1, How to change cell’s colour based on the selection made in a drop-down list ?  
[selection colours](https://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/msoffice/forum/all/in-excel-how-do-i-change-cell-color-based-on-the/127cabb1-3414-4de8-ba65-a877e44ea647)

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| 1) Click on cell with drop down list.  2) Select which answer to apply format to.  3) Click on "Home" tab, then click the "Styles" tool button on the ribbon.  4) Click "Conditional Formatting", in drop down list click the "\*New Rule" option.  5) Select a Rule Type: "Format only cells that contain"  6) Edit the Rule Description: "Cell Value", "equal to", click the cell formula icon in the formula bar (far right), select which worksheet the validation list was created in, select the cell within the list to which you wish to apply the formatting.  Formula should look something like: ='Workbook Data'!$A$2  7) Click the formula icon again to return to format menu.  8) Click on Format button beside preview pane.  9) Select all format options desired.  10) Press "OK" twice. |

2, Ways to count cells in a range of data.  
[count sells](https://support.microsoft.com/en-au/office/ways-to-count-cells-in-a-range-of-data-3e0b3b7a-e0e4-478a-a940-889400120072)

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| Select the cell where you want the result to appear.  On the Formulas tab, click More Functions, point to Statistical, and then click one of the following functions:  COUNTA: To count cells that are not empty  COUNT: To count cells that contain numbers.  COUNTBLANK: To count cells that are blank.  COUNTIF: To count cells that meets a specified criteria.  Tip: To enter more than one criterion, use the COUNTIFS function instead.  Select the range of cells that you want, and then press RETURN. |