**To create a dashboard**

1. Open the CloudWatch console at [https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/.](https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/)
2. If necessary, change to the region where your resources are located. From the navigation bar, select the region that meets your needs.
3. In the navigation pane, choose **Dashboards**.
4. In the content pane, choose **Create dashboard**.
5. In the **Create new dashboard** dialog box, type a name for the dashboard and then choose **Create dashboard**.
6. Do one of the following:
   1. To add a graph to your dashboard, in the **Add widget to dashboard** dialog box, choose **Metric Graph**, choose **Configure**, and then, in the **Add Graph** dialog box, select the metrics to graph, and then choose **Save**.
   2. To add a text block to your dashboard, in the **Add widget to dashboard** dialog box, choose **Text Widget**, choose **Configure**, and then, in the **New text widget** dialog box, in the **Markdown**field, add and format your text using [Markdown,](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Markdown) and then choose **Create widget**.
7. Choose **Save dashboard**.