

**Title: Design Methodology and Sources**

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**Description: Justification/Defense of chosen design methodology, plus sources**

**Design methodology (and associated Gestalt Principles):**

- used Power BI because I can use what I learn at work, where we do not have Tableau
- six charts because that was the assignment minimum
- started out with all charts using shades of blue. Changed automotive data to yellow to follow the Gestalt Principle of Similarity. That drew too much attention to it, so I changed the airline fatality rate line to red. Changed columns on the upper right chart to red for balance. (See images below).
- removed borders from three charts, as adjacent charts' borders still provide for the Gestalt Principle of Enclosure/Common Region. Doing so also made it less obvious that the two charts on the right are different heights than the others, which violated the Principle of Continuation.
- title is in upper left because that is where we generally look to first. Main point of the chart is immediately below that, with key words in the message **BOLDED** to draw attention.
- where I could, sources are in lighter shade of gray, to NOT draw attention to their text
- removed x-axis values on bottom right bar chart to keep viewers' eyes up on the bars themselves. I could not seem to make it work with the bottom left bar chart, though.
- I do not like the step chart of cumulative airline deaths, but I needed another type of chart besides line charts and bar/column charts and did not know what other data to use in a column chart for this dashboard.

References:

[https://www.nts.gov/investigations/data/Pages/Data\\_Stats.aspx](https://www.nts.gov/investigations/data/Pages/Data_Stats.aspx)

<https://injuryfacts.nsc.org/all-injuries/historical-preventable-fatality-trends/standardized-rate/>

<https://injuryfacts.nsc.org/motor-vehicle/historical-fatality-trends/deaths-and-rates/>

<https://github.com/fivethirtyeight/data/tree/master/airline-safety>

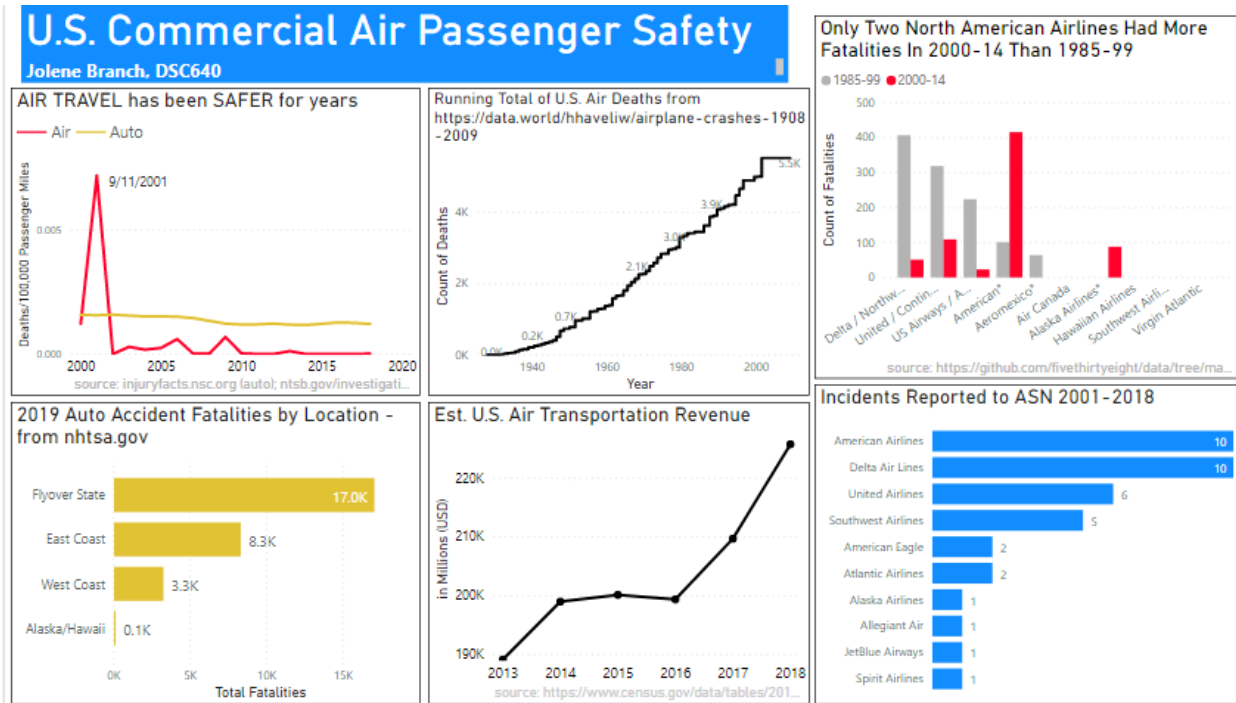
<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2018/econ/services/sas-naics.html>

<https://aviation-safety-net./database>

<https://data.world/hhaveliw/airplane-crashes-1908-2009>

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/content/nhtsa-ftp/280561>

With borders around all charts:



After removing borders from three charts:

