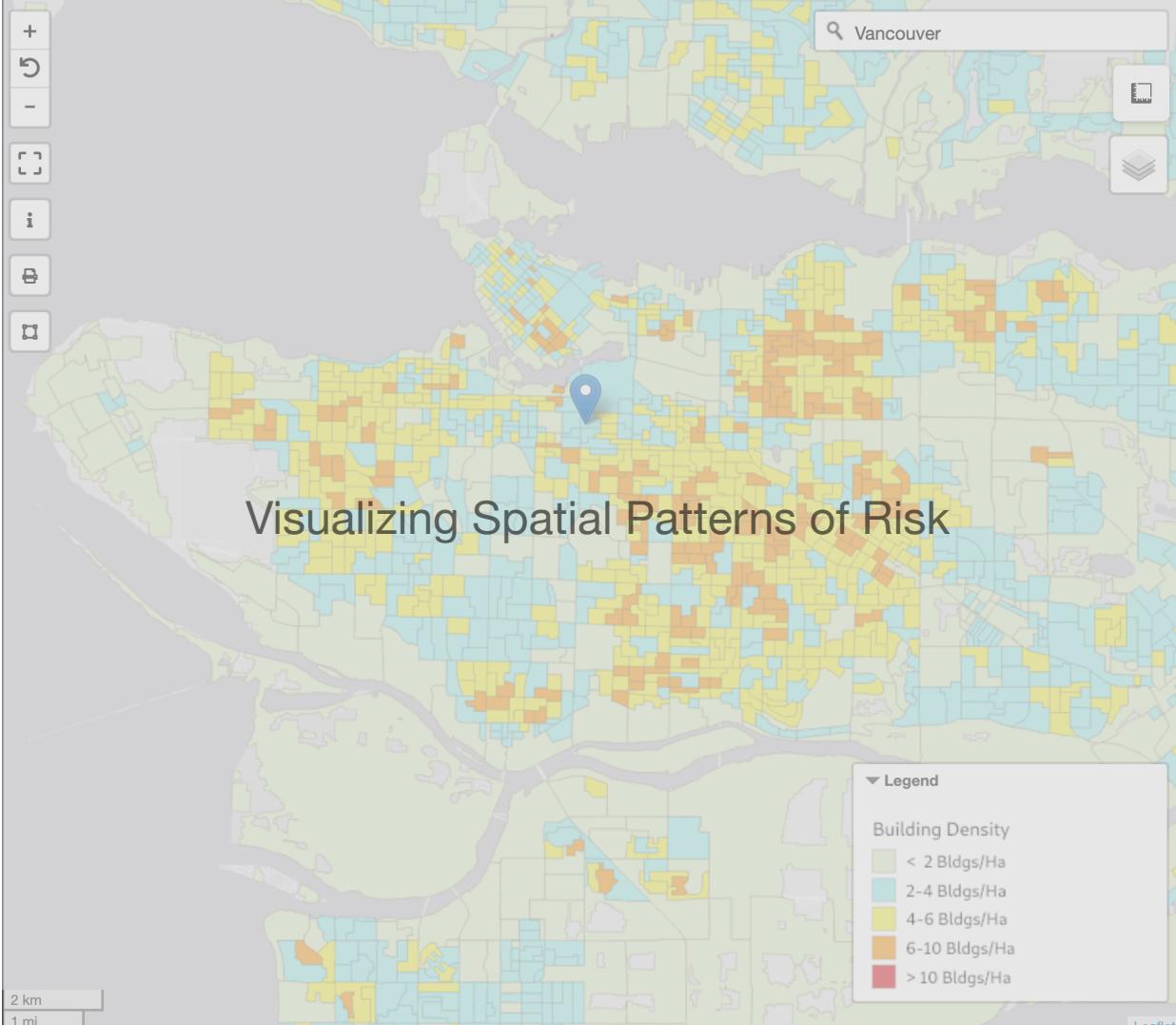


# Using InfoViz to Develop a Shared Understanding of Risk

  GEM-NRCan Staging Map Viewer

Human Settlement 

  
Vancouver

Physical Exposure and Patterns of Human Settlement

Canada is similar in geographic area to China or the United States ( $9,984,670 \text{ km}^2$ ) but ranks 38th in terms of global population (35.1 million in 2016), with the majority of people and assets (~76%) concentrated in urban centres and sparsely settled areas situated along its southern border (Statistics Canada, 2016b). Like many areas in the world, Canada has experienced rapid growth and development with built up-areas in urban settings nearly doubling over a 40-year period from  $5,300 \text{ km}^2$  in 1975 to more than  $10,880 \text{ km}^2$  in 2016 (Pesaresi et al., 2018). Nearly half of all Canadians (15.5 million people) currently live in and around the metropolitan centres of Toronto, Windsor, Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa and Winnipeg.

