

# 05\_visualization

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## 1 Visualizing Data

### 1.1 Introduction to Python

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### 2.1 Data

The specific file names are: - bike\_thefts\_joined.csv - neighbourhoods.csv

### 2.2 Supporting packages and data

Let's import numpy and pandas and load up some data to work with.

```
[ ]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
```

```
[ ]: # load data
thefts_joined = pd.read_csv('/content/data/bike_thefts_joined.csv',
                             dtype={'n_id': str})
neighbourhoods = pd.read_csv('/content/data/neighbourhoods.csv',
                              dtype={'n_id': str})

# fix dates
```

```

thefts_joined['occurrence_date'] = pd.
↳to_datetime(thefts_joined['occurrence_date'])
thefts_joined['report_date'] = pd.to_datetime(thefts_joined['report_date'])

```

```

↳-----
FileNotFoundError                                Traceback (most recent call↳
↳last)

```

```

<ipython-input-3-b6bb675e370f> in <module>
    1 # load data
    2 thefts_joined = pd.read_csv('/content/data/bike_thefts_joined.csv',
----> 3                                dtype={'n_id': str})
    4 neighbourhoods = pd.read_csv('/content/data/neighbourhoods.csv',
    5                                dtype={'n_id': str})

```

```

/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/pandas/util/_decorators.py in ↳
↳wrapper(*args, **kwargs)
    309             stacklevel=stacklevel,
    310         )
--> 311         return func(*args, **kwargs)
    312
    313     return wrapper

```

```

/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/pandas/io/parsers/readers.py in ↳
↳read_csv(filepath_or_buffer, sep, delimiter, header, names, index_col,↳
↳usecols, squeeze, prefix, mangle_dupe_cols, dtype, engine, converters,↳
↳true_values, false_values, skipinitialspace, skiprows, skipfooter, nrows,↳
↳na_values, keep_default_na, na_filter, verbose, skip_blank_lines, parse_dates,↳
↳infer_datetime_format, keep_date_col, date_parser, dayfirst, cache_dates,↳
↳iterator, chunksize, compression, thousands, decimal, lineterminator,↳
↳quotechar, quoting, doublequote, escapechar, comment, encoding,↳
↳encoding_errors, dialect, error_bad_lines, warn_bad_lines, on_bad_lines,↳
↳delim_whitespace, low_memory, memory_map, float_precision, storage_options)
    584     kwds.update(kwds_defaults)
    585
--> 586     return _read(filepath_or_buffer, kwds)
    587
    588

```

```

/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/pandas/io/parsers/readers.py in ↳
↳_read(filepath_or_buffer, kwds)

```

```

480
481     # Create the parser.
--> 482     parser = TextFileReader(filepath_or_buffer, **kwds)
483
484     if chunksize or iterator:

/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/pandas/io/parsers/readers.py in
↪__init__(self, f, engine, **kwds)
    809         self.options["has_index_names"] = kwds["has_index_names"]
    810
--> 811         self._engine = self._make_engine(self.engine)
    812
    813     def close(self):

/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/pandas/io/parsers/readers.py in
↪_make_engine(self, engine)
    1038         )
    1039         # error: Too many arguments for "ParserBase"
-> 1040         return mapping[engine](self.f, **self.options) # type:
↪ignore[call-arg]
    1041
    1042     def _failover_to_python(self):

/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/pandas/io/parsers/
↪c_parser_wrapper.py in __init__(self, src, **kwds)
    49
    50     # open handles
---> 51     self._open_handles(src, kwds)
    52     assert self.handles is not None
    53

/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/pandas/io/parsers/base_parser.py
↪in _open_handles(self, src, kwds)
    227         memory_map=kwds.get("memory_map", False),
    228         storage_options=kwds.get("storage_options", None),
--> 229         errors=kwds.get("encoding_errors", "strict"),
    230     )
    231

/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/pandas/io/common.py in
↪get_handle(path_or_buf, mode, encoding, compression, memory_map, is_text,
↪errors, storage_options)

```

```

705             encoding=ioargs.encoding,
706             errors=errors,
--> 707             newline="",
708         )
709     else:

```

```

FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: '/content/data/
↳bike_thefts_joined.csv'

```

```
[ ]: thefts_joined.head()
```

```

↳
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NameError                                Traceback (most recent call↳
↳last)

<ipython-input-1-cd2d292bf923> in <module>
----> 1 thefts_joined.head()

```

```
NameError: name 'thefts_joined' is not defined
```

```
[ ]: # exclude the City of Toronto
neighbourhoods = neighbourhoods.loc[neighbourhoods['neighbourhood'] != 'City of↳
↳Toronto']
neighbourhoods.head()
```

```
[ ]: # add new columns showing % of commuters for each mode
def calc_pct(mode):
    return round(mode/neighbourhoods['total_commuters'], 3)

# new column names
pct_cols = ['pct_drive', 'pct_cp', 'pct_transit', 'pct_walk']
neighbourhoods[pct_cols] = neighbourhoods.loc[:, 'drive':'walk'].apply(calc_pct)

```

## 3 Overview

### 3.1 Data visualization in Python

So far, we have gotten data, wrangled it, and scratched the surface of exploratory analyses. As part of that exploration, we created charts with **pandas**. However, there are dedicated visualization

libraries let us customize our charts further.

## 4 matplotlib

### 4.1 matplotlib

`matplotlib` is *the* foundational data visualization library in Python. `pandas`'s visualization functions are, at their core, `matplotlib` functions. Other popular libraries like `seaborn` similarly build on `matplotlib`.

For historical reasons, when we import `matplotlib`, we really import `matplotlib.pyplot`. The conventional alias is `plt`.

```
[ ]: # jupyter-specific "magic" command to render plots in-line
      %matplotlib inline

      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

### 4.2 Anatomy of a plot

`matplotlib` visuals consist of one or more `Axes` in a `Figure`. An *Axes*, confusingly, is what we would consider a graph, while the *Figure* is a container for those graphs. An `Axes` has an *x-Axis* and a *y-Axis*.

More details can be found at: [https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/introductory/quick\\_start.html](https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/introductory/quick_start.html)

### 4.3 Plotting with matplotlib

`matplotlib` provides two ways to create visualizations: \* by having `pyplot` automatically create and manage `Figures` and `Axes`, keeping track of which `Figure` and `Axes` we are currently working on \* by taking an **object-oriented approach**, where we explicitly create `Figures` and `Axes` and modify them

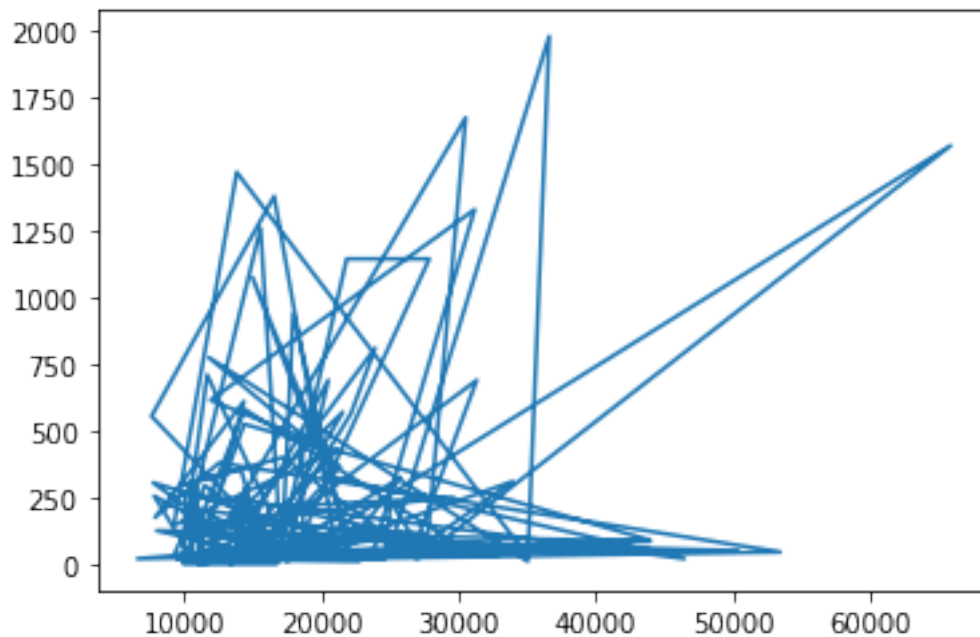
The object-oriented approach is recommended, but the `pyplot` approach is convenient for quick plots.

### 4.4 pyplot-style plotting

`pyplot`-style plotting is convenient for quick, exploratory plots, where we don't plan on doing a lot of customization. When we plotted data in `pandas`, `pandas` took this approach. Let's plot the neighbourhood data with the `pyplot` approach. `plot()` produces a line plot by default.

```
[ ]: plt.plot(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],
              neighbourhoods['bike'])
```

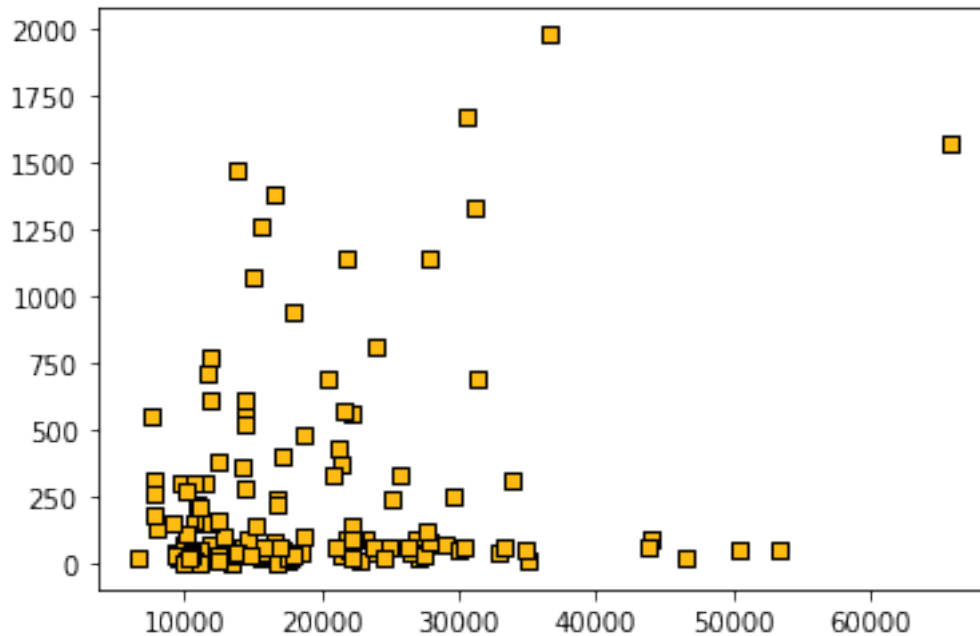
```
[ ]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f88008147d0>]
```



Let's make it a scatterplot instead with the `scatter()` function. We can use keyword arguments like `facecolor` and `edgecolor` to change the styling. `matplotlib` lets us specify colour with RGB(A) tuples, hexadecimal strings, single-character shortcodes, and [even xkcd colours](#).

```
[ ]: plt.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],  
                neighbourhoods['bike'],  
                marker='s', # square marker  
                facecolor='#fb1',  
                edgecolor='k') # black
```

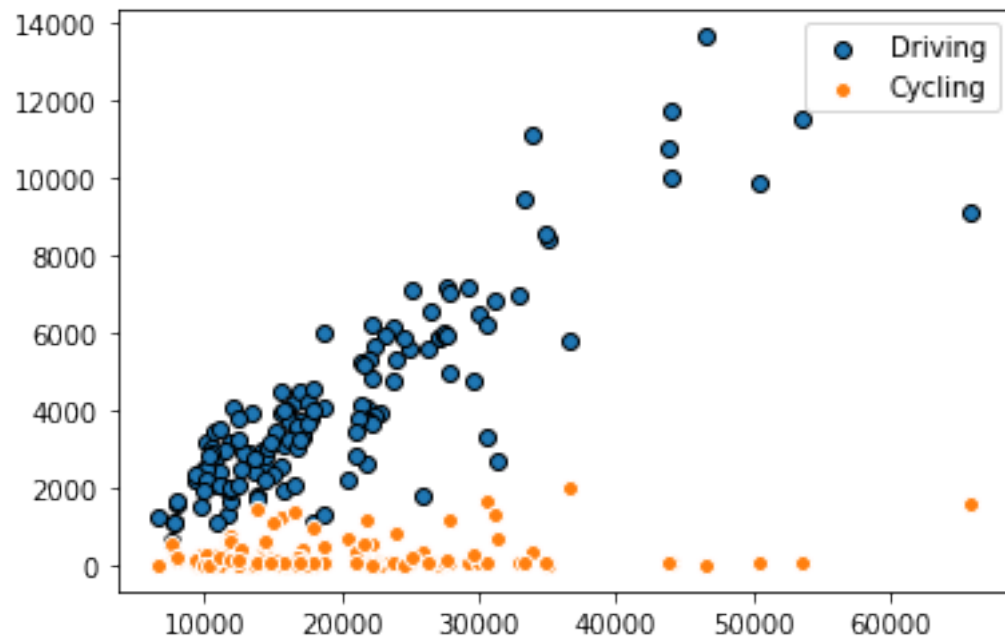
```
[ ]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f88000a0250>
```



Using the `pyplot` approach, the outputs of successive function calls in the same cell context are layered on. Let's layer driving and biking commuter counts and add a legend.

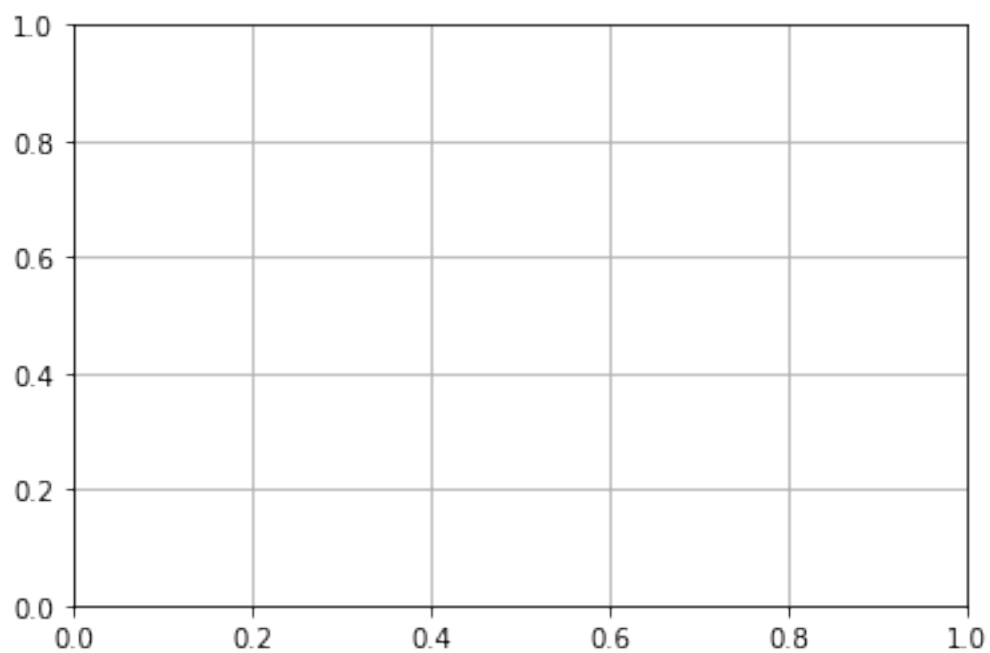
```
[ ]: plt.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],  
                neighbourhoods['drive'],  
                edgecolor='k',  
                label='Driving')  
plt.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],  
            neighbourhoods['bike'],  
            edgecolor='w',  
            label='Cycling')  
plt.legend()
```

```
[ ]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f8800032850>
```



Calls in a different cell are treated as a new Axes.

