

# Data Visualisation



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# Learning Outcomes

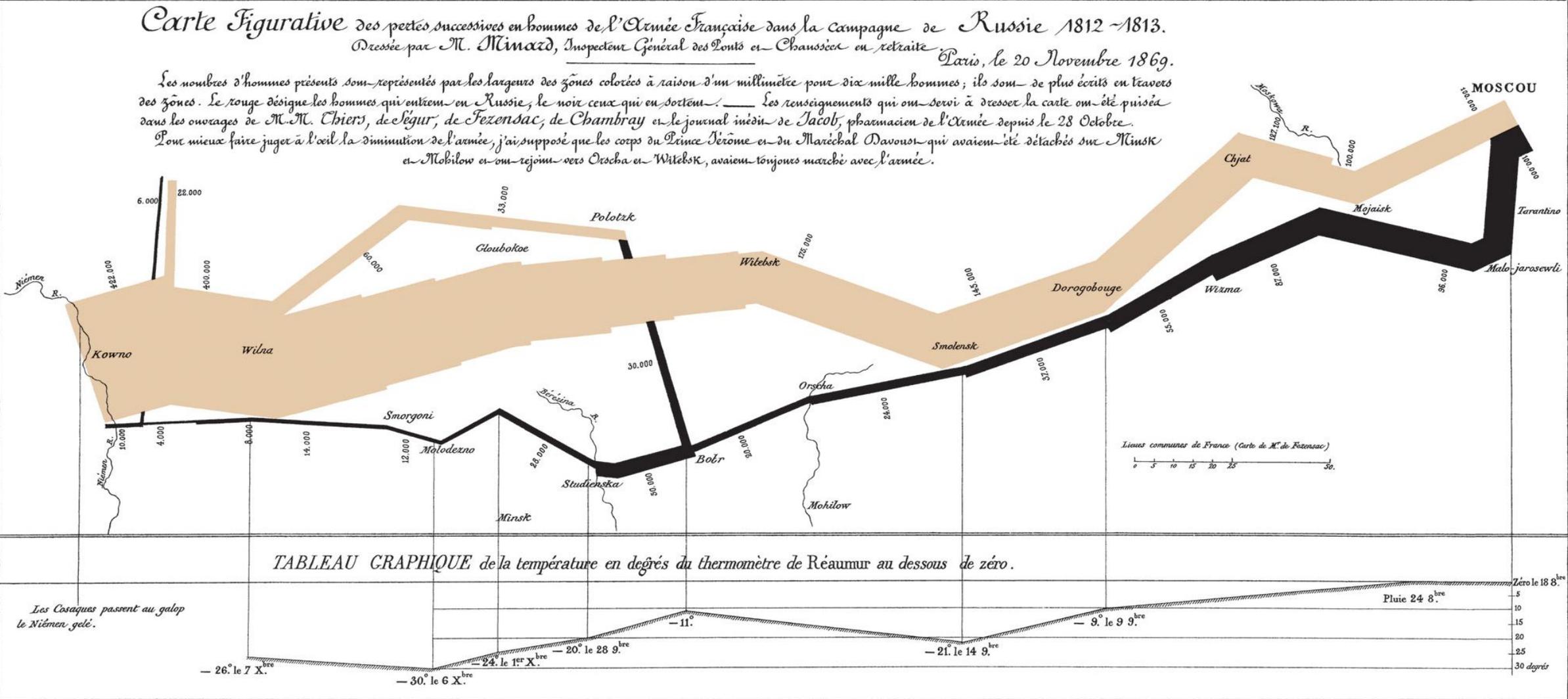
- Choose appropriate chart types
- Avoid common mistakes in data visualisation
- Maximise data-ink ratio

# Overview

- Data type determines chart type (Theory → Example → Practice)
- Avoiding common mistakes (Theory → Examples)
- Figure design best practices (Theory → Examples)
- Improving the visual design of the figure

# Introduction

# Napoleon's invasion of Russia mapped



# Introduction to data visualisation

Data visualisation is an interdisciplinary field that deals with the graphic representation of data and information.

- Science - accurately convey the data
- Art - aesthetically pleasing

Must not mislead or distort

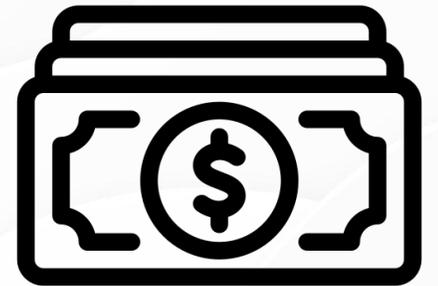
# Data visualisation

- + Makes the data easy to digest
- + Explore opportunities interactively (identify trends, patterns, outliers)
- + Image is easier to remember
- Biased or inaccurate information
- Correlations does not always mean causation
- Core messages can get lost in translation

Data type

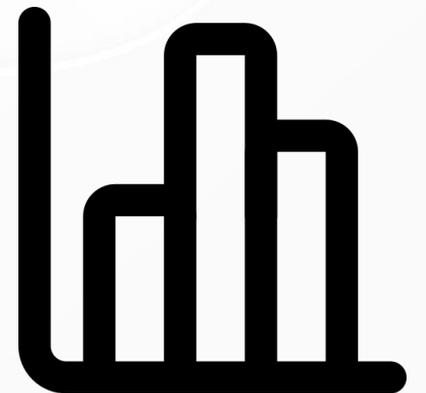
# Variable type: Amount

- **Total number of a particular item or subject**
  - Quantitative/ numerical, discrete
- Examples:
  - Amount of money
  - Website traffic received each hour of the day
  - Sales for each product category
- Common traits
  - Values are non-negative
  - Absolute values are important, not relative changes



# Variable type: distribution

- Represents the possible values of a variable and how often they occur
  - Quantitative/ numerical, continuous
- Examples:
  - Ages of students in a school
  - Income
  - Grades in a class



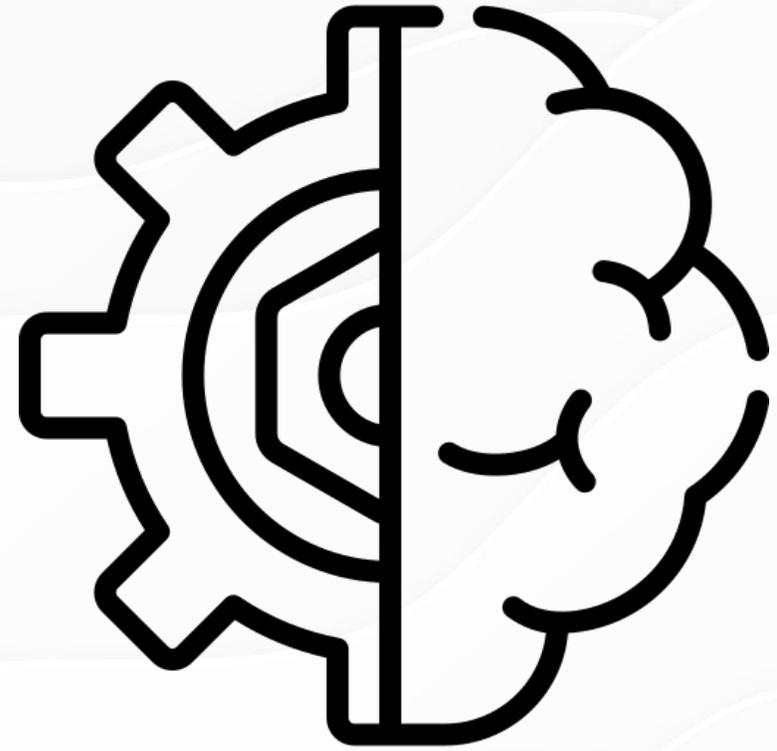
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3. Daily temperature changes in degrees Celsius
4. Duration of a movie in minutes
5. Scores in a standardized test

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7. Popular shoe sizes in a shop
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9. Distance traveled in kilometers
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# Variable type: proportion

- A part or share of the whole data set, often expressed as a percentage or fraction
- Examples:
  - $\frac{1}{3}$  of market share
  - Gender ratio
  - Pass rate - how many students passed/failed/never showed up

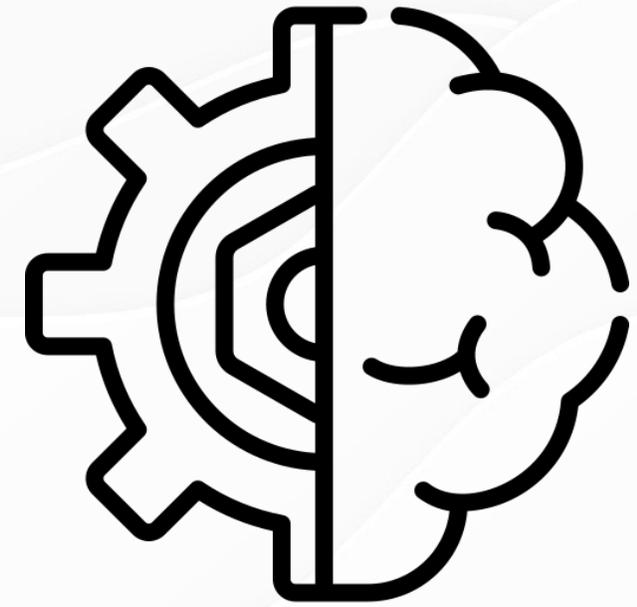
# Variable type: associations

- The relationship or correlation between two or more variables in a dataset
- Examples:
  - Body mass and energy demands
  - Education and income
  - Smoking and lung cancer

# Variable type: time series

- Time series: set of data points collected or recorded in a chronological order over a certain period of time
- Examples:
  - Stock prices
  - Weather data
  - Inflation rate

# Practice



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4. Ice creams sold during festival
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# Variable type: geospatial

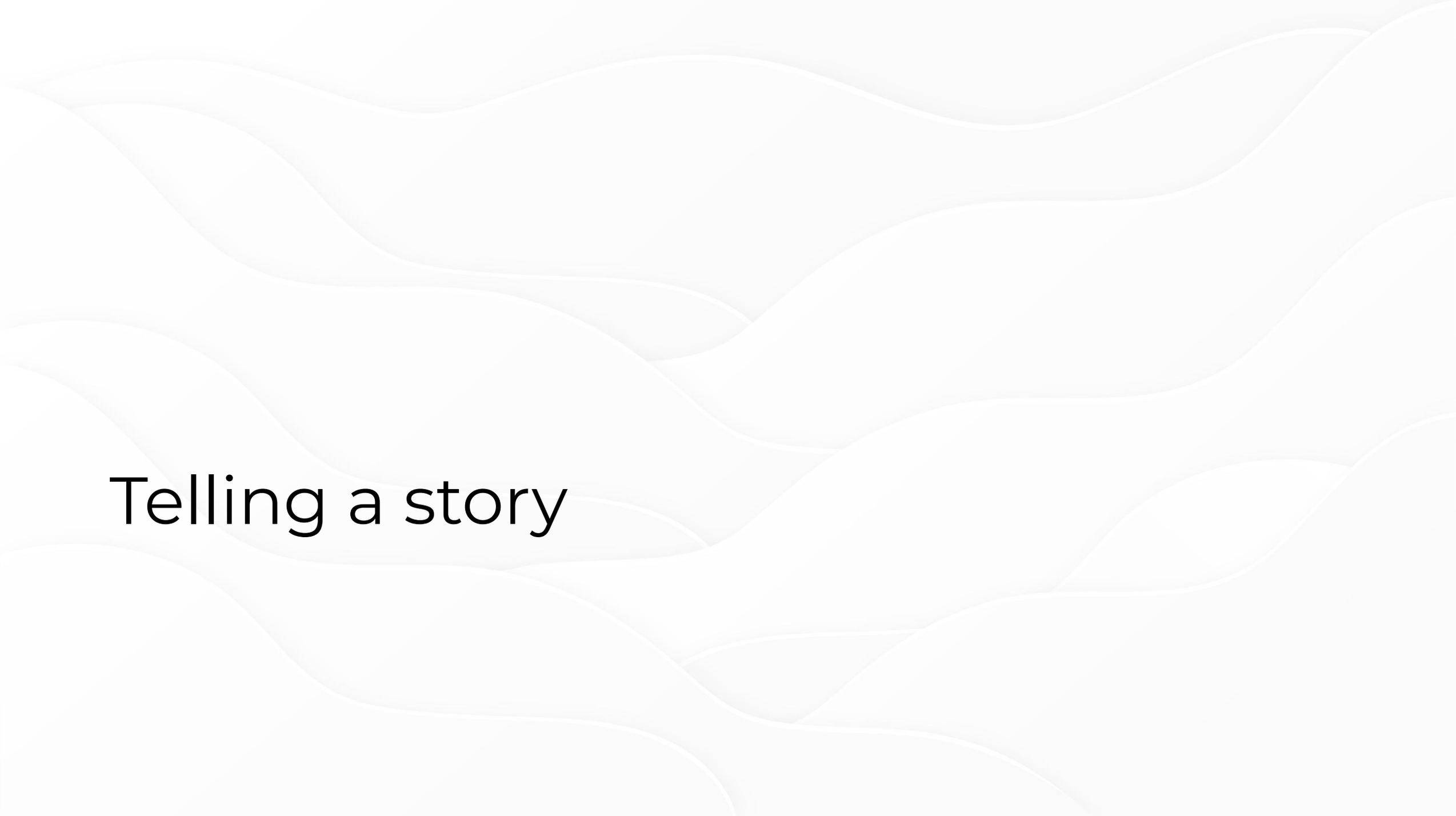
- Data that is associated with a specific geographical location or physical space.
- Examples:
  - Elevation
  - Postal codes
  - Agricultural land use

