

# GROUP BY and HAVING in MySQL

The `GROUP BY` clause is used to **group rows that have the same values** in specified columns. It is typically used with **aggregate functions** like `COUNT` , `SUM` , `AVG` , `MIN` , or `MAX` .

The `HAVING` clause is used to **filter groups** after aggregation — similar to how `WHERE` filters individual rows.

## Example Table: `users`

Assume this is your `users` table:

id	name	gender	salary	referred_by_id
1	Aarav	Male	80000	NULL
2	Sneha	Female	75000	1
3	Raj	Male	72000	1
4	Fatima	Female	85000	2
5	Priya	Female	70000	NULL

## GROUP BY Example: Average Salary by Gender

```
SELECT gender, AVG(salary) AS average_salary
FROM users
GROUP BY gender;
```

## Explanation:

- This groups users by gender.
- Then calculates the average salary for each group.

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## GROUP BY with COUNT

Find how many users were referred by each user:

```
SELECT referred_by_id, COUNT(*) AS total_referred
FROM users
WHERE referred_by_id IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY referred_by_id;
```

## Output:

referred_by_id	total_referred
1	2
2	1

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## HAVING Clause: Filtering Groups

Let's say we only want to show genders where the average salary is greater than ₹75,000.

```
SELECT gender, AVG(salary) AS avg_salary
FROM users
GROUP BY gender
HAVING AVG(salary) > 75000;
```

## Why not WHERE ?

- WHERE is used **before** grouping.
- HAVING is used **after** groups are formed — it's the only way to filter aggregated values.

## Another Example: Groups with More Than 1 Referral

```
SELECT referred_by_id, COUNT(*) AS total_referred
FROM users
WHERE referred_by_id IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY referred_by_id
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
```

## Summary

Clause	Purpose	Can use aggregates?
WHERE	Filters rows <b>before</b> grouping	No
GROUP BY	Groups rows based on column values	N/A
HAVING	Filters groups <b>after</b> aggregation	Yes

Use GROUP BY to organize data, and HAVING to filter those groups based on aggregate conditions.

## ROLLUP

To get subtotals and grand totals, you can use ROLLUP :

```
SELECT gender, COUNT(*) AS total_users  
FROM users  
GROUP BY gender WITH ROLLUP;
```

## Explanation:

- This will give you a count of users by gender, along with a grand total for all users.