```
[ ]: plt.grid()
```





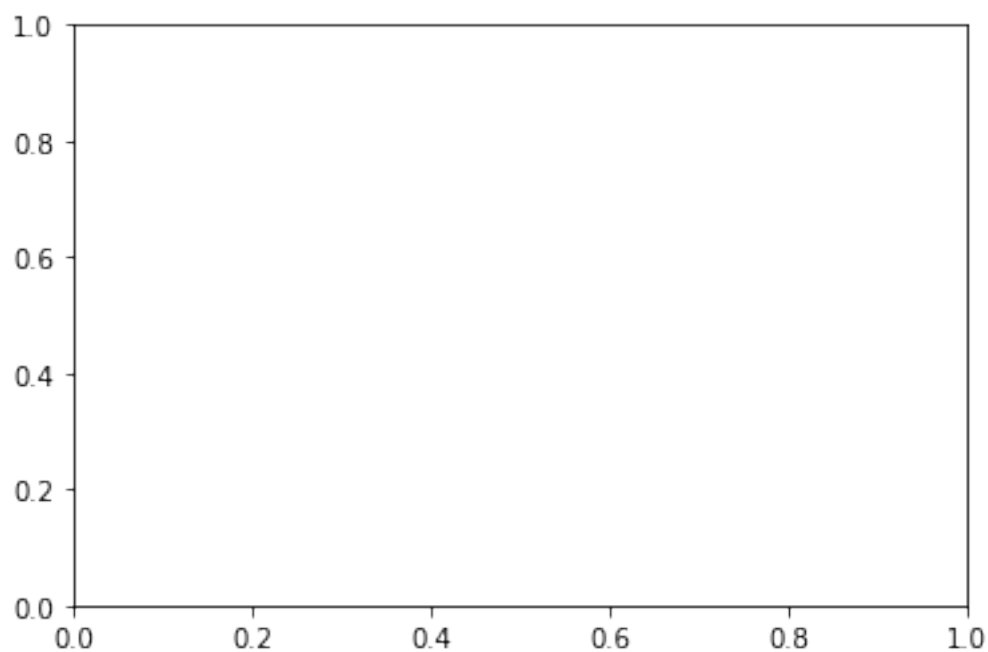
## 4.5 Object-oriented approach to plotting

The object-oriented approach is the preferred method of plotting with `matplotlib`. In this approach, we use the `subplots()` function to create plot objects, then call methods to modify them.

By default, `subplots()` returns one Figure and one Axes. We can use Python's unpacking syntax to assign the Figure and Axes to their own variables in one line.

```
[ ]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      print(f'{type(fig)}, {type(ax)}')
```

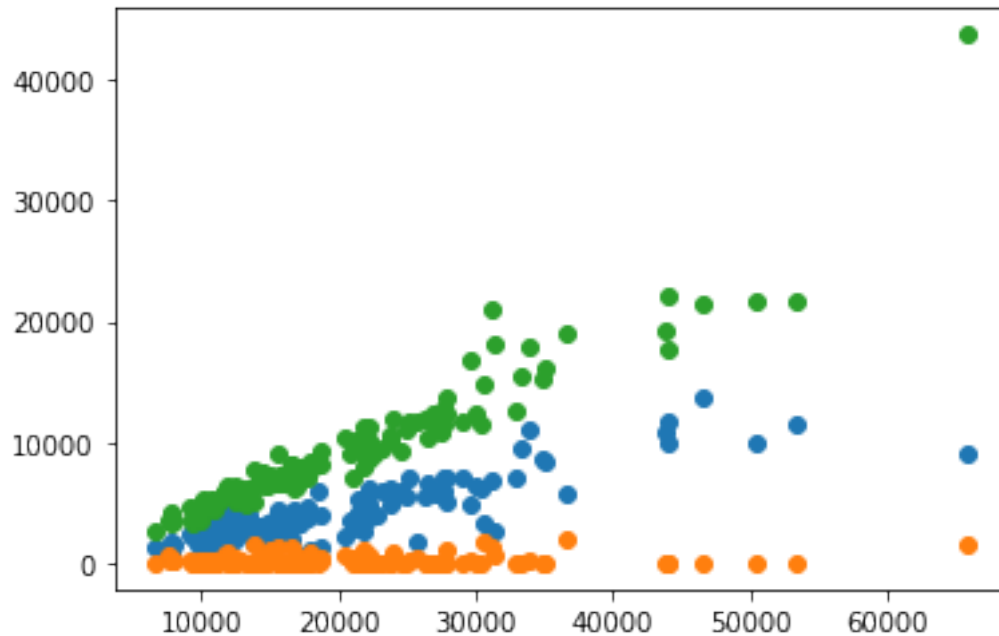
```
<class 'matplotlib.figure.Figure'>, <class
'matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot'>
```



The Axes is empty. Let's plot data on it with the Axes `scatter()` method. This method updates `ax` with a scatterplot. To make it easier to refer to each scatterplot later, we assign the outputs to their own variables, `drivers` and `cyclists`.

```
[ ]: drivers = ax.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],
                          neighbourhoods['drive'])
      cyclists = ax.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],
                           neighbourhoods['bike'])
      total = ax.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],
                        neighbourhoods['total_commuters'])
      fig
```

```
[ ]:
```

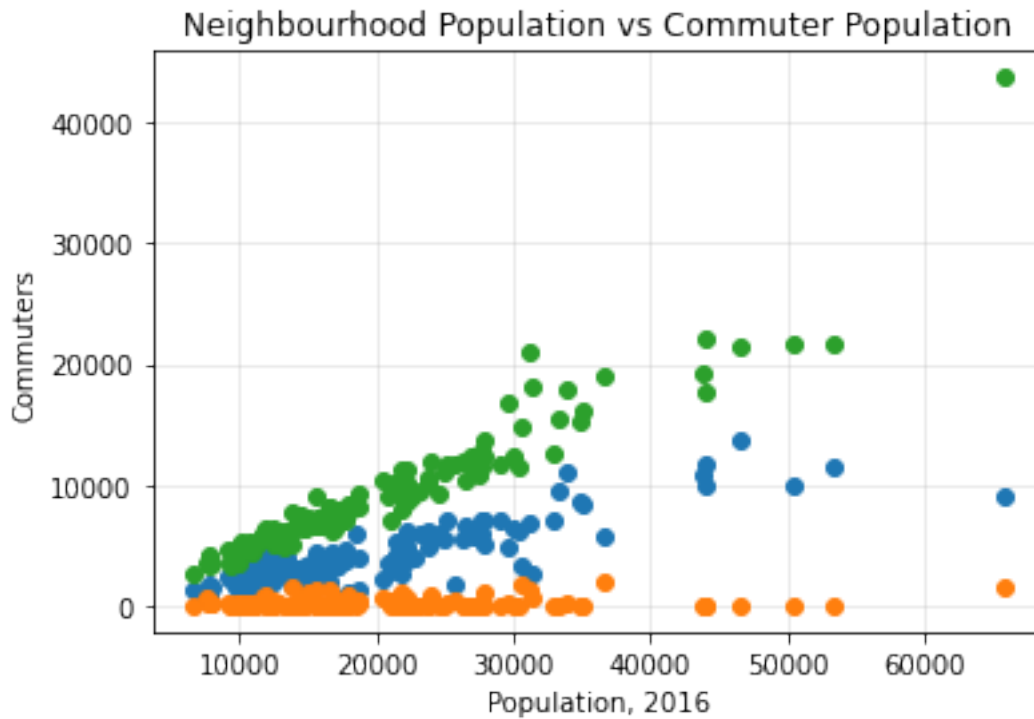


## 4.6 Adding labels, a title, and grid

This graph doesn't give much context. To add a title, we can use the Axes `set_title()` method, which takes the title as a string, plus optional arguments like `fontsize`. Similarly, we can set x and y labels with the `set_xlabel()` and `set_ylabel()` methods. Finally, let's add a grid with the Axes `grid()` method, and use the `alpha` parameter to make it translucent. We'll also use the `set_axisbelow()` method to make sure markers draw over the grid.

```
[ ]: ax.set_title('Neighbourhood Population vs Commuter Population')
      ax.set_xlabel('Population, 2016')
      ax.set_ylabel('Commuters')
      ax.set_axisbelow(True)
      ax.grid(alpha=0.3)
      fig
```

```
[ ]:
```

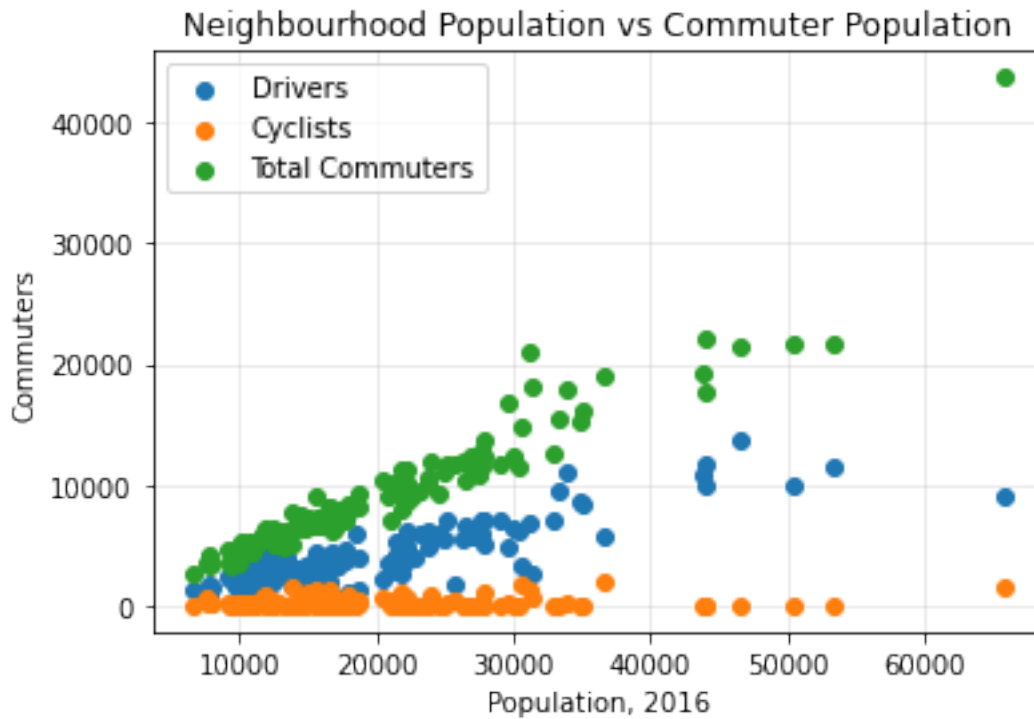


## 4.7 Adding a legend

This graph could use a legend. To add one, we call the Axes `legend()` method. If we passed a label argument in the `scatter()` calls, `legend()` would use those labels. However, because we did not, we pass a list of the geometries to use in the legend, plus a list of labels to show.

```
[ ]: ax.legend([drivers, cyclists, total],
               ['Drivers', 'Cyclists', 'Total Commuters'])
fig
```

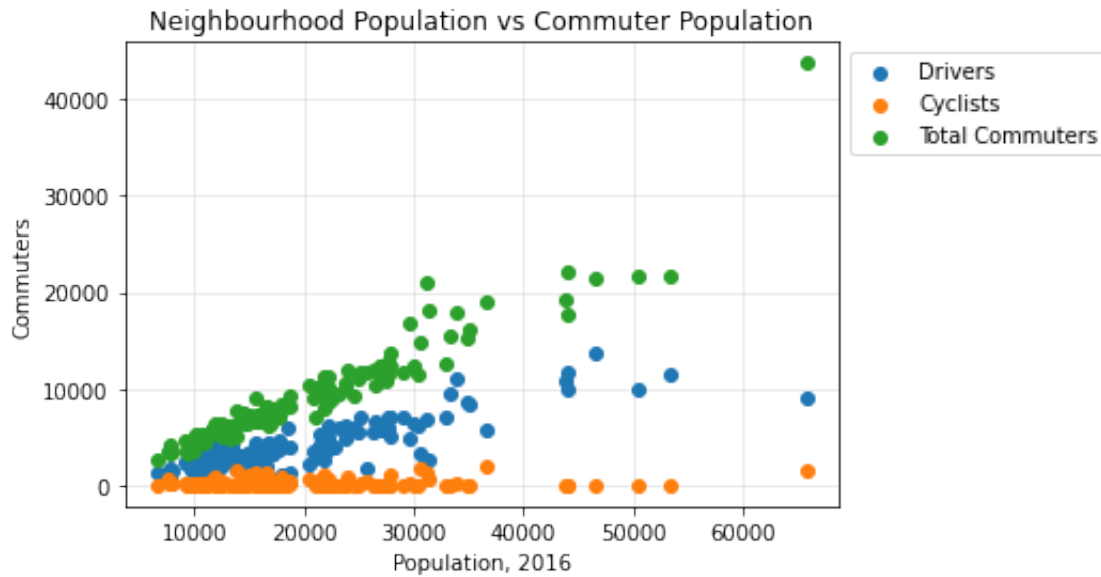
```
[ ]:
```



To place the legend outside the Axes, we can pass a tuple with the `bbox_to_anchor` argument. The legend's loc corner will be placed at the coordinates in the `bbox_to_anchor` tuple.

