to review the data in each of the four tables in the data model by clicking on the tables inside the Fields list.
- 5. Click the bottom button in the sidebar to navigate to relationship view. You should see that the four tables are arraigned in a star schema where the **Sales** table has a relationship established with each of the three other tables in the data model



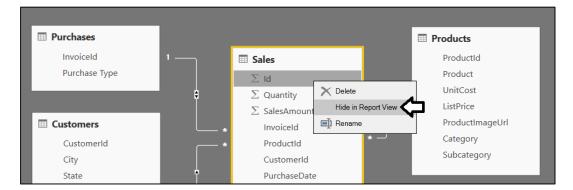
- 6. Now it's time to inspect the data model from a different perspective. More specifically, you will examine the data model from the perspective of a consumer who is designing reports and creating visuals using the Power BI Desktop report designer.
  - a) Click the top button in the sidebar to navigate to report view.



b) Inside the Fields list, use the mouse to expand the fields inside the Sales table. You can see that there are several fields in the Sales table that will never be used when designing reports such as the four identifier columns. The data model will be easier for consumers such as report designers to understand if you hide these types of fields which add unnecessary clutter.

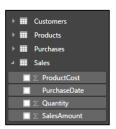


- 7. Use relationship view to update the data model by hiding fields in the **Sales** table that are unnecessary to display in report view.
  - a) Navigate to relationship view in the Power BI Desktop window.
  - b) Using the mouse, right-click on the Id column in the Sales table and select the Hide in Report View command.



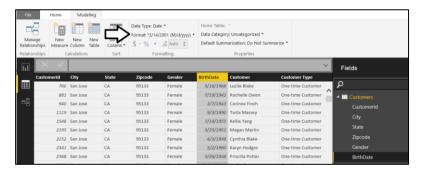
- c) Right-click on the InvoiceId column in the Sales table and select the Hide in Report View command.
- d) Right-click on the Customerld column in the Sales table and select the Hide in Report View command.
- e) Right-click on the ProductId column in the Sales table and select the Hide in Report View command.

f) Now, navigate back to report view and examine the set of fields displayed for the Sales table.



You should be able to see that hiding unnecessary columns from report view makes your data model easier to use. This is especially true in the scenario where you are creating a data model that other less technical people will be using to create reports & dashboards.

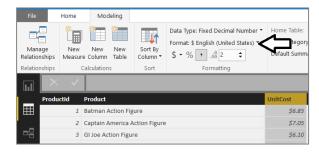
- 8. Modify the formatting of the **BirthDate** column in the **Customers** table.
  - a) In the Power BI Desktop windows, navigate back to data view.
  - b) In the Fields list on the right, select the Customers table to display its rows and columns.
  - c) Select the BirthDate column.
  - d) Modify the the BirthDate column formatting using the Format menu to select a format of Date Time > 3/14/2001 (M/d/yyyy).



e) The BirthDate column should now reflect the change in formatting.



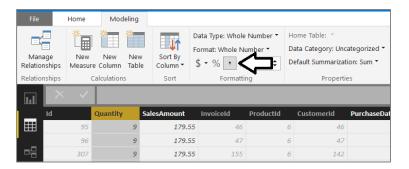
- 9. Modify the formatting of columns in the **Products** table.
  - a) In the Fields list on the right, select the Products table to display its rows and columns.
  - b) Select the **UnitCost** column by clicking on its column header.
  - c) Use the **Format** menu button in the ribbon to update the format setting to **Currency > \$ English (United States)** and set the number of decimal places to **2** in the spin control located underneath the **Format** dropdown menu.



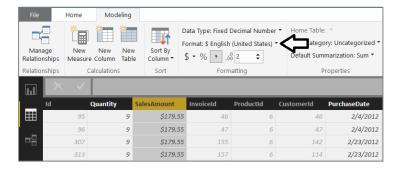
d) Changing the format setting of the **ListPrice** column to **\$ English (United States)** and set the number of decimal places to **2** so it matches the **UnitCost** column.



