

Data import & Data organization in spreadsheets

Research Beyond the Lab: Open Science and Research Methods
for a Global Engineer

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Learning Objectives (for this module)

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iso3	year	varname_short	n
UGA	2000	san_bas	3
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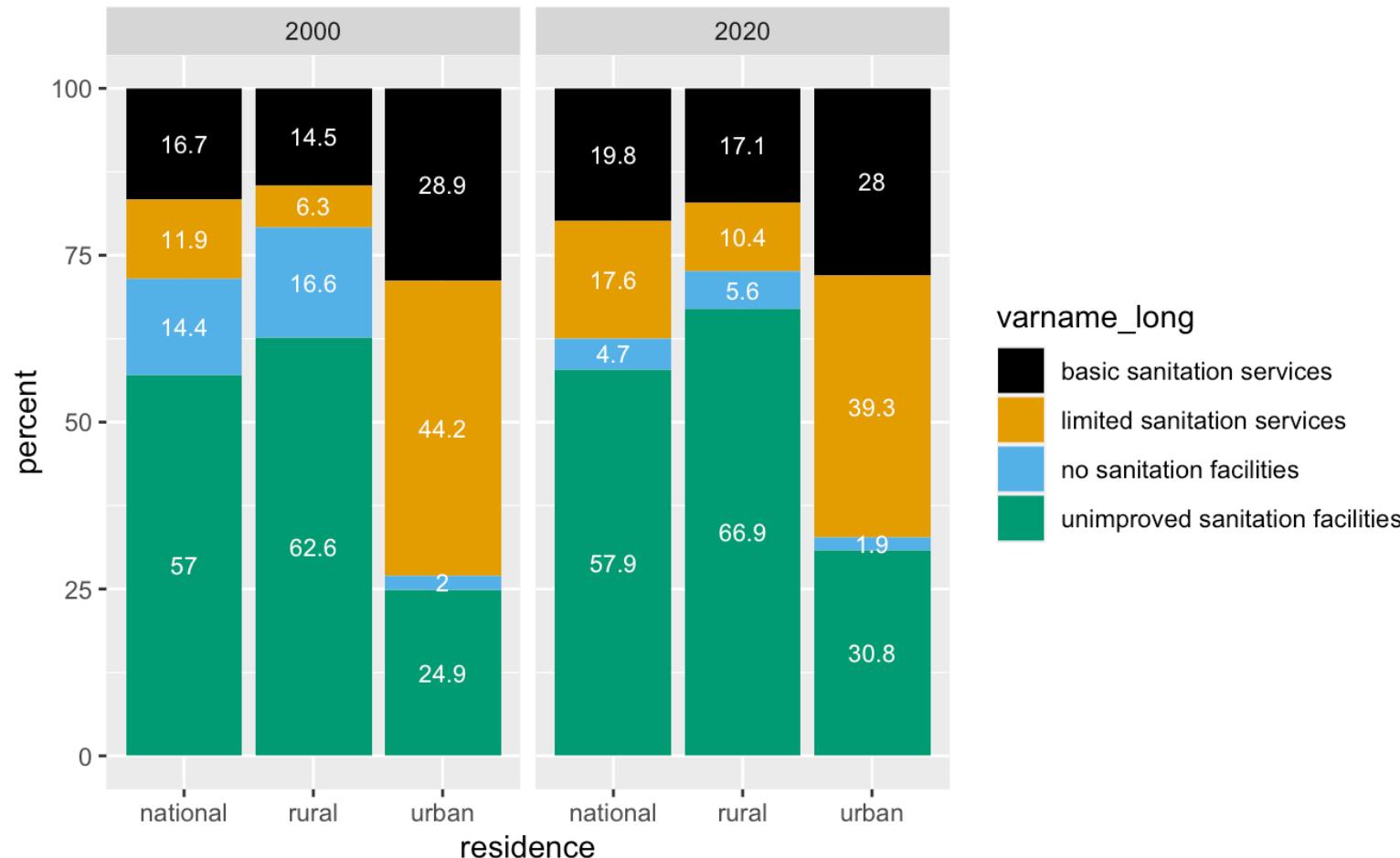
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```