```
[ ]: ax.legend([drivers, cyclists, total],
               ['Drivers', 'Cyclists', 'Total Commuters'],
               bbox_to_anchor=(1, 1),
               loc='upper left')
fig
```

```
[ ]:
```



## 4.8 Modifying axis ticks

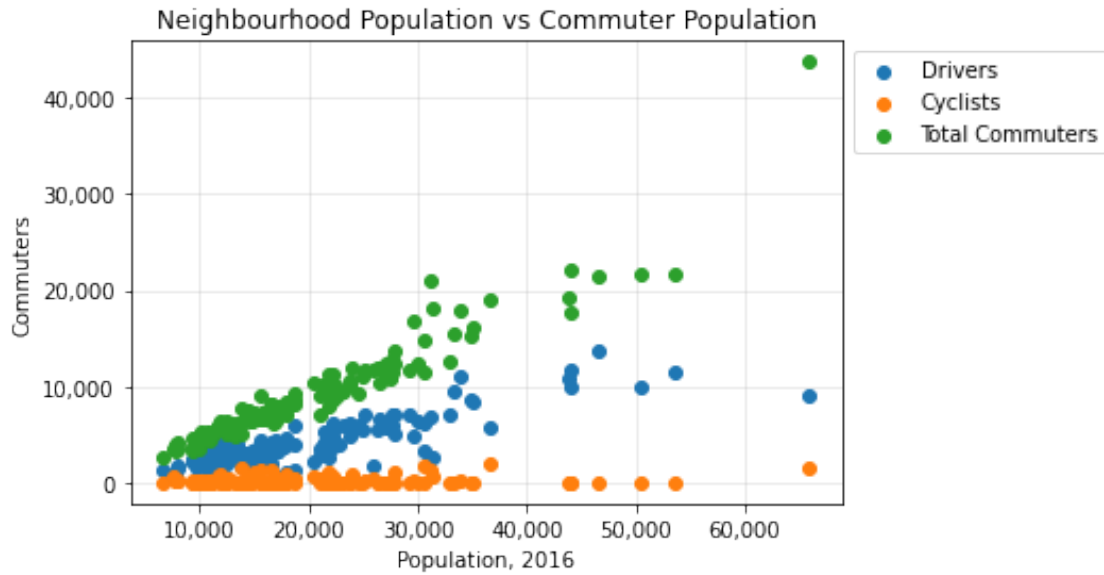
We can change how the x-axis and y-axis are formatted by accessing an Axes `xaxis` and `yaxis` attributes and calling methods like `set_ticks()` or `set_major_formatter()`.

Some configurations of Python and matplotlib allow us to pass a format string by itself to `set_major_formatter()`. Older versions require that we import matplotlib's `ticker` submodule and create a `StrMethodFormatter` with the format string we want to use.

```
[ ]: import matplotlib.ticker as tick
```

```
[ ]: # label with a thousands place comma and zero decimal places
ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
fig
```

```
[ ]:
```



We can also change axis limits.

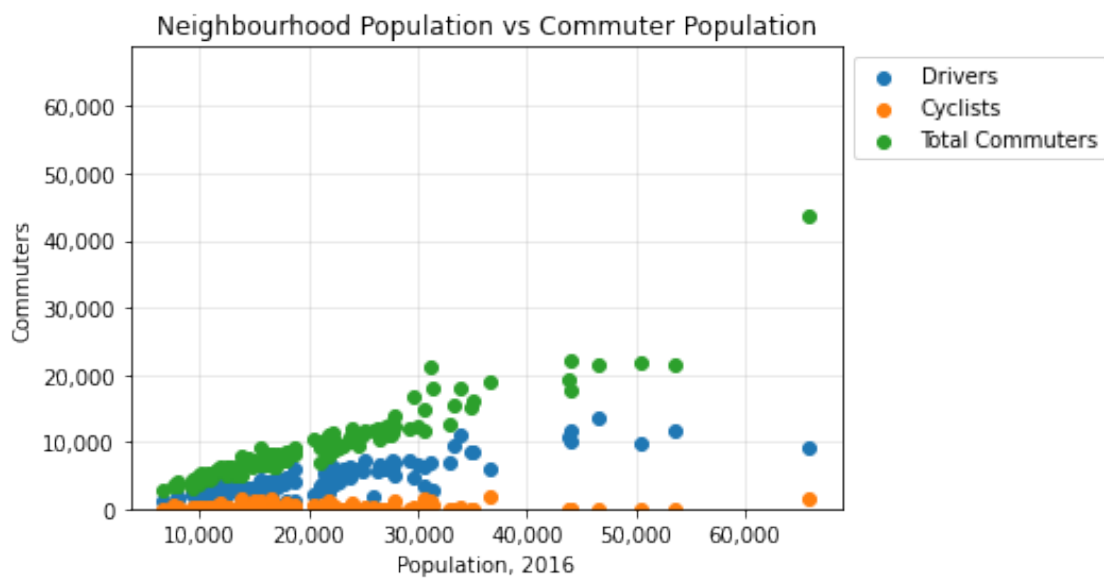
```
[ ]: #ax.xaxis.set_ticks(np.arange(0, max(neighbourhoods['pop_2016']+10), 10000))
```

```
[ ]: ax.axis()
```

```
[ ]: (3610.2, 68879.8, -2189.25, 45974.25)
```

```
[ ]: ax.set(ylim=(0, ax.axis()[1])) # make the y-axis match the x-axis
fig
```

```
[ ]:
```



## 4.9 Changing styles

matplotlib comes with a bunch of predefined styles. We can view the available ones with `plt.style.available`. Passing one of the options to `style.use()` makes it the aesthetic style for all new plots. Already created Figures and Axes are not affected.

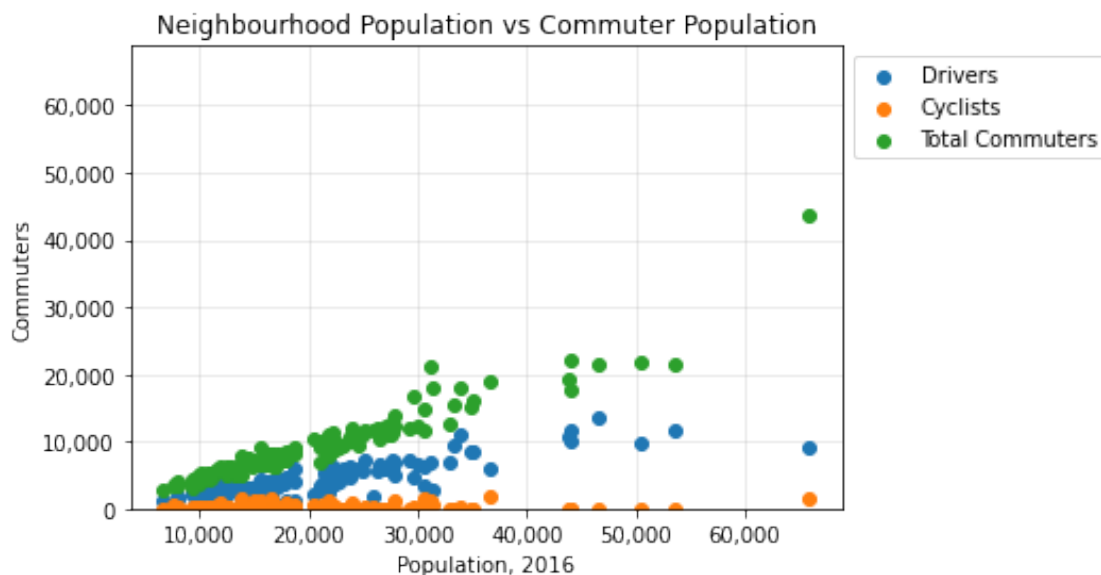
```
[ ]: plt.style.available[5:10] # print a subset
```

```
[ ]: ['fast', 'fivethirtyeight', 'ggplot', 'grayscale', 'seaborn']
```

```
[ ]: # set style for new plots
plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')

# notice that the style of fig did not change
fig
```

```
[ ]:
```



## 4.10 Other plot types

Of course, matplotlib offers more than just line plots and scatterplots. Among the many kinds of plots we can make are bar plots, histograms, and boxplots. To create each the object-oriented way, we call the appropriate Axes method, like `Axes.boxplot()` or `Axes.barh()`, for a horizontal bar plot.

```
[ ]: # review the neighbourhoods data
neighbourhoods.head()
```

```
[ ]:
      neighbourhood n_id      designation  pop_2016  pop_2011 \
0      Agincourt North  129  No Designation    29113    30279
1  Agincourt South-Malvern West  128  No Designation    23757    21988
2      Alderwood      20  No Designation    12054    11904
3      Annex          95  No Designation    30526    29177
4  Banbury-Don Mills    42  No Designation    27695    26918

      pop_change  private_dwellings  occupied_dwllings  pop_dens  area  ... \
0      -0.039          9371          9120          3929  7.41  ...
1       0.080          8535          8136          3034  7.83  ...
2       0.013          4732          4616          2435  4.95  ...
3       0.046         18109         15934         10863  2.81  ...
4       0.029         12473         12124          2775  9.98  ...

      car_passenger  transit  walk  bike  other  pct_bike  pct_drive  pct_cp  \
0           930      3350   265   70    45    0.006    0.605  0.079
1           665      2985   280   35    65    0.003    0.604  0.065
2           355      1285   195   65    65    0.011    0.677  0.059
3           290      6200  3200  1675   225    0.112    0.221  0.019
4           500      2945   615   65   140    0.006    0.627  0.044

      pct_transit  pct_walk
0       0.283     0.022
1       0.294     0.028
2       0.213     0.032
3       0.416     0.215
4       0.258     0.054
```

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```
[ ]: # get just the 10 biggest neighbourhoods to plot
top10_pop = neighbourhoods.sort_values('pop_2016', ascending=False).head(10)
top10_pop
```

```
[ ]:
      neighbourhood n_id      designation \
123  Waterfront Communities-The Island   77  No Designation
133                Woburn      137      NIA
130      Willowdale East    51  No Designation
106                Rouge    131  No Designation
66                L'Amoreaux  117  Emerging Neighbourhood
59      Islington-City Centre West   14  No Designation
74                Malvern   132  Emerging Neighbourhood
33  Dovercourt-Wallace Emerson-Junction   93  No Designation
34      Downsview-Roding-CFB   26      NIA
```



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Parkwoods-Donalda 45

No Designation

	pop_2016	pop_2011	pop_change	private_dwellings	occupied_dwellings	\
123	65913	43361	0.520	47209	40756	
133	53485	53350	0.003	19098	18436	
130	50434	45041	0.120	23901	22304	
106	46496	45912	0.013	13730	13389	
66	43993	44919	-0.021	15486	15037	
59	43965	38084	0.154	19911	19328	
74	43794	45086	-0.029	13936	13426	
33	36625	34631	0.058	16248	15320	
34	35052	34659	0.011	14244	13121	
96	34805	34617	0.005	13921	13315	

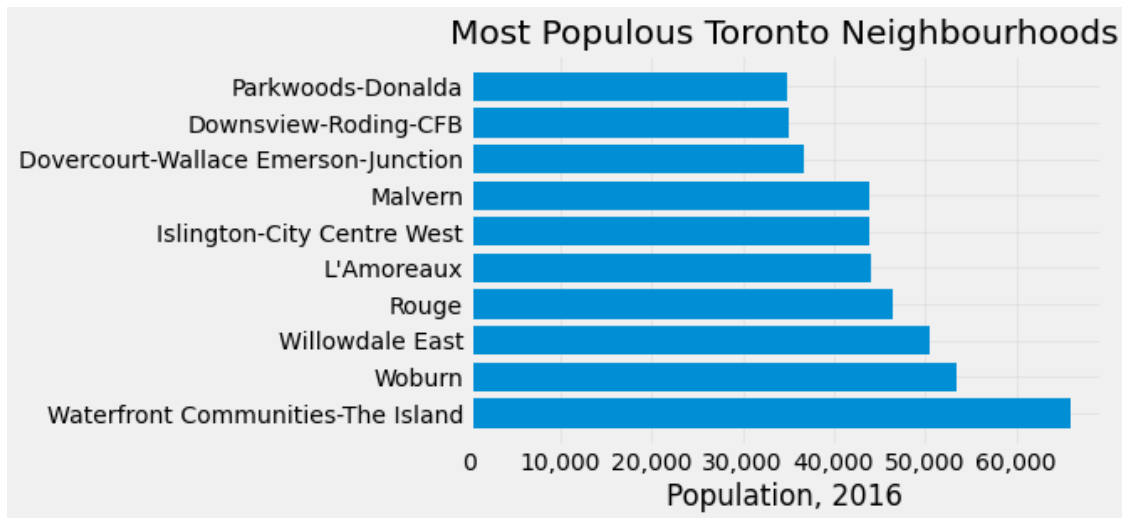
	pop_dens	area	...	car_passenger	transit	walk	bike	other	\
123	8943	7.37	...	760	10915	20855	1570	610	
133	4345	12.31	...	1405	7635	780	45	210	
130	10087	5.00	...	695	9390	1550	50	215	
106	1260	36.89	...	1510	5935	220	20	160	
66	6144	7.16	...	1220	5895	370	85	120	
59	2712	16.21	...	975	8205	795	90	195	
74	4948	8.85	...	1400	6425	425	60	115	
33	9819	3.73	...	820	8950	1215	1980	310	
34	2337	15.00	...	1060	6085	460	10	145	
96	4691	7.42	...	820	5275	420	45	115	

	pct_bike	pct_drive	pct_cp	pct_transit	pct_walk
123	0.036	0.208	0.017	0.249	0.476
133	0.002	0.533	0.065	0.354	0.036
130	0.002	0.454	0.032	0.431	0.071
106	0.001	0.636	0.070	0.276	0.010
66	0.005	0.565	0.069	0.333	0.021
59	0.004	0.534	0.044	0.372	0.036
74	0.003	0.561	0.073	0.334	0.022
33	0.104	0.305	0.043	0.469	0.064
34	0.001	0.520	0.066	0.376	0.028
96	0.003	0.562	0.054	0.345	0.028

