

# Use Charts in Google Sheets

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## Overview

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Thomas Omar and Seroja Malone started On the Rise Bakery as a small family business to share their love of international flavors and nostalgic baked goods. They expanded from New York City to across North America and now have bakeries around the world. As the company has grown, they have hired staff to help oversee daily operations for multiple locations.

Google Sheets has several built-in tools that make it easy to create and share useful charts and reports so that you can quickly visualize data (without having to leave the spreadsheet).

In this lab, you develop charts to help On the Rise Bakery visualize its location and sales data.

## Sign in to Google Drive

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### Task 1. Create pie charts and column charts

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In this task, you create and customize a chart that displays On the Rise Bakery locations.

### Upload a spreadsheet

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1. In the upper-right corner of [Google Drive](#), click the Settings icon (⚙️), and then click **Settings**.

A window for settings should appear and the **General** tab should be highlighted.

2. Check the box to **Convert uploaded files to Google Docs editor format**, and then click the **DONE** button in the upper-right corner of the window.
3. Click [On the Rise Bakery Sales and Locations](#) to download a spreadsheet.
4. In the left pane, click **New > File upload**.

5. Select the file on your computer named **On the Rise Bakery Sales and Locations.xlsx**.

When you see **Upload complete** in the lower-right, your file has uploaded successfully.

6. Double-click on the newly uploaded file to open it, and then exit out of the Google Drive tab.

## Create a pie chart

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1. To select all the items in column E of the **Locations** sheet, click the gray column label.
2. To create a chart, at the top, click **Insert > Chart**.

You should see a pie chart appear on the screen.

3. (Optional) Click the chart and drag the blue markers to resize it.

You can use pie charts to compare parts of a single data series to the whole. As a best practice, pie charts should include five or fewer categories. Don't use a pie chart to represent exact values because differences in angles and areas can be difficult to understand.

## Create and customize a column chart

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1. In the **Chart editor** pane, for **Chart type**, select **Column chart**.

Google Sheets automatically suggests chart types based on the characteristics of the data, but you are not limited to using only the suggested options.

2. To change the appearance of the chart, click the **Customize** tab.
3. Expand the **Chart & axis titles** section, and then change the chart title to **Locations by Continent**
4. Expand the **Series** section, and then, next to **Format data point**, click **Add**.
5. In the **Select data point** dialog, for **Data point**, select **Continent: South America**, and then click **OK**.
6. Change the color of this data point to purple.
7. In the **Chart editor** pane, scroll down, and then expand the **Gridlines and ticks** section.
8. Select **Vertical axis** in the first dropdown, and then select the **Minor gridlines** checkbox.

## 9. Exit out of the **Chart editor**.

Use a column chart to show one or more categories, or groups, of data, especially if each category has subcategories.

**Note:** The available options for the **Chart editor** vary based on the type of chart that you're editing. A pie chart, for example, has options to edit a **Pie slice**, while a column chart has **Gridlines and ticks**.

## Task 2. Create scatter charts and combo charts

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In this task, you create a combo chart and a scatter chart for On the Rise Bakery sales data from its South American locations.

### Change a line chart to a combo chart

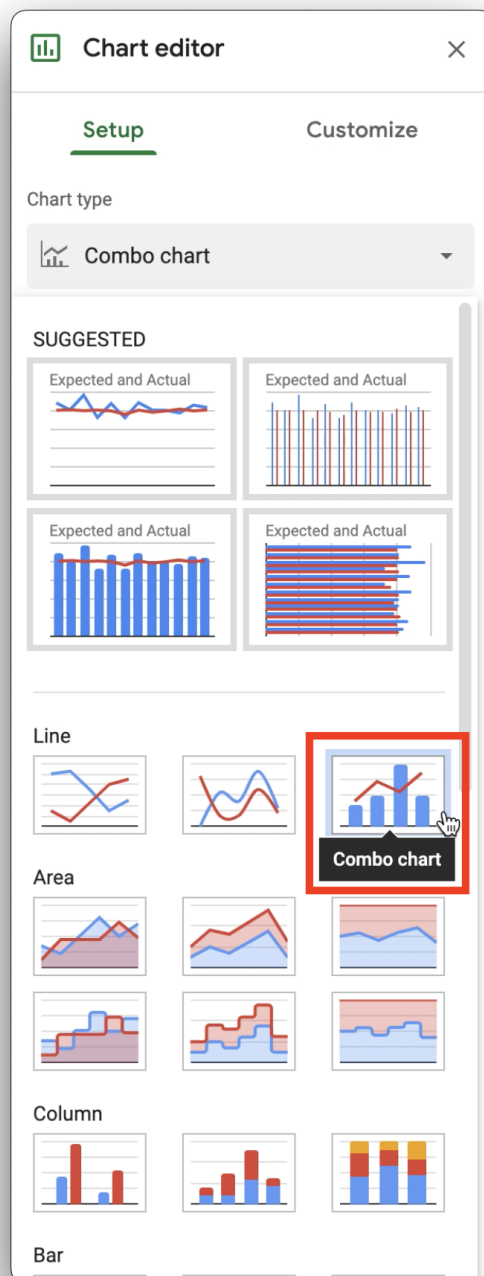
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1. In the lower-left of your spreadsheet, click the sheet labeled **Sales - South America**.
2. Select cells A1:M3, and then at the top, click **Insert > Chart**.