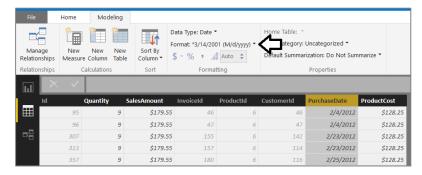
- 10. Modify the formatting of columns in the **Sales** table.
  - a) In the Fields list on the right, select the Sales table to display its rows and columns.
  - b) Select the Quantity column by clicking on its column header.
  - c) Modify the Quantity column by clicking to select the comma button on the ribbon to add a comma separator.



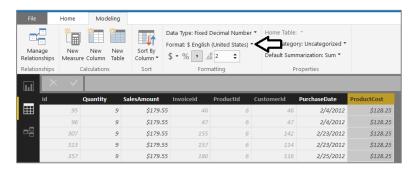
- d) Select the **SalesAmount** column by clicking on its column header.
- e) Modify the formatting of the SalesAmount column to Currency > \$ English (United States) and set the number of decimal places to 2 in the spin control located underneath the Format dropdown menu



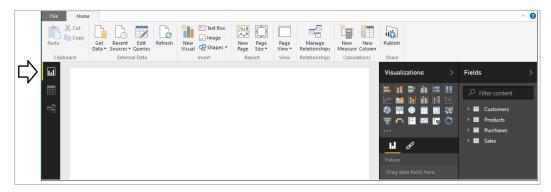
- f) Select the **PurchaseDate** column by clicking on its column header.
- g) Modify the formatting of the PurchaseDate to of Date Time > 3/14/2001 (M/d/yyyy).



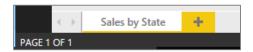
- h) Select the ProductCost column by clicking on its column header.
- i) Modify the formatting of the **ProductCost** column to **Currency> \$ English (United States)** and set the number of decimal places to **2** in the spin control located underneath the **Format** dropdown menu.



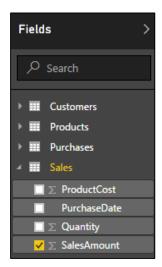
- 11. See the effect of your formatting by adding a visual to a report.
  - a) Navigate to report view. There should be an empty report for the project with a single page named Page 1.



b) Change the name of the page in the report from Page 1 to Sales by State.



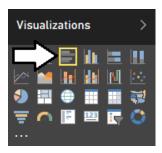
c) Create a new visual in the report by selecting the checkbox for the SalesAmount column in the Fields list.



d) When you select the **SalesAmount** column, Power BI Desktop will automatically add a new visual to the report based on the visualization type of **Clustered Column Chart**.



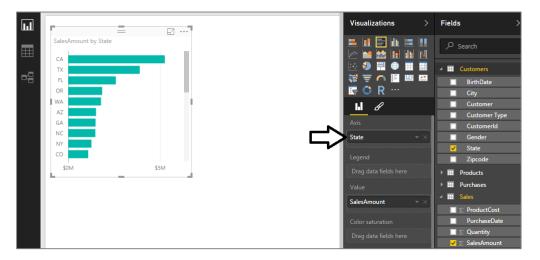
e) Click the Clustered Bar Chart button in the Visualizations list to change the visualization type to a clustered bar chart.



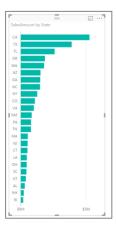
f) Since you haven't added any row labels yet, the clustered bar chart currently displays a single bar showing total sales.



g) Drag and drop the States field from the Fields list into the Axis well of the Visualizations pane.



h) Use your mouse to resize the visual so that it can display all the stats without a scrollbar.



i) Reposition the visual to the bottom left corner of the page as shown in the following screenshot.

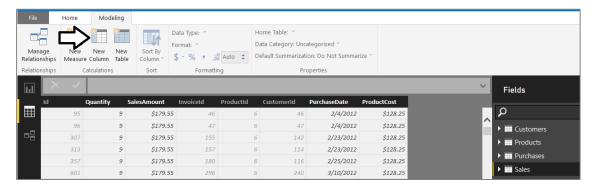


12. Save the work you have done by clicking the Save button in the upper left corner of the Power BI Desktop window.

### **Exercise 2: Extending the Data Model by Creating Calculated Columns**

In this exercise you will create several calculated columns which will require you to write and test DAX expressions. After creating calculated columns, you will use them to enhance reports in the current project.

