Case Study #2

Fitbit health tracker – a worldwide fitness company.

About

Fitbit is a worldwide fitness company that uses sensors and wireless technology to bring better fitness and health experiences. This dataset focuses on data generated by 33 fitbit users who consented to the submission of personal tracker data, including minute-level output for physical activity, heart rate, weight, and sleep monitoring. The data was collected through fitbit health trackers between 12/04/2016-12/05/2016.

Ask Phase

Business task: analyze smart device data to gain insight into how consumers are using their smart devices. The insights discovered will help guide marketing strategy for the company.

Prepare Phase

Checking for data integrity with ROCCC process:

The reliability of data – which means accurate, complete, and unbiased data. As stated by the dataset distributor, this data was generated by respondents to a distributed survey via "Amazon Mechanical Turk". The data can be considered reliable only If there was no intervention of the respondent and the distributor during data transfer, collection, or any other modification during survey. As per bias in the data, the survey was accessible to all without any preference to a specific group (whoever wanted to share the data took the survey). However, the small number of respondents might cause some sort of misrepresentation.

Original data – second- or third-party data can be modified along the way or can be changed through problematic data migration/ transfer. To determine that the data is original the data should be validated with the original source. This data is second party, and it can't be validated because there is no access to the original. For the purpose of this analysis, it will be considered faithful to the original source.

Comprehensive – data that contains critical information needed to answer the business task. The datasets contain anything they claim to contain, personal tracker data, physical activity, heart rate, weight, and sleep monitoring.

Current – seemingly, this data is not current because it was collected in 2016, and it can be considered old, however, due to the nature of the information, this data is still relevant. It can be claimed that the tracked parameters are timeless. However, it can also be argued that the

degree of activity is prone to different influences over the years. For the purpose of this analysis, the data will be considered current.

Cited – who created the dataset? Is it part of a credible organization?

It is known that the data was collected via "Amazon Mechanical Turk". The company can be trusted; however, I am not familiar with this service and the way it operates. I believe that the survey takes its precautions to prevent possible problems such as multiple applications for a single user. For the purpose of this analysis, the data will be considered cited.

Process Phase (Cleaning and Manipulating)

The cleaning and manipulation were done in Excel and SQL. In Excel, before the initial cleaning, a copy was created to keep the original at hand. The cleaning process includes removing duplicates, irrelevant data, extra spaces, blanks. Also, correcting inconsistencies, typos, misfielded values, and data types.

Daily Activity Dataset

This dataset contains 940 records and 15 fields (Id, ActivityDay, TotalSteps, TotalDistance, TrackerDistance, LoggedActivitiesDistance, SedentaryMinutes, LightlyActiveMinutes, FairlyActiveMinutes, VeryActiveMinutes, SedentaryActiveDistance, LightActiveDistance, ModeratelyActiveDistance, VeryActiveDistance, Calories). The data covers a period of 30 days from 12/04/2016 to 12/05/2016.

- 1. Checked for duplicates (Data tab -> Data tools: remove duplicates). None discovered.
- 2. No irrelevant data was discovered through the Filter tool. There were no Null values in any of the fields or any numbers that stood out (e.g., negative values).
- 3. All IDs were checked for character length with the following formula =len(cell_ref) and no irregular lengths were detected. All lengths consisted of 10 characters.
- 4. The meta data about 'TotalDistance' and 'TrackerDistance' described the 2 fields as follows; total kilometers tracked, and total kilometers tracked by fitbit device respectively. Because the difference was not clear, these two fields were compared to one another. A logical test was created = cell_ref_field1 = cell_ref_field2 and replicated to all cells. Afterwards, a conditional formatting rule was created to mark all false values. No false values were discovered, which indicates that these two fields were identical. 'TrackerDistance' field was removed.
- 5. Redundancy check: are there any records with zero values in all fields?

 A logical test was created =AND(cell_ref1=0, cell_ref2=0,...) however records with TRUE outputs were not spotted. There was no need for any action to be taken.

Other Datasets

'Sleep day', 'hourly intensities', and 'weight' datasets were checked for duplicates, character length in the Id field and for any irregular numbers (negative numbers, overly large numbers, or NULL values). Nothing irregular was discovered.

After the cleaning process, these datasets were uploaded to SQL Server.

The METs dataset couldn't be cleaned in Excel due to its large number of records, so the cleaning was conducted via SQL Server.

