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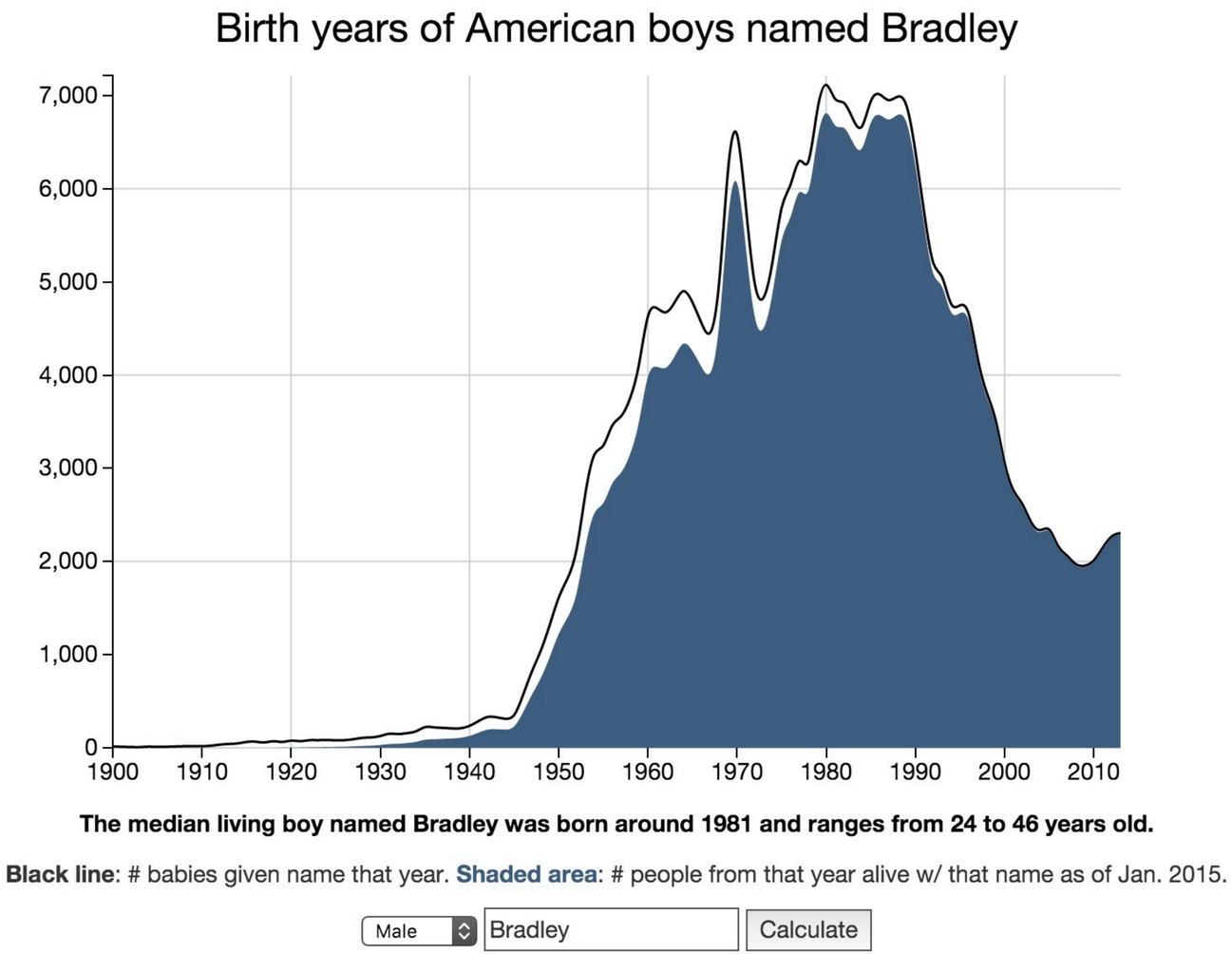
Administrative stuff

- Final projects will use private group repos.
- Project deliverables are an organized repo (narrative notebook with visualizations)
- This provides a project deliverable for your portfolio.
- Also allows you to make project web pages using GitHub pages, Jupyter slides, etc.

Data visualization

Visualizing your data should be
your very first action.

Names over time



Source: http://rhiever.github.io/

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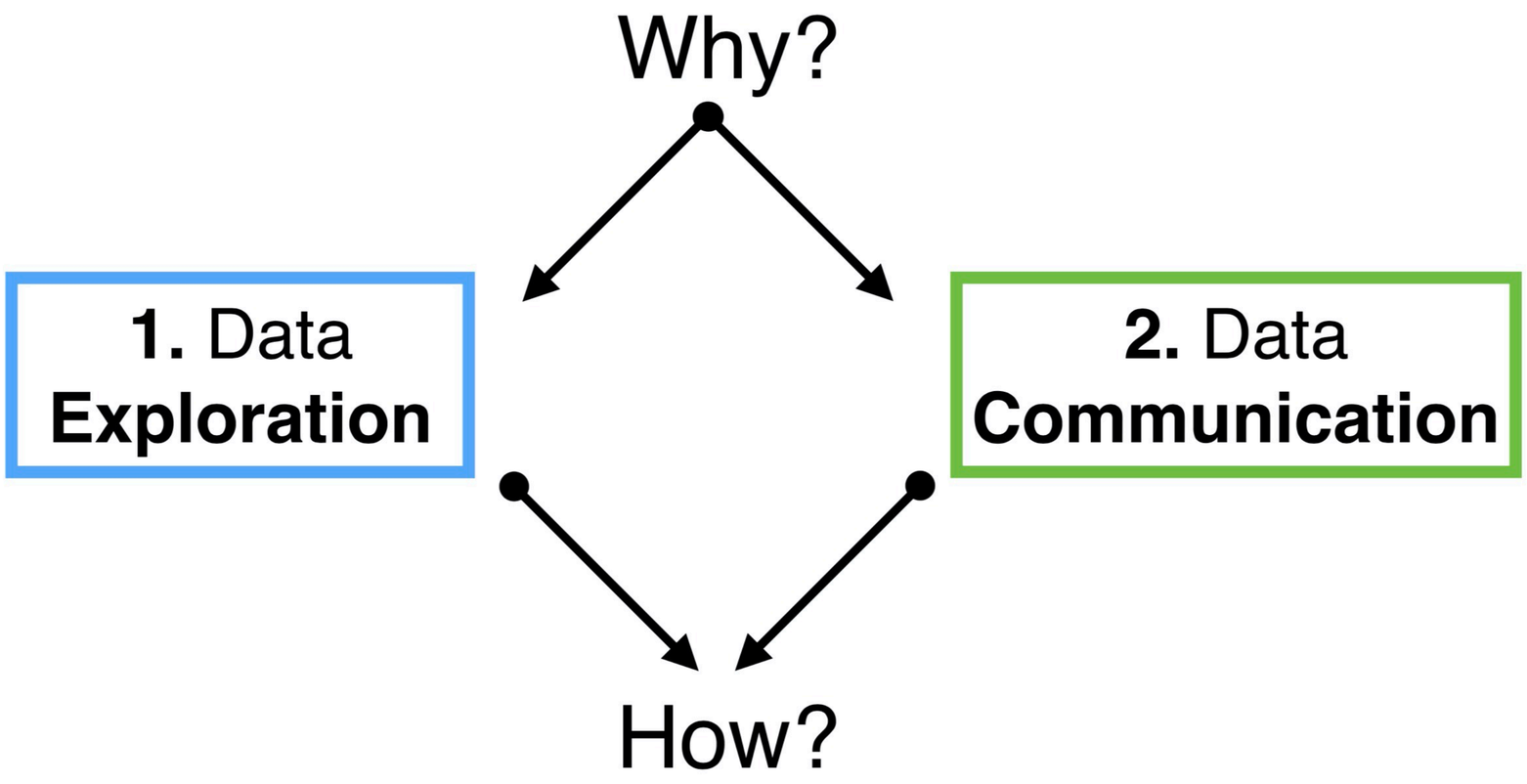
Data visualization

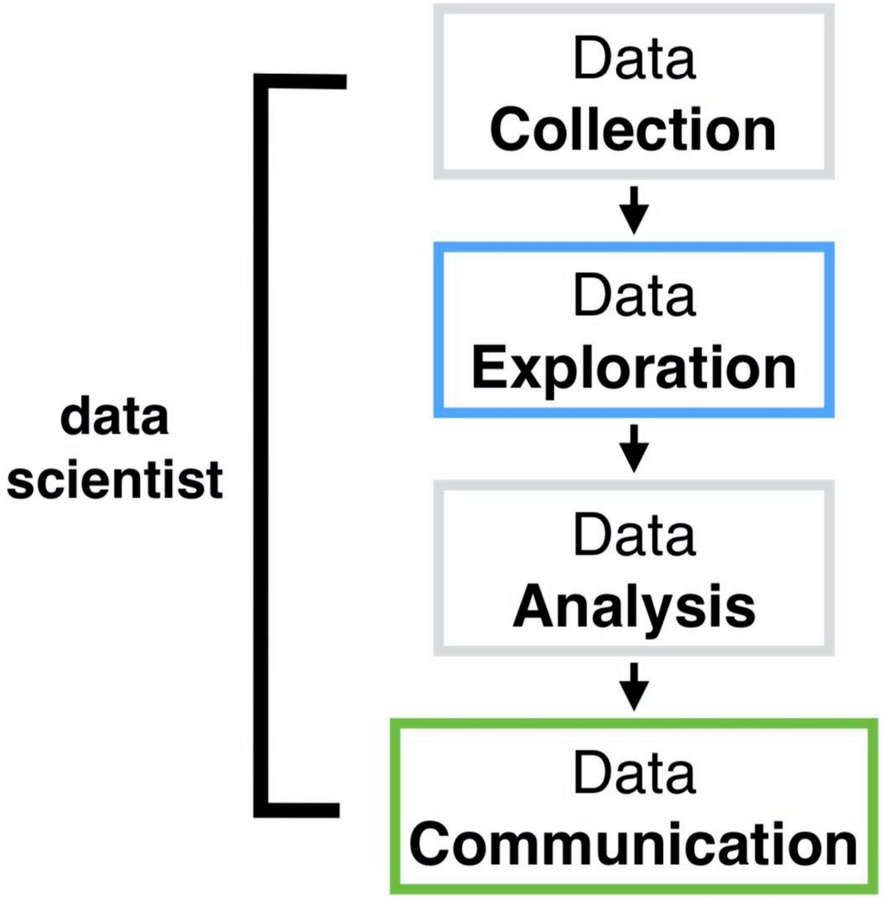
Visualizing your data should be your very first action.

This act lays the groundwork for everything else that comes after.