- Add a calculated column to the Sales table named SalesProfit to determine profit by calculating the difference between SalesAmount and ProductCost.
  - a) Navigate to data view.
  - b) Select the Sales table in the Fields list.
  - c) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.



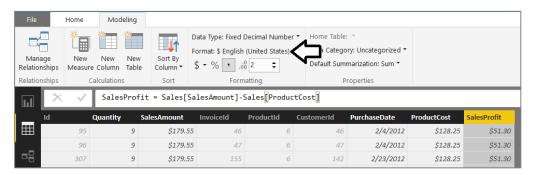
d) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named SalesProfit.

#### SalesProfit = Sales[SalesAmount]-Sales[ProductCost]

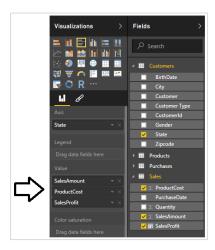
e) Press the ENTER key to add the calculated column to the table. You should be able to see a SalesProfit value for each row in the Sales table.



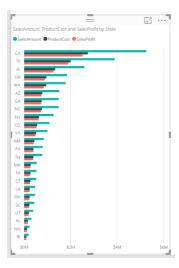
Configure the column's formatting by using the Format menu on the ribbon to select Currency > English (United States).



- 2. Update the clustered bar chart visual you created in the previous exercise.
  - a) Navigate to report view.
  - b) Select the visual you created in the previous exercise.
  - c) Using your mouse, drag and drop the **ProductCost** column from the **Fields** list into the **Value** well in the **Visualizations** pane.
  - d) Using your mouse, drag and drop the SalesProfit column from the Fields list into the Value well in the Visualizations pane.



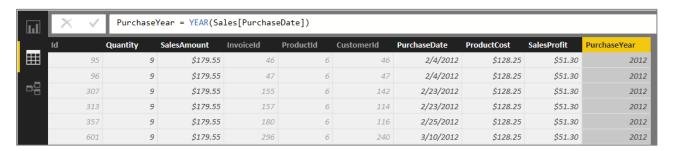
e) You should now see that the cluster bar chart is showing additional bars for product cost and profit. Note you might have to resize the visual and make it a little taller to get rid of the scrollbars.



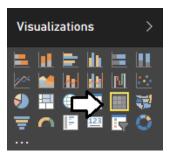
- 3. Add a calculated column to the Sales table named PurchaseYear to indicate the calendar year of each purchase.
  - a) Navigate to data view.
  - b) Select the Sales table in the Fields list.
  - c) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
  - d) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named **PurchaseYear**.

#### PurchaseYear = YEAR(Sales[PurchaseDate])

e) Press the **ENTER** key to add the calculated column to the table. You should be able to see a calendar year value (e.g. 2012) for each row in the **Sales** table



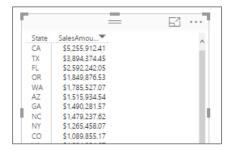
- 4. Use the new calculated column named PurchaseYear in a report
  - a) Navigate to report view.
  - b) Make sure that no visuals are selected on the page so that you can create a new visual.
  - c) Select the checkbox for the **SalesAmount** column in the **Fields** list to create a new visual.
  - d) Click the **Matrix** button in the **Visualizations** list to change the visualization type to a matrix.



e) Add a second field to the visual by dragging the **State** column from the **Customers** table in the **Fields** list into the **Rows** well to displays a separate row for each state.



f) Now the matrix should display a row for each state that shows the aggregated sum of the SalesAmount column.



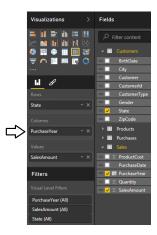
g) Use the mouse to reposition the visual so it takes up the bottom right corner of the page as shown in the following screenshot.