**Narrative Thread**

  
Visualizing Statistical Patterns of Risk

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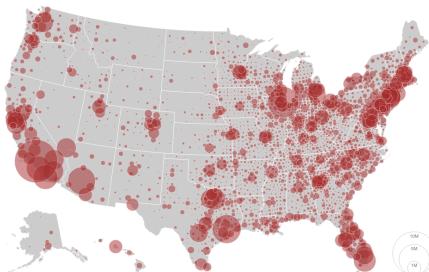
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# Visualizing Spatial Patterns of Risk

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## Bubble Map



**Purpose:** Visualize site-level point data for a given location at variable scales of resolution. Attribute data (buildings, people and/or assets) are represented as circles that are scaled according to corresponding numeric values. Used to represent aggregated and/or nested disaggregated values at a given location.

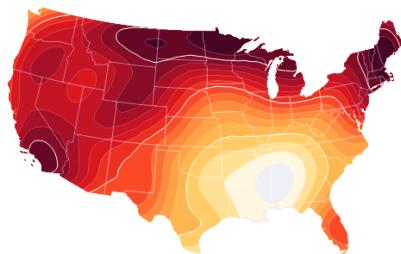
**Example Indicator:** Number of buildings likely to be damaged beyond repair, with potential to disaggregate by tag values (construction, occupancy, etc)

**User Interaction:** User can retrieve attribute information for a given location by clicking on map features and can filter point data based on tag values in legend and/or corresponding charts

**Code Samples:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@olemi/mapping-data-on-openstreetmap-using-leaflet>
  - <https://observablehq.com/@d3/bubble-map>
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## Contour Density Map



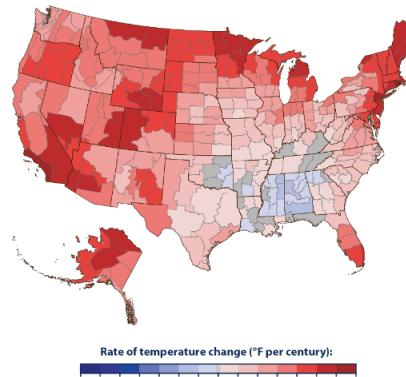
**Purpose:** Visualize generalized patterns of point data at variable scales of resolution. Site-level or aggregated data points are gridded and contoured according to corresponding numeric values. Used to identify hotspots of concern when zoomed out to regional and/or national scales of resolution

**Example Indicator:** Concentration of earthquake risk for a given region of interest.

**User Interaction:** User can retrieve interpolated values for a given location by clicking on map features and can filter data based on tag values in legend and/or corresponding charts

**Code Samples:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@efrymire/gridding-map-files>



## Choropleth Map

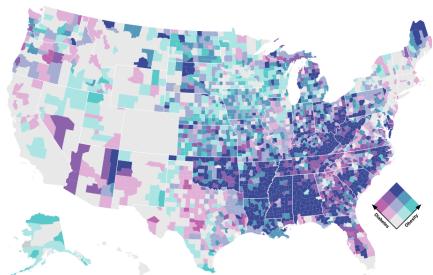
**Purpose:** Display spatial variation of RiskProfile Indicators for a given region based on divided geographical areas (Census geometries) that are colored in relation to a numeric values. Proportional numeric values are used to avoid visual weighting bias associated with larger geographic regions. Attribute values are dynamically themed using either quantile or threshold exceedance values.

**Example Indicator:** Proportion of the population likely to be displaced for more than 30 days

**User Interaction:** User can retrieve aggregate attribute values for a given location by clicking on map features and can filter data based on tag values in legend and/or corresponding charts

**Code Samples:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@d3/quantile-choropleth>
- <https://observablehq.com/@d3/threshold-choropleth>



## Bivariate Choropleth Map

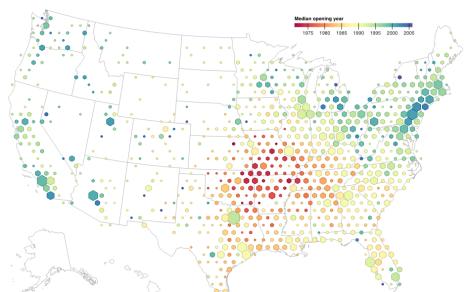
**Purpose:** Visualize the relationship between two spatially distributed attribute variables on a single map layer by combining two different sets of normalized thematic data. Used to help draw out cause-effect relationships that would otherwise only be visible by visualizing comparing two separate maps side-by-side.