Data visualization



Data exploration



Data exploration

Goal: get fast intuition about your data and avoid Garbage-In-Garbage-Out

Things to look out for: data quality (noise), distributions, outliers

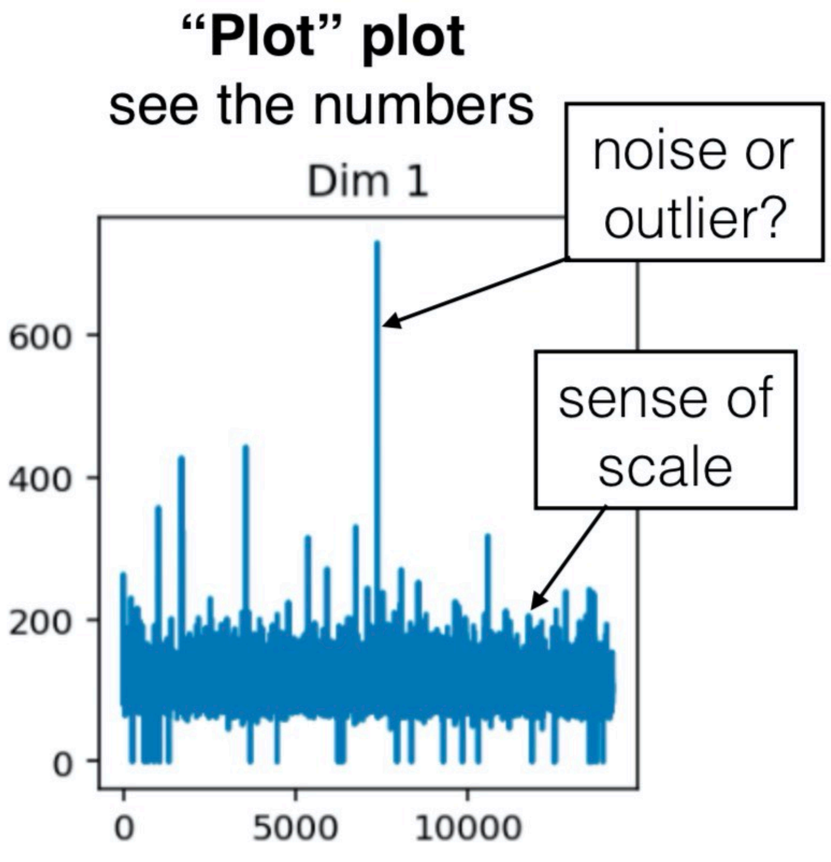
Python tools for basic exploration

Data exploration

1956	118	1588	1588	6.2
1982	120	31589	31589	6.9
1946	103	2640	2640	7
2005	95	48291624	85309	6.7
1981	131	560	560	6.7
1986	93	13431806	11274	6.4
1949	263	1258	1258	6.2
1982	82	620	620	2.2
2010	80	2231024	29346	7.5
1966	110	3235	3235	6.5
2014	90	1428647	11292	7
1957	85	297	297	6.3
2001	120	50173190	154520	7.4
1978	96	1474	1474	5.7
1957	125	1497	1497	6.6
1963	88	415	415	5.2
1982	103	4870	4870	7.9
1984	87	1867	1867	3.5
1976	100	168	168	4.1
1990	101	37963281	12247	6.7

- What questions are we trying to answer?
- What types of analyses do we want to apply?
- What unexpected findings are there?
- Staring at the numbers is **NOT** the answer.

Basic data visualization

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plt.plot()
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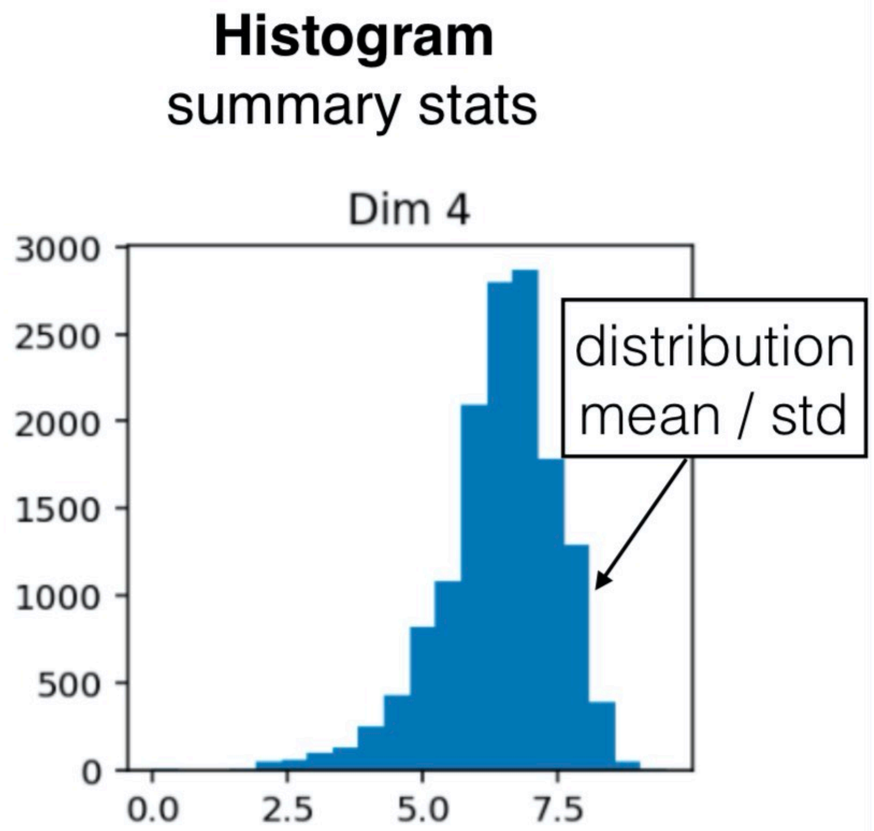
Basic data visualization

Histograms

Information about a single quantitative variable

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plt.hist()
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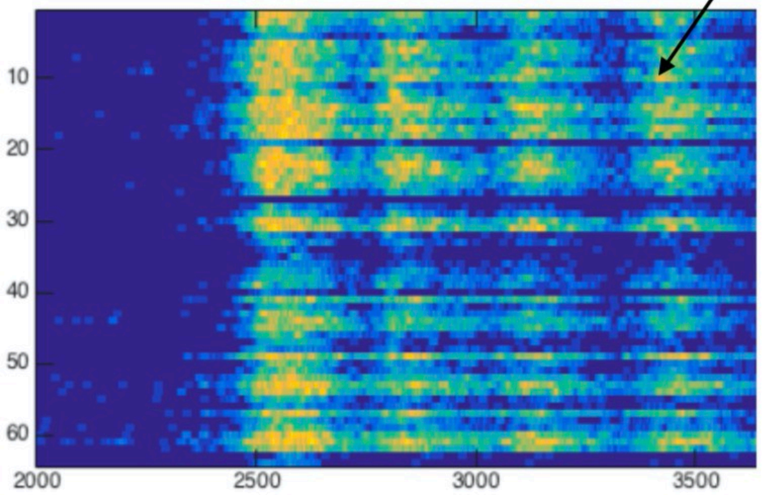
Basic data visualization

Heatmap
multi-dimensional

global patterns

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plt.imshow()
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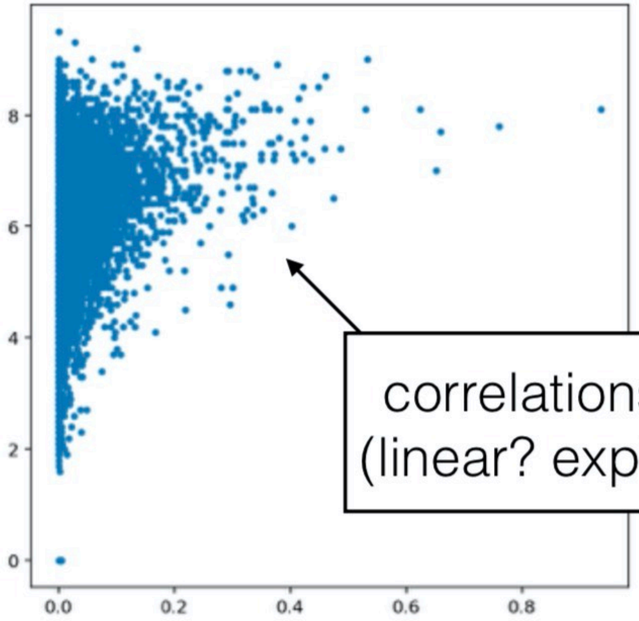
Scatter plot
X-Y relationships



correlations (linear? exp?)

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plt.scatter()
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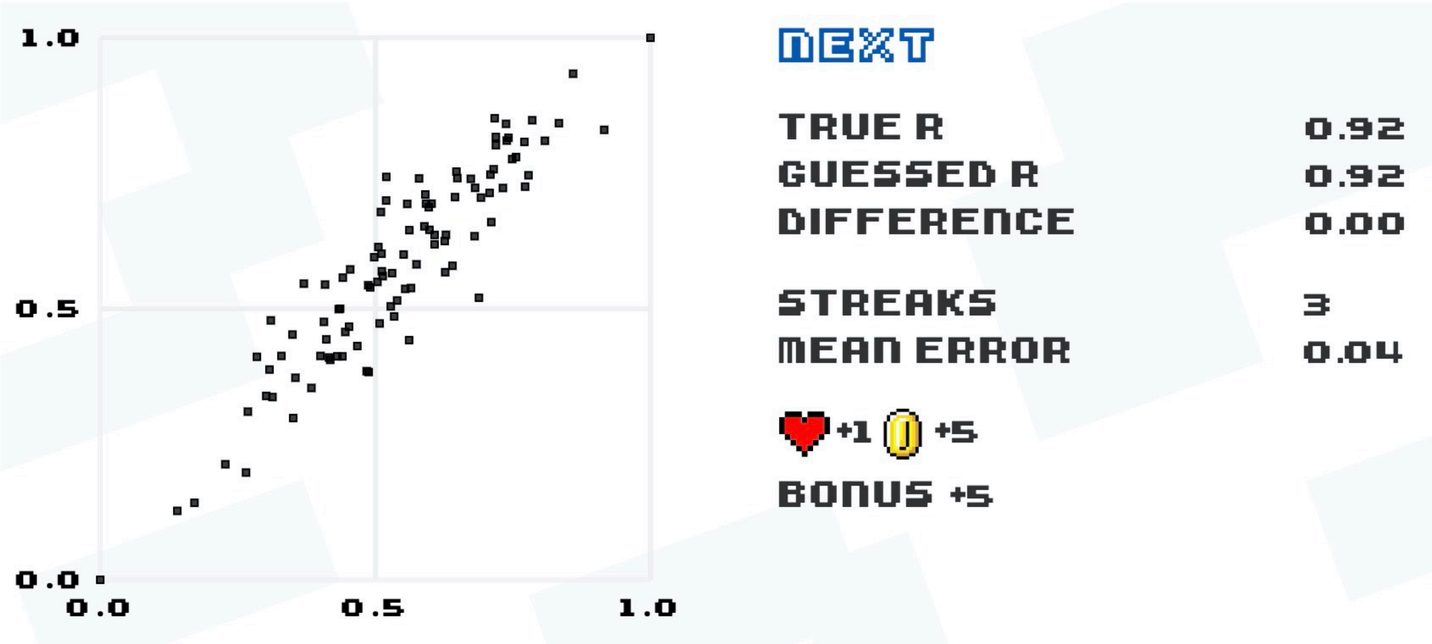
Data visualization CAUTION



- Even if you ARE awesome…

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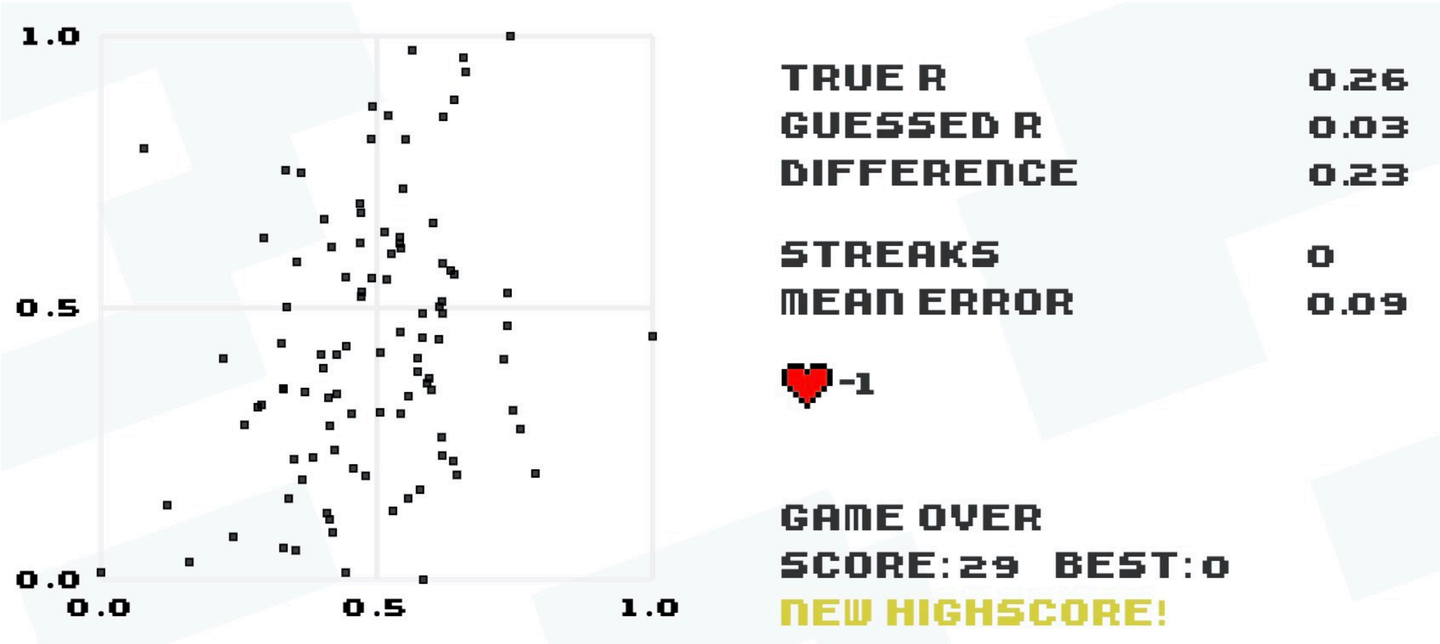

- Even if you ARE awesome…
- Your eyes ***will*** deceive you.
- So quantify when possible!