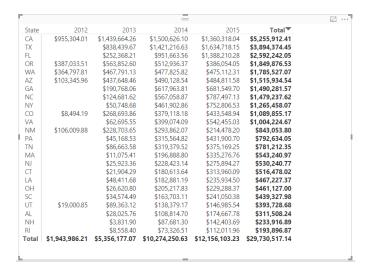
h) Increase the font size of the Matrix visual by changing the **Text Size** property to **10pt**. The Text Size property can be found in the Format properties pane inside the **General** section.



i) Extend the matrix visual to pivot on the **PurchaseYear** column. Accomplish this by using the mouse to drag the **PurchaseYear** column from the **Fields** list and drop it into the **Columns** well in the **Visualization** pane



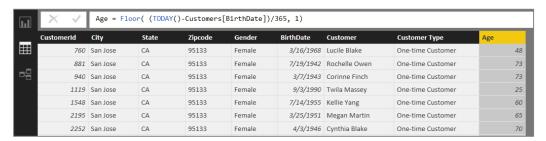
j) The visual should now display a column for each year from 2012 through 2015.



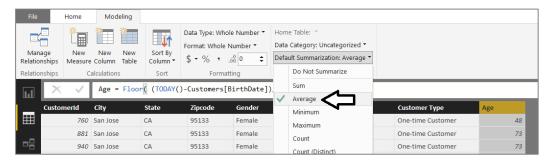
- 5. Add a calculated column to the Customers table named Age to indicate the age of the customer.
  - a) Navigate to data view.
  - b) Select the Customers table in the Fields list.
  - c) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
  - d) Enter the following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named Age.

### Age = Floor( (TODAY()-Customers[BirthDate])/365, 1)

e) Press the ENTER key to add the calculated column. You should be able to see a whole number for the age of each customer.



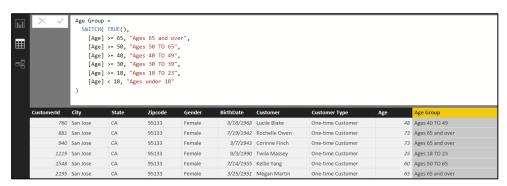
f) Use the **Default Summarization** dropdown menu in the ribbon to change the default summarization setting for **Age** column from **Sum** to **Average**.



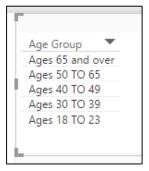
- Add a calculated column to the Customers table named Age Group to break customers up into age-based sets.
  - a) Create a new calculated column in the **Sales** table by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
  - b) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named Age Group.

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Age Group =
SWITCH( TRUE(),
    [Age] >= 65, "Ages 65 and over",
    [Age] >= 50, "Ages 50 TO 65",
    [Age] >= 40, "Ages 40 TO 49",
    [Age] >= 30, "Ages 30 TO 39",
    [Age] >= 18, "Ages 18 TO 23",
    [Age] < 18, "Ages under 18"
)
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c) After creating the calculated column, you should be able to verify that the **Age Group** column calculates a value for each customer row which places that customer in a bucket for a particular age group.

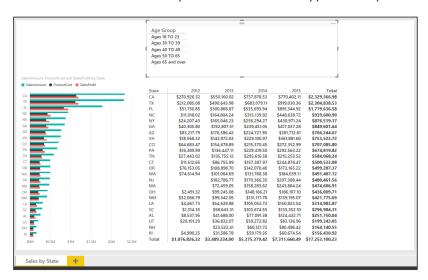


- 7. Use the Age Group calculated column as a row label in a matrix visual.
  - a) Navigate to report view.
  - b) Make sure that no visuals as selected on the page.
  - c) Create a new visual in the report by selecting the checkbox for the Age Group column in the Fields list.

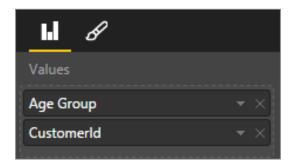


Note that this visual does not display a row for the age demographic value of **Age under 18** even though you added that value to the DAX formula. The reason for this is that the Wingtip Sales database you are working with does not contain any customers under 18 years of age so the age demographic value of **Age under 18** is automatically filtered out of the visual.

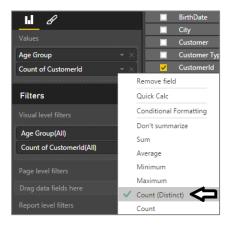
- d) Change the visualization type of the new visual by clicking the Matrix button in the Visualizations list.
- e) Use the mouse to resize and reposition the visual so it appears on top of the matrix you created earlier.



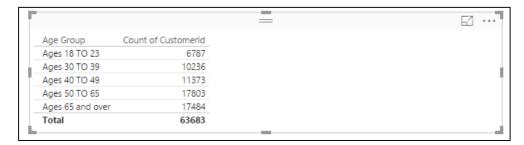
f) Now it's time to modify the table visual by adding a new column to show the count of customers in each age group. Accomplish this by dragging the **CustomerId** column from the **Customers** table in the **Fields** list and dropping it into the **Values** well in the **Visualizations** pane. When you drop the **CustomerId** column into the **Values** well, make sure to drop it so it appears underneath the **Age Group** column.



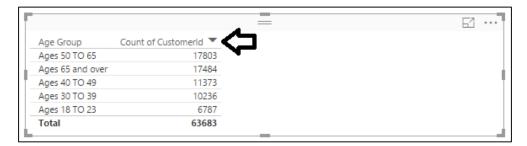
g) Click on the dropdown menu of the **CustomerId** field inside the **Values** well so you can see and change the aggregation that will be performed. Select the aggregation type that is **Count (Distinct)**.



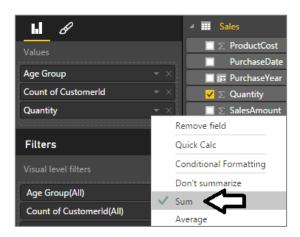
h) Now the new visual should display one row per age group which includes a total count of customers.



i) Click on the column header for the Count of CustomerId column to sort the age groups with most customers to the top.



- i) Drag the Quantity column from the Sales table and drop it into the Values well in the Visualizations pane.
- k) Drag the SalesAmount column from the Sales table and drop it into the Values well in the Visualizations pane.
- I) Configure the summarization type for the Quantity field and the SalesAmount field to perform a Sum.



m) The visual should now display a new Quantity column as well as a SalesAmount column displaying aggregated totals.



n) Sort the rows in the table visual by clicking in the column header for the **SalesAmount** column so that the **Age Group** with the greatest amount of sales revenue is sorted to the top.



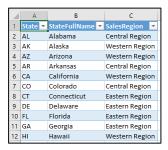
At this point, you might be bothered by the fact that some of the column header names in this visual are not a pretty as they could be. For example, it would be less confusing to business users if the column displaying a count of customers had a column heading of **Customer Count** instead of **Count of CustomerId**. You will address this issue later in the lab exercise where you begin to extend the data model by creating measures.

8. Save the work you have done by clicking the Save button in the upper left corner of the Power BI Desktop window.

### **Exercise 3: Extending the Data Model with a Lookup Table**

In this exercise, you will extend the data model by adding a new lookup table named **SalesRegions** which assigns a geographic sales region to each state. The work to accomplish this will involve importing data from an Excel workbook to create the **SalesRegions** table and also creating a relationship between the **SalesRegions** table and the **Customers** table. You will also create calculated columns in the **Customers** table to pull in related data from the **SalesRegions** table.

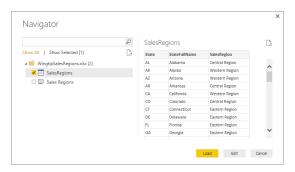
- 1. Locate the Excel workbook file which contains the **SalesRegions** table.
  - a) Using Windows Explorer, open the folder at c:\Student\Data and locate the Excel workbook file named SalesRegions.xlsx.
  - b) Double-click on named SalesRegions.xlsx. to open it inside Microsoft Excel 2016.
  - Once the workbook file opens in Excel, take a moment to examine what's inside. You should be able to verify that there is a **SalesRegions** table which contains a row for each of the 50 states along with the state full name and an assigned sales region. As you can see from the following screenshot, the 50 states have been divided into three sales regions which are **Western Region**, **Central Region** and **Eastern Region**.



- d) Close Microsoft Excel and make sure you do not save any chnages to SalesRegions.xlsx.
- 2. Import the **SalesRegions** table into the data model of the current project.
  - a) Navigate back to Power BI Desktop.
  - b) Click on the **Home** tab on the ribbon.
  - c) Drop down the Get Data menu in the ribbon and select the Excel command to display the Navigator dialog.