[10 rows x 22 columns]

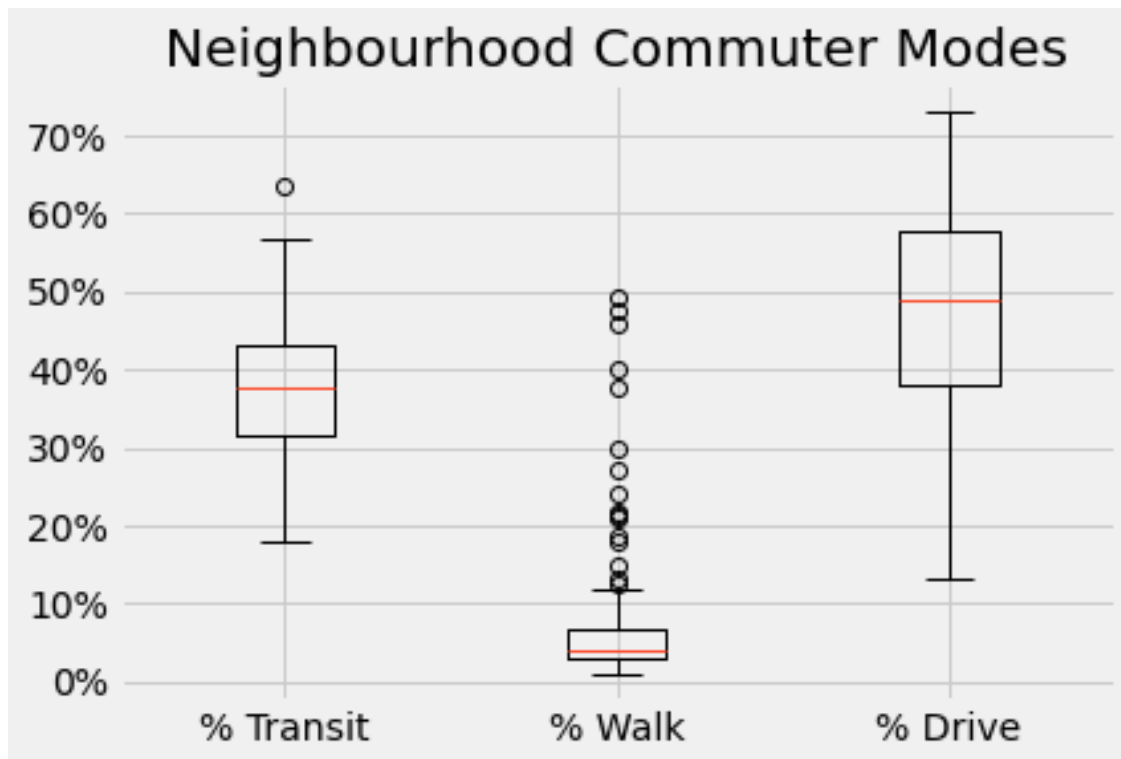
```
[ ]: bar_fig, bar_ax = plt.subplots()
bar_ax.barh(top10_pop['neighbourhood'], top10_pop['pop_2016'])
bar_ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
bar_ax.set_axisbelow(True)
bar_ax.grid(alpha=0.3)
bar_ax.set_title('Most Populous Toronto Neighbourhoods')
bar_ax.set_xlabel('Population, 2016')
```

```
[ ]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Population, 2016')
```



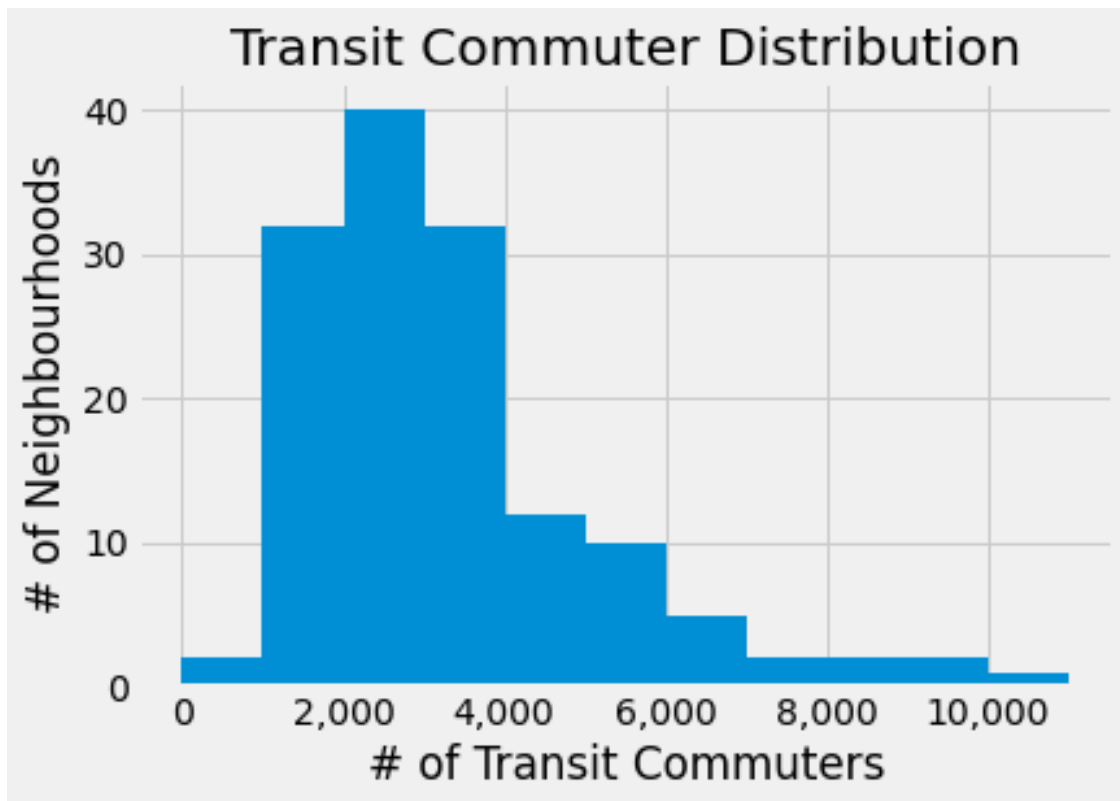
```
[ ]: # create a box plot
box_fig, box_ax = plt.subplots()
box_ax.boxplot([neighbourhoods['pct_transit'],
                 neighbourhoods['pct_walk'],
                 neighbourhoods['pct_drive']],
               # add labels so we know which box is which var
               labels=['% Transit', '% Walk', '% Drive'])
box_ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:.0%}'))
box_ax.set_title('Neighbourhood Commuter Modes')
```

```
[ ]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Neighbourhood Commuter Modes')
```



```
[ ]: # create a histogram
hist_fig, hist_ax = plt.subplots()
hist_ax.hist(neighbourhoods['transit'],
             # count the neighbourhoods with 0-1000 transit commuters,
             # 1001-2000 transit commuters, etc
             bins=range(0, 12000, 1000))
hist_ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
hist_ax.set_title('Transit Commuter Distribution')
hist_ax.set_xlabel('# of Transit Commuters')
hist_ax.set_ylabel('# of Neighbourhoods')
```

```
[ ]: Text(0, 0.5, '# of Neighbourhoods')
```



#### 4.11 Layering plots

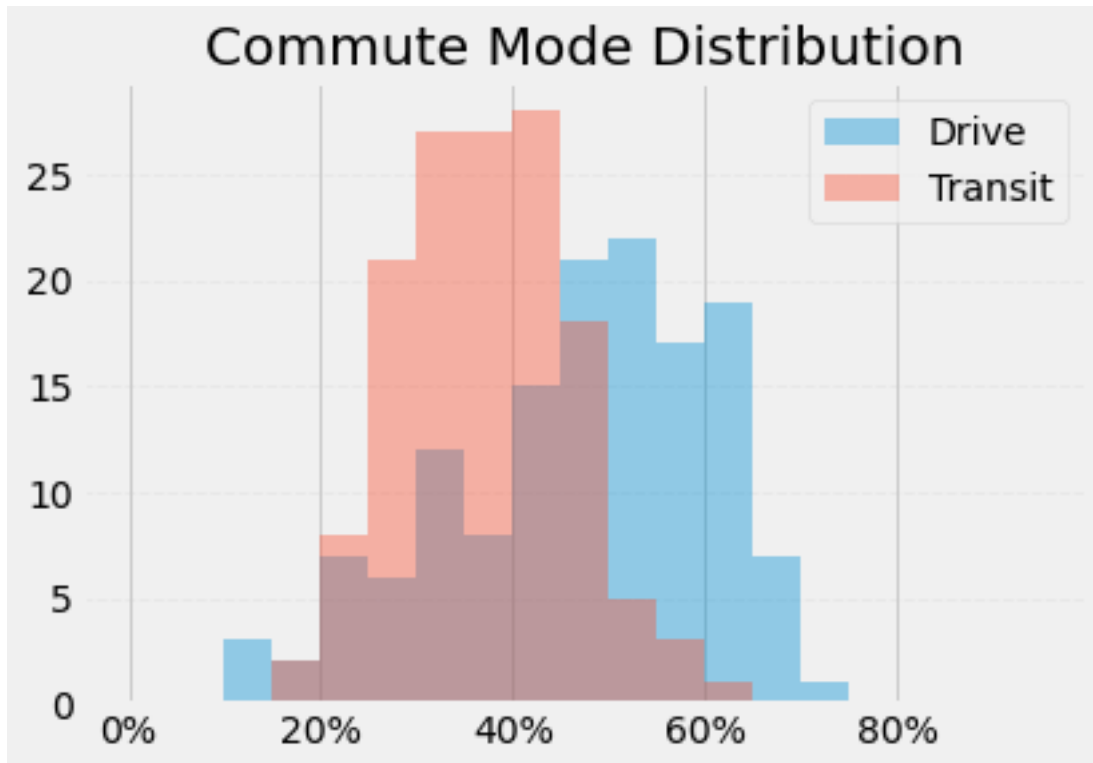
We've seen that a single Axes can have more than one set of data points plotted on it with our multi-modal scatterplot. We can similarly layer on other graphics, using the `alpha` argument to set transparency.

```
[ ]: layer_fig, layer_ax = plt.subplots()

settings = {'alpha': 0.4, 'bins': np.arange(0, 1, .05)}

layer_ax.hist(neighbourhoods['pct_drive'], label='Drive', **settings)
layer_ax.hist(neighbourhoods['pct_transit'], label='Transit', **settings)
layer_ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:.0%}'))
layer_ax.set_axisbelow(True)
layer_ax.grid(alpha=0.2, linestyle='--', axis='y')
layer_ax.set_title('Commute Mode Distribution')
layer_ax.legend()
layer_ax
```

```
[ ]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f8800814bd0>
```



## 4.12 More complex plots

Let's try plotting the number of reported bike thefts each year by whether the bike was recovered or not. We'll need to wrangle the theft data a bit to get counts by year and status. Then, we'll use the data to make a `stackplot()`. Finally, we'll style it.

```
[ ]: # review the available columns
thefts_joined.columns
```

```
[ ]: Index(['_id', 'objectid', 'event_unique_id', 'primary_offence',
            'occurrence_date', 'occurrence_year', 'occurrence_month',
            'occurrence_dayofweek', 'occurrence_dayofmonth', 'occurrence_dayofyear',
            'occurrence_hour', 'report_date', 'report_year', 'report_month',
            'report_dayofweek', 'report_dayofmonth', 'report_dayofyear',
            'report_hour', 'division', 'city', 'hood_id', 'neighbourhoodname',
            'location_type', 'premises_type', 'bike_make', 'bike_model',
            'bike_type', 'bike_speed', 'bike_colour', 'bike_cost', 'status',
            'objectid2', 'geometry', 'neighbourhood', 'n_id', 'designation',
            'pop_2016', 'pop_2011', 'pop_change', 'private_dwellings',
            'occupied_dwellings', 'pop_dens', 'area', 'total_commuters', 'drive',
            'car_passenger', 'transit', 'walk', 'bike', 'other', 'pct_bike'],
           dtype='object', length=40)
```

```
dtype='object')
```

