

Business Analytics

Chapter 3 Data Visualization



Introduction

- Data visualization involves:
 - Creating a summary table for the data.
 - Generating charts to help interpret, analyze, and learn from the data.
- Uses of data visualization:
 - Helpful for identifying data errors.
 - Reduces the size of your data set by highlighting important relationships and trends in the data.

Why is Data Visualization Important?

It Can Save Lives!

London 1854

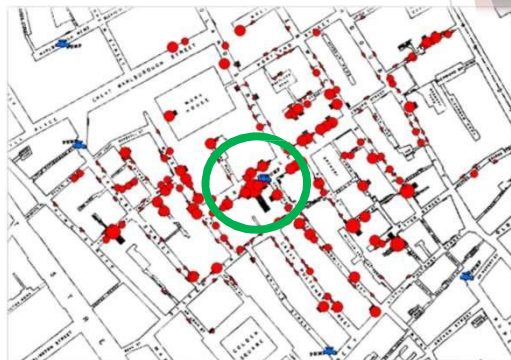
- ☐ John Snow (Not that one!)
- ☐ Mapped Cholera cases

What do you notice about the data?

- ☐ Clustering around water pump!
- ☐ Cholera was water-borne!

Results?

- ☐ Transformed the medical profession
- ☐ Saved Lives!



1. Know Your Audience



What is the purpose?



Who will use the data?



What are their objectives?



How will they interact with the data?



What business questions do users need answered?

2. Use Space and Colors Well

Use of Color is Powerful!

- ☐ Aesthetics
- ☐ Higher Memorability
- ☐ Draws Attention

Used For:

- ☐ Sequential Identification
- ☐ Show Divergence
- ☐ Categories

Avoid Clutter

- ☐ Lose Actionable Information

Figure: U.S. Regional Composition



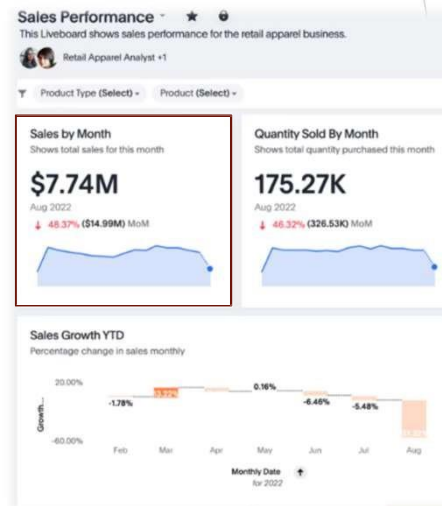
3. Highlight Important Information

Tell a Story

- ☐ Point out what is important
- ☐ Make it easy to follow

Placement

- ☐ For Western Audiences:
- ☐ Top Left = Most Important



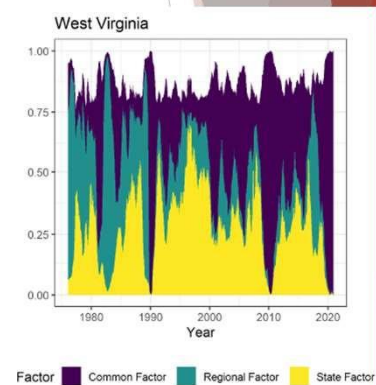
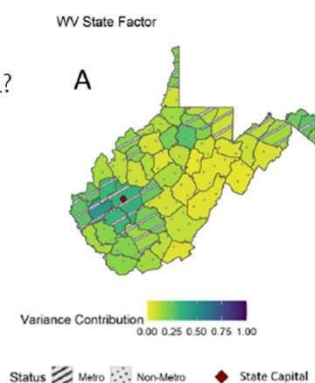
4. Keep it Simple and Straightforward (K.I.S.S)

Use Correct Figure Types

- ☐ What story are you trying to tell?
- ☐ What type of data do you have?

Make It Easy For Viewers

- ☐ Less Distractions
- ☐ Less Conscious Thought



Overview of Data Visualization

Effective Design Techniques:

□ **Data-ink ratio:**

□ Measures the proportion of what Tufte terms “data-ink” to the total amount of ink used in a table or chart.

□ **Helpful for creating effective tables and charts for data visualization:**

□ **Data-ink:** Ink used in a table or chart that is necessary to convey the meaning of the data to the audience.

□ **Non-data-ink:** Ink used in a table or chart that serves no useful purpose in conveying the data to the audience.

Which One is Better?