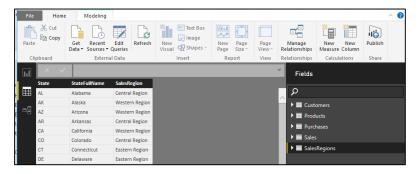
d) In the **Navigator** dialog, click the checkbox to select the **SalesRegion** table. Make sure to select the top checkbox for the **SalesRegion** table and not the bottom checkbox for the **Sales Region** worksheet. Once you have selected the **SalesRegion** table, you should be able to see a sample of its rows in the **Navigator** dialog as shown in the following screenshot.



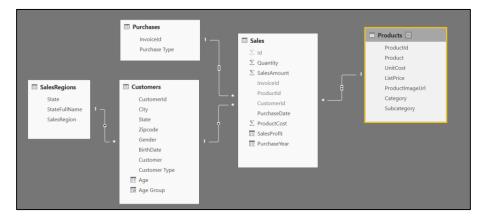
Click the Load button to load the data and to create the SalesRegions table. Power BI Desktop will display the Load dialog
until the import process completed.



f) Once the import process completes, you should be able to see SalesRegions table in data view.



- 3. Examine the relationship that has been created between the Customers table and the SalesRegions table.
  - a) Navigate to relationship view.
  - b) You should be able to see **SalesRegions** table.
  - c) Rearrange the table layout to match the following screenshot.



d) You should be able to see that a relationship has already been created between the **SalesRegions** table and the **Customers** because both tables contain a similar column named **State**.

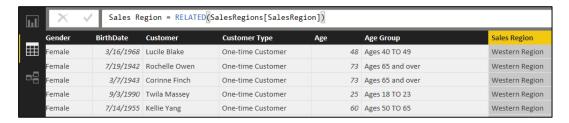


Since there is a relationship between the **SalesRegions** table and the **Customers** table, you can begin to use the **RELATED** function provided by DAX. More specifically, you can use the **RELATED** function to create calculated columns in the **Customers** table that are written to pull in data from the **SalesRegions** table.

- 4. Add a calculated column to the Customers table named Sales Region to display the sales region for each state.
  - a) Navigate to data view.
  - b) Select the Customers table in the Fields list.
  - c) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
  - d) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named Sales Region.

#### Sales Region = RELATED(SalesRegions[SalesRegion])

e) Press the **ENTER** key to add the calculated column to the table. You should be able to see a value in the **Sales Region** column for each row in the **Customers** table.



- 5. Add a calculated column to the Customers table named State Name to display the full state name.
  - a) Create a new calculated column in the Customers table by clicking the New Column button in the ribbon.
  - b) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named State Name.

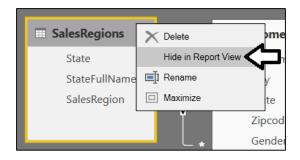
### State Name = RELATED(SalesRegions[StateFullName])

c) Press the ENTER key to add the calculated column to the table. You should be able to see a value in the Sales Region column for each row in the Customers table.

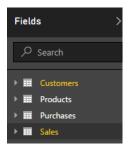


Now that you have pulled all the important data from the **SalesRegions** table into the **Customers** table, there is no need to display the **SalesRegions** table in report view. In the next step, you will hide the **SaleRegions** table to simplify view of the data model that is shown in report view.

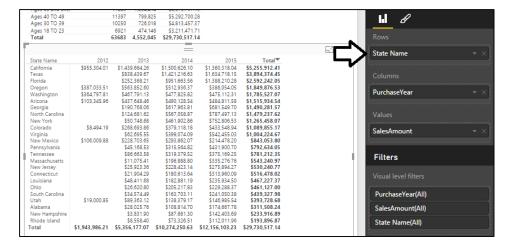
- 6. Hide the SalesRegions table from report view.
  - a) Navigate to relationship view.
  - b) Right-click on the the SalesRegions table



c) Navigate to report view and verify that the SalesRegions table is not displayed as one of the tables in the Fields list.

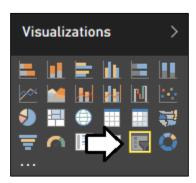


- 7. Update the matrix with row labels based on the State column to use the State Name column instead.
  - a) Navigate back to report view.
  - b) Select the matrix visual with the row labels based on the **State** column.
  - c) Remove the **State** field from the **Rows** well in the **Visualization** pane and replace it with the **State Name** column. The visual should now show the full state name instead of the two-character state abbreviation.