**Example Indicator:** Populations most vulnerable to the physical impacts of a disaster event.

**User Interaction:** User can retrieve aggregate attribute values for a given location by clicking on map features and can filter data based on tag values in legend and/or corresponding charts

**Code Samples:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@d3/bivariate-choropleth>



## Hexbin Map

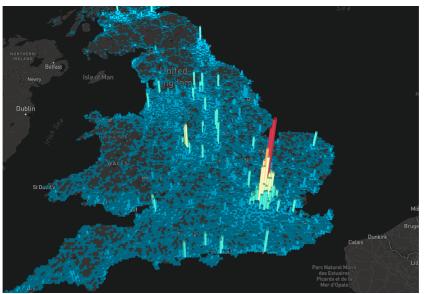
**Purpose:** Display aggregated point data at regional and national zoom scales to draw out fundamental thematic patterns. Hexbin size changes dynamically as the zoom scale increases. This technique is particularly relevant for use in Canada where settled areas are concentrated in relatively small regions of the country. Used for zoom scales greater than 1:500,000

**Example Indicator:** Number of buildings that exceed the 1%/50 year collapse threshold

**User Interaction:** User can retrieve aggregate attribute values for a given location by clicking on map features and can filter data based on tag values in legend and/or corresponding charts

**Code Samples:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@nbremer/hexagon-grid-heatmap>
- <https://observablehq.com/@d3/hexbin-map>



## 3d Hexbin Map

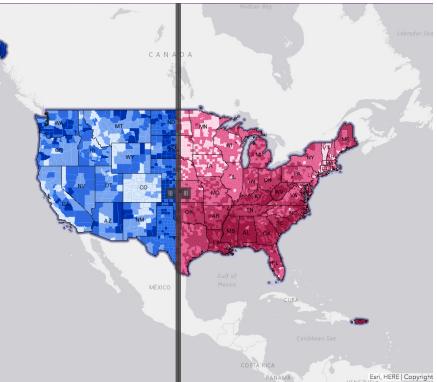
**Purpose:** Display aggregated point data in 3 dimensions at regional and national zoom scales to draw out fundamental thematic patterns. Hexbin size changes dynamically as the zoom scale increases. This technique is particularly relevant for use in Canada where settled areas are concentrated in relatively small regions of the country. Used for zoom scales greater than 1:500,000

**Example Indicator:** Number of buildings that exceed the 1%/50 year collapse threshold

**User Interaction:** User can retrieve aggregate attribute values for a given location by clicking on map features and can filter data based on tag values in legend and/or corresponding charts

**Code Samples:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@kforeman/untitled>



## Swipe Map

**Purpose:** Compare map patterns between two different temporal or condition states of a variable. This technique would be particularly effective in visualizing the potential to reduce risk through proactive investments in mitigation and/or adaptation.

**Example Indicator:** Losses avoided by retrofitting seismically vulnerable buildings

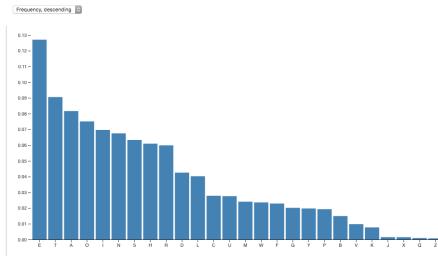
**User Interaction:** User can retrieve aggregate attribute values for a given location by clicking on map features and can filter data based on tag values in legend and/or corresponding charts

**Code Samples:**

- <https://github.com/Esri/storymap-swipe/blob/master/README.md>
- [https://developers.arcgis.com/javascript/3/jssamples/widget\\_swipe.html](https://developers.arcgis.com/javascript/3/jssamples/widget_swipe.html)

# Visualizing Statistical Patterns of Risk

## Simple Bar Chart



**Purpose:** Compare single attribute values across a set of categorical variables. The heights or lengths of the bars for each category are proportional to the values they represent.

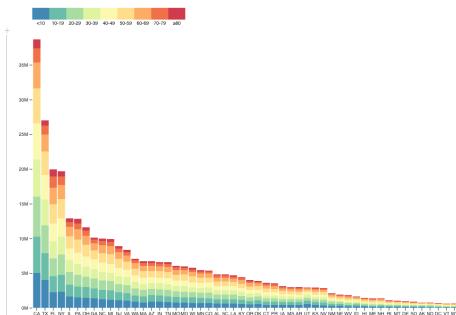
**Example Indicator:** Number of injuries in selected Census Subdivision regions

**User Interaction:** Tooltips return attribute values for a given category. Clicking on the bar for a given category highlights or filters the corresponding spatial objects on the map.

**Code Samples:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@d3/sortable-bar-chart>
- <https://observablehq.com/@tgotwig/simple-random-barplot-with-tooltips>
- <http://bl.ocks.org/Caged/6476579>

## Stacked Bar Chart



**Purpose:** Compare attribute values for multiple groups of data across a set of categorical variables. The heights or lengths of the bars show the combined results of the groups for each category. Used to help draw out statistical patterns when datasets are disaggregated by thematic tag values.