A

Scarf Sales			
Day	Sales (units)	Day	Sales (units)
1	150	11	170
2	170	12	160
3	140	13	290
4	150	14	200
5	180	15	210
6	180	16	110
7	210	17	90
8	230	18	140
9	140	19	150
10	200	20	230

B

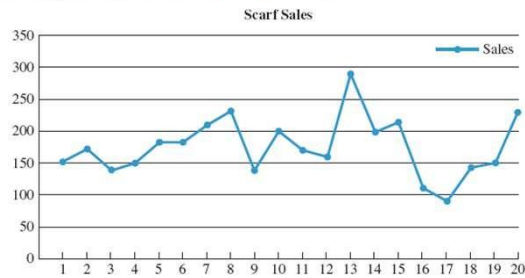
Increasing the Data-Ink Ratio by Removing Unnecessary Gridlines

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9	140	19	150
10	200	20	230

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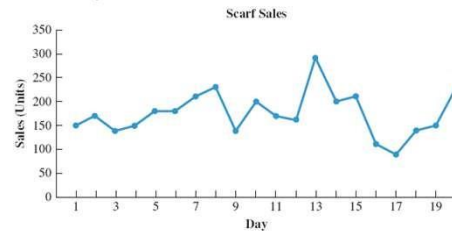
A

Example of a Low Data-Ink Ratio Chart



B

Increasing the Data-Ink Ratio by Adding Labels to Axes and Removing Unnecessary Lines and Labels



What's Wrong With This?

Cluster Specific Summary Statistics from June 2017 FoodS for Clustering and Censored Regression Variables

	Cluster=1 (High Income)		Cluster=2 (Older and More Concerned)		Cluster=3 (Younger and Less Concerned)		Cluster=4 (Households with Children)		Cluster=5 (Food Stamp Recipients)	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Level of Concern for e. coli	3.18	1.24	4.18	0.81	2.21	1.17	3.40	1.29	3.41	1.31
Household Size	2.74	1.08	1.87	0.72	2.22	1.16	3.91	0.91	2.10	1.05
Household Income										
<\$20,000	0.00%		13.38%		21.99%		5.56%		68.22%	
\$20,000 - \$39,999	0.00%		26.76%		28.63%		14.65%		20.56%	
\$40,000 - \$59,999	0.49%		19.40%		21.99%		15.15%		5.61%	
\$60,000 - \$79,999	3.92%		25.08%		14.94%		17.68%		1.87%	
\$80,000 - \$99,999	14.71%		9.70%		7.88%		13.64%		0.93%	
\$100,000 - \$119,999	21.08%		5.02%		4.56%		11.11%		0.93%	
\$120,000 - \$139,999	19.61%		0.67%		0.00%		7.07%		0.93%	
\$140,000 - \$159,999	17.16%		0.00%		0.00%		7.58%		0.93%	
>\$159,999	23.04%		0.00%		0.00%		7.58%		0.00%	
Age										
18-24	7.84%		0.00%		29.05%		13.13%		8.41%	
25-34	12.75%		4.68%		28.63%		31.31%		11.21%	
35-44	11.27%		6.69%		17.01%		27.78%		19.63%	
45-54	24.51%		13.38%		10.79%		20.20%		29.91%	
55-64	23.53%		27.76%		10.79%		5.56%		18.69%	
65-73	17.16%		40.13%		3.73%		2.02%		9.35%	
>73	2.94%		7.36%		0.00%		0.00%		2.80%	
Current Food Stamp Recipient	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	16.16%	0.37	100.00%	0.00
Children in the Household	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.41%	0.06	99.49%	0.07	14.95%	0.36
Cluster size	204		299		241		198		107	
Percentage of total Sample	19.45%		28.50%		22.97%		18.88%		10.20%	

Choosing FSMA Exempt Tomatoes when ONLY Food Safety Label is Present

Variable	Estimate	SE
Intercept	-2.0587***	0.4773
Importance of Food Safety	-0.1234	0.1405
Female	0.2467*	0.1486
Vegan and/or Vegetarian	-0.9259**	0.4724
Spanish Origin	0.3266	0.236
Liberal	-0.0143	0.1521
Food at home expenditure	0.3326*	0.1738
Food at home expenditure squared	-0.0261*	0.0152

*, **, *** indicated significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% levels

5. Get Other Opinions

Ask someone!

- ☐ Ask a lot of people
- ☐ What looks better
- ☐ What performs better

Example: A/B Testing

- ☐ Compare 2 versions of something to figure out which performs better
- ☐ Typically used for websites and apps
 - ☐ Started 1920



Tables

Table Design Principles

Crosstabulation

PivotTables in Excel

Recommended PivotTables in Excel

Should I Use Tables or Charts?