# A tibble: 0 × 4
# i 4 variables: iso3 <chr>, year <dbl>,
varname_short <chr>, n <int>
```

- One row cannot have two values (2000 and 2020) for the same variable
- One year cannot 2000 & 2020 at the same time
- One year is either 2000 or 2020

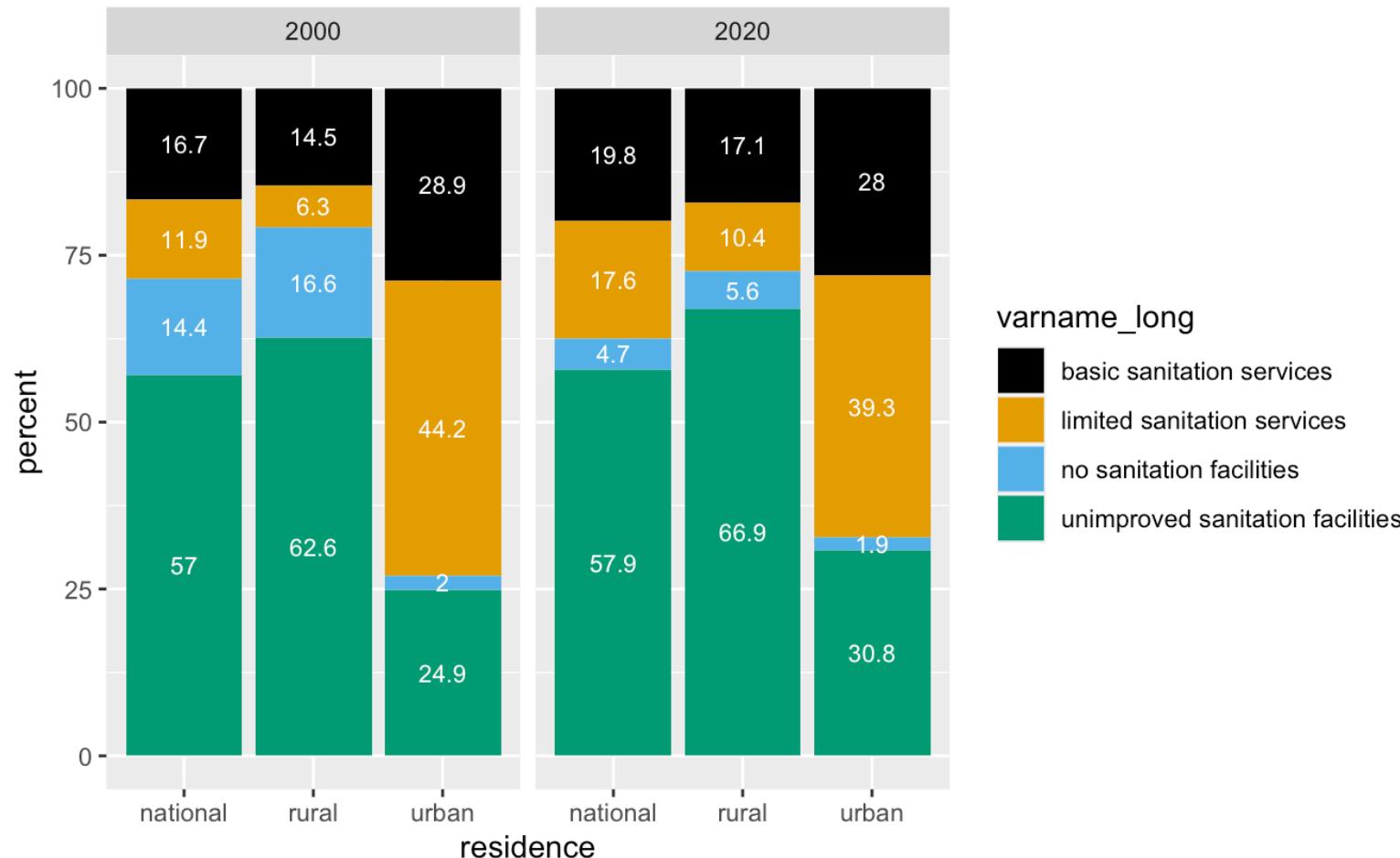
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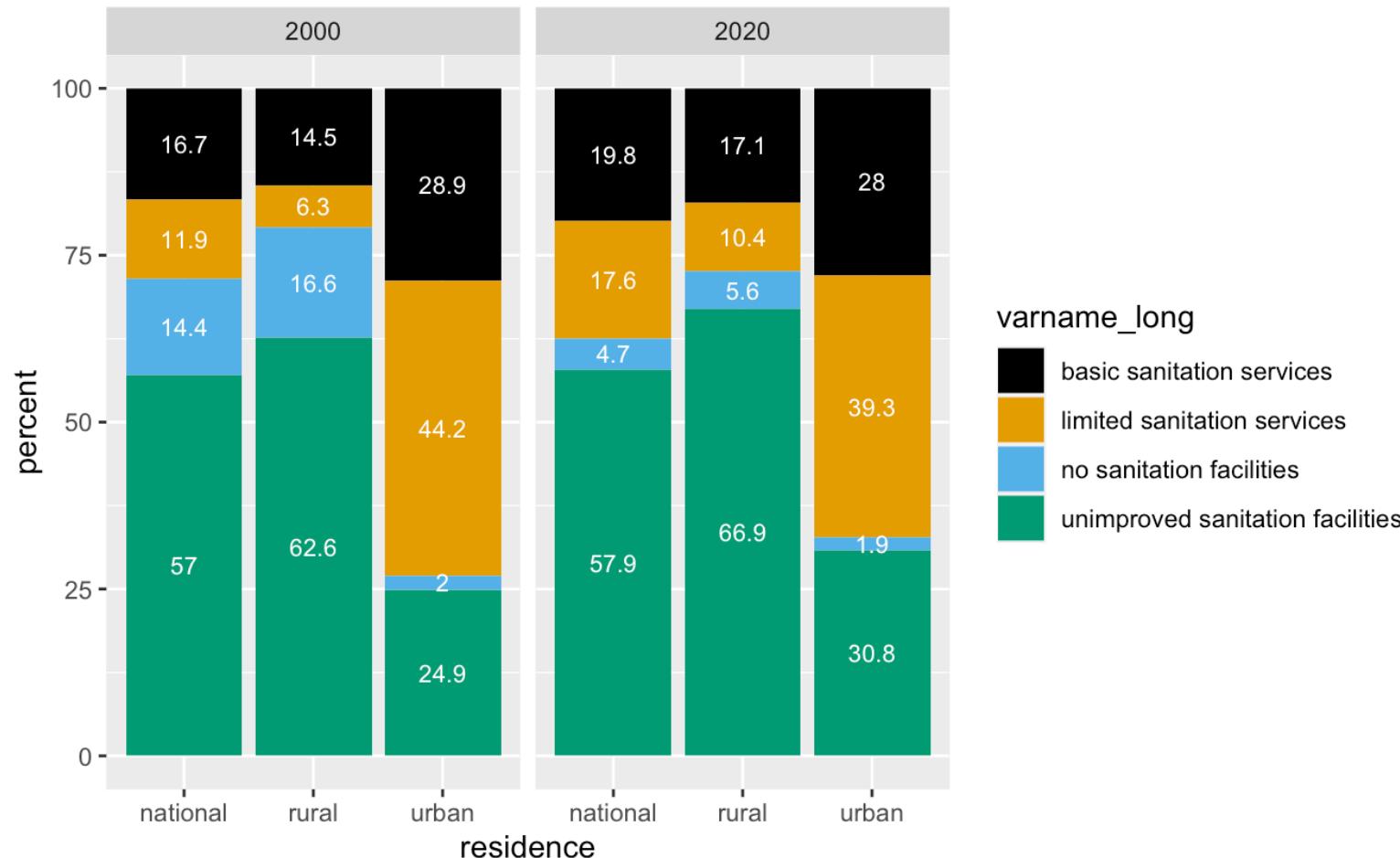
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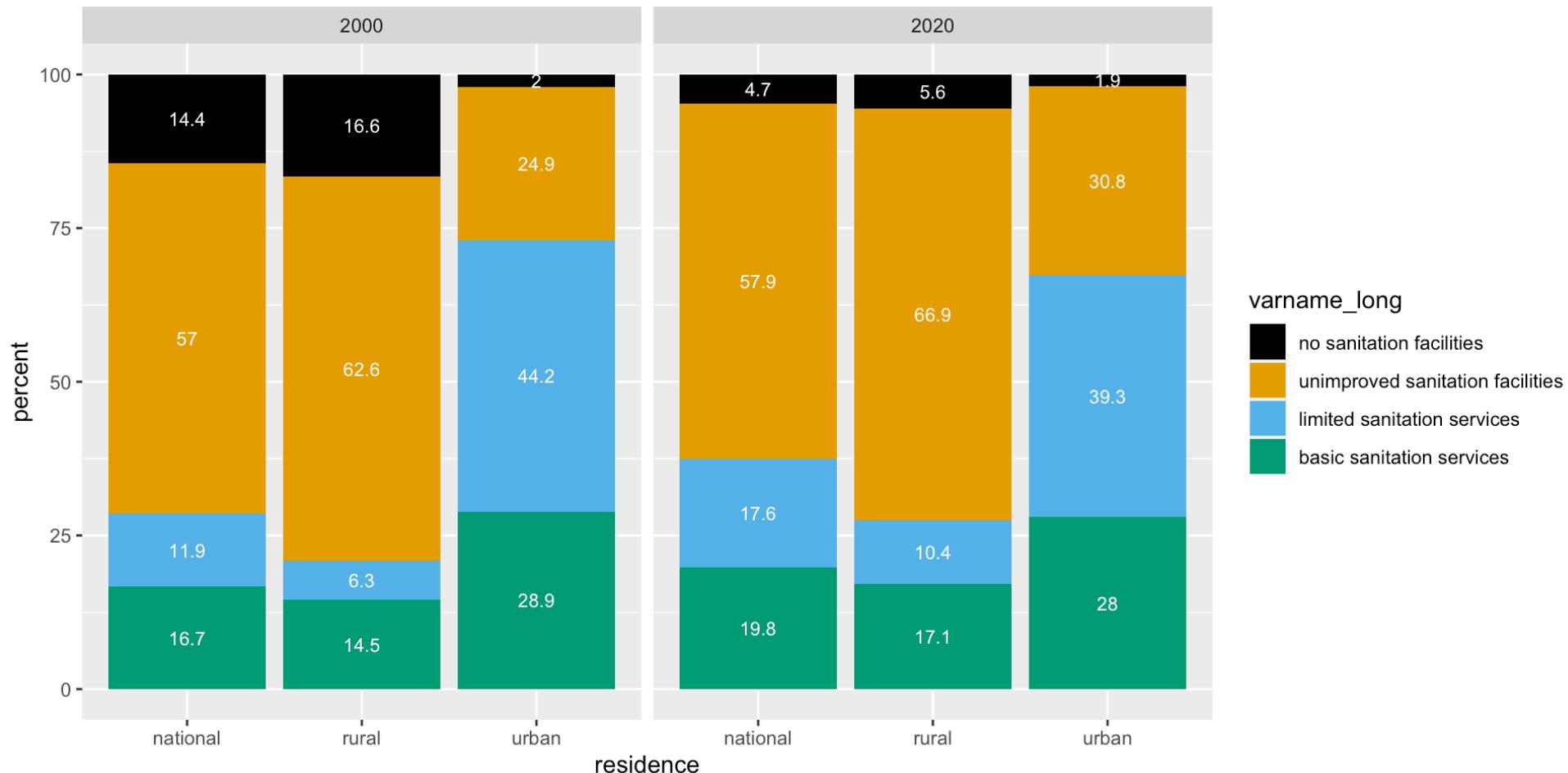


Sanitation ladder?