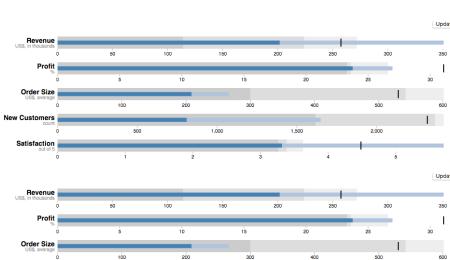
**Example Indicator:** Number of injuries grouped by level of severity in selected Census Subdivision regions

**User Interaction:** Tooltips return attribute values of a selected group for a given category. Clicking on the bar for a given group in a category highlights or filters the corresponding spatial objects on the map.

**Code Samples:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@d3/stacked-bar-chart#>

## Bullet Chart



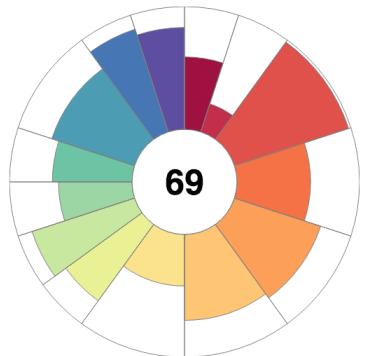
**Purpose:** Similar to a bar chart, but with additional information to compare a given quantitative measure (damage, loss, etc) with a range of categorical values (low, moderate, considerable, etc) or variable states (baseline, scenario 1, scenario 2, etc).

**Example:** Expected impacts and consequences of a damaging earthquake with and without retrofit measures in place

**User Interaction:** Tooltips return attribute values for a given category.

**Code Sample:** <https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/4061961>

## D3 Aster Chart



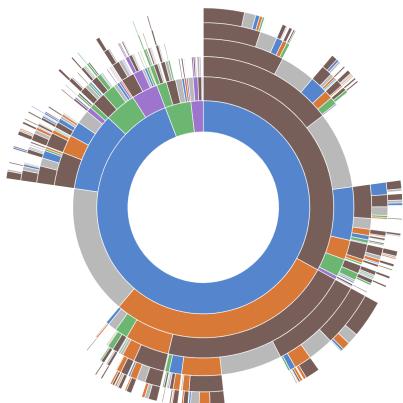
**Purpose:** Compare single attribute values across a set of categorical variables. Aster plots display pie slices as lengths extending outward to the edge (0 at inner to 100 at outer). Widths of the pie slices represent the weight of each pie, which gets used to arrive at a weighted mean of the length scores in the center

**Example Indicator:** Severity of multi-hazard threat for a given region, where each bar of the chart represents the relative intensity for any specific hazard type (earthquake, flood, wildfire, etc)

**User Interaction:** Tooltips return attribute values for a given category

**Code Samples:**

- <http://bl.ocks.org/bbest/2de0e25d4840c68f2db1>
- <https://observablehq.com/@git-ashish/d3-aster-chart>



## Sequence Starburst Chart

**Purpose:** Visualize and explore attribute values for a hierarchical structure of data (Risk Profile). Each level of the organizational structure (taxonomy) is represented by a categorical ring that comprises a disaggregated subset of data.

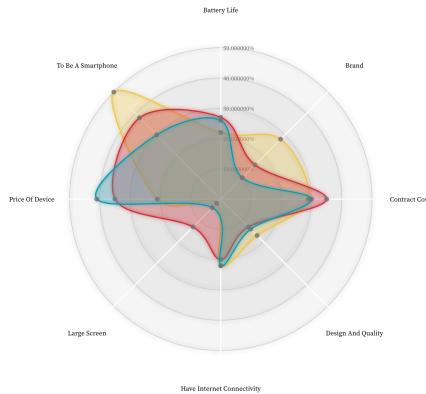
**Example:** Composite risk profile for a selected feature or for an aggregate group of features

**User Interaction:** Hovering over any component of the taxonomy displays the hierarchical structure of the data and returns the corresponding attribute values of interest.

**Code Samples:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@kerryrodden/sequences-sunburst>
- <https://observablehq.com/@d3/zoomable-sunburst>

## Radar Plot



**Purpose:** compare a series of quantitative measure (damage, loss, etc) for a range of categories (baseline, scenario 1, scenario 2, etc).

**Example:** Expected impacts and consequences of a damaging earthquake with and without retrofit measures in place

**User Interaction:** Tooltips return attribute values for a given series and category.

**Code Sample:**

- <https://observablehq.com/@rayraegah/radar-chart>