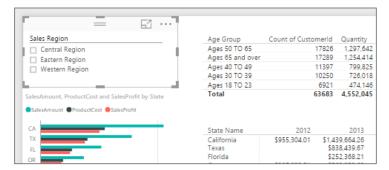


- 8. Add a slicer visual to the report to filter all displayed results by sales region.
  - a) Navigate to report view if you are not already there.
  - b) Make sure that no visuals are selected on the page so that you can create a new visual.

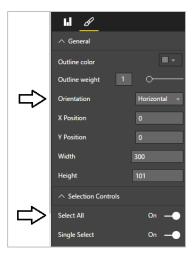
- c) Select the checkbox for the Sales Region column in the Fields list to create a new visual.
- d) Click the Slicer button in the Visualizations list to change the visual type to a slicer.



e) Using the mouse, reposition the slicer visual so it appears in the upper, left-hand corner of the page as shown in the following screenshot.



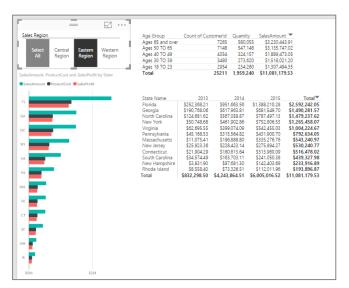
f) Change the alignment of the slicer visual from vertical to horizontal. Accomplishing this by first clicking the Edit Pen button in the **Visualization** pane to view the appearance properties of the visual and then by modifying the **Orientation** property to a value of **Horizontal**. Also enable the **Select All** property by setting its value to **On**.



g) The slicer visual should now appear with a horizontal layout with an additional Select All node.



h) Click on the different nodes of the slicer visual to see its filtering effect. If you click on the **Eastern Region** node, all the other visuals apply a filter to only shows states assigned to the Eastern sales region.

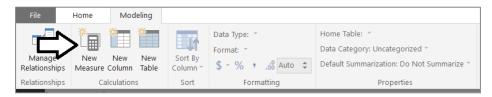


9. Save the work you have done by clicking the Save button in the upper left corner of the Power BI Desktop window.

### **Exercise 4: Extending the Data Model by Creating Measures**

In this exercise you will create four measures named **Units Sold, Sales Revenue, Product Cost** and **Profit** that will perform sum aggregations on the **Sales** table. You will also create a measure named **Customer Count** that performs a distinct count aggregation on the **Customers** table. As you will see, creating measures to use in your report visuals will give you much greater control over the column names, formatting and aggregations that are displayed in your reports.

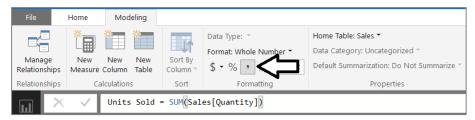
- 1. Create a measure named **Units Sold** to perform a sum aggregation on the **Quantity** column of the **Sales** table.
  - a) Navigate to data view.
  - b) Select the **Sales** table from the **Fields** list.
  - c) Create a new measure by clicking the **New Measure** button in the ribbon.



Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named Units Sold.

#### Units Sold = SUM(Sales[Quantity])

- e) Press the ENTER key to add the calculated column to data model.
- f) Modify the formatting by clicking and selecting the Comma button on the ribbon to add a comma separator.



- 2. Create a measure named Sales Revenue to perform a sum aggregation on the Sales Amount column of the Sales table.
  - a) Create a new measure by clicking the **New Measure** button in the ribbon.
  - b) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named Sales Revenue.

#### Sales Revenue = Sum(Sales[SalesAmount])

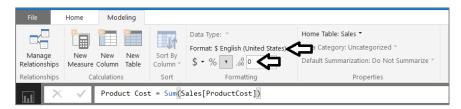
- c) Press the ENTER key to add the calculated column to data model.
- d) Modify the formatting by dropping down the **Format** menu on the ribbon and selecting **Currency > \$ English (United States)**. Also use the spinner control below the format menu to set the number of decimal places shown to zero.