A line chart should appear. Line charts are used to look at data over a time period.

3. In the **Chart editor** pane, for **Chart type**, select **Combo chart**.

Use a combo chart when you want to represent different data series using lines and bars.



## Create a scatter chart

1. Select cells A1:M3, and then at the top, click **Insert > Chart**.

A second copy of the chart should appear on top of the existing chart.

2. Move the charts so they are both visible.

3. In the **Chart Editor** pane, for **Chart type**, select **Scatter chart**.

Scatter charts show numeric coordinates along the horizontal (X) and vertical (Y) axes. Use a scatter chart when you want to find out how much one variable is affected by another.

## Test your understanding

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The charts you created in tasks one and two are just a few examples of visualizations you can create using Google Sheets. Learn more about [Charts & Graphs in Google Sheets](#).

## Task 3. Create inline visualizations

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In this task, you create sparklines and progress bars for On the Rise Bakery to help staff quickly review data.

### Add a sparkline to a sheet

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Sparklines are miniature charts contained within a single cell.

1. Right-click the gray label for column B and select **Insert 1 column left**.

A new, empty column is added.

2. To create a sparkline, in cell B2, type or paste **=SPARKLINE(C2:N2)**

The only required argument for the sparkline function is data, which can be provided as a range of cells, as shown in this exercise. You can also provide data without specifying a range by using an array. For example, **=SPARKLINE({500,100,200,400,300})**.

Learn more about [using arrays in Google Sheets](#).

### Add a progress bar to a sheet

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On the Rise Bakery wants to track progress toward the annual sales goal of \$2,400,000 after the first quarter of the year (January-March). You can create a progress bar by using the sparkline function with optional settings.

1. In cell B3, type or paste **=SPARKLINE(SUM(C3:E3)/2400000,{"charttype","bar"; "max", 1; "min", 0; "color1", "blue"})**

The first argument uses first quarter sales divided by the annual sales goal. The width of the colored bar represents how much of the annual goal has been achieved.

The sparkline function has an optional parameter that lets you specify many attributes, including: chart types, minimum and maximum values, and colors using an array.

2. Change the formula in cell B3 to use **green** instead of **blue** for the progress bar.

Each option in the array is described using comma-delimited pairs. The first word is the name of the option, for example, **"charttype"**. The second attribute is the value that option is set to, for example, **"bar"**. Different options defined in the array are delimited by semicolons.

Similar to the data argument, the options can also be specified as a range. For more information on available options, see [SPARKLINE](#).

## Task 4. Publish a spreadsheet

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In this task, you publish a spreadsheet as a unique web page with its own URL and link a chart to Google Slides.

### Publish a spreadsheet to the web


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1. At the top, click **File > Share > Publish to web**.
2. In the **Publish to the web** dialog, click the dropdown next to the **Entire document**, select a chart from the list, and then click **Publish**.
3. Click **OK** if the **Are you sure you want to publish this selection?** alert appears.
4. To view the published sheet, copy the link and paste it into your web browser.

The publishing option lets you to share a copy of your file as a distinct, lightweight web page. You can control whether or not your web page is automatically republished when changes are made. You can also limit access to a particular domain.

### Embed a chart in a Google Slides presentation

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1. To open a new slide presentation, in a new browser tab, go to [slides.new](https://slides.new)  
  
You can use a shortcut url to quickly create a new Google file in your browser.
2. Change the filename from **Untitled presentation** to **On the Rise Bakery**
3. At the top, for **Layout**, select **Title Only**.
4. In the slide, for the title, type **On the Rise Bakery**
5. At the top, click **Insert > Chart >  From Sheets**.
6. In the **Insert chart** dialog, from the list of files, select **On the Rise Bakery Sales and Locations**, and then click **Select**.
7. In the **Import chart** dialog, select the column chart, and then click **Import**.

When you insert a chart or table to Google Slides or Google Docs, you can link them to existing files.

**Note:** People with access to your presentation or document can view all linked charts and tables, even if they don't have access to the file containing the original Google Sheets file.