

**Problem:** Tables are usually not formatted for convenient analysis in R

**Solution:** “Tidy” up the table

**“Wide”**

```
table1
#> # A tibble: 6 x 4
#>   country      year cases population
#>   <chr>      <int> <int>      <int>
#> 1 Afghanistan 1999     745  19987071
#> 2 Afghanistan 2000    2666  20595360
#> 3 Brazil       1999   37737  172006362
#> 4 Brazil       2000   80488  174504898
#> 5 China        1999  212258  1272915272
#> 6 China        2000  213766  1280428583
```

**“Long”**

```
table2
#> # A tibble: 12 x 4
#>   country      year type      count
#>   <chr>      <int> <chr>      <int>
#> 1 Afghanistan 1999 cases         745
#> 2 Afghanistan 1999 population 19987071
#> 3 Afghanistan 2000 cases         2666
#> 4 Afghanistan 2000 population 20595360
#> 5 Brazil       1999 cases         37737
#> 6 Brazil       1999 population 172006362
#> # ... with 6 more rows
```

**“Gross”**

```
table3
#> # A tibble: 6 x 3
#>   country      year rate
#> * <chr>      <int> <chr>
#> 1 Afghanistan 1999 745/19987071
#> 2 Afghanistan 2000 2666/20595360
#> 3 Brazil       1999 37737/172006362
#> 4 Brazil       2000 80488/174504898
#> 5 China        1999 212258/1272915272
#> 6 China        2000 213766/1280428583
```

**“Split”**

```
table4a # cases
#> # A tibble: 3 x 3
#>   country      `1999` `2000`
#> * <chr>      <int> <int>
#> 1 Afghanistan     745     2666
#> 2 Brazil          37737  80488
#> 3 China           212258 213766
table4b # population
#> # A tibble: 3 x 3
#>   country      `1999`      `2000`
#> * <chr>      <int>      <int>
#> 1 Afghanistan 19987071  20595360
#> 2 Brazil      172006362  174504898
#> 3 China       1272915272 1280428583
```

# Useful tidyr functions

Name	Task
<code>pivot_longer()</code>	Convert a wide table to a long format
<code>pivot_wider()</code>	Convert a long table to a wide format
<code>separate()</code>	Split up one column into several
<code>unite()</code>	Combine several columns into one
<code>fill()</code>	Fill in missing values (NA)