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Another tactic is to fill missing values with the mean of the column value.

```
my DF.fillna(my DF.mean())
'Output':
         Capital LGAs
                        Population
                                      State
0
            Yola 22.0
                         3178950.0
                                    Adamawa
1
             NaN
                 19.5
                         2598363.0
                                        NaN
                                       Yobe
2
             NaN
                 17.0
                         2321339.0
3
  Port-Harcourt 23.0
                         2598363.0
                                        NaN
         Jalingo 16.0
                         2294800.0
                                     Taraba
4
```

Data Aggregation (Grouping)

We will touch briefly on a common practice in data science, and that is grouping a set of data attributes, either for retrieving some group statistics or applying a particular set of functions to the group. Grouping is commonly used for data exploration and plotting graphs to understand more about the dataset. Missing data are automatically excluded in a grouping operation.

Let's see examples of how this works.

```
# create a data frame
my DF = pd.DataFrame({'Sex': ['M', 'F', 'M', 'F', 'M', 'F', 'M', 'F'],
 'Age': np.random.randint(15,60,8),
 'Salary': np.random.rand(8)*10000})
my DF
'Output':
   Age
             Salary Sex
    54 6092.596170
0
    57 3148.886141
                      F
1
2
    37 5960.916038
                      Μ
3
    23 6713.133849
                      F
    34 5208.240349
                      Μ
4
5
    25 2469.118934
                      F
6
    50 1277.511182
                      Μ
7
    54 3529.201109
                      F
```

Let's find the mean age and salary for observations in our dataset grouped by Sex.

We can group by more than one variable. In this case for each Sex group, also group the age and find the mean of the other numeric variables.

```
my_DF.groupby([my_DF['Sex'], my_DF['Age']]).mean()
'Output':
              Salary
Sex Age
F
   23
        6713.133849
        2469.118934
    25
    54 3529.201109
    57 3148.886141
Μ
    34 5208.240349
    37
        5960.916038
    50
       1277.511182
    54
         6092.596170
```

Also, we can use a variable as a group key to run a group function on another variable or sets of variables.

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6092.596170 54 6713.133849 23

Name: Age, dtype: int64

Statistical Summaries

Descriptive statistics is an essential component of the data science pipeline. By investigating the properties of the dataset, we can gain a better understanding of the data and the relationship between the variables. This information is useful in making decisions about the type of data transformations to carry out or the types of learning algorithms to spot check. Let's see some examples of simple statistical functions in Pandas.

First, we'll create a Pandas dataframe.

```
my DF = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randint(10,80,[7,4]),\
             columns=['First','Second','Third', 'Fourth'])
'Output':
   First
          Second
                    Third
                           Fourth
0
      47
               32
                       66
                                52
               66
1
      37
                       16
                                22
2
               16
                       63
                                36
      24
3
      70
               47
                       62
                                12
4
      74
               61
                       44
                                18
5
      65
               73
                       21
                                37
6
      44
               47
                       23
                                13
```

Use the **describe** function to obtain summary statistics of a dataset. Eight statistical measures are displayed. They are count, mean, standard deviation, minimum value, 25th percentile, 50th percentile or median, 75th percentile, and the maximum value.

```
my DF.describe()
'Output':
                                 Third
                                           Fourth
           First
                     Second
        7.000000
                   7.000000
                              7.000000
                                         7.000000
count
mean
       51.571429
                  48.857143 42.142857
                                        27.142857
std
       18.590832
                  19.978560 21.980511
                                        14.904458
                  16.000000 16.000000
min
       24.000000
                                        12.000000
```