

Growth

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Figure 1 is a rough replication of Exhibit 9.1 of Koller, Goedhart, and Wessels (2020, 157). While the numbers do not line up exactly, the broad thrust is similar (e.g., *Biotechnology* has high median growth and the widest dispersion). I think it is helpful to make it possible for readers to see the choices underlying a plot (and to produce their own version with their own choices).

Some observations:

- While “Compustat” is listed as a data source in the note to Exhibit 9.1 of Koller, Goedhart, and Wessels (2020), it is not clear what sample restrictions were imposed (e.g., size).
- The industry mapping is not entirely clear. I had ChatGPT [guess](#) a possible mapping. I then cleaned this up a tad and posted it in a [Google Sheets document](#). I would probably need to go through carefully “by hand” to check that no firms are inadvertently omitted or put in the wrong industry group.
- I like the way the word “Industry” appears (in **bold**) at the top of the y-axis labels (industries) in Exhibit 9.1 of Koller, Goedhart, and Wessels (2020). I couldn’t quite replicate that here.
- I couldn’t get the legend seen in Exhibit 9.1 of Koller, Goedhart, and Wessels (2020) to look good in Figure 1.
- I had ChatGPT [help me](#) with the creation of the markers at each quantile.
- Updating Figure 1 to cover different periods is quite easy.
- Other plots in Chapter 9 of Koller, Goedhart, and Wessels (2020) might be amenable to creation in the same way.

References

Koller, Tim, Marc Goedhart, and David Wessels. 2020. *Valuation: Measuring and Managing the Value of Companies*. 7th ed. Wiley. <https://books.google.com/books?id=VuReDwAAQBAJ>.

Figure 1: Variation in revenue growth by industry