Are there any NULL values?

```
SELECT *
FROM [dbo].[METs]
WHERE [Id] IS NULL OR [ActivityMinute] IS NULL OR [METs] IS NULL
```

Id	ActivityMinute	METs

The output is an empty result, meaning that there are no NULL records.

Checking for duplicates

1. The total number of records:

```
FROM [dbo].[METs]

Total_rec_num
1,325,580
```

The query above counts all records without considering duplicates.

2. Checking for unique values:

```
unique_rec_count
1,325,580
```

If there were any duplicates the unique_rec_count would have been smaller than total_rec_num. However, there is no discrepancy between the two results which indicates that there are no duplicate records.

Id length

```
SELECT MIN(LEN([Id])) min_id_len, MAX(LEN([Id])) max_id_len
FROM [dbo].[METs]
```

First, the range of character length was examined.

min_id_len	max_id_len
11	12

This was an unexpected result. In all previous datasets the Ids exhibited a length of 10 characters.

To verify, the following query was executed:

```
SELECT COUNT([Id]) total_id_count
FROM (
SELECT [Id], LEN([Id]) len_id
FROM [dbo].[METs])new_t
WHERE len_id = 11 or len_id = 12
```

total	id	_count
1,325,580		

All records include extra spaces.

Trimming extra spaces (leading and trailing):

The id was initially stored as bigint datatype, however, to make the space trimming possible, the ids must be changed to nvarchar.

```
ALTER TABLE [dbo].[METs]
ALTER COLUMN [Id] nvarchar(50)
```

Removing trailing and leading spaces:

```
UPDATE [dbo].[METs]
SET [Id] = TRIM([Id])
```

To verify, the range of characters' length was checked once again:

```
SELECT MIN(LEN([Id])) min_id_len, MAX(LEN([Id])) max_id_len
FROM [dbo].[METs]
```

min_id_len	max_id_len
10	10

Analyze Phase

1. How many users tracked their parameters in each dataset?

```
SELECT 'activity' tracked_parameter, COUNT(DISTINCT [Id]) users_count
FROM [dbo].[dailyActivity]
UNION ALL
SELECT 'intensities', COUNT(DISTINCT [Id])
FROM [dbo].[hourlyIntensities]
UNION ALL
SELECT 'METs', COUNT(DISTINCT [Id])
FROM [dbo].[METs]
UNION ALL
SELECT 'sleep', COUNT(DISTINCT [Id])
FROM [dbo].[sleepDay]
UNION ALL
SELECT 'weight', COUNT(DISTINCT [Id])
FROM [dbo].[weight]
```

tracked_parameter	users_count
activity	33
intensities	33
METs	33
sleep	24
weight	8

2. The overall period tracked in the daily activity dataset:

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT [ActivityDate]) days_count
FROM [dbo].[dailyActivity]
```

days_count	
31	

Even though the overall period tracked is 31 days, it is not clear whether each user tracked activity for 31 days or less.

Daily Activity Dataset

3. The number of days tracked by each user:

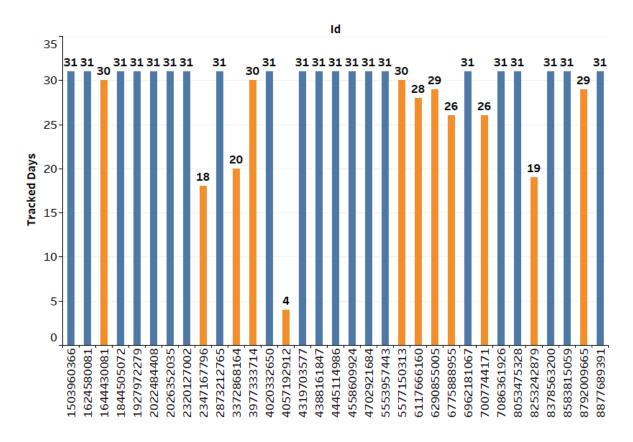
```
SELECT [Id], COUNT([ActivityDate]) tracked_days
FROM [dbo].[dailyActivity]
GROUP BY [Id]
ORDER BY tracked_days DESC
```

Another option:

```
SELECT
          DISTINCT [Id],
          COUNT([ActivityDate]) OVER(PARTITION BY [Id]) activity_day_count
FROM [dbo].[dailyActivity]
ORDER BY activity_day_count DESC
```

Id	tracked_days
4020332650	31
4702921684	31
4388161847	31
8583815059	31
4445114986	31
2873212765	31
2320127002	31
8877689391	31
1844505072	31
7086361926	31
2026352035	31
4558609924	31
8053475328	31
4319703577	31
1503960366	31
5553957443	31
1927972279	31
6962181067	31
1624580081	31
2022484408	31
8378563200	31
5577150313	30
1644430081	30
3977333714	30
8792009665	29
6290855005	29
6117666160	28
7007744171	26

6775888955	26
3372868164	20
8253242879	19
2347167796	18
4057192912	4



The highlighted bars (orange) are < 31 days.

As presented in the bar chart, most, however not all users, tracked their activity for 31 days.

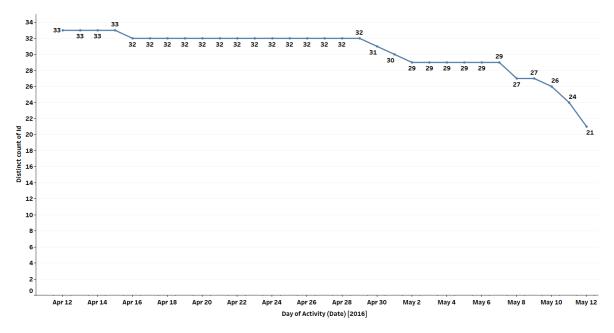
4. How many users tracked their activity each day?

Daily Activity

```
SELECT cast([ActivityDate] as DATE) activity_date, count(distinct [Id])
id_count_per_day
FROM [dbo].[dailyActivity]
GROUP BY cast([ActivityDate] as DATE)
ORDER BY cast([ActivityDate] as DATE)
```

activity_date	id_count_per_day
2016-04-12	33
2016-04-13	33
2016-04-14	33

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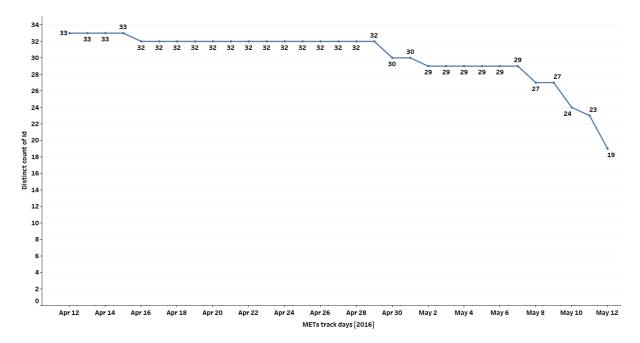


At the starting point of the tracking period, all 33 users tracked their activity. However, as time went by, user count decreased.

METs

```
SELECT cast([ActivityMinute] as DATE) mets_date, count(distinct [Id])
id_count_per_day
FROM [dbo].[METs]
GROUP BY cast([ActivityMinute] as DATE)
ORDER BY cast([ActivityMinute] as DATE)
```

mets_date	id_count_per_day
2016-04-12	33
2016-04-13	33
2016-04-14	33
2016-04-15	33
2016-04-16	32
2016-04-17	32
2016-04-18	32
2016-04-19	32
2016-04-20	32
2016-04-21	32
2016-04-22	32
2016-04-23	32
2016-04-24	32
2016-04-25	32
2016-04-26	32
2016-04-27	32
2016-04-28	32
2016-04-29	32
2016-04-30	30
2016-05-01	30
2016-05-02	29
2016-05-03	29
2016-05-04	29
2016-05-05	29
2016-05-06	29
2016-05-07	29
2016-05-08	27
2016-05-09	27
2016-05-10	24
2016-05-11	23
2016-05-12	19



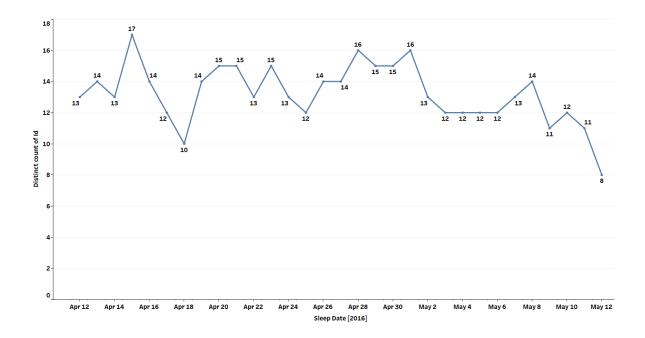
At the starting point of the tracking period, all 33 users tracked their METs. However, as time went by, user count decreased.

Sleep