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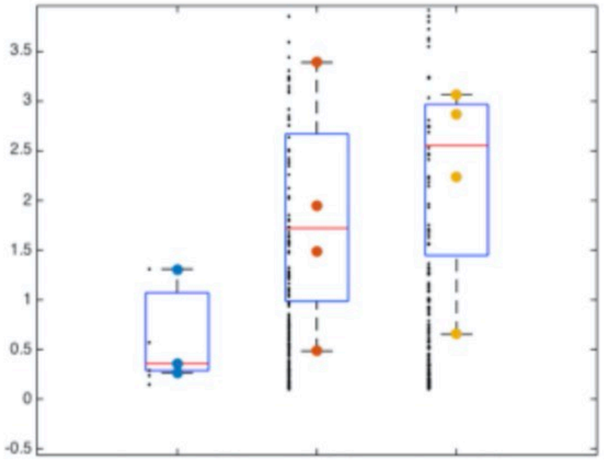
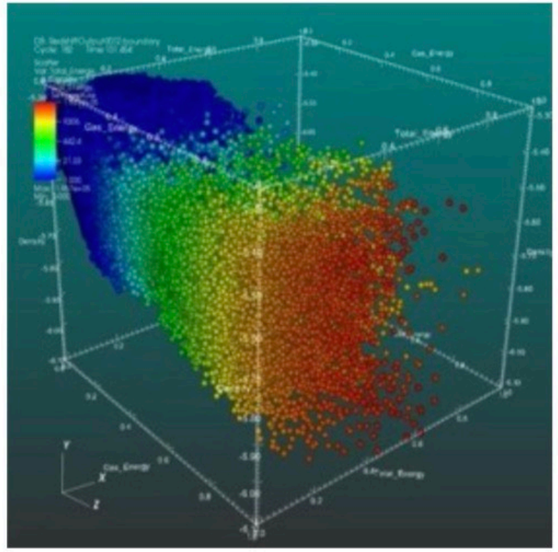
Basic data visualization

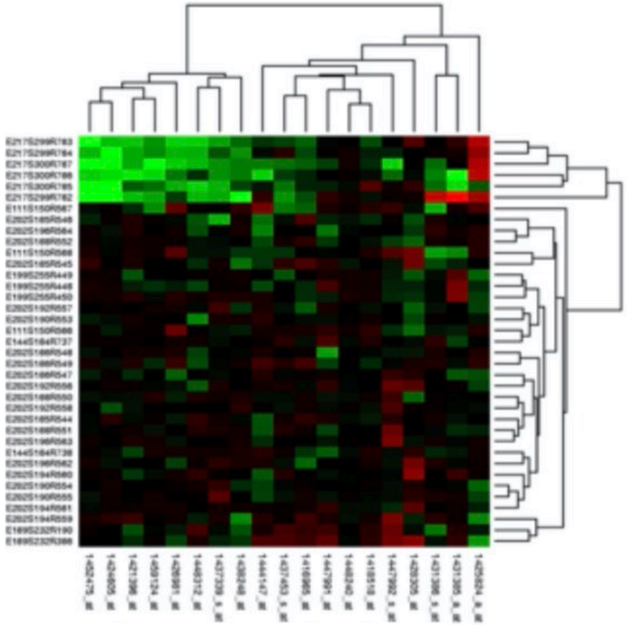
Boxplot



3D scatter

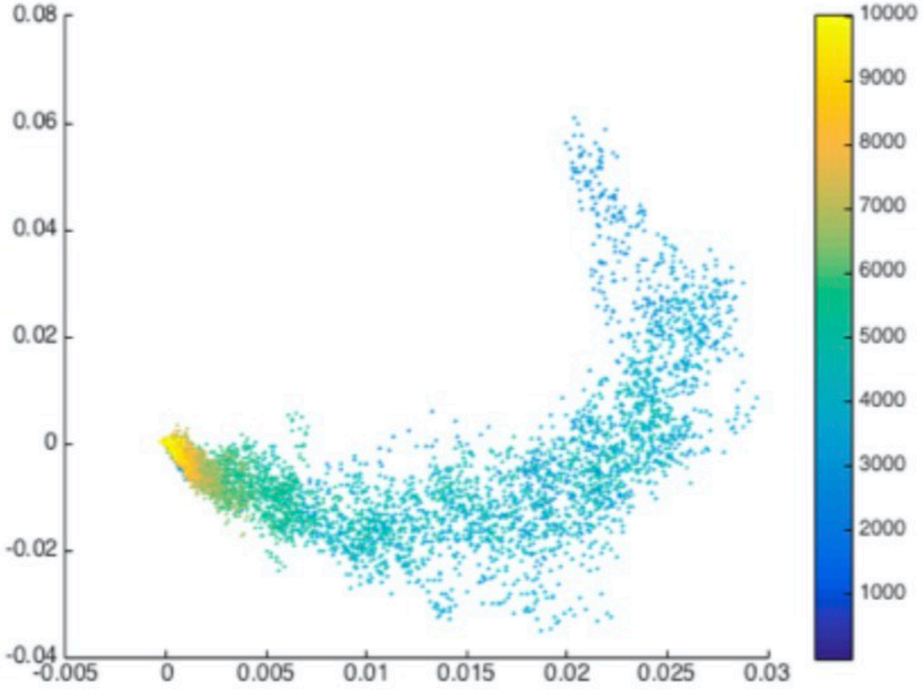


Domain specific

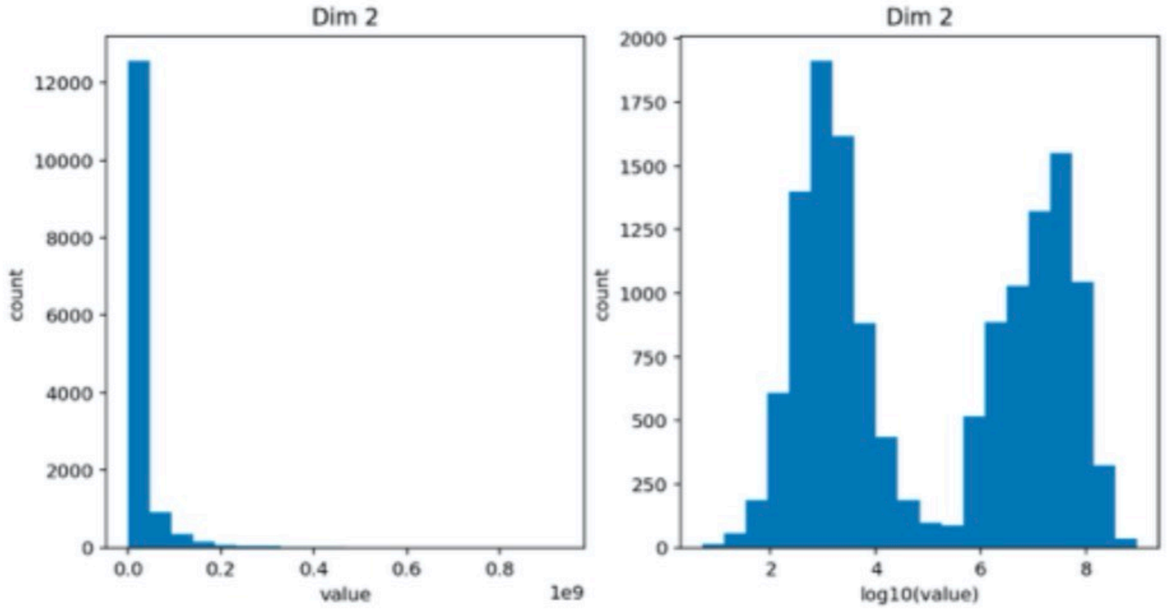


Basic data visualization tips

Use color to represent more dimensions (like time)



Rescale values to better separate data



Data visualization in Python

- **Matplotlib:** comprehensive functionality
  - **Seaborn:** beautify matplotlib

- **Bokeh:** interactive, pretty
  - **Plotly:** similar, but needs sign-up

Data visualization takeaways

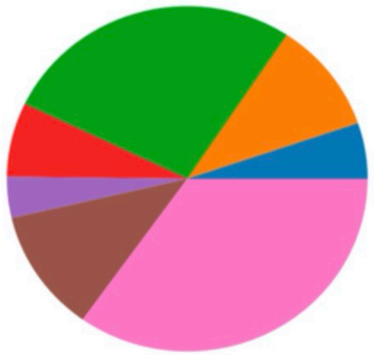
Visually manipulate data to distill information