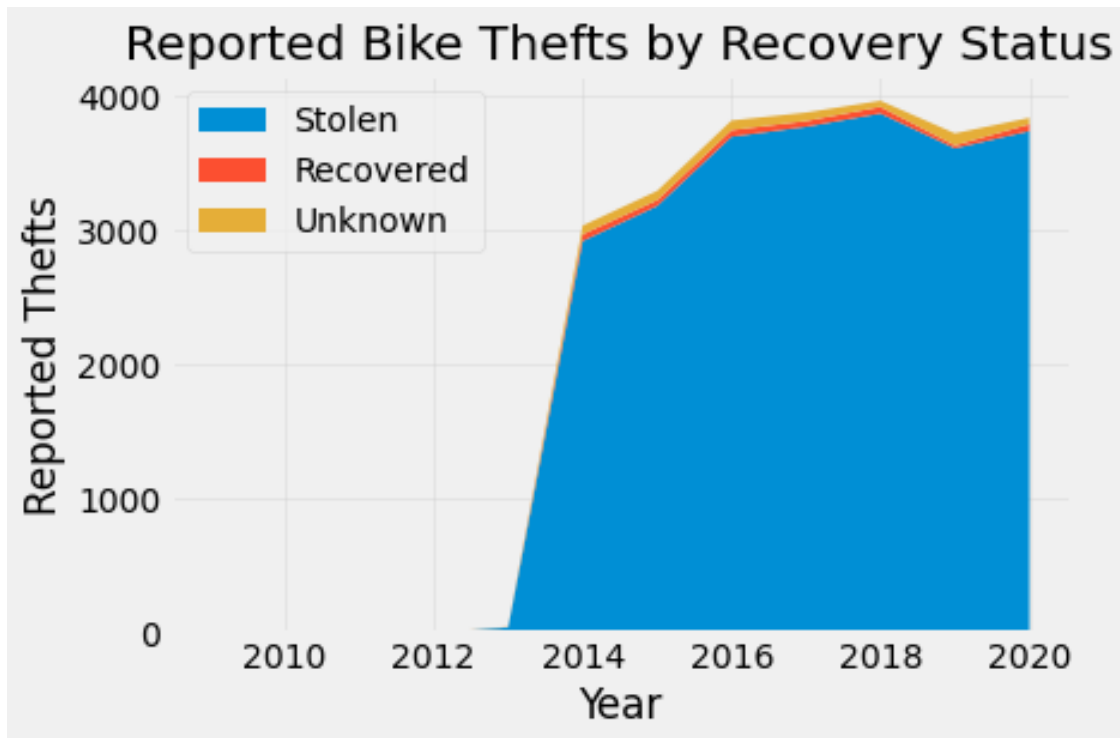
```
[ ]: thefts_grouped = (thefts_joined
    .groupby(['occurrence_year', 'status'])
    .agg(thefts=('_id', 'count'))
    .reset_index() # make occurrence year a regular col
    .pivot(index='occurrence_year', columns='status',
    ↪values='thefts')
    .reset_index() # ...and again
    .fillna(0))
thefts_grouped
```

```
[ ]: status  occurrence_year  RECOVERED  STOLEN  UNKNOWN
0          2009             0.0      1.0      0.0
1          2010             0.0      2.0      0.0
2          2011             0.0      3.0      0.0
3          2012             0.0      2.0      0.0
4          2013             1.0     43.0      2.0
5          2014            50.0    2916.0     65.0
6          2015            43.0    3177.0     69.0
7          2016            49.0    3692.0     72.0
8          2017            43.0    3766.0     63.0
9          2018            49.0    3865.0     46.0
10         2019            22.0    3606.0     89.0
11         2020            51.0    3734.0     48.0
```

```
[ ]: stfig, stax = plt.subplots()

stax.stackplot(thefts_grouped['occurrence_year'], thefts_grouped['STOLEN'],
    thefts_grouped['RECOVERED'], thefts_grouped['UNKNOWN'],
    labels=['Stolen', 'Recovered', 'Unknown'])
stax.set_axisbelow(True)
stax.grid(alpha=0.3)
stax.legend(loc='upper left')
stax.set_title('Reported Bike Thefts by Recovery Status')
stax.set_ylabel('Reported Thefts')
stax.set_xlabel('Year')
```

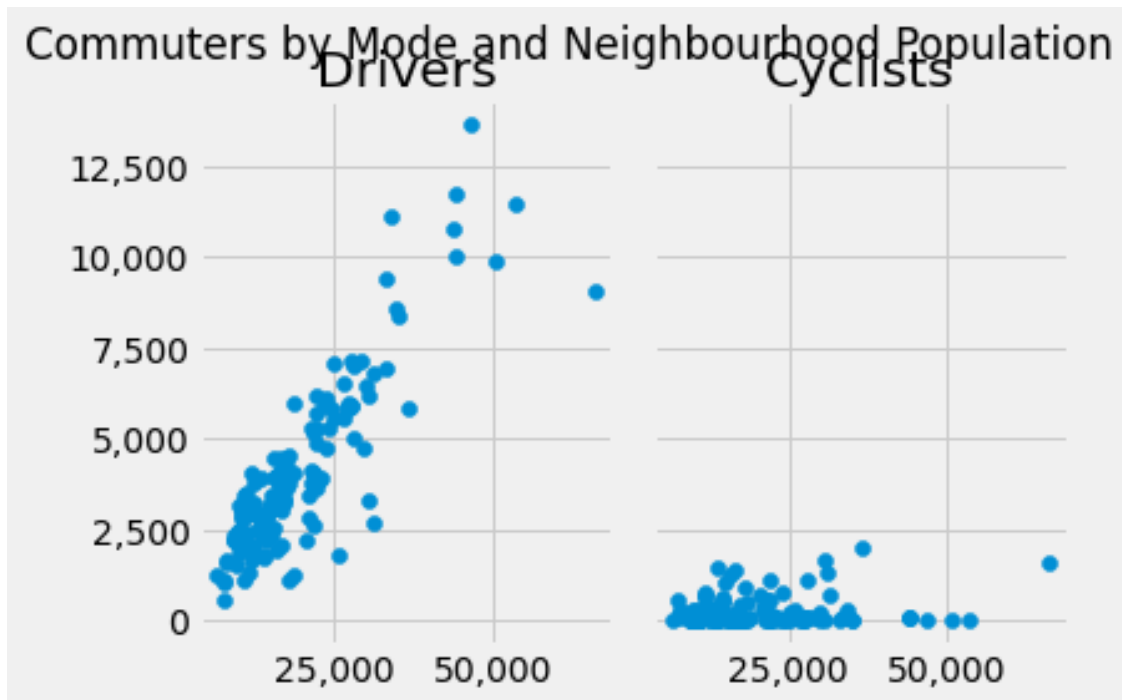
```
[ ]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Year')
```



### 4.13 Subplots

We can create multiple Axes in one Figure by passing `nrows` and `ncols` arguments to `subplots()`. The number of Axes we get equals `nrows * ncols`. Multiple Axes are returned as a numpy array.

```
[ ]: modefig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=2, sharey=True)
ax1.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],
            neighbourhoods['drive'])
ax2.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],
            neighbourhoods['bike'])
ax1.set_title('Drivers')
ax2.set_title('Cyclists')
ax1.yaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
ax1.xaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
ax2.xaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
modefig.suptitle('Commuters by Mode and Neighbourhood Population')
modefig.tight_layout()
```



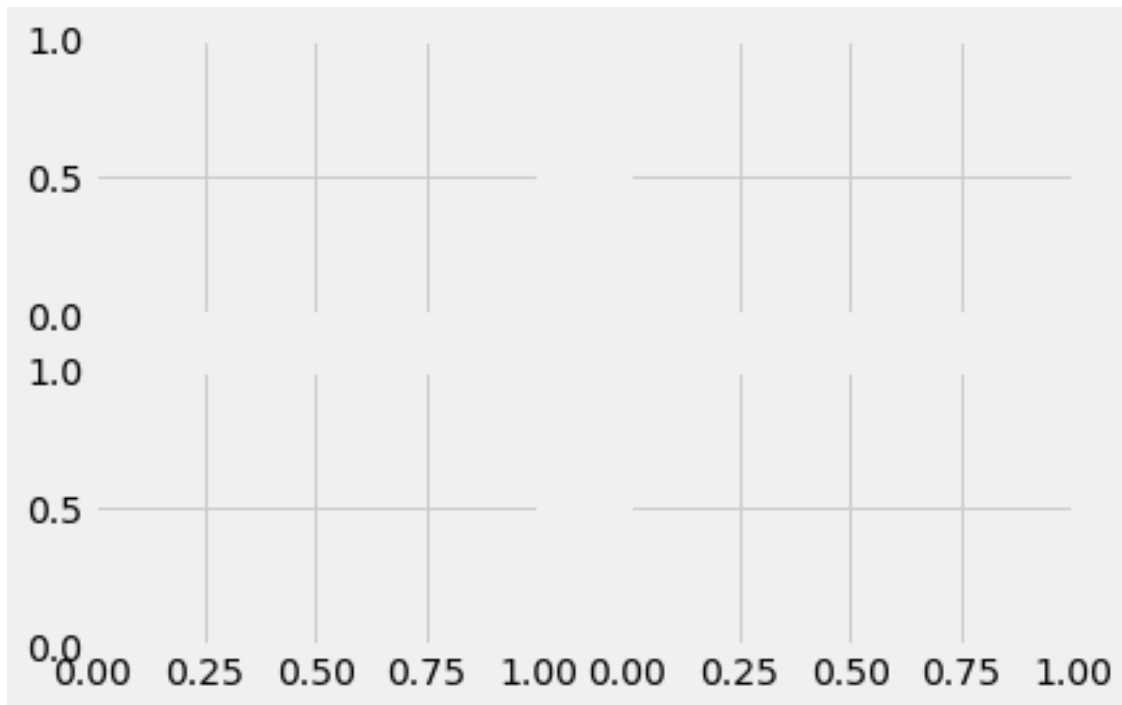
#### 4.13.1 Unpacking subplots

As the number of subplots grows, it gets cumbersome to unpack them in the assignment statement. We can temporarily assign all of them to a single variable.

```
[ ]: # make a 2x2 grid of subplots
modefig2, mode_ax = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=2, sharey=True, sharex=True)
mode_ax
```

```
[ ]: array([[<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd2e6ad0>,
             <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd28a0d0>],
            [<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd2430d0>,
             <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd1fd110>]],
          dtype=object)
```





The Axes are arranged in a 2x2 array. It would be more straightforward to refer to them if we had a 1x4 array instead.

```
[ ]: # accessing items in a 2x2 array can be annoying
mode_ax
```

```
[ ]: array([[<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd2e6ad0>,
          <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd28a0d0>],
          [<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd2430d0>,
          <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd1fd110>]],
          dtype=object)
```

```
[ ]: # example: getting the bottom left Axes
mode_ax[1, 0]
```

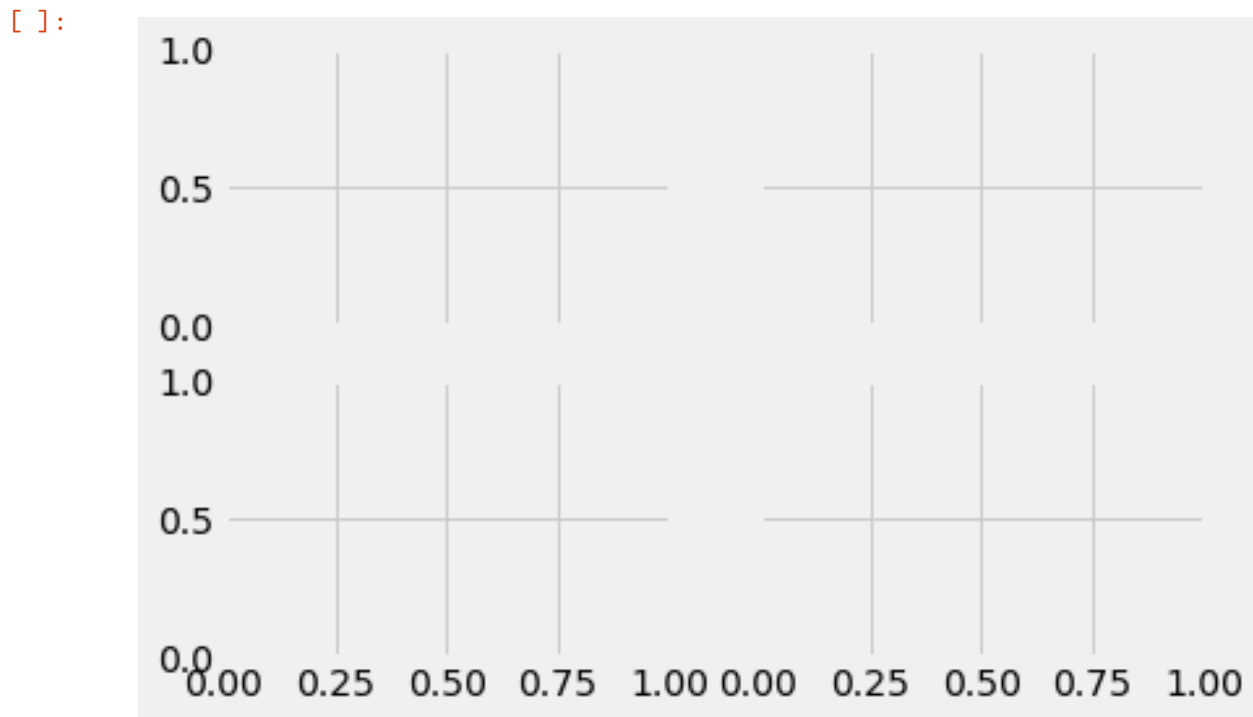
```
[ ]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f87fd2430d0>
```

We can take advantage of numpy arrays' `flatten()` method. Recall that `flatten()` returns a new array with all the elements arranged in a single row. We can then unpack the elements of that row and assign them to individual variables.

```
[ ]: # recall what flatten() does
mode_ax.flatten()
```

```
[ ]: array([<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd2e6ad0>,
          <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd28a0d0>,
          <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd2430d0>,
          <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x7f87fd1fd110>],
          dtype=object)
```

```
[ ]: a1, a2, a3, a4 = mode_ax.flatten()
      modefig2 # we haven't changed the Figure
```



#### 4.13.2 Plotting with helper functions

Plotting commute mode against total population four times will be tedious. To reuse code, we can write a helper function that takes an Axes, the mode we're plotting, and a dictionary of style parameters and updates the Axes. `**param_dict` unpacks the dictionary of parameters and arguments passed to `plot_modes()` and passes them on to `scatter()`.

```
[ ]: def plot_modes(ax, mode, param_dict):
      '''
      Helper function to plot neighbourhood pop
      against commuting mode.
      '''
      defaults = {'alpha': 0.45, 's': 10}
      defaults.update(param_dict)
```

```

out = ax.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_2016'],
                 neighbourhoods[mode],
                 **defaults)

return out

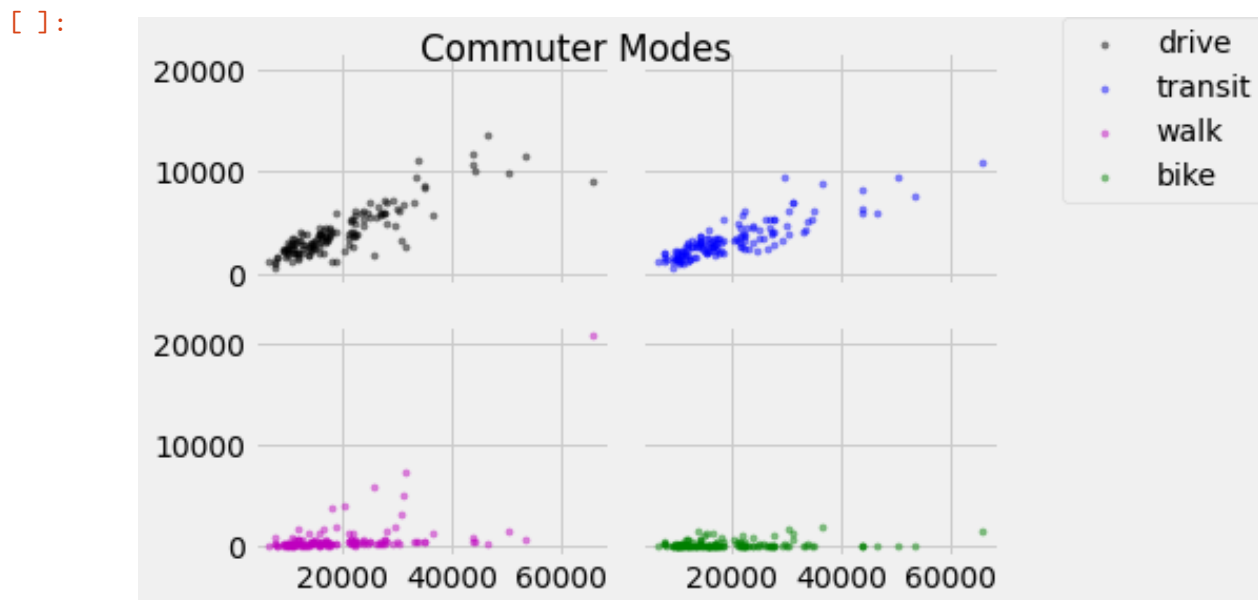
```