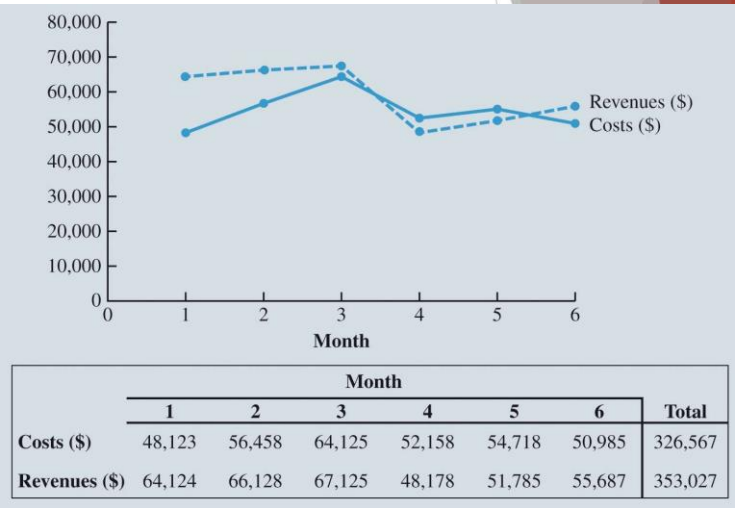
Tables should be used when:

1. The reader needs to refer to specific numerical values.
2. The reader needs to make precise comparisons between different values and not just relative comparisons.
3. The values being displayed have different units or very different magnitudes.



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Figure 3.6: Combined Line Chart and Table for Monthly Costs and Revenues at Gossamer Industries



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Table 3.4: Table Displaying Head Count, Costs, and Revenues at Gossamer Industries

	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Total
Head Count	8	9	10	9	9	9	
Costs (\$)	48,123	56,458	64,125	52,158	54,718	50,985	326,567
Revenues (\$)	64,124	66,128	67,125	48,178	51,785	55,687	353,027

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Table Design Principles:

- ❑ Avoid using vertical lines in a table unless they are necessary for clarity.
- ❑ Horizontal lines are generally necessary only for separating column titles from data values or when indicating that a calculation has taken place.



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Figure 3.7: Comparing Different Table Designs

Design A:

	Month						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Costs (\$)	48,123	56,458	64,125	52,158	54,718	50,985	326,567
Revenues (\$)	64,124	66,128	67,125	48,178	51,785	55,687	353,027
Profits (\$)	16,001	9,670	3,000	(3,980)	(2,933)	4,702	26,460

Design B:

	Month						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
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Design C:

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Table 3.5: Larger Table Showing Revenues by Location for 12 Months of Data

Revenues by Location (\$)	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6
Temple	8,987	8,595	8,958	6,718	8,066	8,574
Killeen	8,212	9,143	8,714	6,869	8,150	8,891
Waco	11,603	12,063	11,173	9,622	8,912	9,553
Belton	7,671	7,617	7,896	6,899	7,877	6,621
Granger	7,642	7,744	7,836	5,833	6,002	6,728
Harker Heights	5,257	5,326	4,998	4,304	4,106	4,980
Gatesville	5,316	5,245	5,056	3,317	3,852	4,026
Lampasas	5,266	5,129	5,022	3,022	3,088	4,289
Academy	4,170	5,266	7,472	1,594	1,732	2,025
Total	64,124	66,128	67,125	48,178	51,785	55,687
Costs (\$)	48,123	56,458	64,125	52,158	54,718	50,985

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□ Crosstabulation:

- A useful type of table for describing data of two variables.

□ PivotTable:

- A crosstabulation in Microsoft Excel.

Pivot Table 1

Sales	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Apples	250	590		840
John		180	180	
Mike		120	120	
Pete		290	290	
Sally	250		250	
Bananas		430	600	1030
John			400	400
Mike			200	200
Pete		180	180	
Sally	250		250	
Cherries	580	910		1490
John		250	250	
Mike	250	330	580	
Pete		330	330	
Sally	330		330	
Oranges		120	720	840
John		120	120	
Mike		400	400	
Pete		120	120	
Sally		200	200	
Total	830	2050	1320	4200

Pivot Table 2

Month	(All)				
Sales	Product				
Reseller	Apples	Bananas	Cherries	Oranges	Total
John	\$180	\$400	\$250	\$120	\$950
Mike	\$120	\$200	\$580	\$400	\$1,300
Pete	\$290	\$180	\$330	\$120	\$920
Sally	\$250	\$250	\$330	\$200	\$1,030
Total	\$840	\$1,030	\$1,490	\$840	\$4,200