- 3. Create a measure named Product Cost to perform a sum aggregation on the ProductCost column of the Sales table.
  - a) Create a new measure by clicking the New Measure button in the ribbon.
  - b) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named Product Cost.

#### Product Cost = Sum(Sales[ProductCost])

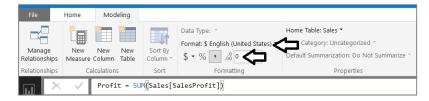
- c) Press the ENTER key to add the calculated column to data model.
- d) Modify the formatting by dropping down the Format menu on the ribbon and selecting Currency > English (United States). Also use the spinner control below the format menu to set the number of decimal places shown to zero.



- 4. Create a measure named **Profit** to perform a sum aggregation on the **SalesProfit** column of the **Sales** table.
  - a) Create a new measure by clicking the New Measure button in the ribbon.
  - Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named Profit.

#### Profit = SUM(Sales[SalesProfit])

- c) Press the ENTER key to add the calculated column to data model.
- d) Modify the formatting by dropping down the Format menu on the ribbon and selecting Currency > English (United States). Also use the spinner control below the format menu to set the number of decimal places shown to zero.



- 5. Create a measure named **Customer Count** to perform an aggregation to count the number of rows in the **Customers** table.
  - a) Make sure the Customers table is selected.

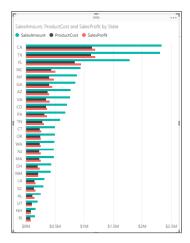
- b) Create a new measure by clicking the **New Measure** button in the ribbon.
- c) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the calculated column named Units Sold.

#### Customer Count = COUNTROWS(Customers)

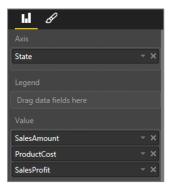
- d) Press the ENTER key to add the calculated column to data model.
- e) Modify the formatting by clicking and selecting the Comma button on the ribbon to add a comma separator.



- 6. Update the visuals in the report to use the new measures you have just created.
  - a) Navigate to report view.
  - b) Select the clustered bar chart visual.



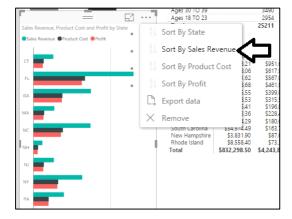
c) Examine the properties of this visual in the **Visualizations** pane. The **Value** well should currently contain the three fields named **SalesAmount**, **ProductCost** and **SalesProfit**.



d) Remove those three fields from the Value well and replace them with the new measures named Sales Revenue, Product Cost and Profit.



e) You will notice that the sort order of this visual is now based on the **State** field because you removed the **SalesAmount** field that was being used for sorting. Resort the rows in the visual using **Sales Revenue**.



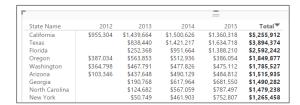
f) Now this visual looks more polished because it is using measures instead of aggregated columns to produce its values.



- g) Select the matrix visual which displays sales revenue by state and year.
- h) In the **Visualizations** pane, remove the **SalesAmount** column from the **Values** well and replace it with **Sales Revenue** measure.



- i) The matrix visual should display its numbers in currency with no decimal places.
- j) Click the Total column header to sort the state rows by total sales revenue.



- k) Select the matrix visual which displays a row for each age group.
- Notice how some of the columns contain text (e.g. Count of CustomerId) that is not very user-friendly.



m) Examine the properties of this visual in the **Visualizations** pane. The **Value** well should currently contain the three fields named **Count of CustomerId**, **Quantity** and **SalesAmount**.



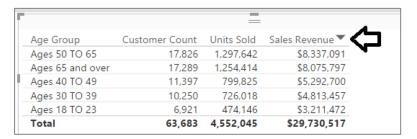
 Remove those three fields from the Value well and replace them with the new measures named Customer Count, Units Sold and Sales Revenue.



o) The columns of the table visual are now more user-friendly and the formatting of values looks better as well.



p) Click on the Sales Revenue column header to sort the age groups by sales revenue.



7. Save the work you have done by clicking the Save button in the upper left corner of the Power BI Desktop window.