Then, we can call `plot_modes` to plot each of the subplots.

```

[ ]: # add data to each axes
plot_modes(a1, 'drive', {'label': 'drive', 'facecolor': 'k'})
plot_modes(a2, 'transit', {'label': 'transit', 'facecolor': 'b'})
plot_modes(a3, 'walk', {'label': 'walk', 'facecolor': 'm'})
plot_modes(a4, 'bike', {'label': 'bike', 'facecolor': 'g'})
modefig2.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1, 1), loc='upper left')
modefig2.tight_layout()
modefig2.suptitle('Commuter Modes')
modefig2

```



### 4.13.3 Clearing plots

Successive method calls on an Axes object layer on graphics. To clear everything from an Axes, we can use its `clear()` method. To clear every subplot in a Figure, we can loop through the flattened array of Axes and `clear()` each Axes in turn.

```

[ ]: for axes in mode_ax.flatten():
      axes.clear()

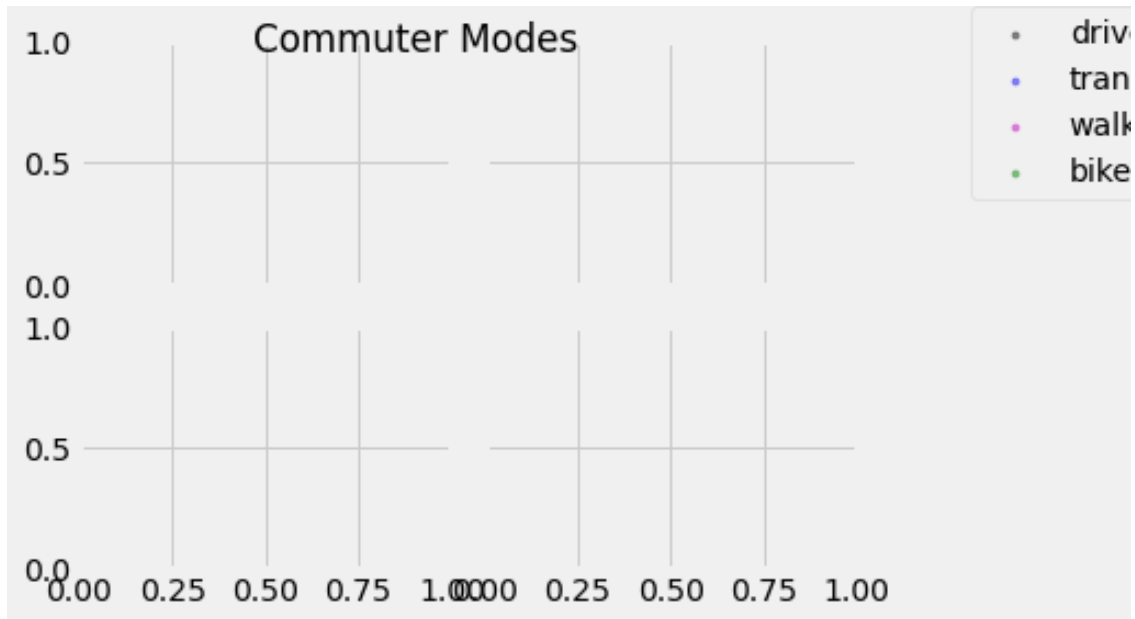
```

```

[ ]: modefig2

```

```
[ ]:
```



```
[ ]: # let's reset our style before moving on
plt.style.use('default')
```

## 5 seaborn

### 5.1 Easier plotting with seaborn

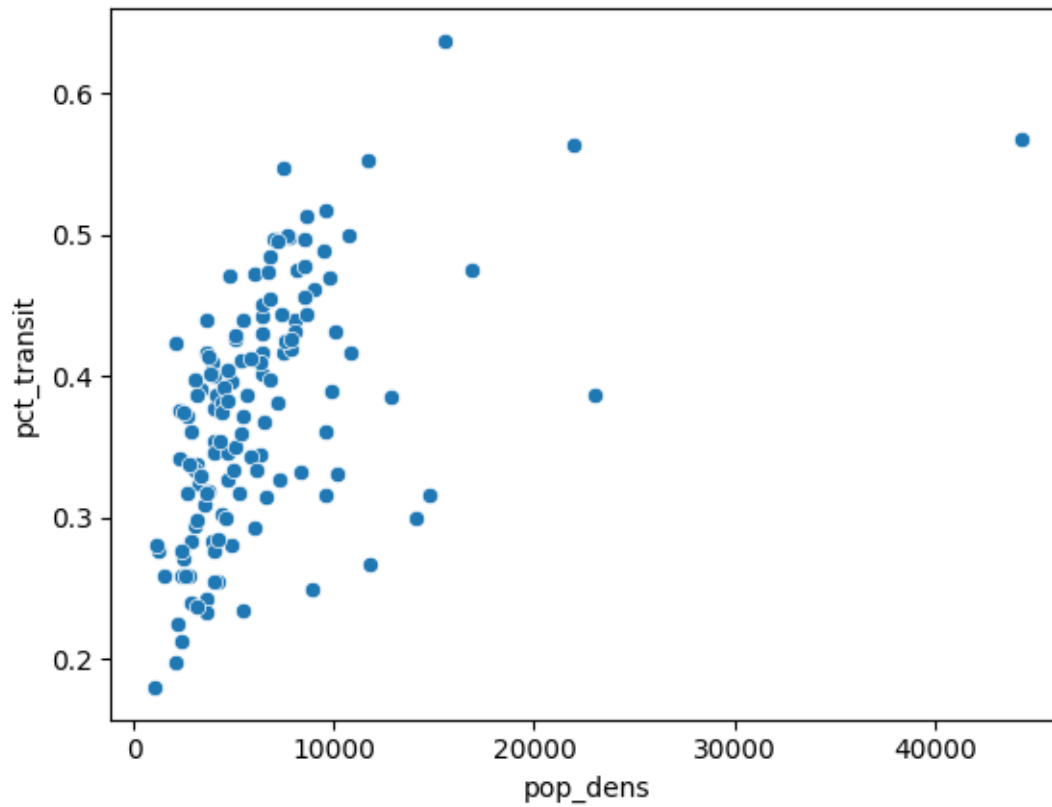
seaborn builds upon and complements matplotlib, producing nicer-looking Axes with less code, and giving us a few more convenient plot types. seaborn is typically given the alias `sns`, after a pop culture reference.

```
[ ]: import seaborn as sns
```

With seaborn, we have two ways of structuring arguments to plotting functions:  
\* specifying the x and y axis columns \* specifying the data we are visualizing,  
then the x and y axis columns

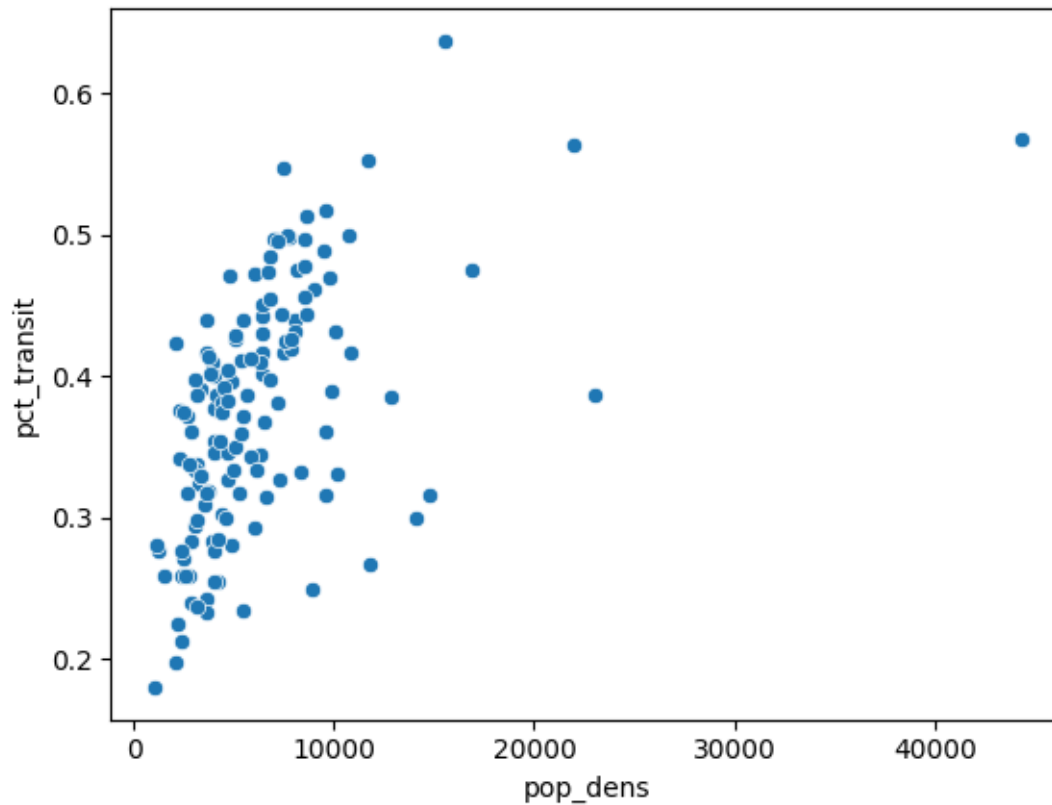
```
[ ]: # use x and y axis columns
sns.scatterplot(x=neighbourhoods['pop_dens'],
               y=neighbourhoods['pct_transit'])
```

```
[ ]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f87f171df50>
```



```
[ ]: # use the dataframe and column names
sns.scatterplot(data=neighbourhoods,
                x='pop_dens',
                y='pct_transit')
```

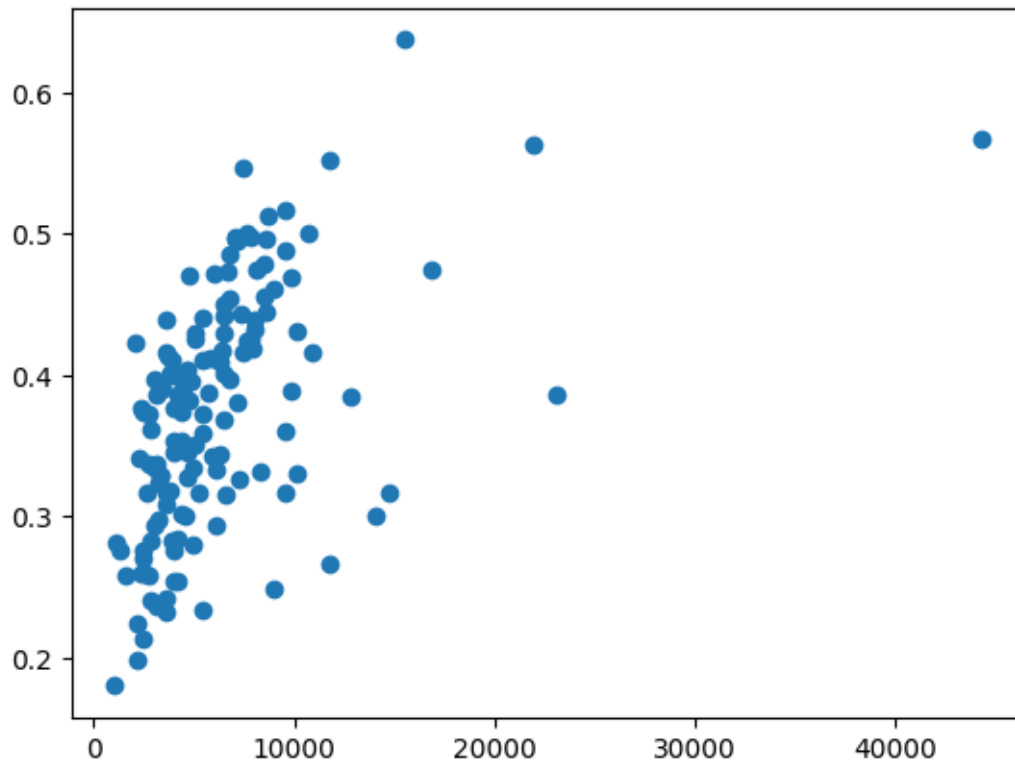
```
[ ]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f87f0e8c110>
```



For comparison, we can create the same plot using matplotlib's pyplot approach.

```
[ ]: plt.scatter(neighbourhoods['pop_dens'],  
                neighbourhoods['pct_transit'])
```

```
[ ]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f87f0df4b10>
```



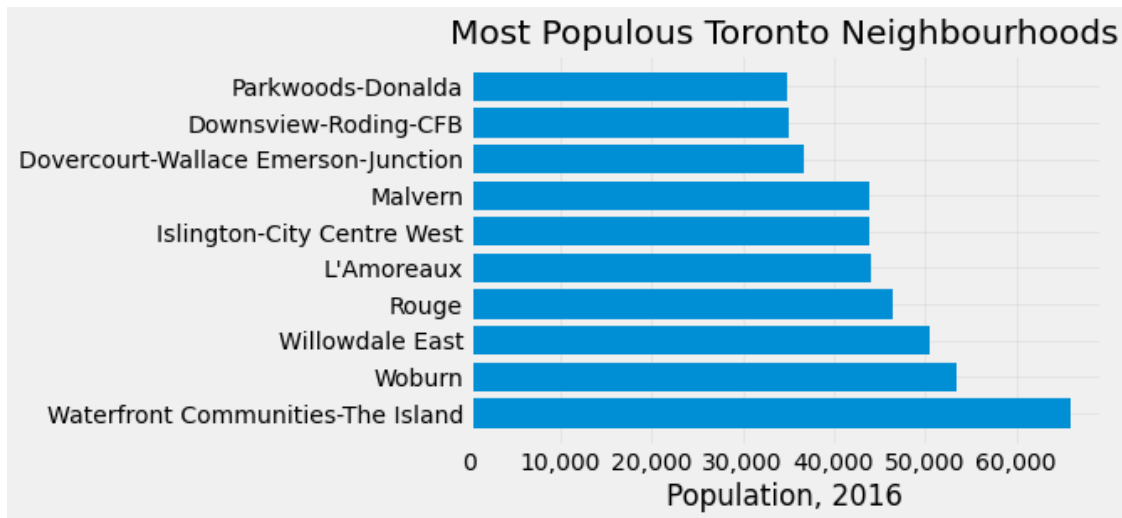
## 5.2 seaborn and object-oriented matplotlib

We can use seaborn as a complement to matplotlib's object-oriented approach. seaborn functions that work in individual plots have an optional keyword argument that lets us pass in an existing Axes to update. As a bonus, they return the Axes we're working with, making it easy to chain methods together.