```
SELECT cast([SleepDay] as DATE) sleep_date, count(distinct [Id])
id_count_per_day
FROM [dbo].[sleepDay]
GROUP BY cast([SleepDay] as DATE)
ORDER BY cast([SleepDay] as DATE)
```

sleep_date	id_count_per_day
2016-04-12	13
2016-04-13	14
2016-04-14	13
2016-04-15	17
2016-04-16	14
2016-04-17	12
2016-04-18	10
2016-04-19	14
2016-04-20	15
2016-04-21	15
2016-04-22	13
2016-04-23	15
2016-04-24	13
2016-04-25	12
2016-04-26	14
2016-04-27	14
2016-04-28	16
2016-04-29	15

2016-04-30	15
2016-05-01	16
2016-05-02	13
2016-05-03	12
2016-05-04	12
2016-05-05	12
2016-05-06	12
2016-05-07	13
2016-05-08	14
2016-05-09	11
2016-05-10	12
2016-05-11	11
2016-05-12	8

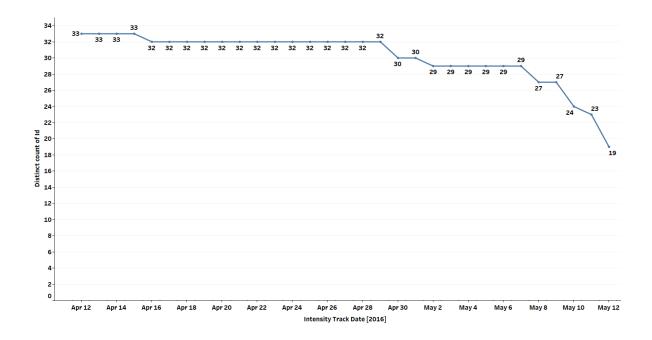


The total number of users who tracked their sleep is 24, however, it is evident that there is not even a single day where all users tracked their sleep. The tracking trend in sleep data is inconclusive.

Intensity

```
SELECT cast([ActivityHour] as DATE) intensity_date, count(distinct [Id])
id_count_per_day
FROM [dbo].[hourlyIntensities]
GROUP BY cast([ActivityHour] as DATE)
ORDER BY cast([ActivityHour] as DATE)
```

intensity_date	id_count_per_day
2016-04-12	33
2016-04-13	33
2016-04-14	33
2016-04-15	33
2016-04-16	32
2016-04-17	32
2016-04-18	32
2016-04-19	32
2016-04-20	32
2016-04-21	32
2016-04-22	32
2016-04-23	32
2016-04-24	32
2016-04-25	32
2016-04-26	32
2016-04-27	32
2016-04-28	32
2016-04-29	32
2016-04-30	30
2016-05-01	30
2016-05-02	29
2016-05-03	29
2016-05-04	29
2016-05-05	29
2016-05-06	29
2016-05-07	29
2016-05-08	27
2016-05-09	27
2016-05-10	24
2016-05-11	23
2016-05-12	19



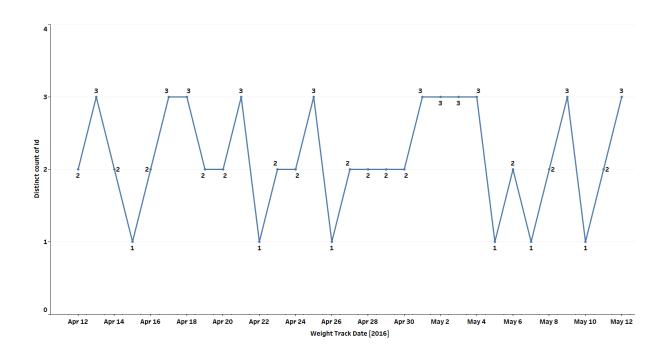
At the starting point of the tracking period, all 33 users tracked their Intensity. However, as time went by, user count decreased. It is worth noting that this trend is identical to the METs trend, which makes sense because METs are an indication of activity's intensity, which in turn indicates that METs were recorded at the same time as Intensity.

Weight