varname_short	varname_long	simplified
san_sm	safely managed sanitation services	a decent toilet that's not shared, and where pee & poo safely moved & treated
san_bas	basic sanitation services (improved sanitation facilities which are not shared)	a decent toilet that's not shared
san_lim	limited sanitation services (improved sanitation facilities which are shared)	a decent toilet that's shared
san_unimp	unimproved sanitation facilities	an inadequate toilet
san_od	no sanitation facilities (open defecation)	no toilet

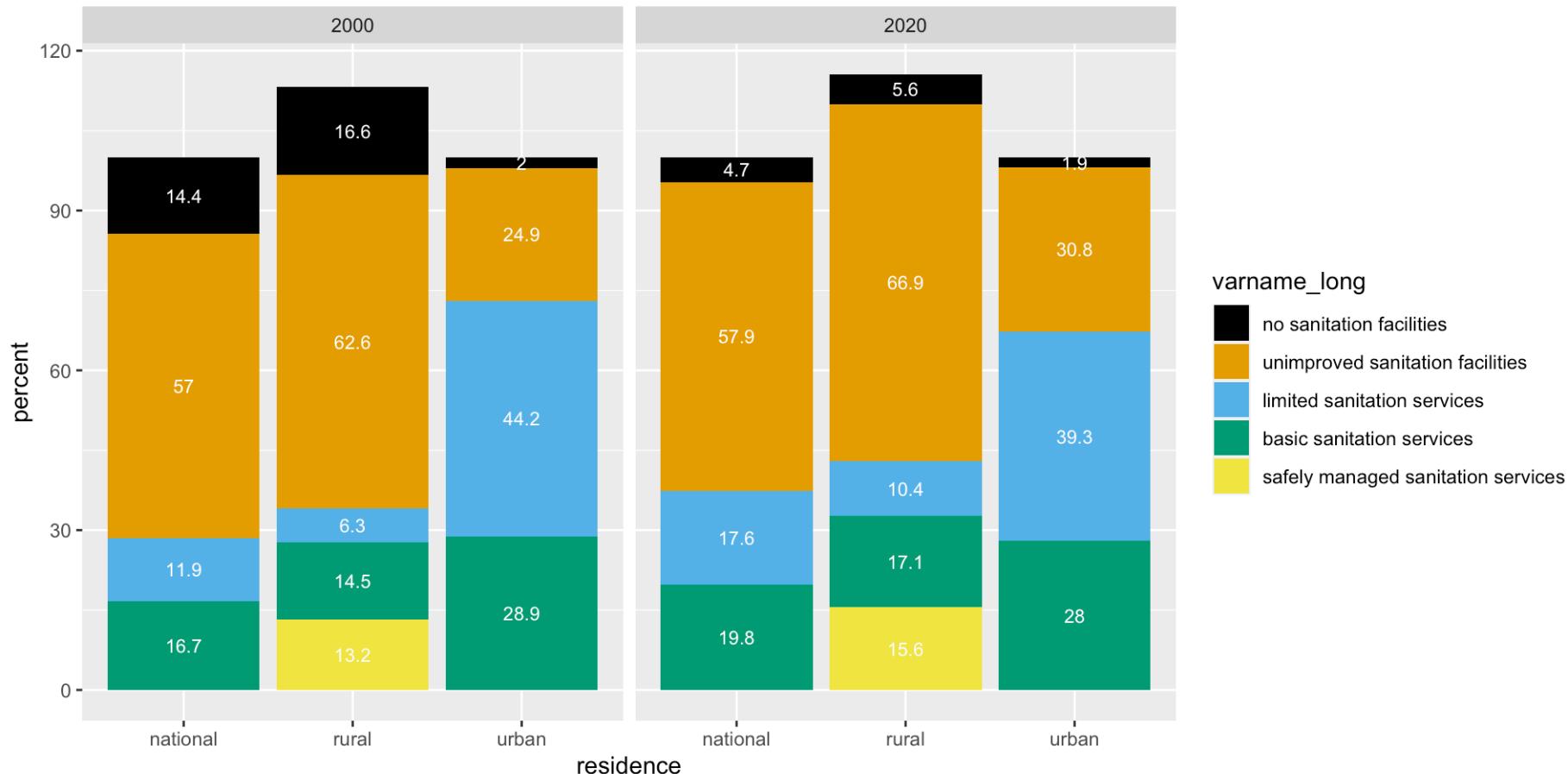
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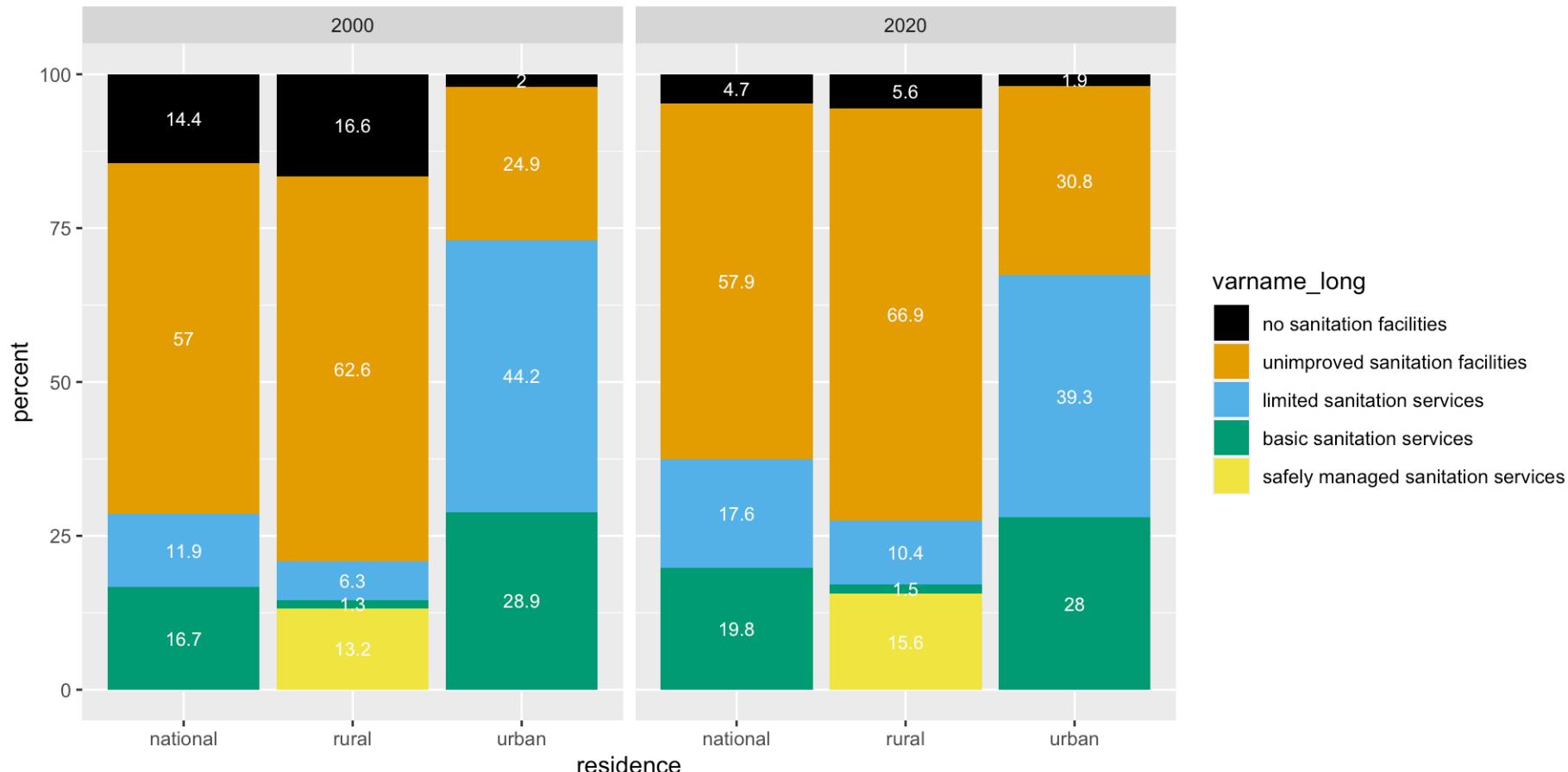
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Types of variables - Remember?

numerical

discrete variables

- non-negative
- whole numbers
- e.g. number of students, roll of a dice

continuous variables

- infinite number of values
- also dates and times
- e.g. length, weight, size

non-numerical

categorical variables

- finite number of values
- distinct groups (e.g. EU countries, continents)
- **ordinal** if levels have natural ordering (e.g. week days, school grades)

Factors in R

My turn: Factors in R

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Your turn: md-04a-exercises - factors

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Data import

Reading rectangular data into R



CSV & XLSX

readr

- `read_csv()` - comma delimited files
- `read_csv2()` - semicolon separated files
(common in countries where , is used as the decimal place)
- `read_tsv()` - tab delimited files
- `read_delim()` - reads in files with any delimiter
- ...