High dimensional to low dimensional

Get multiple perspectives

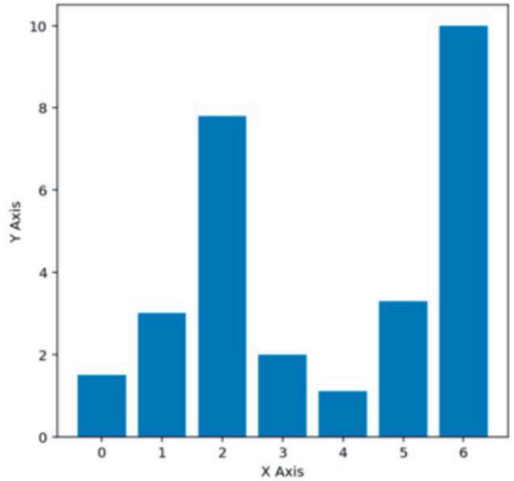
Choosing your plot

Pie



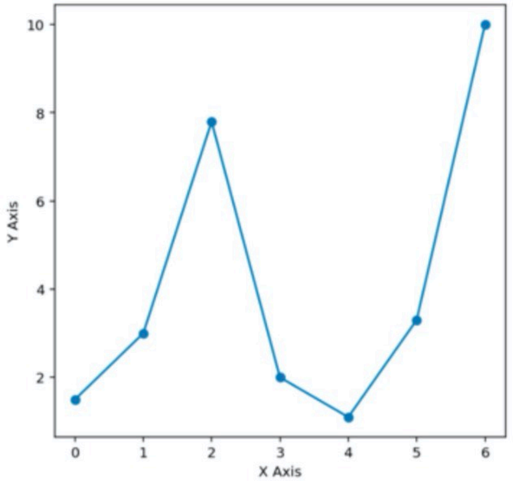
Almost never

Bar



Usually categorical

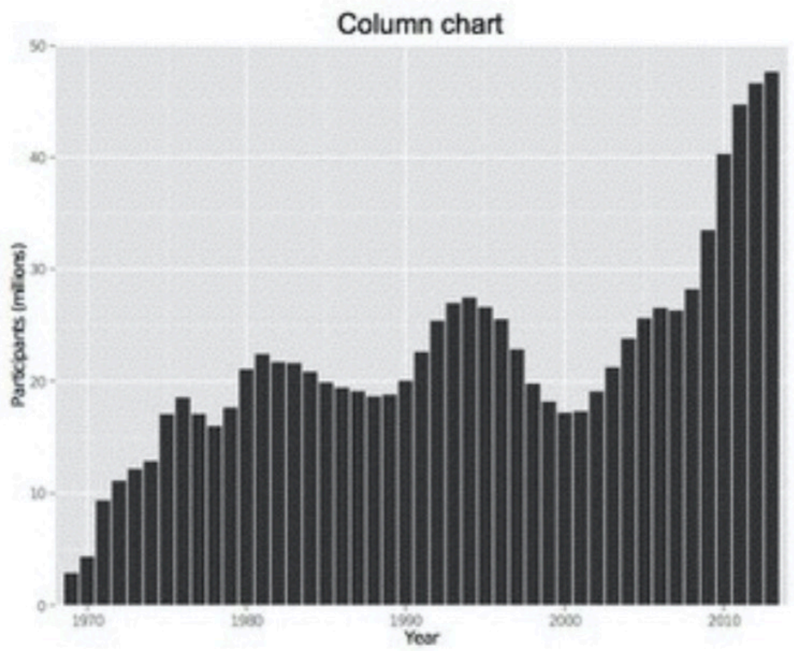
Line



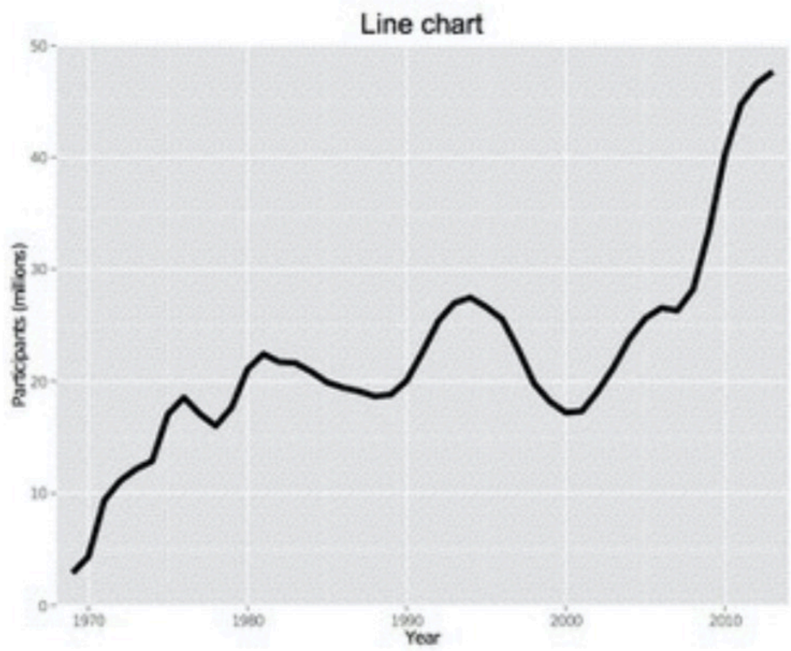
Change over time

"What am I trying to show?"

Choosing your plot

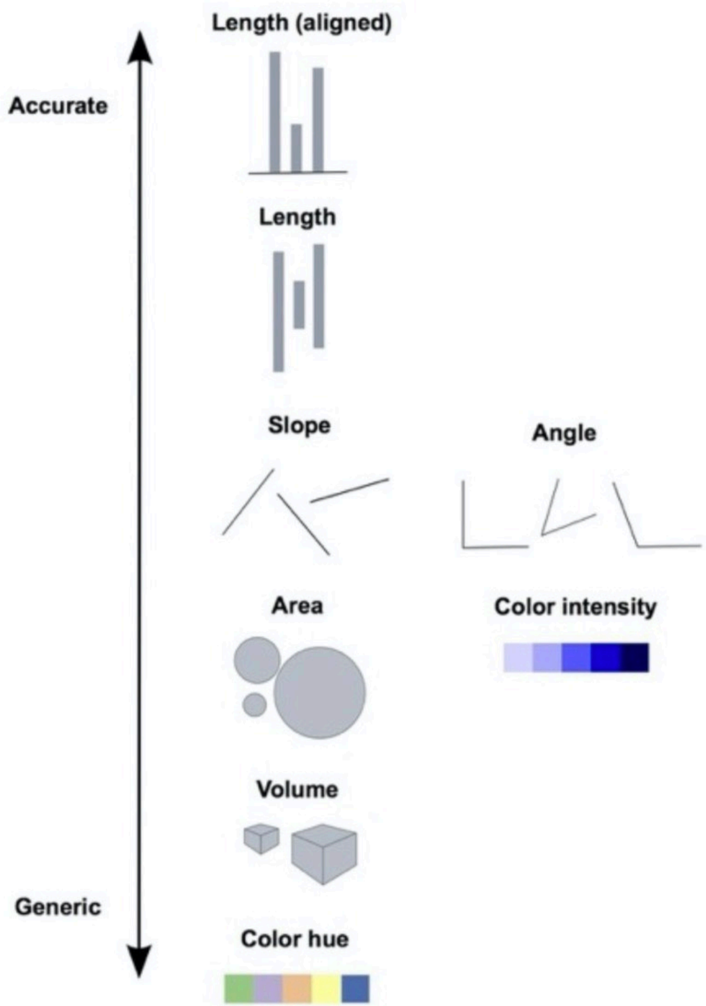


Time is discrete



Time is continuous

Visual principles



Pre-attentive Processing
Patterns and anomalies automatically grab our attention.

Quantitative Judgement
More accurate is **often**, but not **always**, better.

Source: http://paldhous.github.io/ucb/2016/dataviz/index.html

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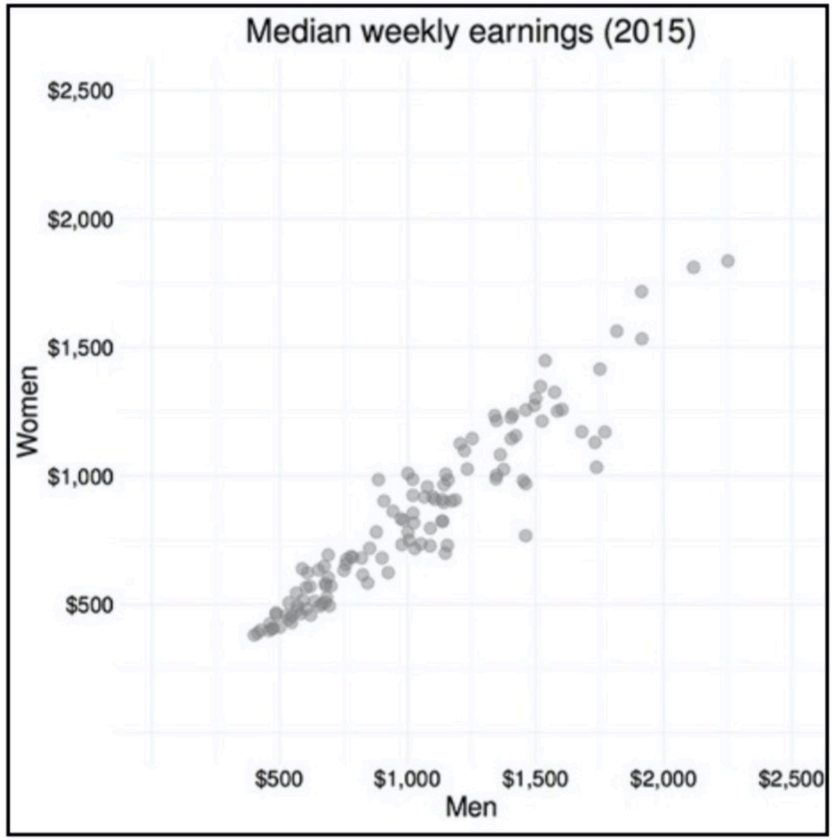

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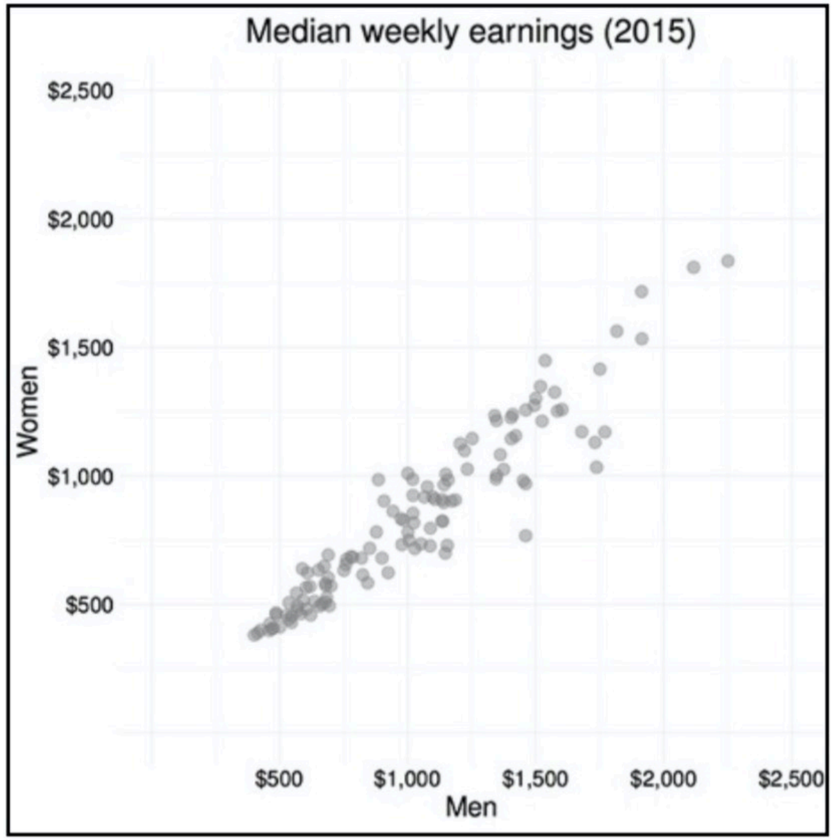
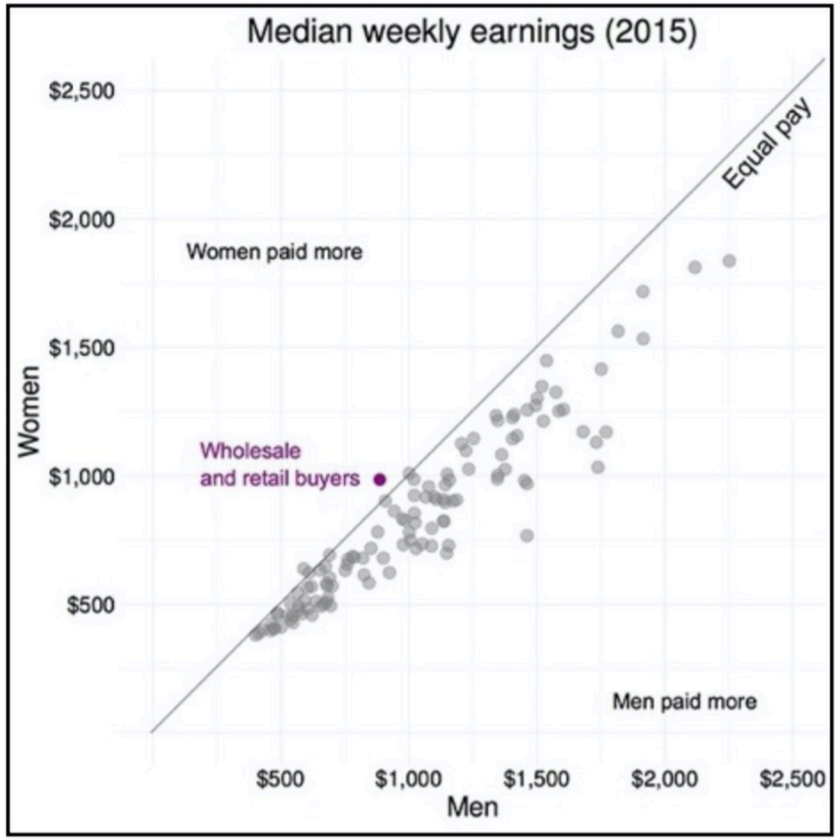
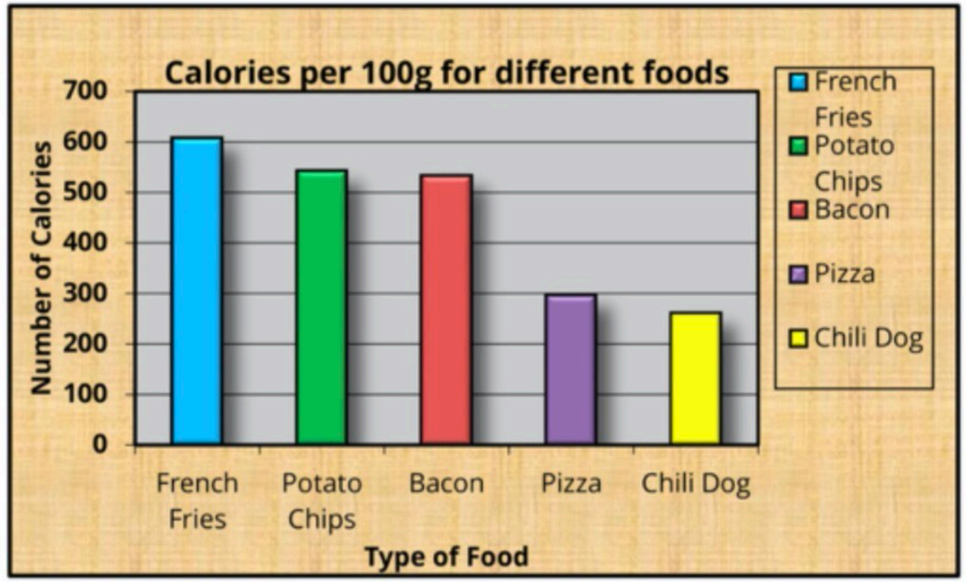
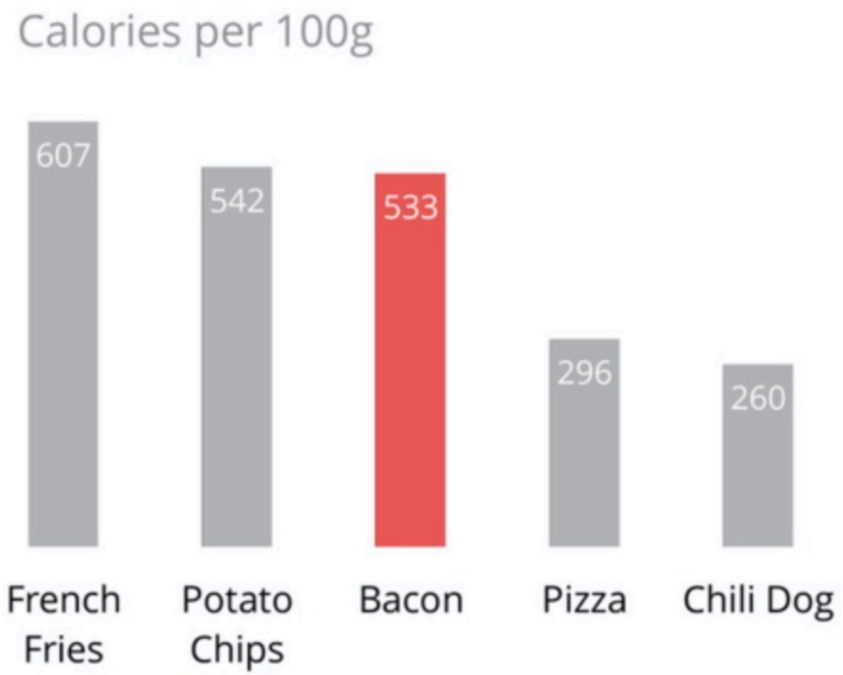




