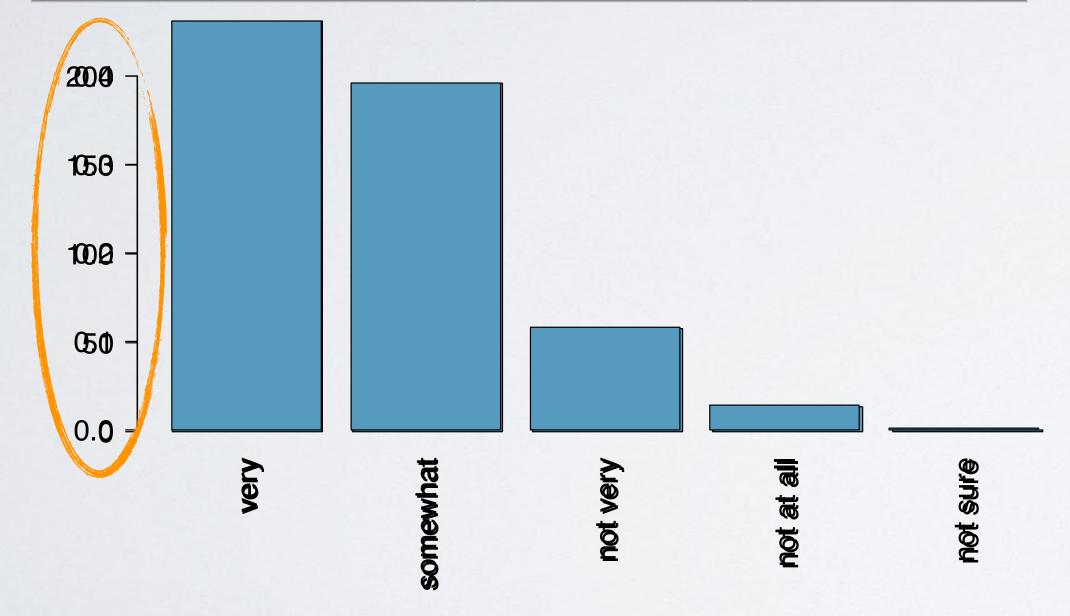
# exploring categorical variables

- describe distribution of a single categorical variable
- evaluate relationship between two categorical variables
- evaluate relationship between a categorical and a numerical variable



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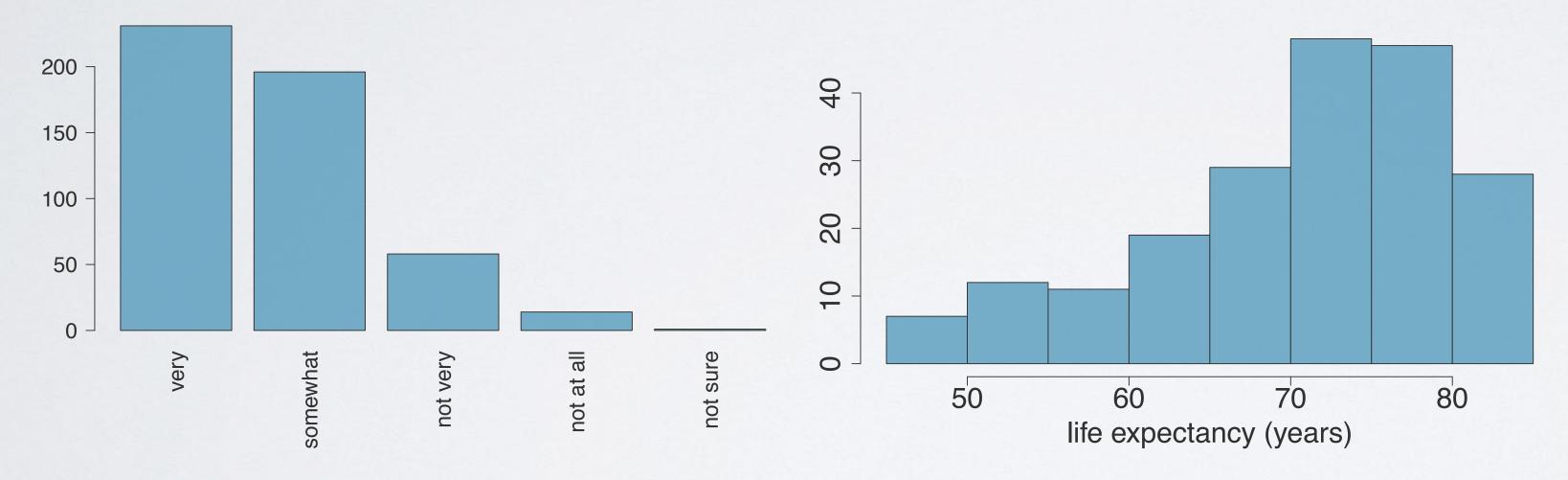
Difficulty saving money	Counts	Frequencies
Very	231	46%
Somewhat	196	39%
Not very	58	12%
Not at all	14	3%
Not sure		~0%
Total	500	100%