```
SELECT cast([Date] as DATE) weight_date, count(distinct [Id]) id_count_per_day
FROM [dbo].[weight]
GROUP BY cast([Date] as DATE)
ORDET BY cast([Date] as DATE)
```

weight_date	id_count_per_day
2016-04-12	2
2016-04-13	3
2016-04-14	2
2016-04-15	1
2016-04-16	2
2016-04-17	3
2016-04-18	3
2016-04-19	2
2016-04-20	2
2016-04-21	3
2016-04-22	1
2016-04-23	2
2016-04-24	2
2016-04-25	3
2016-04-26	1
2016-04-27	2
2016-04-28	2

2016-04-29	2
2016-04-30	2
2016-05-01	3
2016-05-02	3
2016-05-03	3
2016-05-04	3
2016-05-05	1
2016-05-06	2
2016-05-07	1
2016-05-08	2
2016-05-09	3
2016-05-10	1
2016-05-11	2
2016-05-12	3



The total number of users who tracked their weight is 8, however, as displayed in the chart, the maximum count of users per day is 3. Also, it is evident that this line chart has no consistent trend.

5. The average number of calories burned by each user per day:

```
SELECT [Id], AVG([Calories]) avg_calories
FROM [dbo].[dailyActivity]
GROUP BY [Id]
ORDER BY avg_calories DESC
```

Id	avg_calories
8378563200	3436
8877689391	3420
5577150313	3359
4388161847	3093
4702921684	2965
8053475328	2945
1644430081	2811
8583815059	2732
6290855005	2599
7086361926	2566
7007744171	2544
2022484408	2509
4020332650	2385
6117666160	2261
4445114986	2186
1927972279	2172
6775888955	2131
2347167796	2043
4319703577	2037
4558609924	2033
6962181067	1982
4057192912	1973
8792009665	1962
3372868164	1933
2873212765	1916
5553957443	1875
1503960366	1816
8253242879	1788
2320127002	1724
1844505072	1573
2026352035	1540
3977333714	1513
1624580081	1483

Minimum and maximum average calories burned per day:

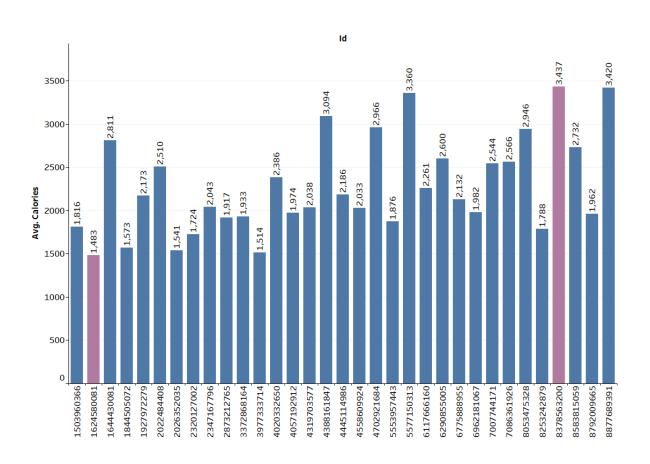
Option 1:

Option 2:

```
WITH avg_cal_t
AS
(
         SELECT [Id], AVG([Calories]) avg_calories
         FROM [dbo].[dailyActivity]
         GROUP BY [Id])

SELECT MIN(avg_calories) min_avg_cal, MAX(avg_calories) max_avg_cal
FROM avg_cal_t
```

min_avg_cal	max_avg_cal
1,483	3,436

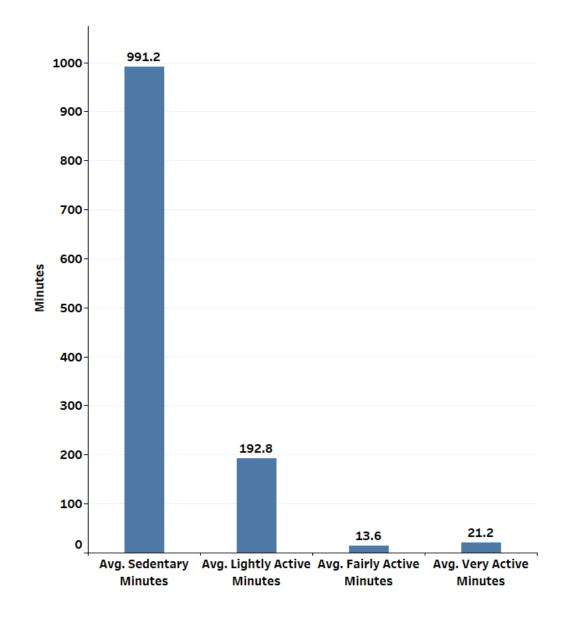


This calorie burn bar chart includes not only the activity, but also calories burned for basic bodily functions, such as breathing, circulating blood, and more.

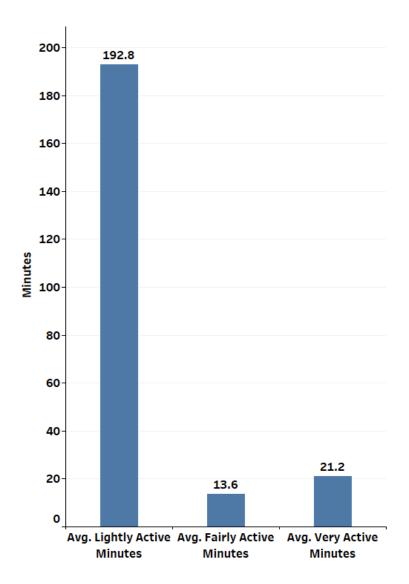
6. The average time users spend on each activity (very active, fairly active, lightly active, and sedentary activity)