# Poll

What type of data do you need to visualise recently/ the most?

- . Amount
- . Distribution
- . Proportion
- . Association
- . Time series
- . Geospatial





Telling a story

# A picture is worth a thousand words

A **story** is a set of observations, facts, or events, true or invented, that are presented in a specific order such that they create an emotional reaction in the audience.

- Important role in our reasoning and memory
- The audience will get a story anyways, whether we influence it or not
- Multiple visualisations
- Audience **MUST UNDERSTAND** the figures you are showing

Less is more.

# Know your target publication

## Research article figures:

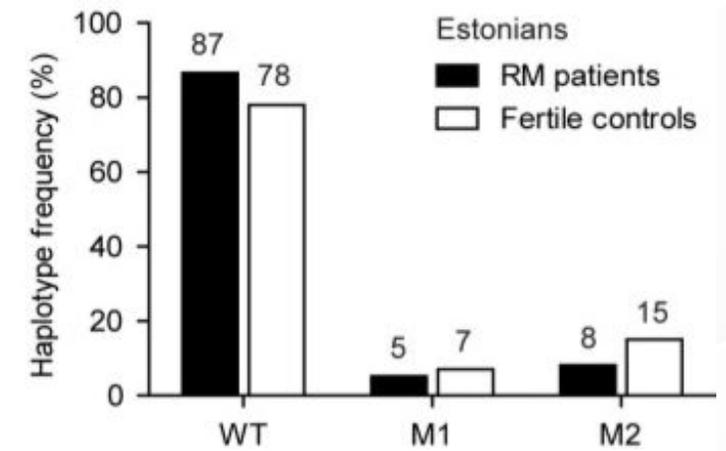
- Classical shapes and symbols
- Mostly black-and-white

## Report figures:

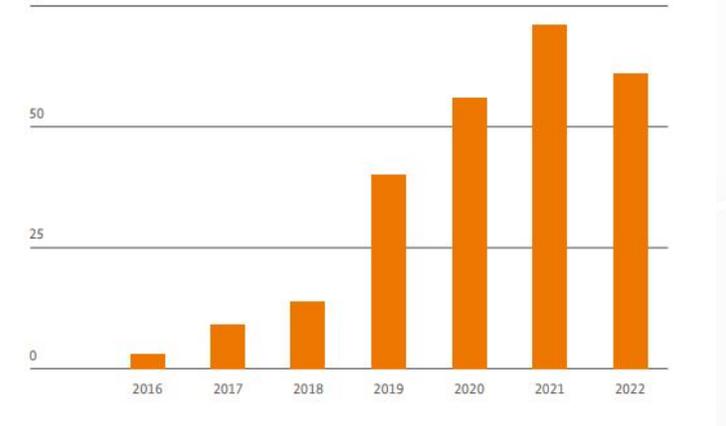
- Colorful
- Can play with style
- Classical shapes and symbols
- Gridlines

## Presentation figures:

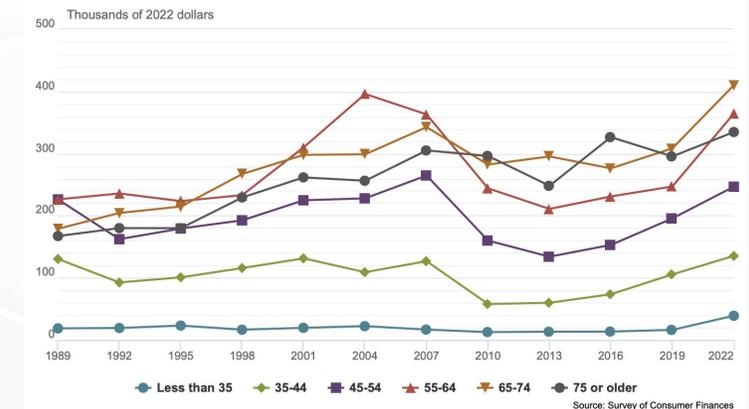
- Colorful
- Objects different than classical symbols
- White areas are good
- Highlight
- Can play more with visual aspect



# POLICY DOCUMENTS MENTIONING ELIXIR  
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Net worth by age of reference person



# Know your target publication

## Press visualisations

- Most playful
- Attractive and creative
- Object differ from classical symbols
- Background pictures
- Highlighting parts
- Concentration of information

examples:

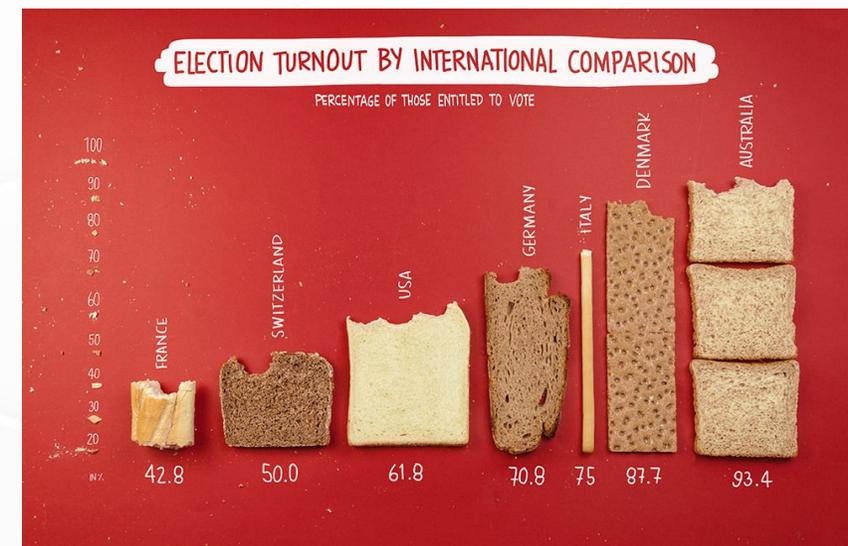
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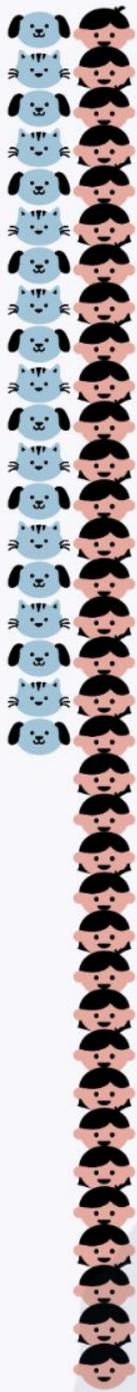
## Taylor Swift earnings visualized with bracelet beads

### HOW SWIFT'S MILLIONS STACK UP

Earnings from touring, music sales and streaming plus real estate and her song catalog make up the bulk of her fortune



2011



2013



2015



2017



2019



2021



1M

2M

3M

# More pets than children?

A look at Taiwan's super-aged future

By Julia Janicki, Daisy Chung and Joyce Chou

In 2021, Taiwan's pet (cats+dogs) population officially outnumbered children 14 and younger



# Figure out your focus

What is your main message?

Will help you choose the right graph.

# Chart types

# Chart types



Violin



Density



Histogram



Boxplot



Ridgeline



Scatter



Line plot



Area



Stacked area



Streamchart



Map



Choropleth



Heatmap



Correlogram



Bubble



Connected scatter



Density 2d



Barplot



Hexbin map



Cartogram



Connection



Bubble map



Chord diagram



Network



Spider / Radar



Wordcloud



Parallel



Lollipop



Circular Barplot



Treemap



Sankey



Arc diagram



Edge bundling



Venn diagram



Doughnut



Pie chart



Dendrogram



Circular packing

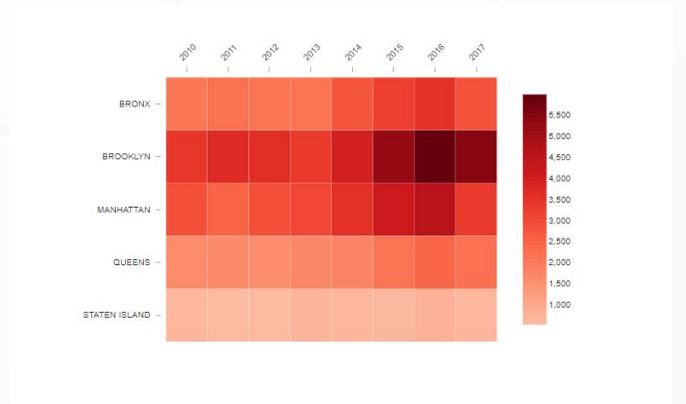
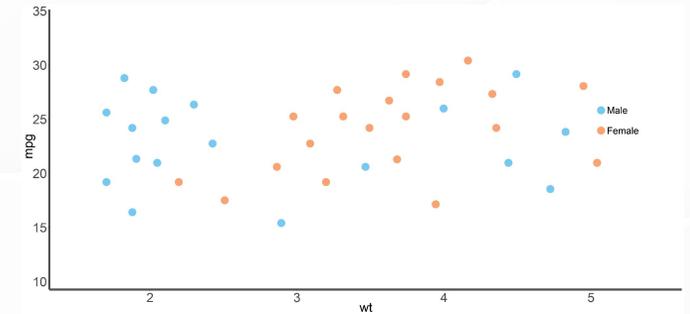
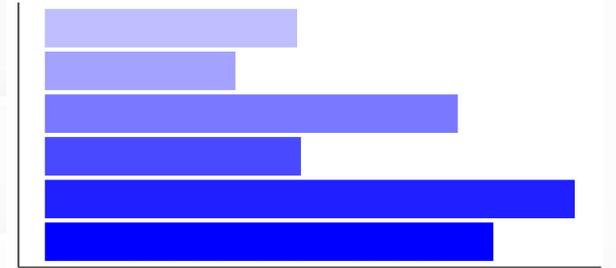