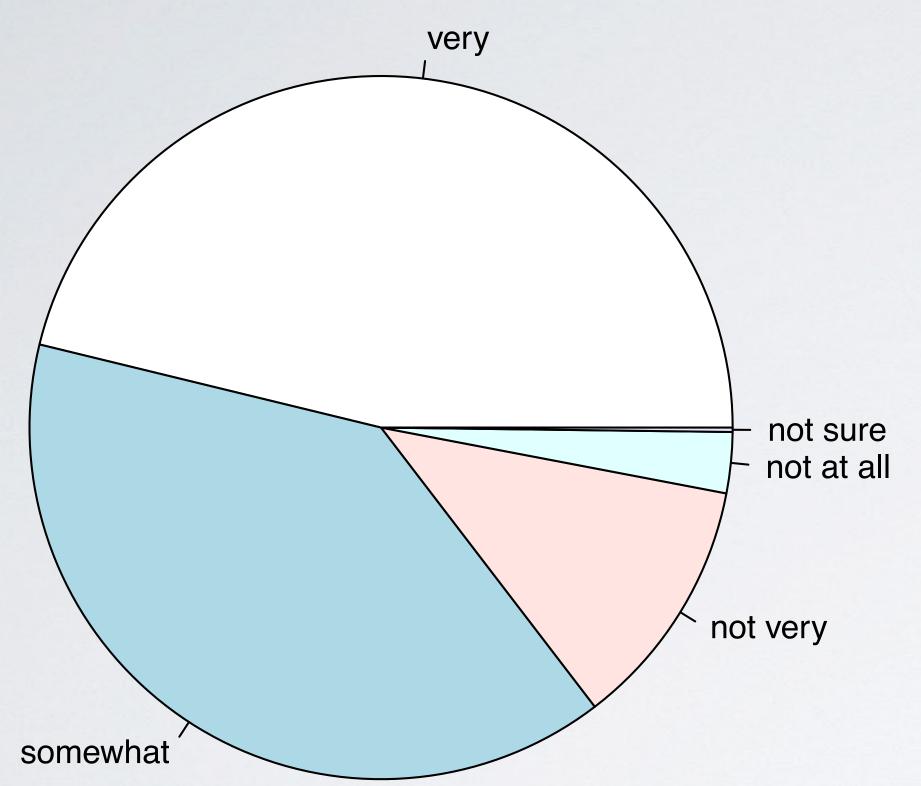
## frequency table & bar plot

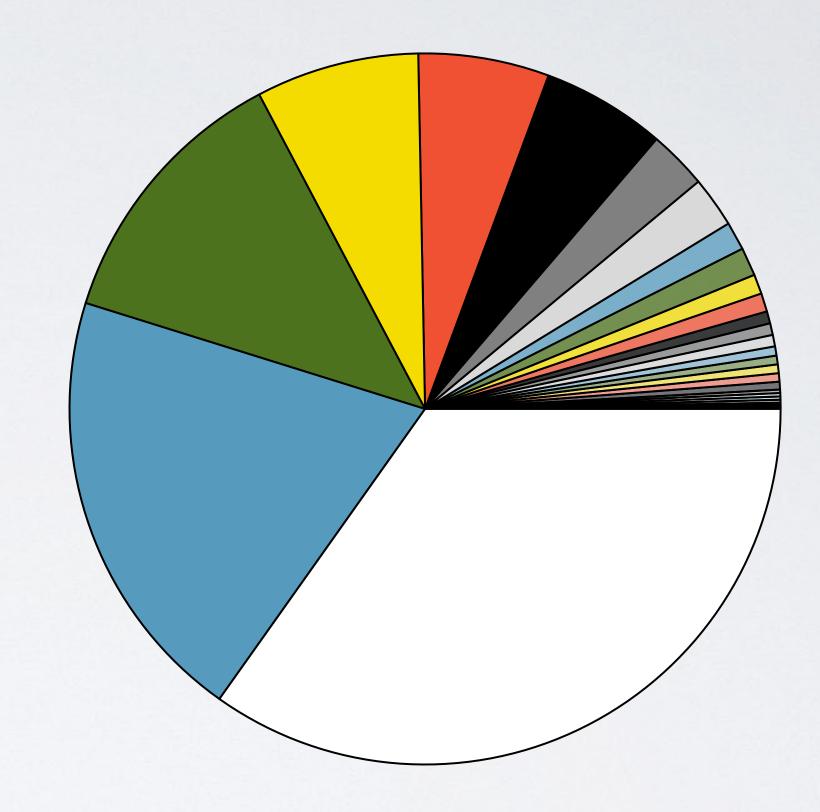
#### How are bar plots different than histograms?

