# Big Data Loading Methods Report

| Method | Mean (Length) | Time (sec) | Memory Used (MB) | File Size | Notes |
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| 1■■ Pandas (Chunksize) | 462.7395 | 92.93 | 22.40 | 4526.62 MB | Processes file in chunks |
| 2■■ Dask | 462.7372 | 125.72 | 219.90 | 4526.62 MB | Lazy parallel computation |
| 3■■ Pandas (gzip full read) | 462.7372 | 122.74 | 8007.27 | 420.04 MB | Reads full compressed file |

## Method 1 — Chunksize

**Advantages**:

• Efficient for very large files.

• Low and controlled memory usage.

• No extra libraries needed.

**Disadvantages**:

• Slightly slower due to chunk processing.

• Some operations require manual aggregation.

**When to Use:**

• Use for very large files that cannot fit into RAM.

## Method 2 — Dask

**Advantages**:

• Handles very large datasets efficiently.

• Parallel and distributed computation.

• Moderate memory usage (≈220 MB) and good scalability.

**Disadvantages**:

• Slightly slower than Pandas (due to scheduling overhead).

• Some pandas functions not fully supported.

**When to Use:**

• Best for large datasets and multi-core processing, especially when memory is limited but parallelism is available.

## Method 3 — Compressed CSV (gzip, full read)

**Advantages**:

• Saves disk space drastically.
• Simple single-step loading.

**Disadvantages**:

• High memory usage (≈8 GB).
• Slowest method when decompression is included.

**When to Use:**

• Suitable for small-to-medium datasets that fit in memory.