Sunburst

# Data type: Amounts

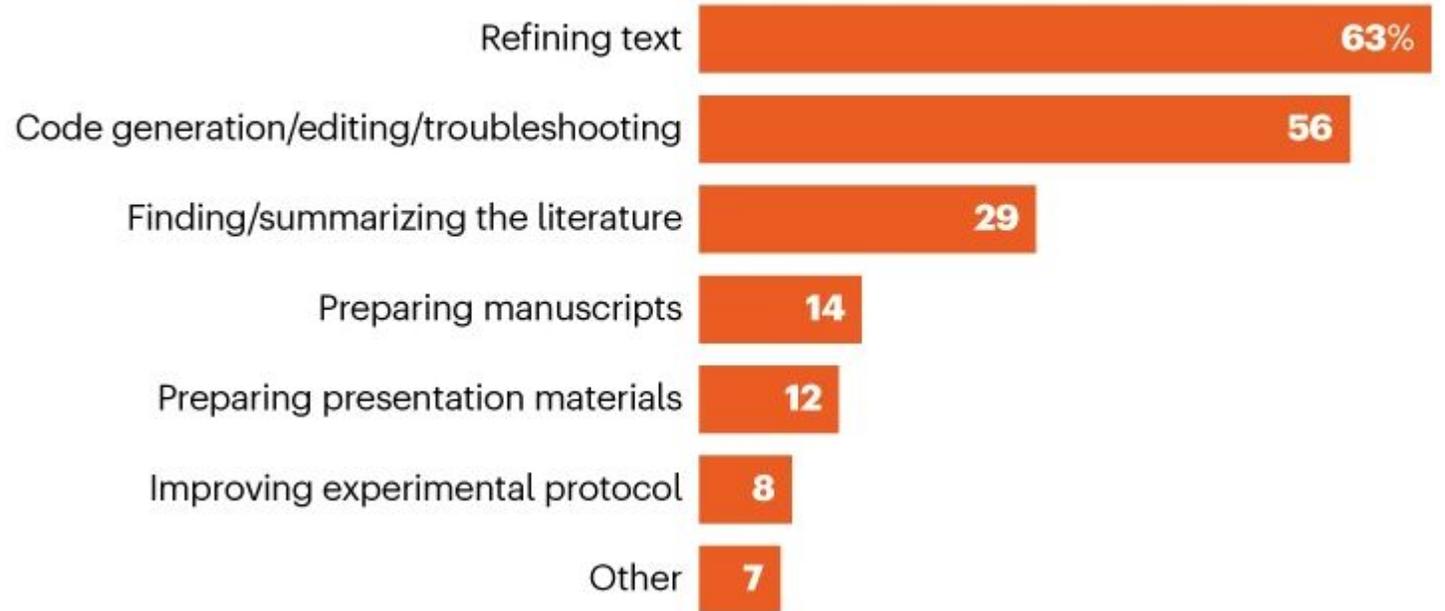
Amounts - numerical values that correspond to specific categories

- Bar charts
- Dot plots
- Heatmap

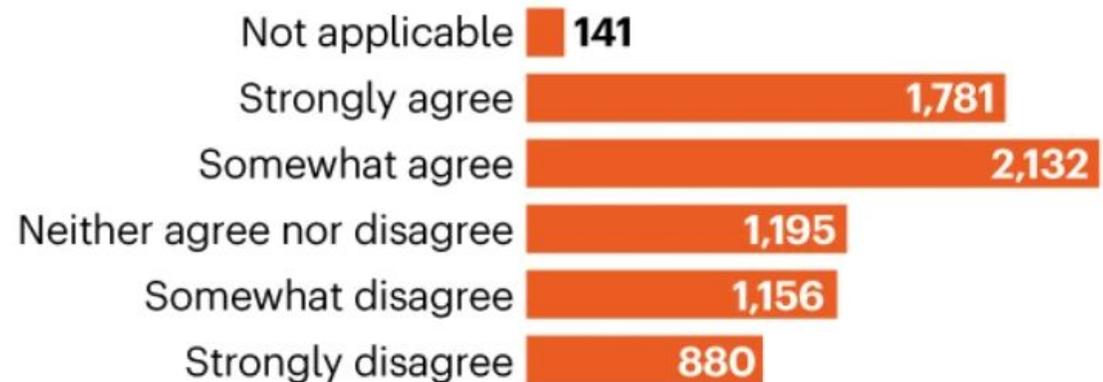


# Example: Bar chart

## What do you use AI chatbots for?



## Q: My supervisor/PI has provided clear guidelines on how they will support me to manage any changes in my ability to work.



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# Example: Stacked bar chart

Age group comparison of people involved in traffic accidents with electric scooter rider in 2022