Emphasize your message.

Visual principles





De-emphasize everything else.

Source: Darkhorse Analytics

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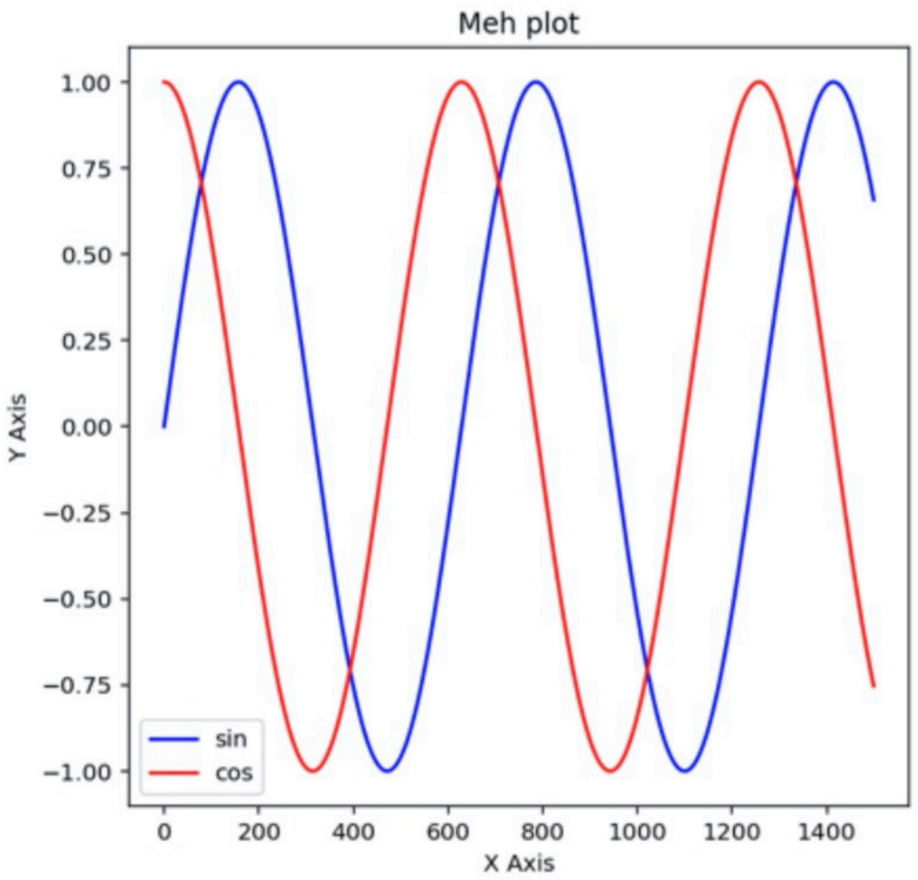
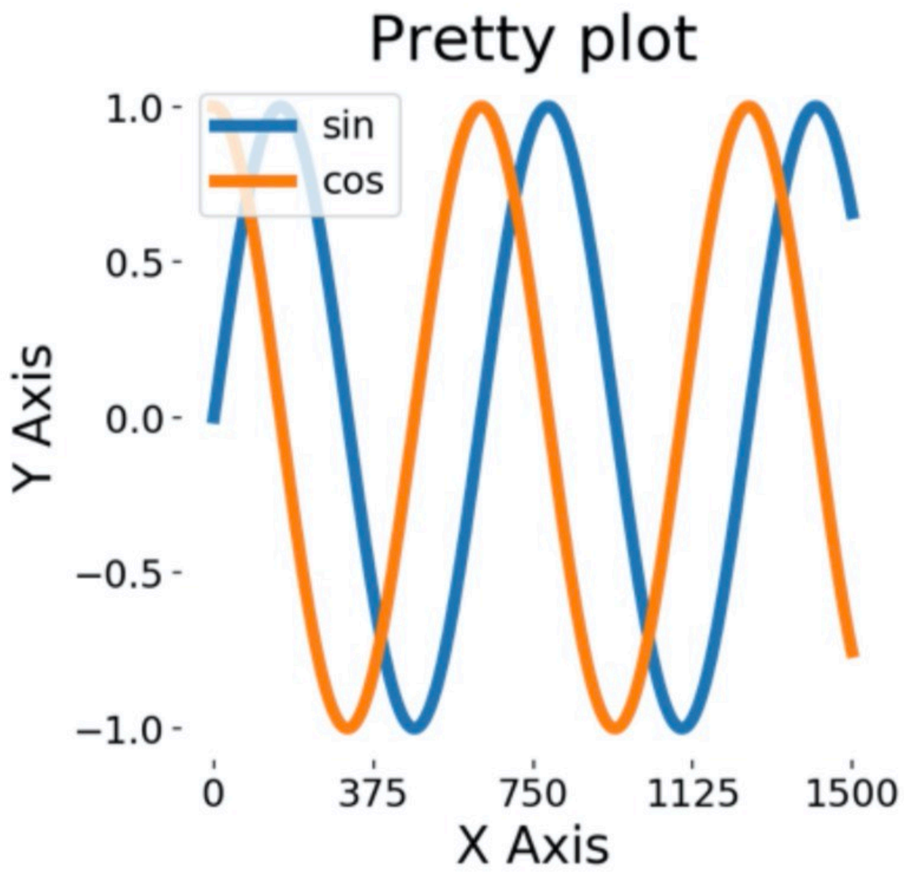
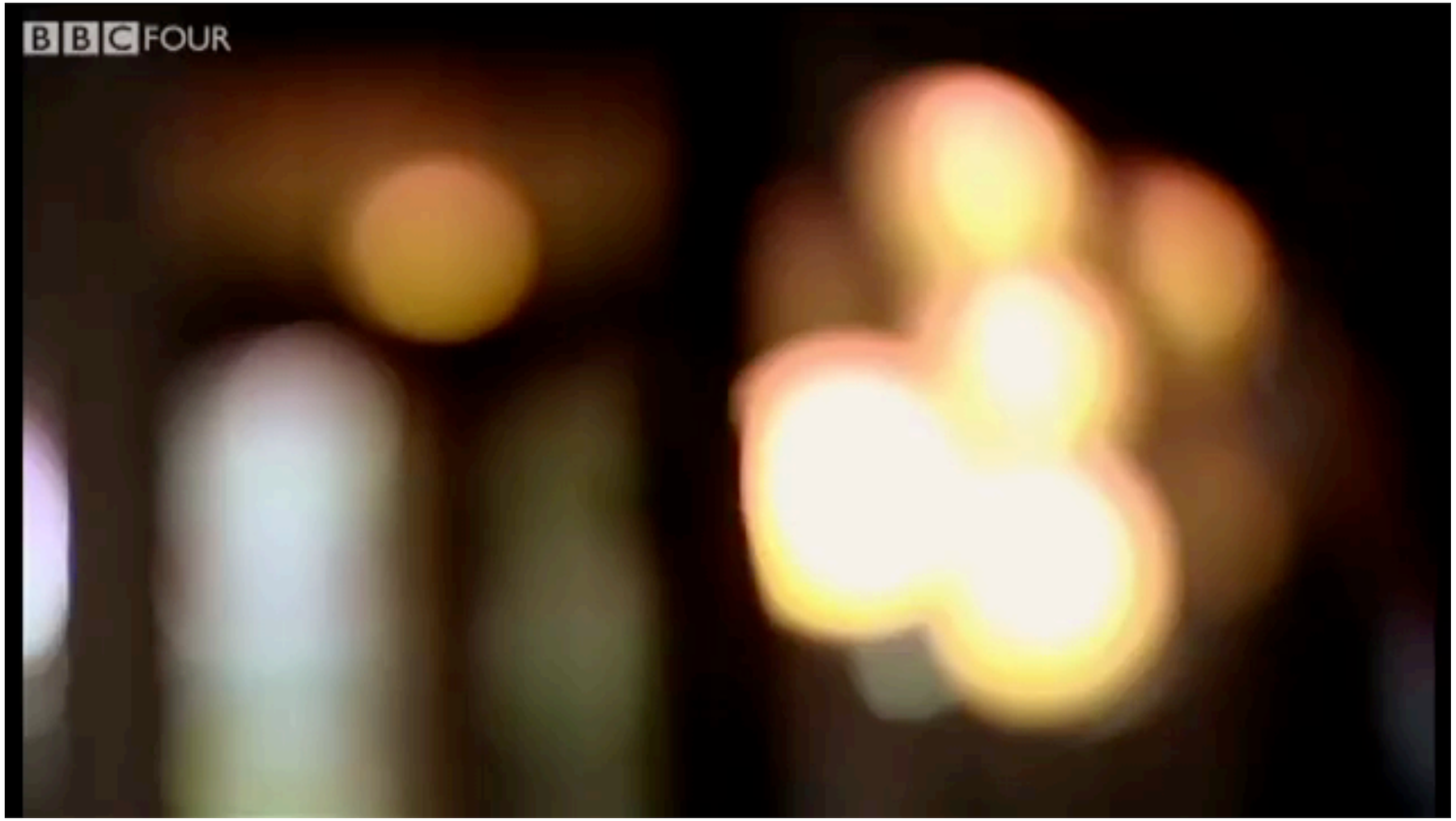
Visual principles