- barplots for categorical variables, histograms for numerical variables
- > x-axis on a histogram is a number line, and the ordering of the bars are not interchangeable



# pie chart?





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**MONOTREMATA** 

PROBOSCIDEA

**DERMOPTERA** 

MICROBIOTHERIA

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**CINGULATA** 

**PHOLIDOTA** 

SIRENIA

**PILOSA** 

# contingency table

		< \$40K	\$40-80K	> \$80K	Refused	Total
Difficulty saving	Very <	128	63	31	9	231
	Somewhat	54	71	61	10	196
	Not very	17	7	27	7	58
	Not at all	3	6	5	0	14
	Not sure	0		0	0	
	Total	202	148	124	26	500

#### relative frequencies

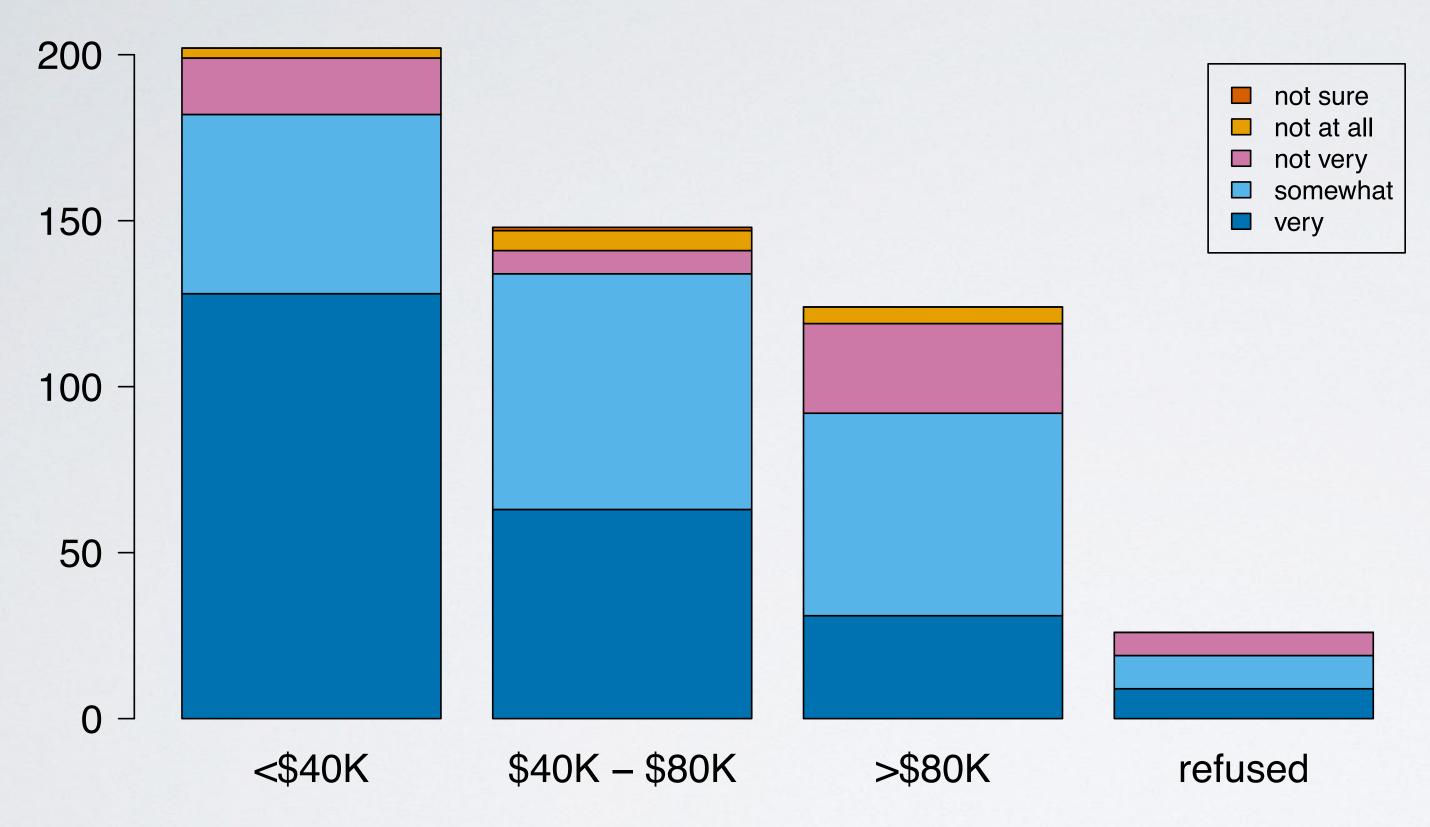
		Income					
		< \$40K	\$40K - \$80K	> \$80K	Refused	Total	
Difficulty saving	Very	(128)	(63)	(31)	(9)	231	
	Somewhat	54	71	61	10	196	
	Not very	17	7	27	7	58	
	Not at all	3	6	5	0	4	
	Not sure	0		0	0		
	Total	202	148	124	26	500	