Men colored in red

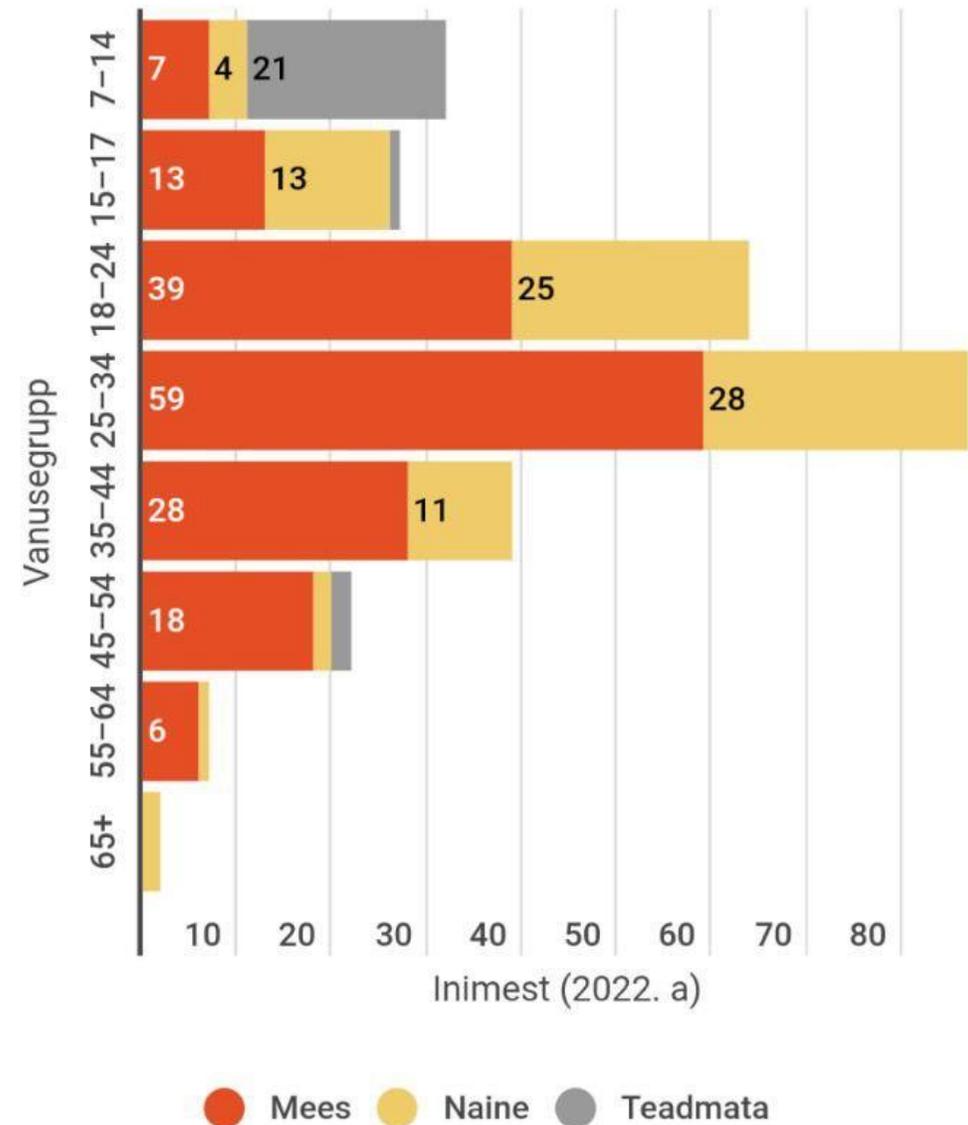
Females yellow

Grey - unknown

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article (in estonian)

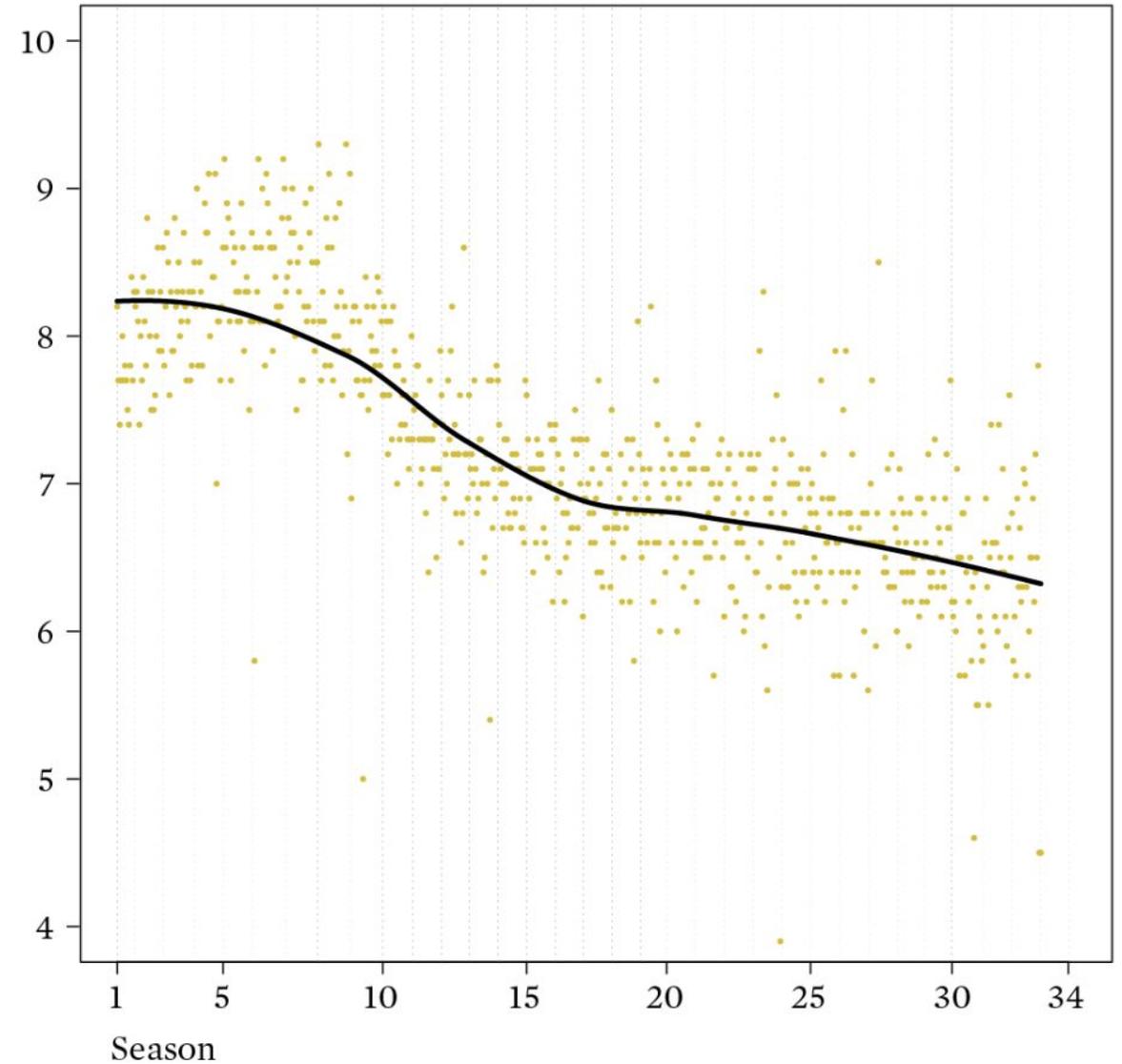
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# Example: Dot plot

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## IMDb ratings for The Simpsons

