

# Head and Tail

- `head` and `tail` are two commands that can help us quickly look near the beginning or end of long lists of values.
- They work with both vectors<sup>1</sup> and datasets<sup>2</sup>
- They expect the object in question as their first argument, and you can use the pipe operation<sup>3</sup> for that.
- They optionally take as a second argument the number of entries to show, with the default being 6.

```
# Ten Most frequent county names
tally(~name, data=counties) %>% sort() %>% tail(10)
# Ten states with smallest number of counties
tally(~state, data=counties) %>% sort() %>% head(10)
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<sup>1</sup>[vectors.html](#)

<sup>2</sup>[basicStatisticsDataset.html](#)

<sup>3</sup>[piping.html](#)