The Devil is in the Detail



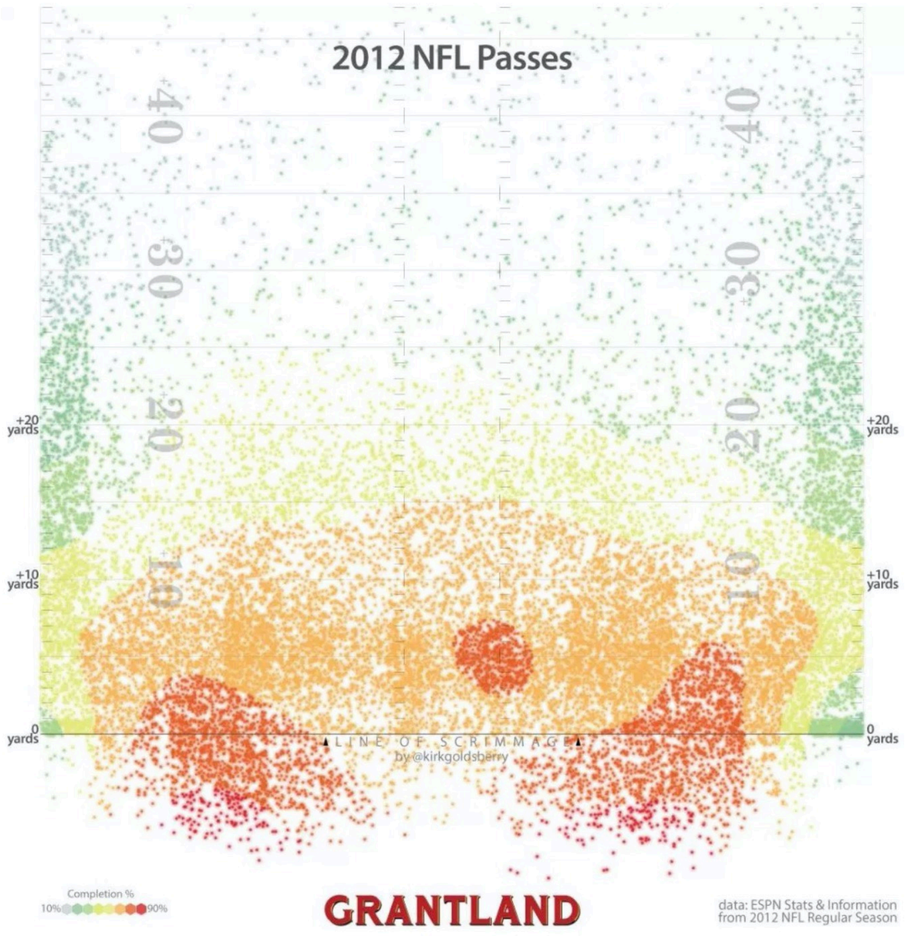


Health and wealth



Source: http://www.gapminder.org/world/

NFL passes



During the 2012 regular season, NFL quarterbacks attempted more than 19,000 passes and completed more than 11,500; the chart above shows the location of nearly every pass. Dots are placed in spots nearby the receiver or the intended receiver. In the cases of out-of-bounds throwaways, those dots are placed at the sideline near where the ball went out of bounds. The color of the dot corresponds to the league's overall completion percentage in that zone.

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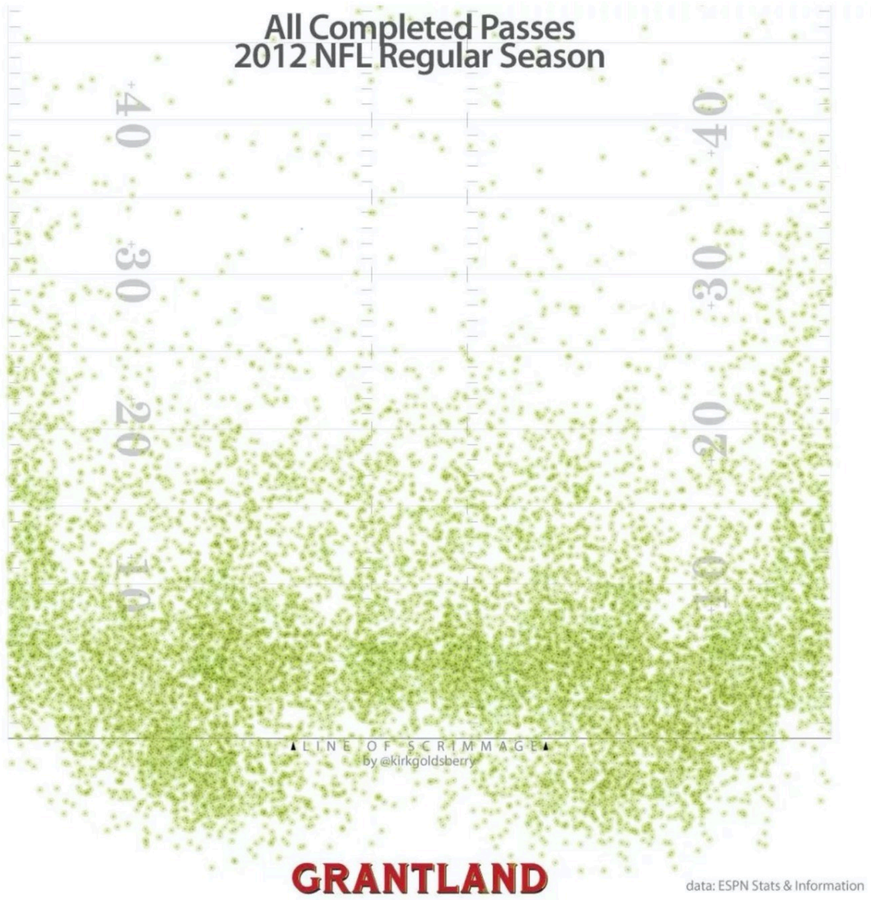

If we look only at completed passes, we see similar patterns. Long “bomb” completions are rare and a vast majority of NFL completions occur within 10 yards of the line of scrimmage. In fact, only about 31 percent of all passes are thrown beyond 10 yards of the line of scrimmage. We hear a lot that the NFL is a passing league, but it’s more accurate to say that it’s a short-passing league.

The chart also immediately reveals the importance of the sideline, particularly downfield. Of passes thrown more than 20 yards, 69 percent are directed between the numbers and the sideline, while only 9 percent target the area between the hashes.

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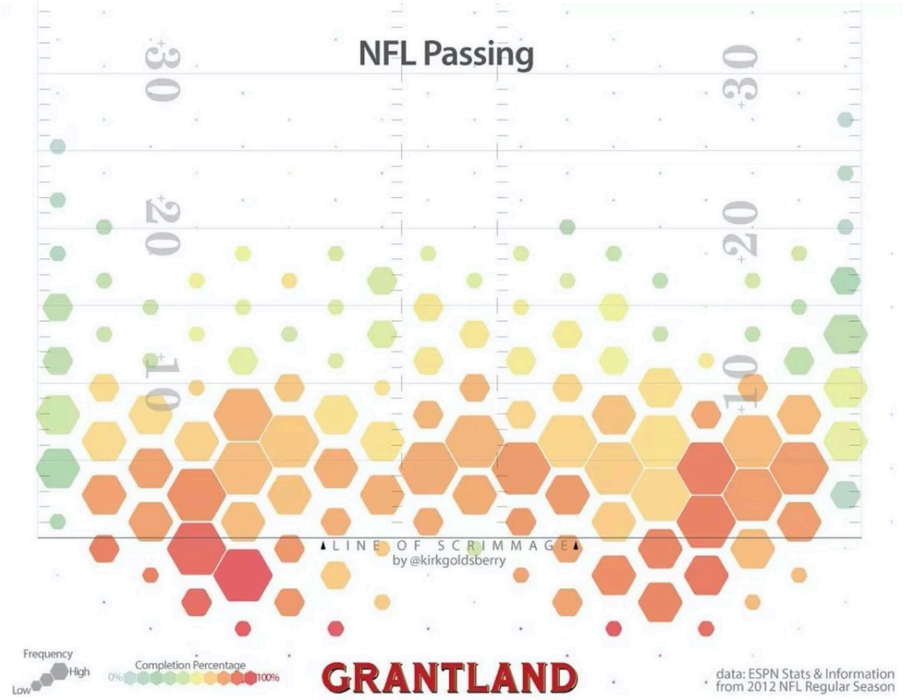

Although it's fun to look at thousands of dots, it's not really that informative. The chart below aggregates the 19,000-plus pass attempts into hexagonal zones, reinforcing the idea that short passes are king and revealing the league's most common passing targets. Although at first glance the pattern may appear mostly symmetric, NFL quarterbacks target receivers on the right side (46 percent) of the field more than the left side (41 percent).

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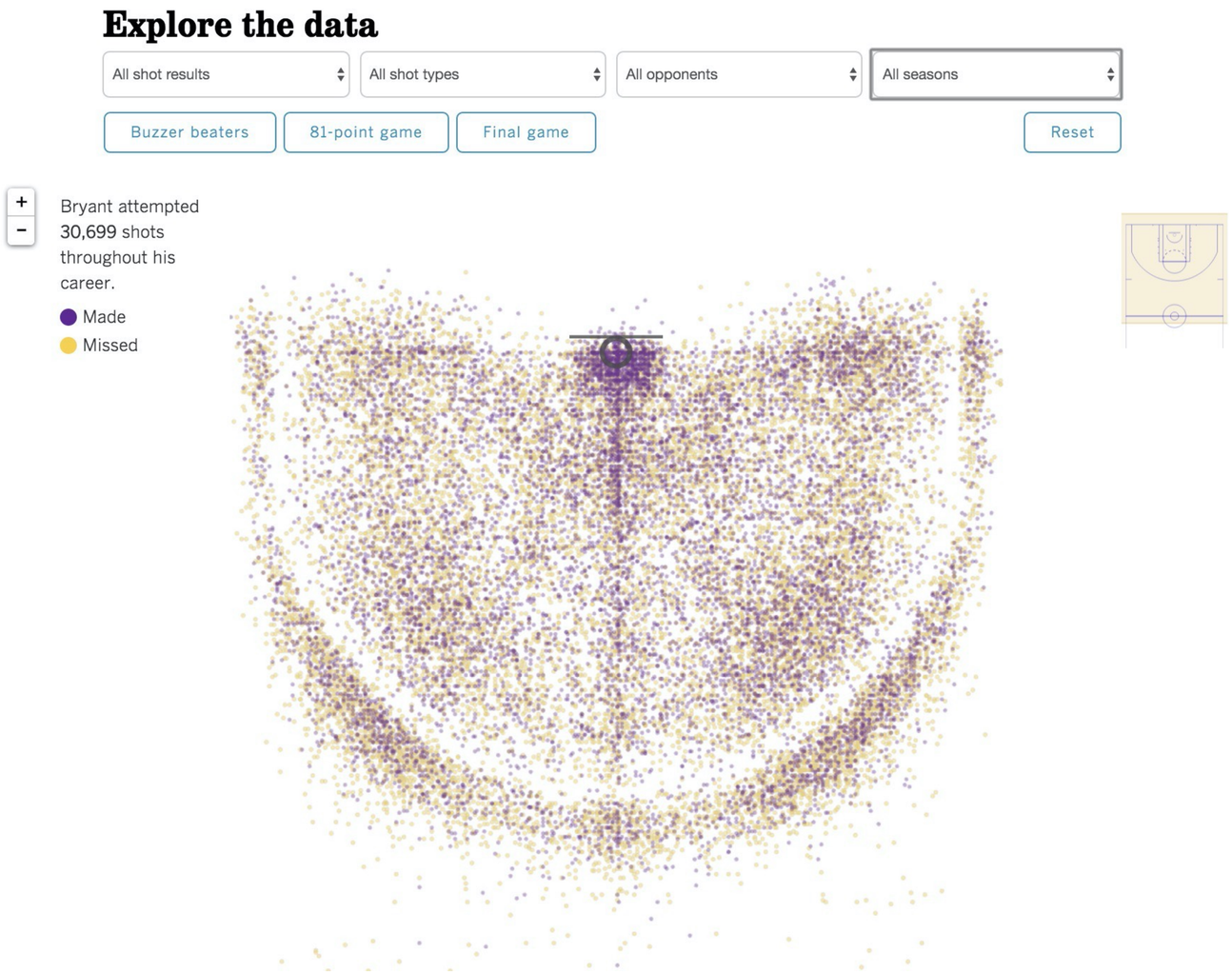
Kobe