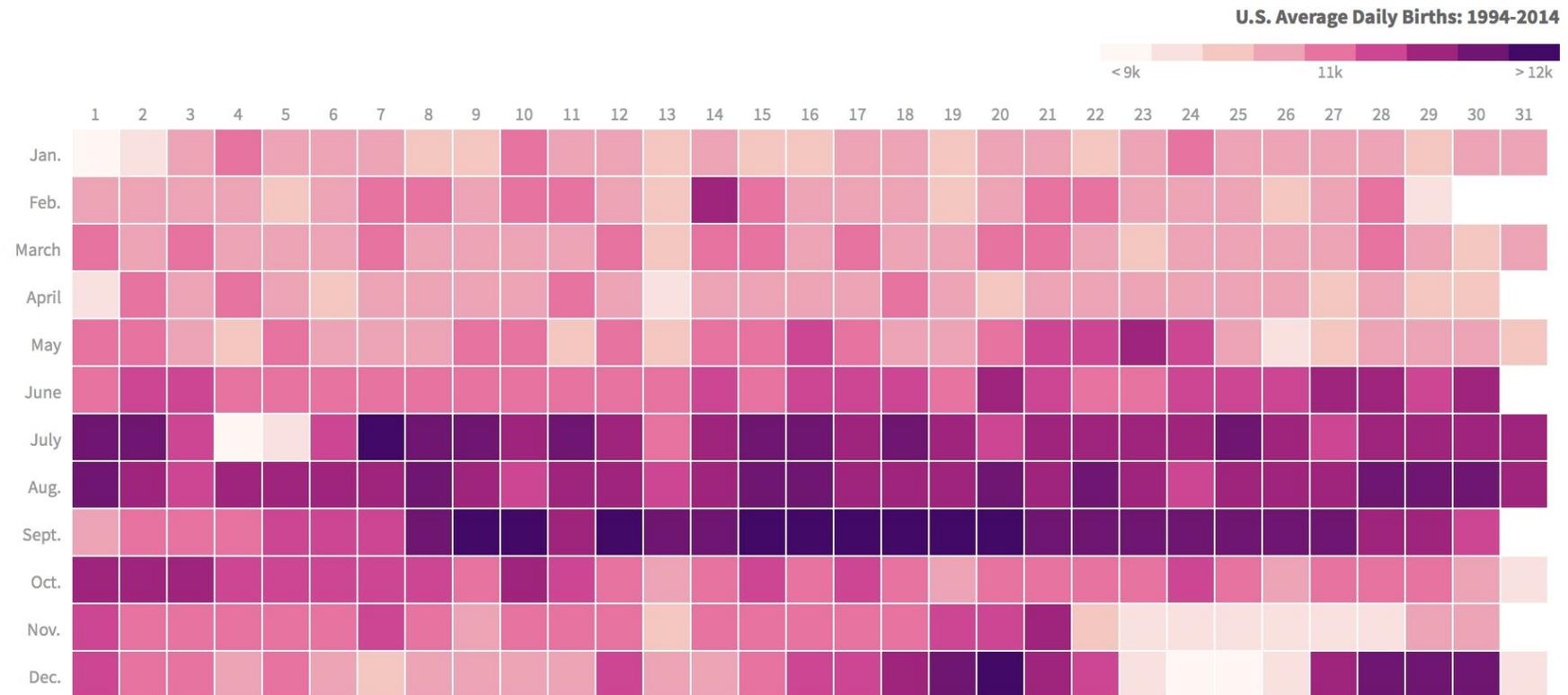


SOURCE: IMDb

# Example: Heatmap

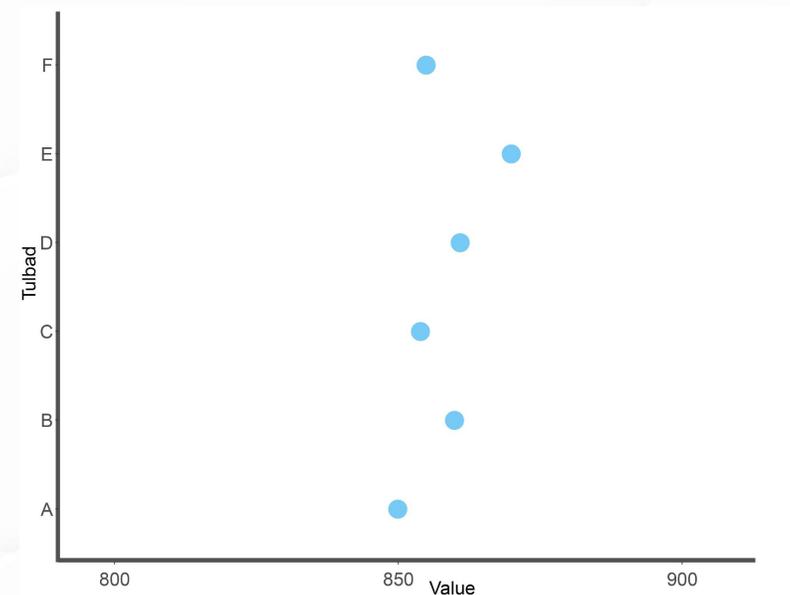
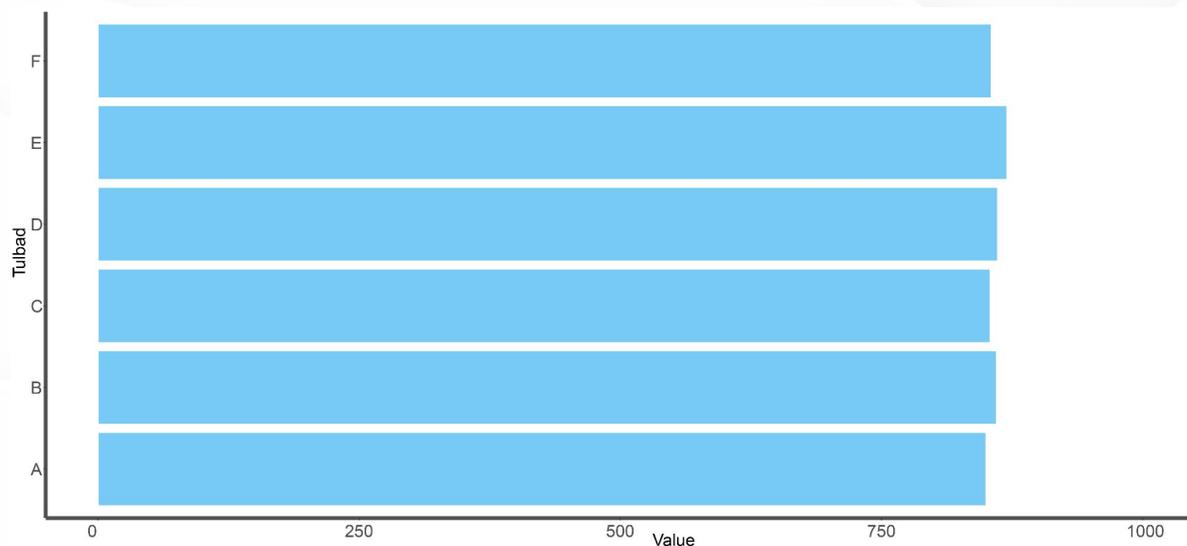
## How Popular Is Your Birthday?