```
SELECT
    AVG([VeryActiveMinutes]) avg_very_act_min,
    AVG([FairlyActiveMinutes]) avg_fairly_act_min,
    AVG([LightlyActiveMinutes])avg_light_act_min,
    AVG([SedentaryMinutes]) avg_sed_act_min
FROM [dbo].[dailyActivity]
```

avg_very_act_min	avg_fairly_act_min	avg_light_act_min	avg_sed_act_min
21.2	13.6	192.8	991.2



Overall, users spend more time on sedentary activities. This result is expected since fitbit, as long as being on, always tracking user's activity, even if the user is asleep. More interesting is to examine the other groups (lightly active, fairly active, and very active).



On average users spend more time on light activities, then on very active activities, and only lastly on fairly active activities.

(The range of intensities: very active activity > fairly active activity > light activity > sedentary activity)

7. Average steps, distance, and calories

SELECT

```
AVG([TotalSteps]) avg_total_steps,
    ROUND(AVG([TotalDistance]),2) avg_total_dis,
    AVG([Calories]) avg_clories
FROM [dbo].[dailyActivity]
```

avg_total_steps	avg_total_dis [km]	avg_clories
7637	5.49	2303

8. Analyzing sleeping data

SELECT

```
COUNT (DISTINCT [Id]) sleep_user_count,

AVG([TotalMinutesAsleep])/60.0 avg_sleep_hour,

MIN([TotalMinutesAsleep]) min_sleep_minutes,

MAX([TotalMinutesAsleep])/60.0 max_sleep_hour,

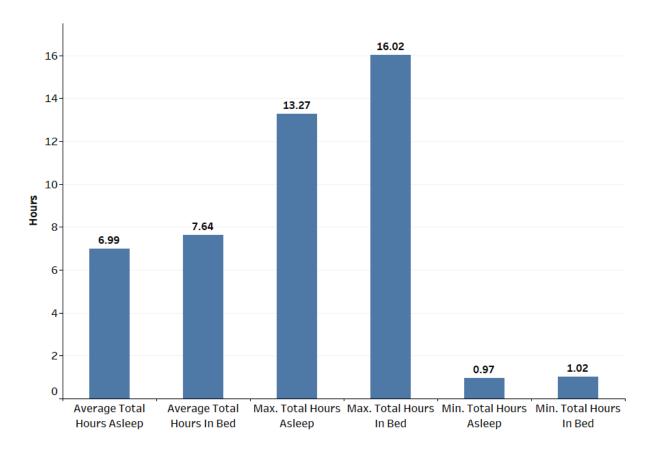
AVG([TotalTimeInBed])/60.0 avg_in_bed_hour,