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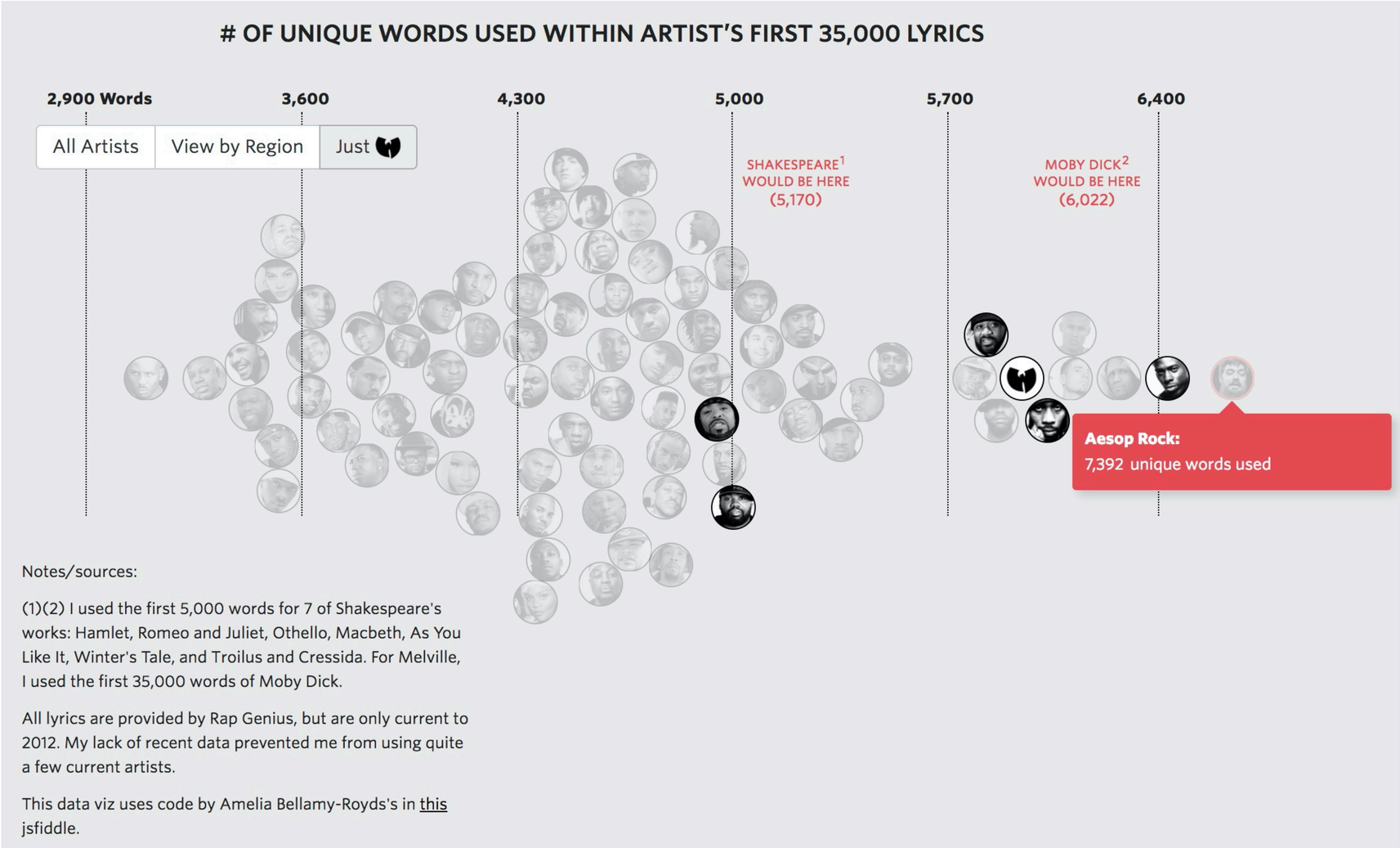
Hip hop vocabulary



Source: Matt Daniels, https://pudding.cool/2017/02/vocabulary/index.html

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Hip hop vocabulary

Literary elites love to rep Shakespeare's vocabulary: across his entire corpus, he uses 28,829 words, suggesting he knew over 100,000 words and arguably had the largest vocabulary, ever.

I decided to compare this data point against the most famous artists in hip hop. I used each artist's first 35,000 lyrics. That way, prolific artists, such as Jay-Z, could be compared to newer artists, such as Drake.

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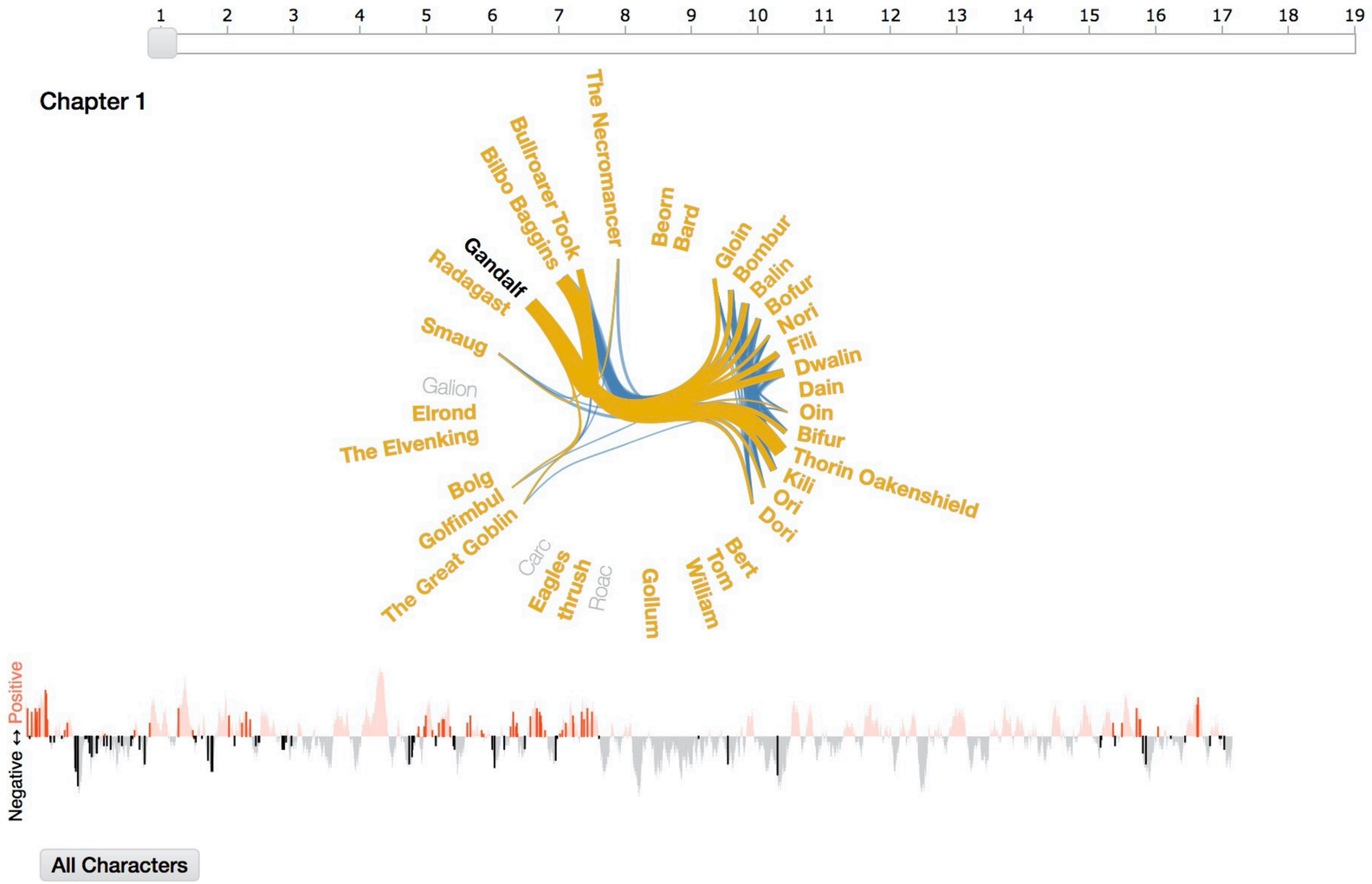
Narratives



Source: Natalia Bilenko and Asako Miyakawa, http://nbilenko.com/projects/hobbit.html

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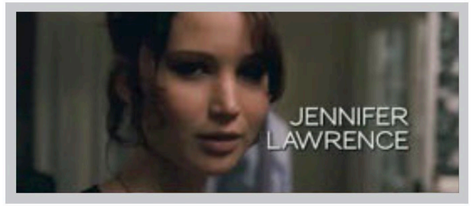
Film trailer narratives

Silver Linings Playbook

"Silver Linings Playbook" follows the standard model for trailers, according to Bill Woolery, a trailer specialist in Los Angeles who once worked on trailers for movies like "The Usual Suspects" and "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial." While introducing the movie's story and its characters, the trailer largely follows the order of the film itself.

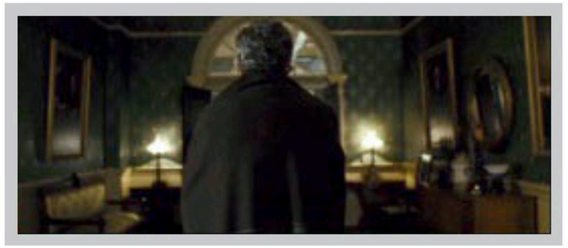


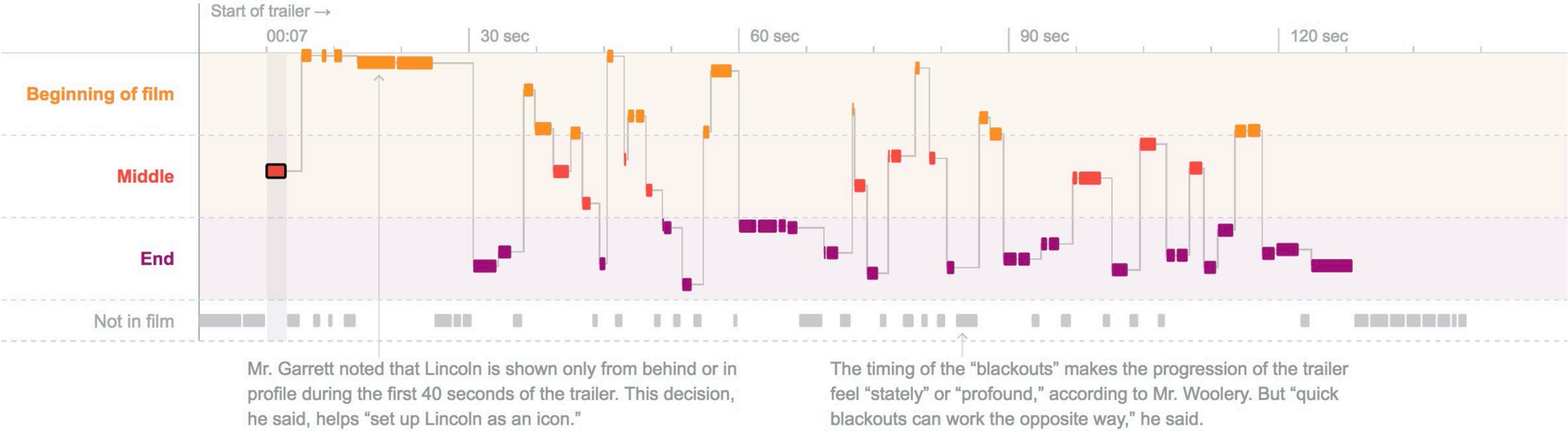
Source: Shan Carter, Amanda Cox, Mike Bostock, http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2013/02/19/movies/awardsseason/oscar-trailers.html

Film trailer narratives

Lincoln

The "Lincoln" trailer is more like the typical teaser than a trailer, according to Stephen Garrett, who owns Jump Cut, a trailer house that specializes in foreign, independent and documentary films. While trailers often focus on plot or character descriptions, teasers establish the mood and tone of a film. Teasers "don't have to be chronological," Mr. Garrett said.