readxl

- `read_excel()` - read xls or xlsx files
- ...

Reading data from CSV files

- import unprocessed raw data

```
1 waste <- read_csv("data/raw/waste-city-level.csv")
2
3 waste

# A tibble: 367 × 113
  iso3c region_id country_name      income_id city_name additional_data_annu...¹
  <chr> <chr>     <chr>          <chr>      <chr>           <chr>
1 AFG   SAS       Afghanistan    LIC        Jalalabad <NA>
2 AFG   SAS       Afghanistan    LIC        Kandahar  <NA>
3 AFG   SAS       Afghanistan    LIC        Mazar-E... <NA>
4 AFG   SAS       Afghanistan    LIC        Kabul     <NA>
5 AFG   SAS       Afghanistan    LIC        HiratÂ   <NA>
6 AGO   SSF       Angola        LMC        Luanda   <NA>
7 ALB   ECS       Albania       UMC        Korca    <NA>
8 ALB   ECS       Albania       UMC        Vlora    <NA>
9 ARE   MEA       United Arab Emira... HIC        Abu Dhabi <NA>
10 ARE  MEA       United Arab Emira... HIC        Dubai    <NA>
# i 357 more rows
# i abbreviated name: ¹additional_data_annual_budget_for_waste_management_year
# i 107 more variables: additional_data_annual_solid_waste_budget_year <chr>,
#   additional_data_annual_swm_budget_2017_year <dbl>,
#   additional_data_annual_swm_budget_year <dbl>,
#   additional_data_annual_waste_budget_year <dbl>,
```

Writing data as CSV files

- transform data
- export processed analysis-ready data

```
1 # data transformation
2 waste_sml <- waste |>
3   select(country_name, city_name, iso3c, income_id,
4         total_msw_total_msw_generated_tons_year,
5         population_population_number_of_people) |>
6   rename(country = country_name,
7         city = city_name,
8         generation_tons_year = total_msw_total_msw_generated_tons_year,
9         population = population_population_number_of_people)
10
11 # export processed analysis-ready data
12 write_csv(waste_sml, "data/processed/waste-city-level-sml.csv")
```

Reading data from XLSX files

- import unprocessed raw data

```
1 sludge <- read_excel("data/raw/tbl-01-faecal-sludge-analysis.xlsx",
2                         sheet = 1)
3 sludge

# A tibble: 20 × 6
  id date_sample      system location   users     ts
  <dbl> <dttm>        <chr>    <chr>     <dbl>   <dbl>
1 1 2023-11-01 00:00:00 pit latrine household 5 136.
2 2 2023-11-01 00:00:00 pit latrine household 7 102.
3 3 2023-11-01 00:00:00 pit latrine household NA 57.0
4 4 2023-11-01 00:00:00 pit latrine household 6 27.0
5 5 2023-11-01 00:00:00 pit latrine household 12 97.3
6 6 2023-11-02 00:00:00 septic tank household 7 78.2
7 7 2023-11-02 00:00:00 septic tank household 14 15.2
8 8 2023-11-02 00:00:00 septic tank household 4 29.4
9 9 2023-11-02 00:00:00 septic tank household 10 64.2
10 10 2023-11-02 00:00:00 septic tank household 12 8.01
11 11 2023-11-03 00:00:00 pit latrine public toilet 50 11.2
12 12 2023-11-03 00:00:00 pit latrine public toilet 32 84.0
13 13 2023-11-03 00:00:00 pit latrine public toilet 41 55.9
14 14 2023-11-03 00:00:00 pit latrine public toilet 160 15.3
15 15 2023-11-03 00:00:00 pit latrine public toilet 20 22.6
16 16 2023-11-04 00:00:00 septic tank public toilet 26 8.72
```

Writing data as CSV files

- transform data
- export data underlying a publication

```
1 # data transformation
2 tbl_sludge_summary <- sludge |>
3   filter(!is.na(users)) |>
4   group_by(system, location) |>
5   summarise(
6     count = n(),
7     mean_ts = mean(ts),
8     sd_ts = sd(ts),
9     median_ts = median(ts)
10   )
11
12 # export data underlying a publication
13 write_csv(tbl_sludge_summary, "data/final/tbl-01-faecal-sludge-summary.csv")
```

system	location	count	mean_ts	sd_ts	median_ts
pit latrine	household	4	90.7	45.9	99.9
pit latrine	public toilet	5	37.8	31.3	22.6
septic tank	household	5	39.0	30.8	29.4
septic tank	public toilet	5	20.4	14.3	15.6

(Research) Data Management

Examples of terms used when managing data.