>\$80K: 31 / 124 = 25%

Refused: 9 / 26 = 35%

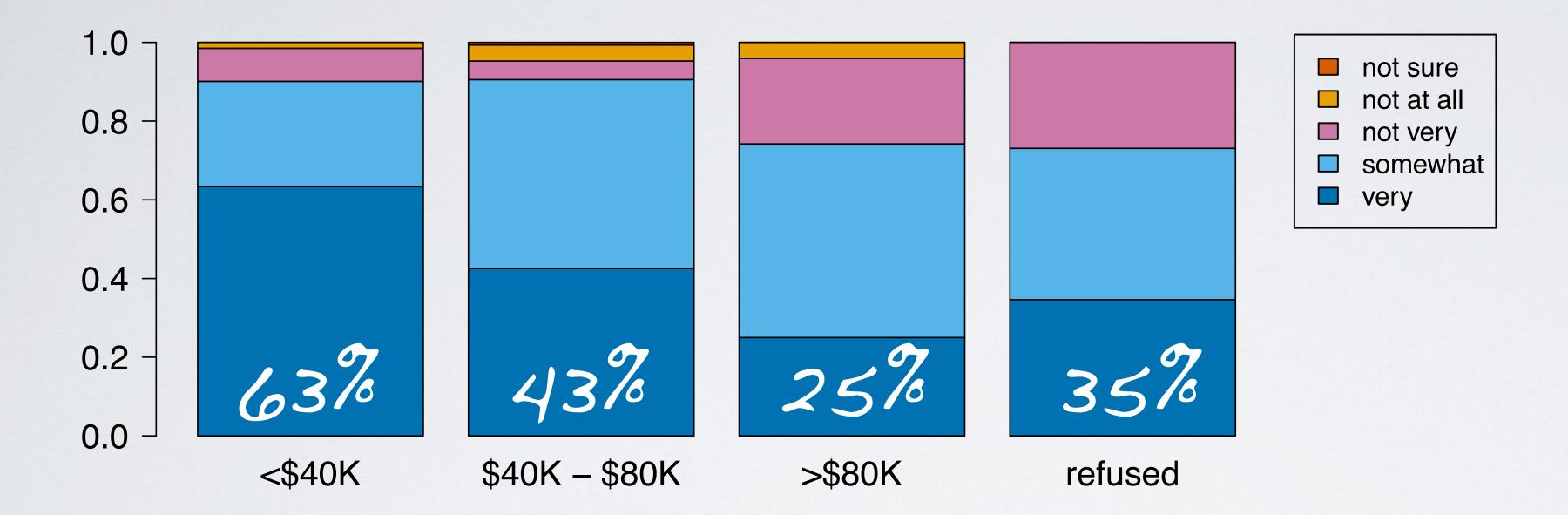
feelings about difficulty of saving money and income are associated (dependent)