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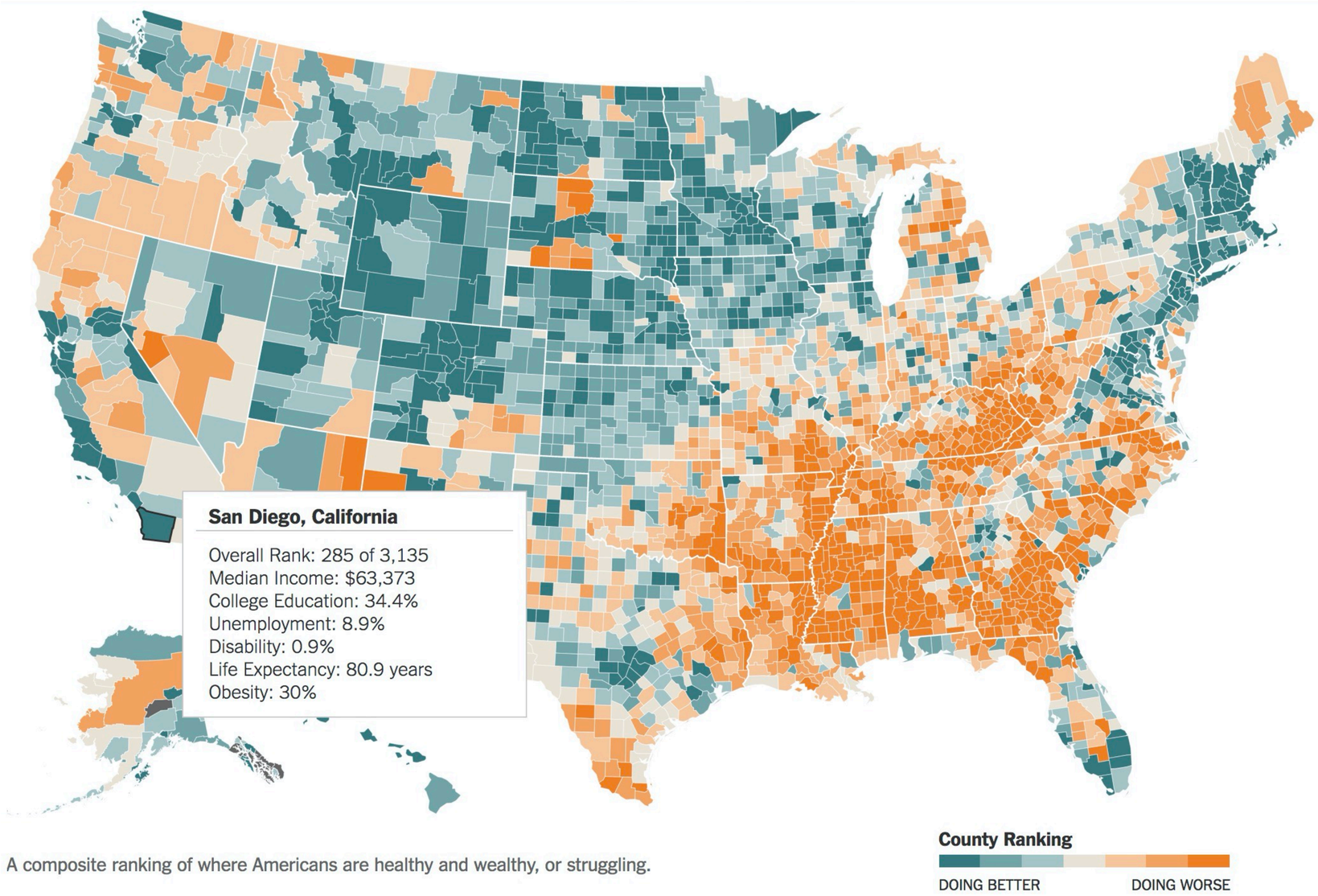
Geography



A composite ranking of where Americans are healthy and wealthy, or struggling.

Source: Alan Flippen, https://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/26/upshot/where-are-the-hardest-places-to-live-in-the-us.html

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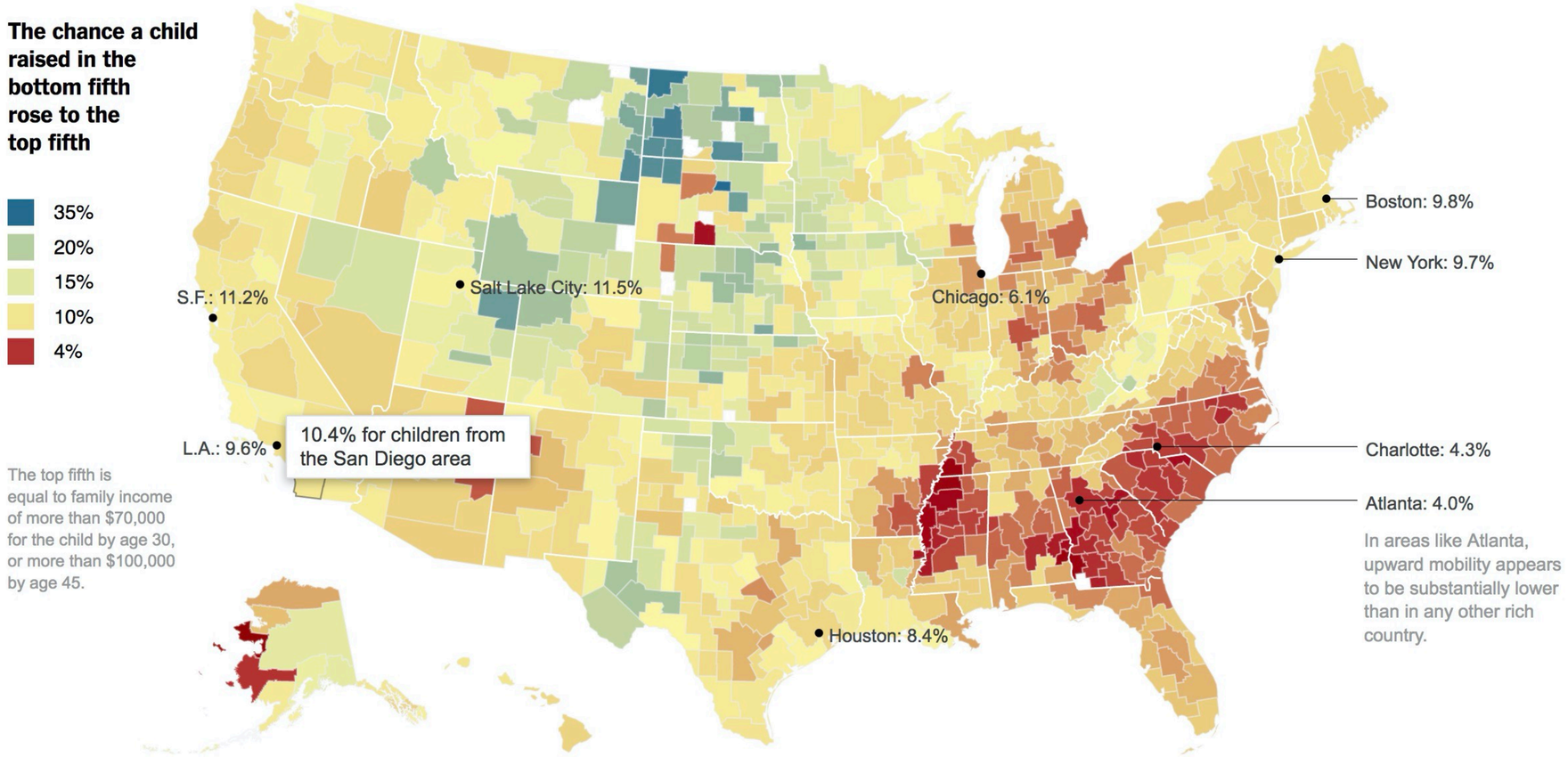
Geography

A study finds the odds of rising to another income level are notably low in certain cities, like Atlanta and Charlotte, and much higher in New York and Boston.



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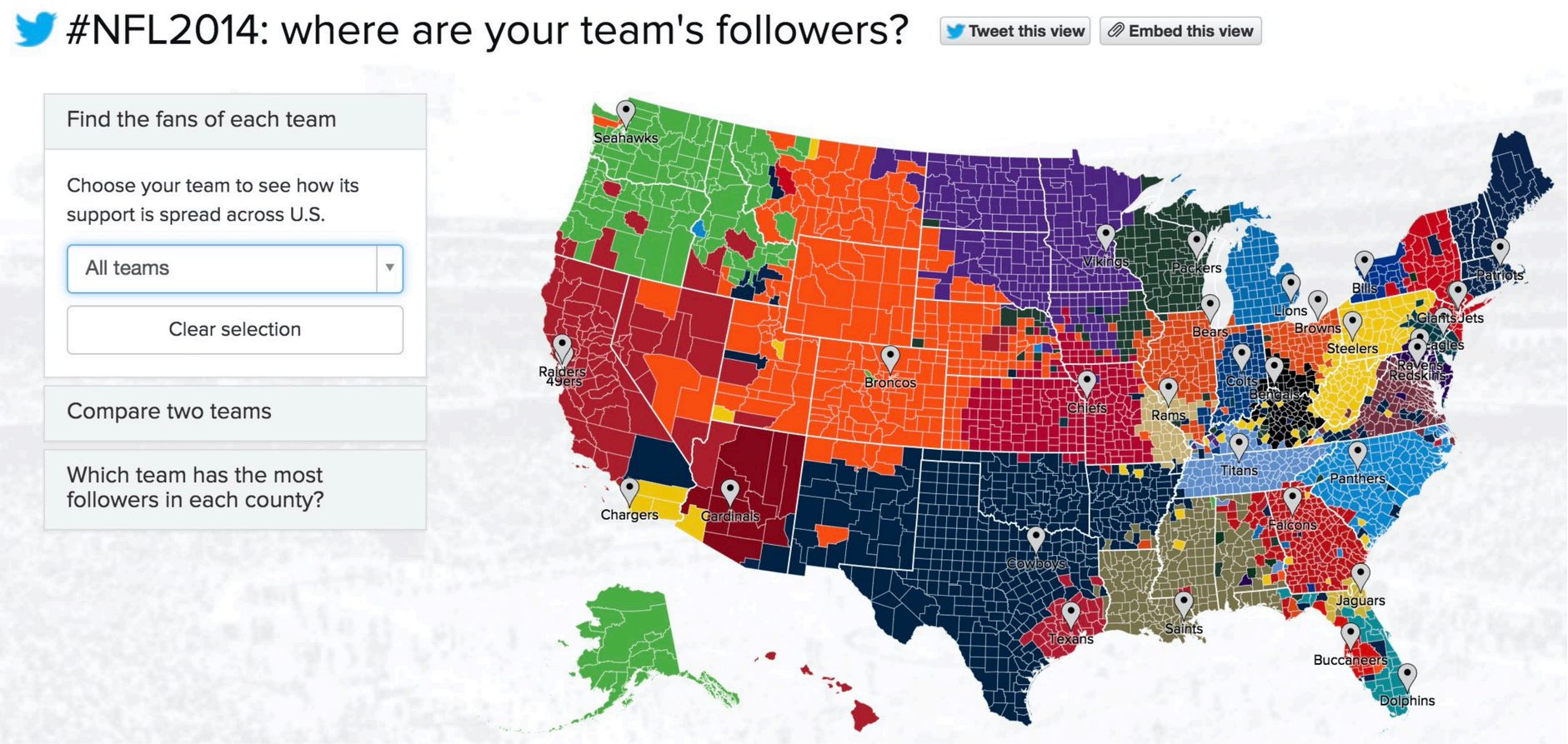
More NFL



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