term	folder	explanation	file format
unprocessed raw data	raw	data that is not processed and remains in its original form and file	often XLSX, also CSV and others
processed analysis-ready data	processed	data that is processed to prepare for an analysis and is exported in its new form as a new file	CSV
final data underlying a publication	final	data that is the result of an analysis (e.g descriptive statistics or data visualization) and shown in a report, but then also exported in its new form as a new file	CSV

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https://kbroman.org/Talk_DataOrg/dataorg_notes.pdf

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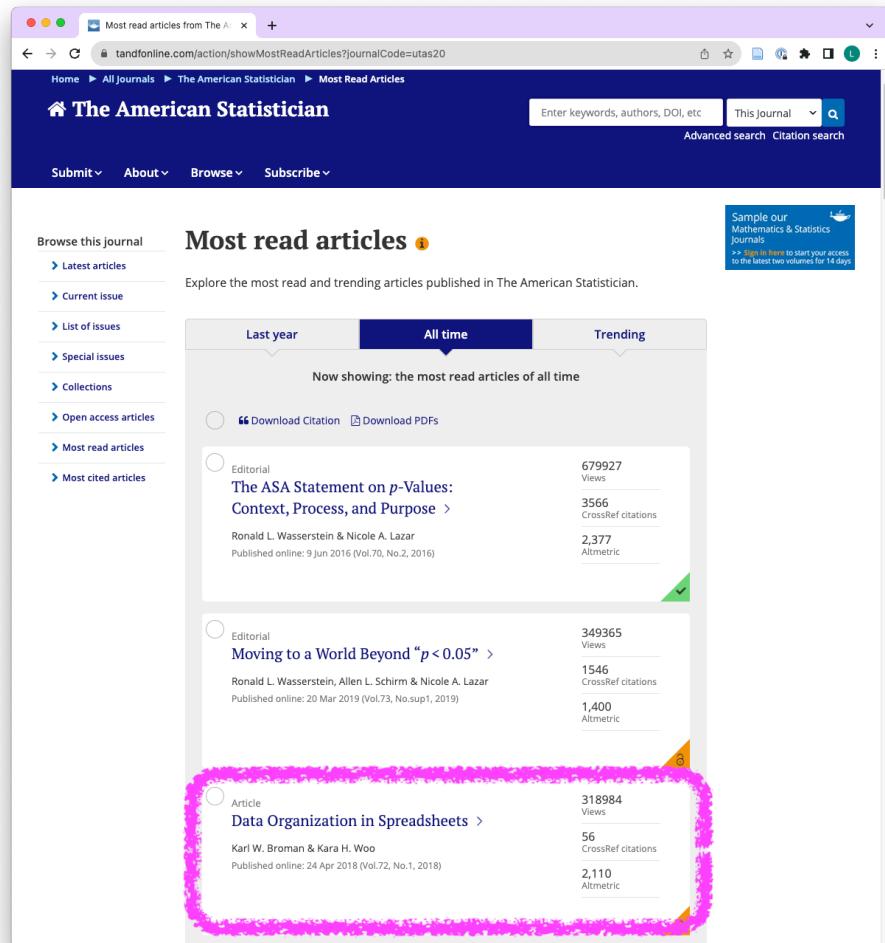
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But, especially apply it to your data

Data Organization in Spreadsheets

Why? Because following a set of rules for organizing data everyone's live a little better.



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- 310'000+ views
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- Homework assignment due: Wednesday, March 20th
- Correction & feedback phase up to: Tuesday, March 26th

Wrap-up

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