MIN([TotalTimeInBed]) min_in_bed_minutes,

MAX([TotalTimeInBed])/60.0 max_in_bed_hour

FROM [dbo].[sleepDay]
```

sleep_user	avg_sleep	min_sleep	max_	avg_in_bed	min_in_bed_	max_in
_count	_hour	_minutes	sleep_	_hour	minutes	_bed_
			hour			hour
24	6.983333	58	13.2666	7.633333	61	16.0166
			66			66



Note that total hours in bed include the total hours asleep.

The following table* summarized the recommended hours of sleep per day:

*National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Population Health, September 14, 2022, accessed 14 September 2023, https://www.cdc.gov/sleep/about_sleep/how_much_sleep.html

Age Group		Recommended Hours of Sleep Per Day
Newborn	0–3 months	14–17 hours (National Sleep Foundation) ¹ No recommendation (American Academy of Sleep Medicine) ²
Infant	4–12 months	12–16 hours per 24 hours (including naps) ²
Toddler	1–2 years	11–14 hours per 24 hours (including naps) ²
Preschool	3–5 years	10–13 hours per 24 hours (including naps) ²
School Age	6–12 years	9–12 hours per 24 hours ²
Teen	13–18 years	8–10 hours per 24 hours ²
Adult	18–60 years	7 or more hours per night ³
	61–64 years	7–9 hours¹
	65 years and older	7–8 hours¹

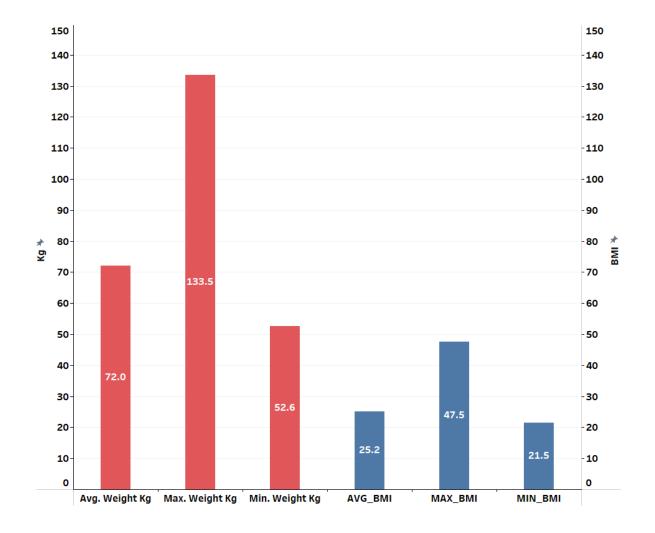
The average total hours asleep is approximately as recommended for an adult group. Total hours in bed include the total hours asleep, therefore, it is always bypassing the latter. The minimum and maximum total hours asleep/in bed present the extreme cases which do not project on other users' behavior.

9. Analyzing weight data

```
SELECT
```

```
COUNT(DISTINCT [Id]) weight_user_count,
ROUND(AVG([WeightKg]),2) avg_weight_kg,
ROUND(AVG([BMI]),2) avg_bmi,
ROUND(MIN([WeightKg]),2) min_weight_kg,
ROUND(MAX([WeightKg]),2) max_weight_kg,
ROUND(MIN([BMI]),2) min_bmi,
ROUND(MAX([BMI]),2) max_bmi
FROM [dbo].[weight]
```

weight_user	avg_weight	avg_bmi	min_weight	max_weight	min_bmi	max_bmi
_count	_kg		_kg	_kg		
8	72.04	25.19	52.6	133.5	21.45	47.54



BMI ranges

Underweight: BMI is less than 18.5
Normal weight: BMI is 18.5 to 24.9
Overweight: BMI is 25 to 29.9
Obese: BMI is 30 or more

BMI

The maximum value is of an obese user (47.54 BMI) and the minimum value (21.45 BMI) is within the range of normal weight, however, the average BMI (25.19 BMI) is within the range of the overweight values. It is important to note that averages are greatly influenced by extreme values.

Weight in Kg

The calculated weights are in accordance with the BMI values.

Examination of each user contribution to the average BMI and weight

```
SELECT
        [Id],
        ROUND(AVG([BMI]),2) avg_bmi,
        ROUND(AVG([WeightKg]),2) avg_weight_kg
FROM [dbo].[weight]
GROUP BY [Id]
```

Id	avg_bmi	avg_weight_kg
1503960366	22.65	52.6
1927972279	<mark>47.54</mark>	133.5
2873212765	21.57	57
4319703577	<mark>27.41</mark>	72.35
4558609924	<mark>27.21</mark>	69.64
5577150313	<mark>28</mark>	90.7
6962181067	24.03	61.55
8877689391	<mark>25.49</mark>	85.15

It is evident that most users are in the overweight range, however, this data is not enough to make a general conclusion on Fitbit users due to its small number of users.

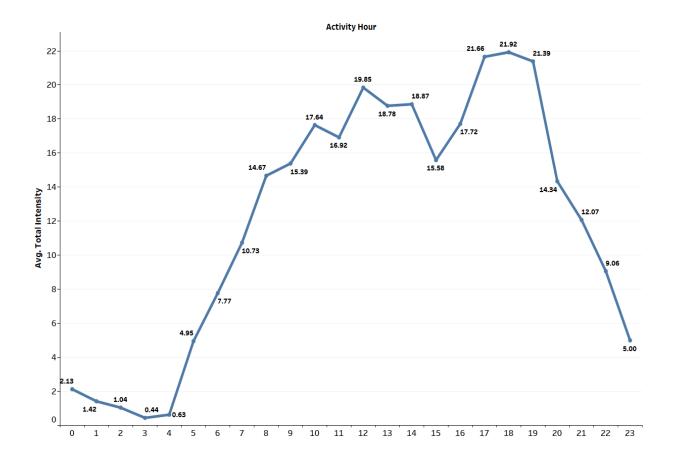
10. Time when users are most active.

Option 1