Let's revisit our 10 biggest Toronto neighbourhoods chart.

```
[ ]: bar_fig
```

```
[ ]:
```



This was the code to create that plot. We'll recreate it with seaborn.

```
bar_fig, bar_ax = plt.subplots()
bar_ax.barh(top10_pop['neighbourhood'], top10_pop['pop_2016'])
bar_ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter('{x:,.0f}')
bar_ax.set_axisbelow(True)
bar_ax.grid(alpha=0.3)
bar_ax.set_title('Most Populous Toronto Neighbourhoods')
bar_ax.set_xlabel('Population, 2016')
```

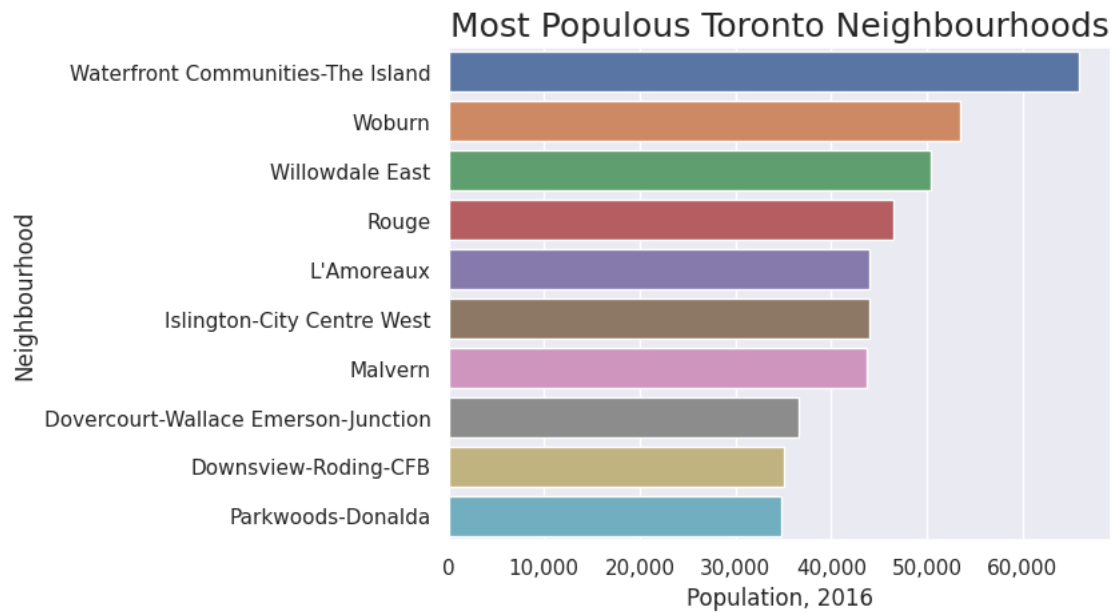
And with seaborn:

```
[ ]: sns.set_theme() # use seaborn's default style settings going forward

sns_fig, sns_ax = plt.subplots() # create a Figure and Axes
(sns.barplot(data=top10_pop, # set datasource
             x='pop_2016', # for a horizontal bar graph
             y='neighbourhood',
             ax=sns_ax) # plot on an existing Axes
.set(xlabel='Population, 2016',
     ylabel='Neighbourhood'))

# .set() returns text, so we can't chain .set_title()
sns_ax.set_title('Most Populous Toronto Neighbourhoods',
                 fontdict={'fontsize': 18})
sns_ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(tick.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
```





### 5.3 Facets

With matplotlib, we created individual subplots and updated them with a helper function to visualize data for different categories. With seaborn, we can create a FacetGrid and then use its `map()` method to visualize data by category. `map()` takes the name of the plotting function to use, then the needed arguments, such as the columns to use for the x-axis and y-axis.

```
[ ]: # reshape neighbourhood data to support faceting
neighbourhoods_resaped = (neighbourhoods[['neighbourhood',
                                           'pct_transit',
                                           'pct_drive',
                                           'pct_walk',
                                           'pct_bike']])
                                .melt(id_vars='neighbourhood'))
neighbourhoods_resaped.head()
```

```
[ ]:      neighbourhood  variable  value
0      Agincourt North  pct_transit  0.283
1  Agincourt South-Malvern West  pct_transit  0.294
2      Alderwood      pct_transit  0.213
3      Annex          pct_transit  0.416
4  Banbury-Don Mills  pct_transit  0.258
```

```
[ ]: # specify the data to use and the column to facet by
# we'll give each variable its own row
```

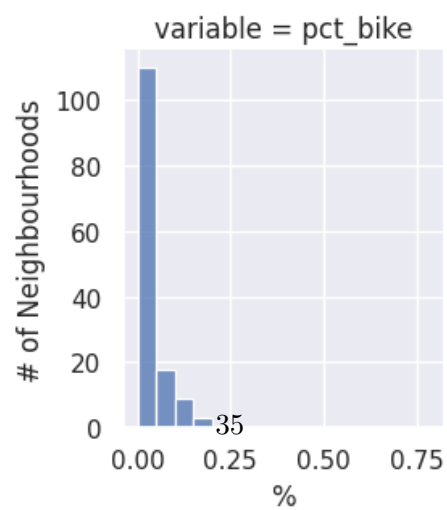
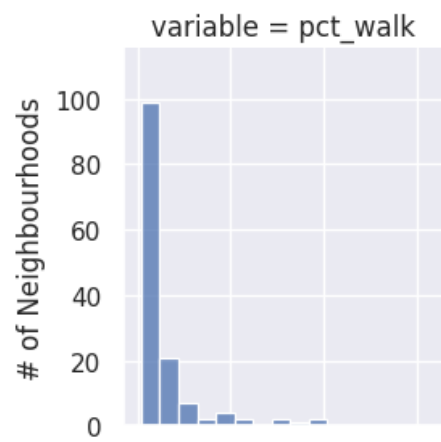
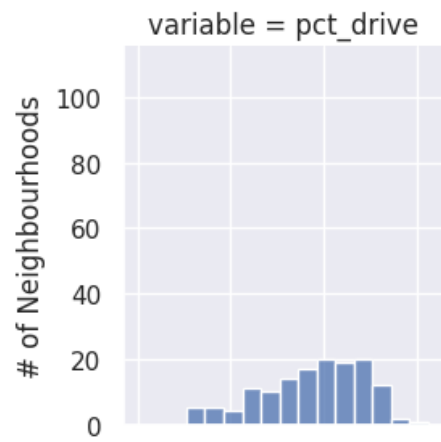
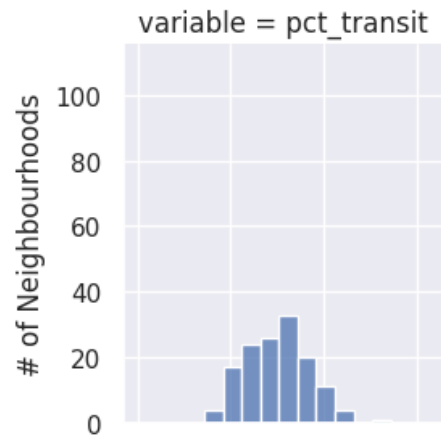
```
facets = sns.FacetGrid(data=neighbourhoods_resaped,  
                        row='variable')
```

```
# create a histogram for each mode
```

```
facets.map(sns.histplot, 'value', binwidth=0.05)
```

```
facets.set_axis_labels('%', '# of Neighbourhoods')
```

```
[ ]: <seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7f87f0c55490>
```



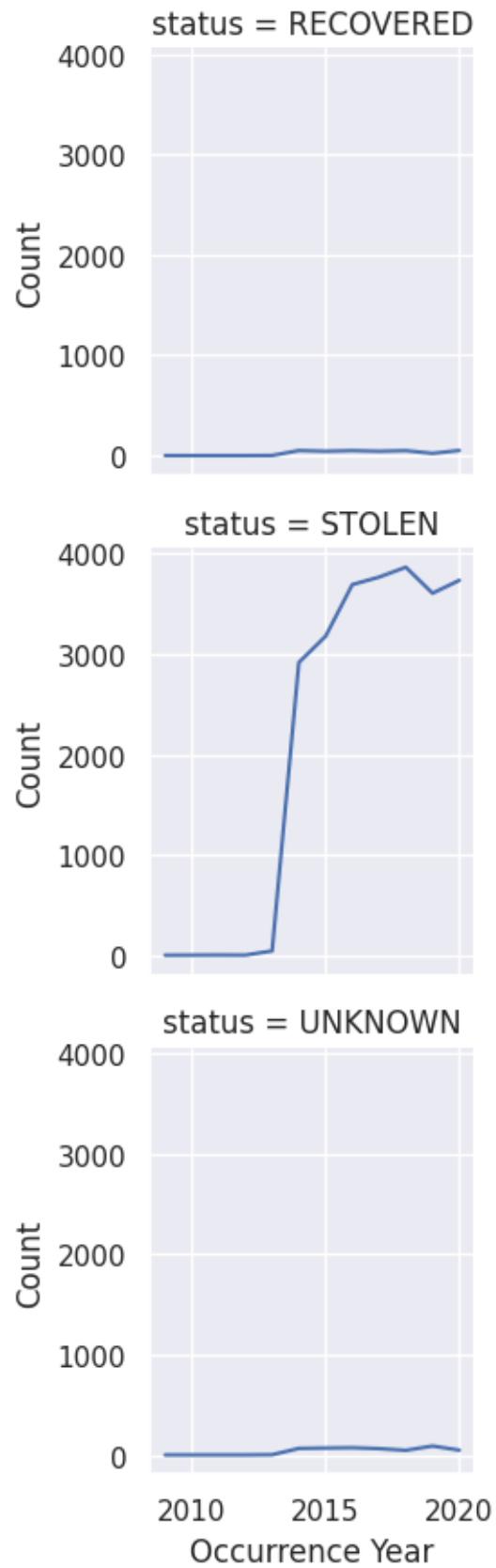
For another example, we can plot reported bike thefts by year, faceted by status.

```
[ ]: # reshape the theft counts to support faceting
theft_counts_long = thefts_grouped.melt(id_vars='occurrence_year',
                                       value_name='Count')

# specify the data to use and the column to facet by
# we'll give each status its own row
facets = sns.FacetGrid(data=theft_counts_long, row='status')

# for each status, create a lineplot of counts by year
facets.map(sns.lineplot, 'occurrence_year', 'Count')
facets.set_axis_labels('Occurrence Year')
```

```
[ ]: <seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7f87f0c92890>
```



### 5.3.1 Visualization for EDA

seaborn's pair plots are particularly useful for exploratory analyses. `pairplot()` takes a `DataFrame` or series of columns and creates a `Figure` containing grid of scatterplots, allowing us to visually look for relationships between variables.