#### segmented bar plot

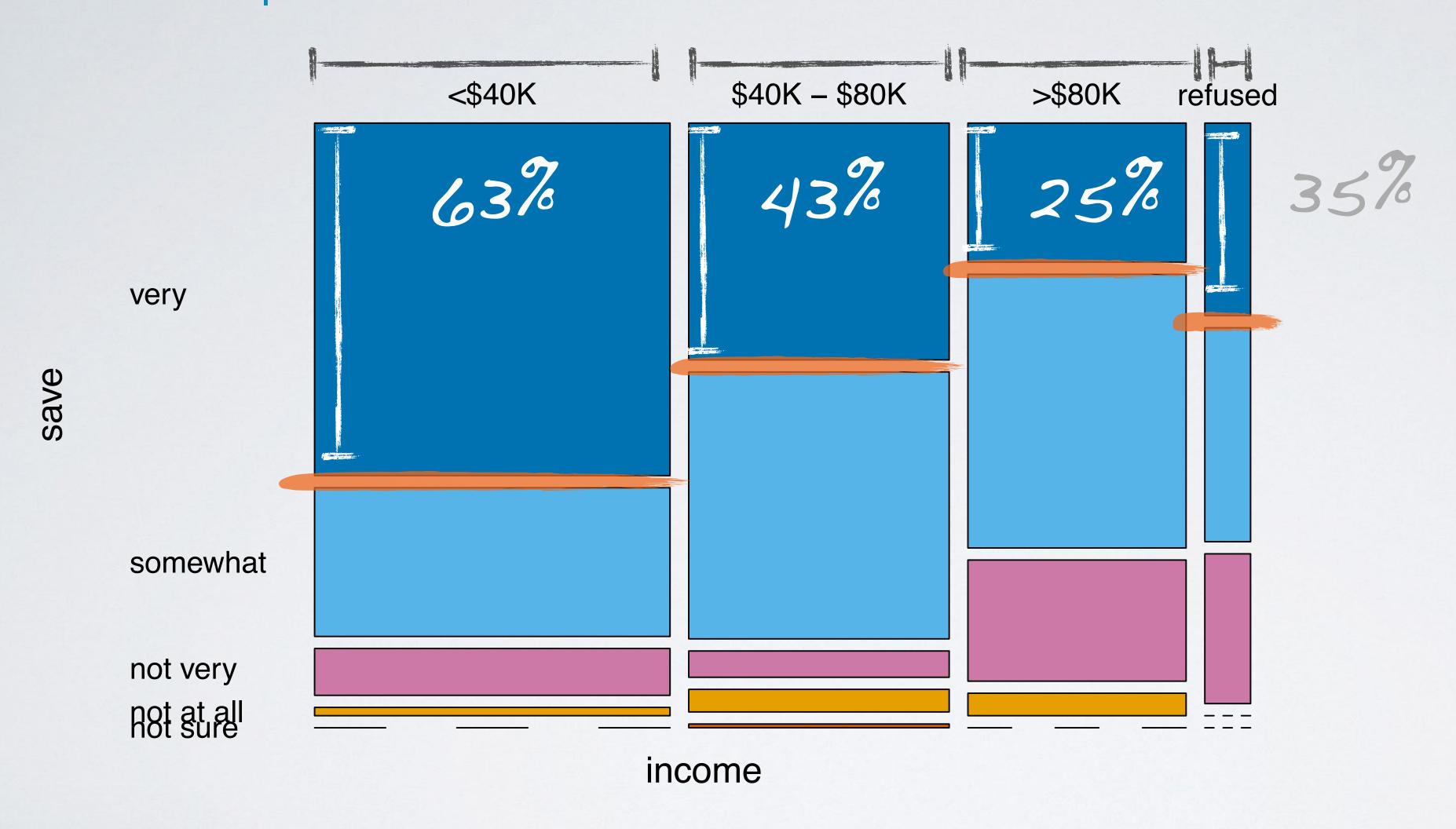


- useful for visualizing conditional frequency distributions
- compare relative frequencies to explore the relationship between the variables

#### relative frequency segmented bar plot



# mosaicplot



## side-by-side box plots