```
WITH total_avg_int as(
SELECT
          distinct CAST([ActivityHour] AS TIME) act_time,
          AVG([TotalIntensity]) over(partition by
DATEPART(hour,[ActivityHour])) avg_hour_act
FROM [dbo].[hourlyIntensities])

SELECT
          distinct top 1 act_time,
          MAX(avg_hour_act) over(partition by act_time) as max_act
FROM total_avg_int
ORDER BY max_act DESC
```

act_time	max_act
18:00:00.0000000	21.9216335540839



The line chart above shows average intensities during the day over a month period. The highest average intensity was found to be at 18 o'clock, however 12 o'clock is also worth

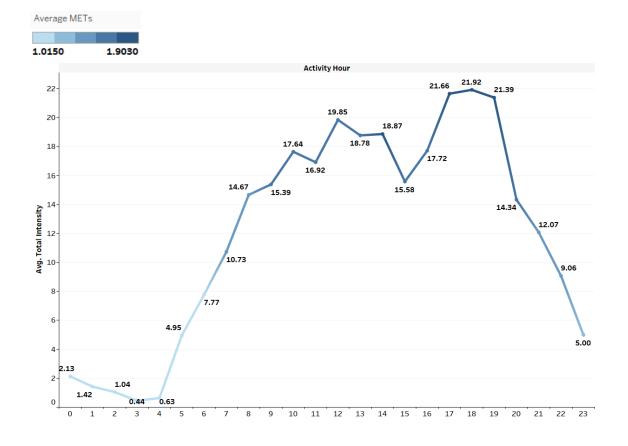
mentioning. It can be assumed that 18 o'clock is the time when most users engage in non-sedentary activities.

Joined METs Dataset with Intensity Dataset

In this option, METs and Intensity were joined together to understand the relation of METs (metabolic equivalent of task) to the recorded intensities. METs can be useful as rating physical activity to indicate its intensity, therefore the representation of both on the same line chart can visually show how these two paremeters relate to one another.

```
SELECT
    DISTINCT TOP 1 CAST([ActivityHour] AS TIME) act_time,
    AVG([TotalIntensity]) OVER(PARTITION BY
    DATEPART(hour,[ActivityHour])) avg_act,
    AVG([METs]/10.0) OVER(PARTITION BY DATEPART(hour,[ActivityHour]))
avg_mets
FROM [dbo].[hourlyIntensities] AS hour_act
JOIN [dbo].[METs] as met
ON hour_act.[Id] = met.[Id] AND hour_act.[ActivityHour] =
met.[ActivityMinute]
ORDER BY avg act DESC
```

act_time	avg_act	avg_mets
18:00:00.000000	21.9216335540839	1.858498



Summary

Firstly, it is worth mentioning that the following summary refers to only 33 users. Extra data might reveal different insights.

- Sleep and Weight seems to be the least preferable parameters to be tracked by Fitbit users.
- ❖ In the beginning of the tracking period, all users tracked Activity, Intensity, and METs, however user count kept on decreasing. The reason for this decrease is not clear.
- Sleep and Weight were tracked by fewer users. There was not a single day where all users tracked their parameters.
- Fitbit users walk an average distance of 5.49 km, lose 2,303 calories, and walk 7,637 steps per day.
- Most Fitbit users engage in light activities.
- Sleep data revealed that Fitbit users sleep a recommended number of hours.
- Fitbit users who track their weight are mostly overweight.
- ❖ Fitbit's user preferable times to engage with non-sedentary activities are at 12 and 18 o'clock on average.

Further Investigation

- Check how many users consistently tracked their parameters during the given period.
- Which activity is better for burning calories.