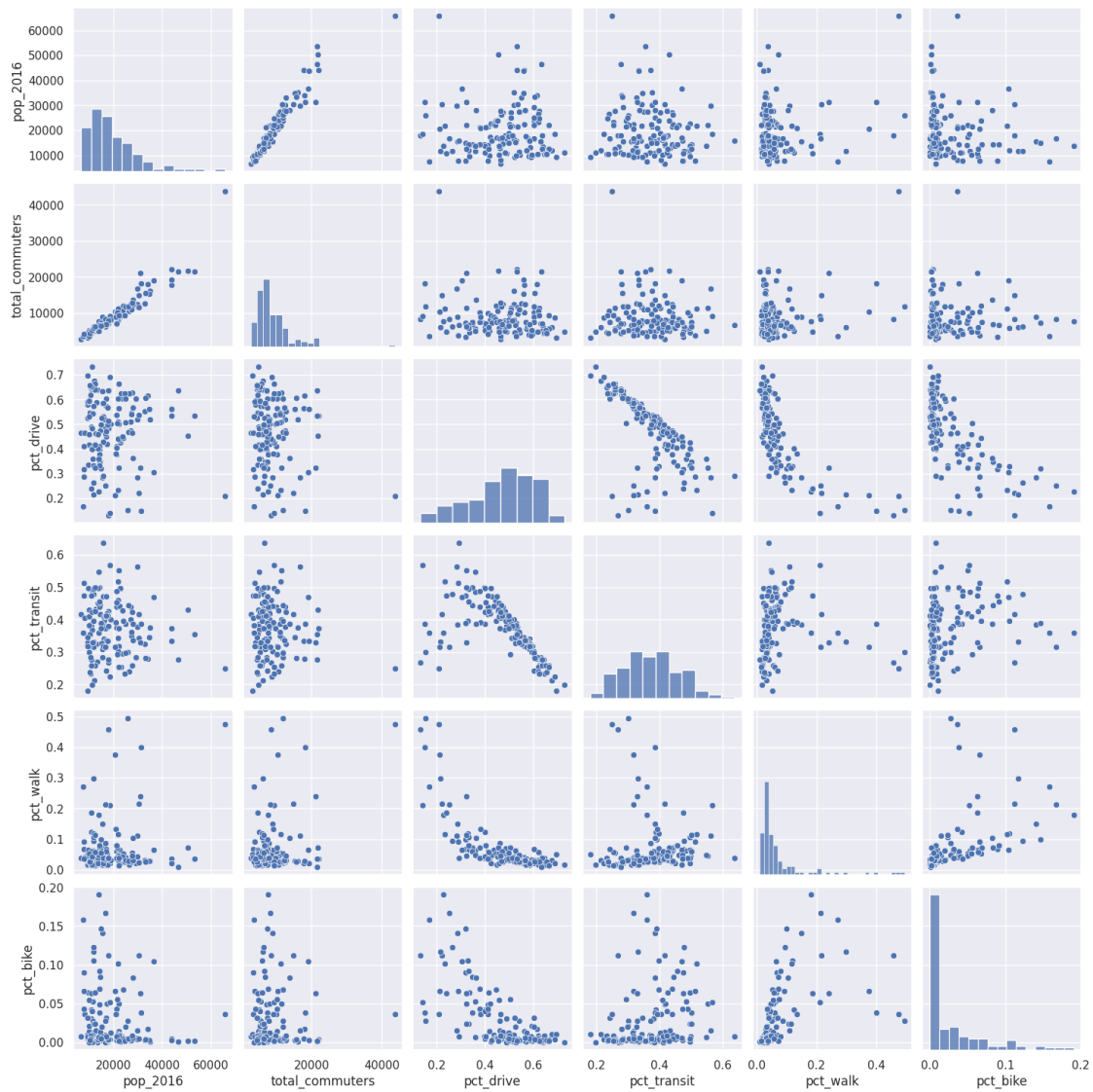
```
[ ]: # review the columns available
neighbourhoods.columns
```

```
[ ]: Index(['neighbourhood', 'n_id', 'designation', 'pop_2016', 'pop_2011',
          'pop_change', 'private_dwellings', 'occupied_dwellings', 'pop_dens',
          'area', 'total_commuters', 'drive', 'car_passenger', 'transit', 'walk',
          'bike', 'other', 'pct_bike', 'pct_drive', 'pct_cp', 'pct_transit',
          'pct_walk'],
          dtype='object')
```

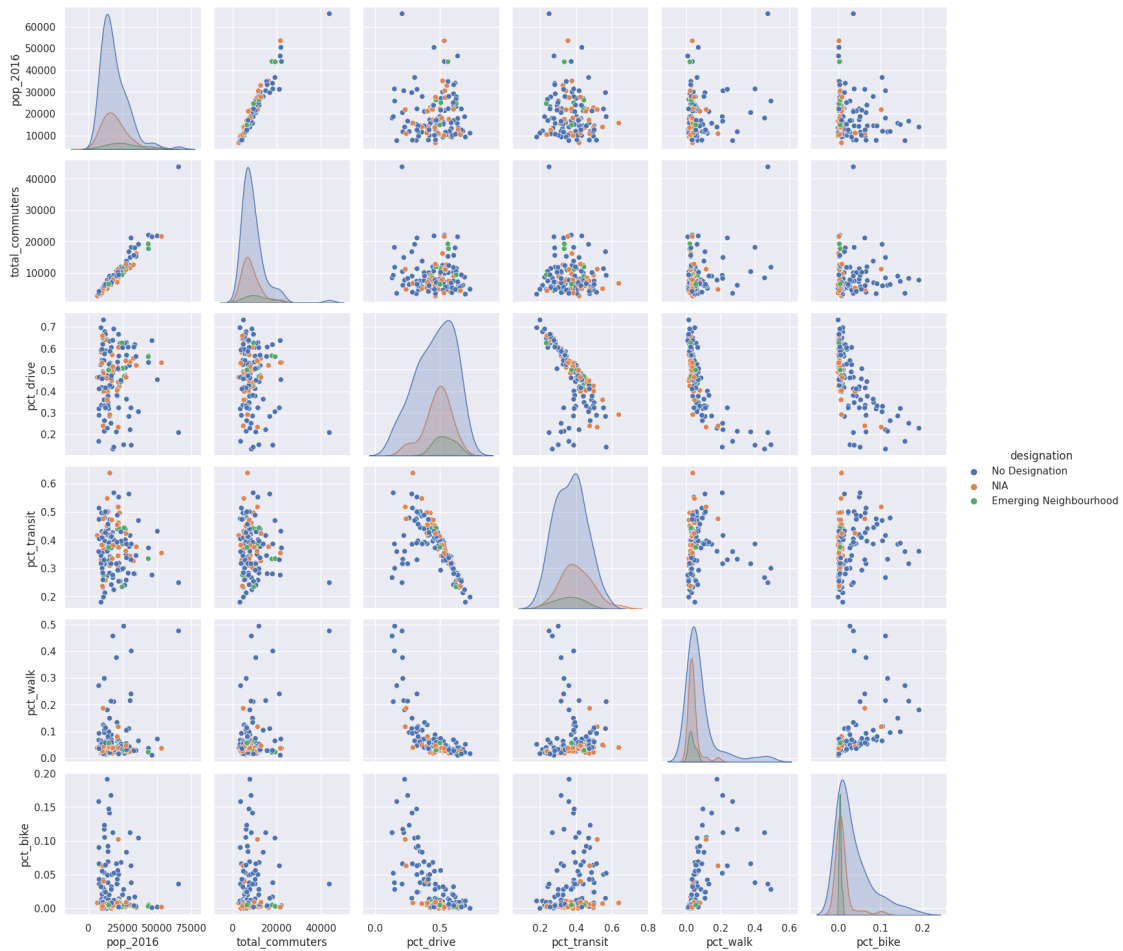
```
[ ]: # review just the numeric columns
neighbourhoods.select_dtypes('number').columns
```

```
[ ]: Index(['pop_2016', 'pop_2011', 'pop_change', 'private_dwellings',
          'occupied_dwellings', 'pop_dens', 'area', 'total_commuters', 'drive',
          'car_passenger', 'transit', 'walk', 'bike', 'other', 'pct_bike',
          'pct_drive', 'pct_cp', 'pct_transit', 'pct_walk'],
          dtype='object')
```

```
[ ]: # select some columns to use in the pair plot
cols = ['pop_2016', 'total_commuters', 'pct_drive', 'pct_transit', 'pct_walk',
        'pct_bike']
simple_pairs = sns.pairplot(neighbourhoods[cols])
```



```
[ ]: # if we include non-numeric variables, they won't be plotted, but we can use
      ↪ them for hue
cols = ['pop_2016', 'designation', 'total_commuters', 'pct_drive',
      ↪ 'pct_transit', 'pct_walk', 'pct_bike']
pairwise_fig = sns.pairplot(neighbourhoods[cols], hue='designation')
```



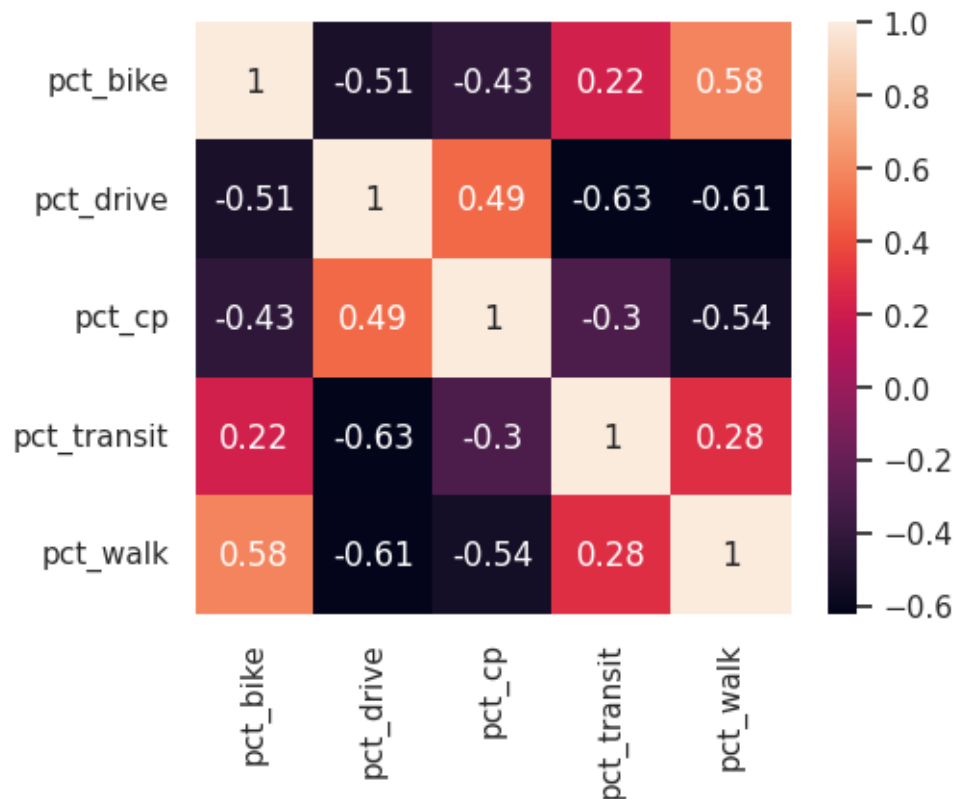
We can combine seaborn's `heatmap()` function with the pandas Dataframe `corr()` method to explore correlations in our data.

```
[ ]: # calculate correlations with pandas
correlations = neighbourhoods.loc[:, 'pct_bike:'].corr('kendall')

# create a figure and axes
corr_fig, corr_ax = plt.subplots()
corr_fig.set_size_inches(5, 4)
sns.heatmap(correlations, ax=corr_ax, annot=True)
```

```
[ ]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f87ee362610>
```





## 5.4 Saving Plots

To save a plot, use the Figure `savefig()` method, which supports exporting figure in common formats like PNG, PDF, and SVG. Setting `bbox_inches='tight'` will make matplotlib try to figure out the dimensions of the plot and crop the image appropriately. Note that seaborn does not have a plot saving function of its own.

```
[ ]: pairwise_fig.savefig('pairs.svg', bbox_inches='tight')
     corr_fig.savefig('correlations.png', bbox_inches='tight')
```

## 6 plotly

### 6.1 Interactive visualizations with plotly

plotly gives us a way to create interactive graphics within Python, building on the plotly.js library rather than matplotlib. Plotly Express provides an entry point to making data visualizations with the package. Let's re-create the drivers vs cyclists scatterplot to start.

```
[ ]: import plotly.express as px
```

```
[ ]: plotly_fig = px.scatter(neighbourhoods,
                             x='drive',
                             y='bike',
                             title='Commute Modes')
plotly_fig.show(renderer='notebook') # ensure plot renders nicely in notebook
↪mode
```

Output hidden; open in <https://colab.research.google.com> to view.

```
[ ]: # add hover data
plotly_fig = px.scatter(neighbourhoods,
                         x='drive',
                         y='bike',
                         hover_name='neighbourhood', # show neighbourhood on
↪hover

                         labels={'bike': 'Bike', 'drive': 'Drive'},
                         title='Commute Modes')
plotly_fig.show(renderer='notebook') # ensure plot renders nicely in notebook
↪mode
```

```
[ ]: print(top10_pop.columns)

hist_fig = px.bar(top10_pop,
                  x=['pct_drive', 'pct_cp', 'pct_transit', 'pct_walk',
↪'pct_bike'],
                  y='neighbourhood',
                  hover_name='neighbourhood',
                  hover_data=['drive', 'car_passenger', 'transit', 'walk',
↪'bike'],
                  labels={'variable': 'Mode',
                           'value': '%'})
hist_fig.show(renderer='notebook')
```

```
Index(['neighbourhood', 'n_id', 'designation', 'pop_2016', 'pop_2011',
      'pop_change', 'private_dwellings', 'occupied_dwellings', 'pop_dens',
      'area', 'total_commuters', 'drive', 'car_passenger', 'transit', 'walk',
      'bike', 'other', 'pct_bike', 'pct_drive', 'pct_cp', 'pct_transit',
      'pct_walk'],
      dtype='object')
```

### 6.1.1 Re-create the population bar chart

```
[ ]: # view available themes
import plotly.io as pio
pio.templates
```

```
[ ]: Templates configuration
-----
Default template: 'plotly'
Available templates:
['ggplot2', 'seaborn', 'simple_white', 'plotly',
'plotly_white', 'plotly_dark', 'presentation', 'xgridoff',
'ygridoff', 'gridon', 'none']
```

```
[ ]: bar_fig = px.bar(top10_pop,
                      x='pop_2016',
                      y='neighbourhood',
                      text='pop_2016',
                      labels={'pop_2016': 'Population, 2016',
                              'neighbourhood': 'Neighbourhood'},
                      hover_data={'neighbourhood': False,
                                  'pop_2016': False,
                                  'pop_change': ':.2p'}, # add pop change,
                      →formatted as %
                      title='Top Toronto Neighbourhoods by Population',
                      template='seaborn'
                      )
bar_fig.show(renderer='notebook')
```

## 6.2 Further customizing plotly graphs

For added control over visualizations, we can import plotly's `graph_objects` submodule.

```
[ ]: import plotly.graph_objects as go
```

```
[ ]: transit_hist = go.Histogram(x=neighbourhoods['pct_transit'], name='Transit')
drive_hist = go.Histogram(x=neighbourhoods['pct_drive'], name='Drive')

data = [drive_hist, transit_hist]

layout = go.Layout(template='seaborn',
                    title='Commute Mode Distribution',
                    xaxis={'title': 'Mode %'},
                    yaxis={'title': 'Neighbourhoods'})
```

```
fig = go.Figure(data=data, layout=layout)
fig.update_layout(hovermode='x')
fig.show(renderer='notebook')
```

### 6.3 Saving plotly visualizations

We can save visualizations created in plotly to image or PDF with the `write_image()` Figure method. Note that `write_image()` needs the `kaleido` package to work.

```
[ ]: !pip install -U kaleido
```

Looking in indexes: <https://pypi.org/simple>, <https://us-python.pkg.dev/colab-wheels/public/simple/>  
Requirement already satisfied: kaleido in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (0.2.1)

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[ ]: import kaleido
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[ ]: fig.write_image('fig.pdf', format='pdf')
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