Pivot Table 3

Product	(All)				
Sales	Month				
Reseller	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total	
John			\$430	\$520	\$950
Mike	\$250	\$450	\$600	\$1,300	
Pete		\$920		\$920	
Sally	\$580	\$250	\$200	\$1,030	
Total	\$830	\$2,050	\$1,320	\$4,200	

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Table 3.6: Quality Rating and Meal Price for 300 Los Angeles Restaurants

Restaurant	Quality Rating	Meal Price (\$)	Wait Time (min)
1	Good	18	5
2	Very Good	22	6
3	Good	28	1
4	Excellent	38	74
5	Very Good	33	6
6	Good	28	5
7	Very Good	19	11
8	Very Good	11	9
9	Very Good	23	13
10	Good	13	1

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Table 3.7: Crosstabulation of Quality Rating and Meal Price for 300 Los Angeles Restaurants

Quality Rating	Meal Price				Total
	\$10-19	\$20-29	\$30-39	\$40-49	
Good	42	40	2	0	84
Very Good	34	64	46	6	150
Excellent	2	14	28	22	66
Total	78	118	76	28	300

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Figure 3.10: Completed PivotTable Field List and a Portion of the PivotTable Report for the Restaurant Data (Columns H:AK Are Hidden)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	ALAM	AN	AO	AP	AQ	AR
1													
2													
3	Count of Restaurant Columns Labels												
4	Row Labels		10	11	12	13	14	15	47	48	Grand Total		
5	Excellent					1		2	2		66		
6	Good		6	4	3	3	2	4			84		
7	Very Good		1	4	3	5	6	1	1		150		
8	Grand Total		7	8	6	9	8	5	2	3	300		
9													
10													
11													
12													
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19													
20													
21													

PivotTable Fields

Choose fields to add to report:

☒ Restaurant
☒ Quality Rating
☒ Meal Price (\$)
☐ Wait Time (min)

MORE TABLES...

Drag fields between areas below:

FILTERS

COLUMNS

Meal Price (\$)

ROWS

Quality Rating

VALUES

Count of Restaurant

Tables

Figure 3.11: Final PivotTable Report for the Restaurant Data

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1									
2									
3	Count of Restaurant Column Labels								
4	Row Labels		10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	Grand Total		
5	Good		42	40	2		84		
6	Very Good		34	64	46	6	150		
7	Excellent		2	14	28	22	66		
8	Grand Total		78	118	76	28	300		
9									
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PivotTable Fields

Choose fields to add to report:

☒ Restaurant
☒ Quality Rating
☒ Meal Price (\$)
☐ Wait Time (min)

MORE TABLES...

Drag fields between areas below:

FILTERS

COLUMNS

Meal Price (\$)

ROWS

Quality Rating

VALUES

Count of Restaurant

Tables

Figure 3.12: Percent Frequency Distribution as a PivotTable for the Restaurant Data

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1							
2							
3	Count of Restaurant Column						
4	Row Labels	Labels 10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	Grand Total	
5	Good	14.00%	13.33%	0.67%	0.00%	28.00%	
6	Very Good	11.33%	21.33%	15.33%	2.00%	50.00%	
7	Excellent	0.67%	4.67%	9.33%	7.33%	22.00%	
8	Grand Total	26.00%	39.33%	25.33%	9.33%	100.00%	
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18							

PivotTable Fields

Choose fields to add to report:

- ☒ Restaurant
- ☒ Quality Rating
- ☒ Meal Price (\$)
- ☐ Wait Time (min)

MORE TABLES...

Drag fields between areas below:

FILTERS

COLUMNS
Meal Price (\$)

ROWS
Quality Rating

VALUES
Count of Restaurant

Tables

Figure 3.13: PivotTable Report for the Restaurant Data with Average Wait Times Added

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1							
2							
3	Average of Wait Time (min) Column						
4	Row Labels	Labels 10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	Grand Total	
5	Good	2.6	2.5	0.5		2.5	
6	Very Good	12.6	12.6	12.0	10.0	12.3	
7	Excellent	25.5	29.1	34.0	32.3	32.1	
8	Grand Total	7.6	11.1	19.8	27.5	13.9	
9							
10							
11							
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13							
14							
15							
16							
17							

PivotTable Fields

Choose fields to add to report:

- ☐ Restaurant
- ☒ Quality Rating
- ☒ Meal Price (\$)
- ☒ Wait Time (min)

Drag fields between areas below:

FILTERS

COLUMNS
Meal Price (\$)

ROWS
Quality Rating

VALUES
Average of Wait Time (min)