

VISUALIZING SOCIETY MAKING DATA GRAPHICS

Bikes & Pencils

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pcArea	stations	time	weekday		weekend	
			avgBikes	avgDocks	avgBikes	avgDocks
E	107	07:00	18.2	10.2	15.9	12.4
E	107	10:00	12.4	15.9	17.2	11.2
E	107	15:00	12.5	15.8	18.1	10.3
E	107	18:00	12.9	15.5	15.2	13.2
EC	62	07:00	6.5	19.0	7.3	18.0
EC	62	10:00	17.8	7.6	8.0	17.4
EC	62	15:00	16.8	8.6	7.9	17.6
EC	62	18:00	18.8	6.7	12.5	13.0
N	54	07:00	15.7	9.9	15.6	10.1
N	54	10:00	9.7	15.8	14.7	11.0
N	54	15:00	12.7	12.8	12.5	13.1
N	54	18:00	12.8	12.7	13.2	12.6
NW	41	07:00	18.7	73.0	18.4	7.6
NW	41	10:00	10.2	15.8	18.7	7.3
NW	41	15:00	11.1	14.9	12.2	13.8
NW	41	18:00	12.7	13.3	9.9	16.1
SE	64	07:00	17.5	8.8	19.4	6.9
SE	64	10:00	13.7	12.6	18.3	8.0
SE	64	15:00	13.7	12.6	17.1	9.2
SE	64	18:00	18.1	8.2	17.9	8.4
SW	113	07:00	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.7
SW	113	10:00	12.9	10.6	11.8	11.7
SW	113	15:00	12.9	10.6	11.4	12.2
SW	113	18:00	11.7	11.8	11.3	12.3
W	120	07:00	8.4	14.7	8.9	14.2
W	120	10:00	14.2	8.9	9.1	14.0
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Data : Records (rows)
an area at a time of day AGGREGATED

Data : Channels (columns)


pcArea - Postcode Area category

Number of stations number

time of Day number

avgBikes - Average Bikes number

avgDocks - Average Docks number



SKETCH! OBJECTIVES

- Show the data ... or aspects of the data
 - > apply a visualization language
 - > represent variation in quantities and qualities
- Compare different pieces of data ... what looks interesting?
- Explore and hypothesize ... what is going on?
- Annotate ... use words and numbers (and graphics) to describe

SKETCH! PROCESS

- Find a **FRIEND** – work in groups of two!
- Find a **TABLE** – use the whole classroom
- Take an **A3** sheet each – two pieces of paper per group
- Take some coloured **PENCILS** – sharpen them return them later

5 mins - 11:10

- Work out which records & **DATA** channels to show 5 mins - 11:15
- Sketch / draft your **LAYOUT** & encodings 10 mins - 11:25
- Sketch your data **GRAPHIC** on the back of the A3 30 mins - 11:55

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STRATEGIES

EXPLORE ...

what is interesting?

SELECT ...

a data subset?

COMMUNICATE ...

trends?

differences?

COMPARE ...

times?

days?

types of days?

stations?

areas / regions?