Two decades of American birthdays, averaged by month and day.



# Limitations

Bar charts: need to start at 0; Dot plots don't need to



For large datasets, prefer heatmap!

Order data (if possible) for ease of understanding!

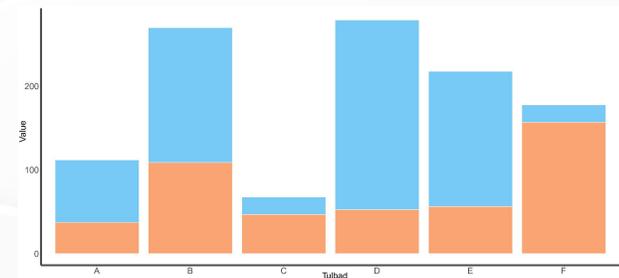
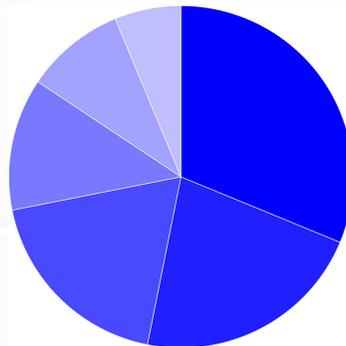
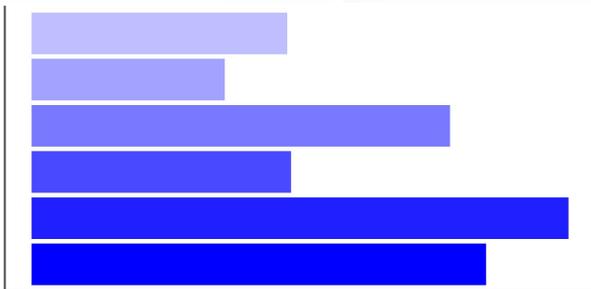
# Chart types comparison for amounts

	Bar chart	Stacked bars	Grouped bars	Dot plots and heatmaps
Needs to start at 0	✓	✓	✓	✗
Quantitative amount varies with respect to one categorical variable	✓	✗	✗	✗
Quantitative amount varies with respect to 2+ categorical variables at the same time	✗	✓	✓	✓
Sum of the amounts represented is in itself a meaningful amount	✗	✓	✗	✗
Individual bars represent counts	✓	✓	✓	✗
Need to pay attention to the ordering of the data values	✓	✓	✓	✓

# Proportions

To show how some group, entity, or amount breaks down into individual pieces that each represent a proportion of the whole

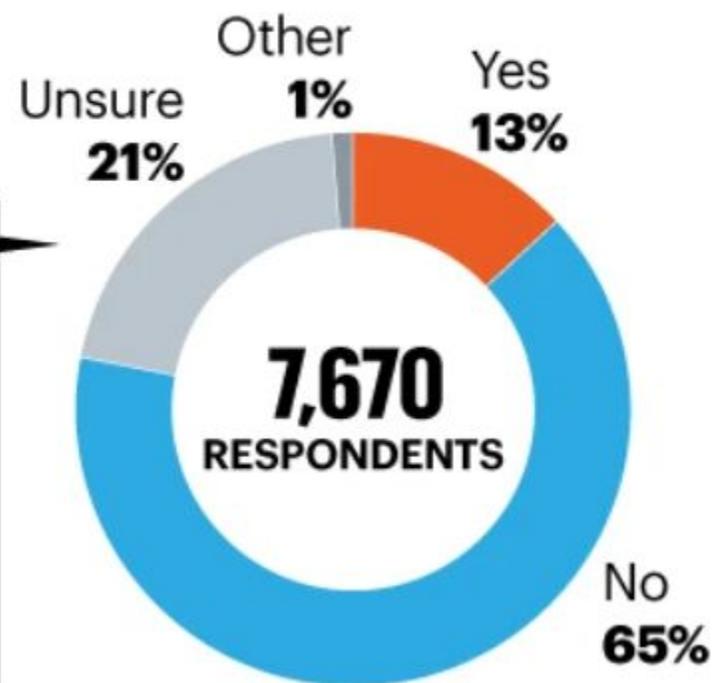
- Pie chart
- Stacked bar chart
- Bar chart



# Example: Donut chart

**Q: Do you believe you've lost a postdoc or post-postdoc job offer because of COVID-19?**

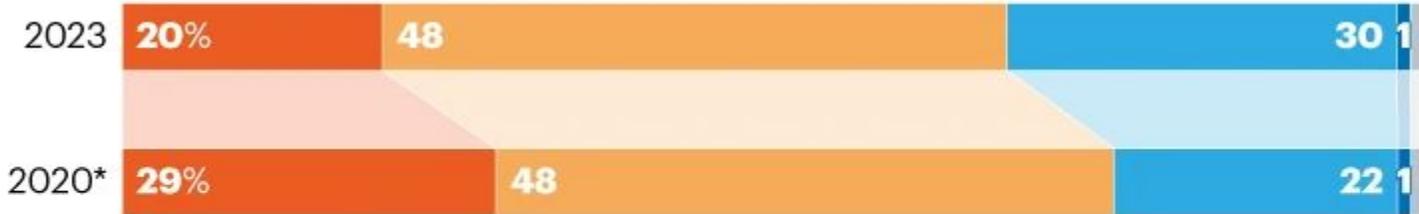
More than one-fifth of postdocs aren't sure if the pandemic caused them to lose a job offer, whereas another 13% are certain it was the reason for their lost offer.



# Example: Stacked bars

## Can you currently save/put money aside from your salary?

Yes, the amount I want to    Yes, but not the amount I want to    No, but I'd like to    No, but I don't need to    Prefer not to say



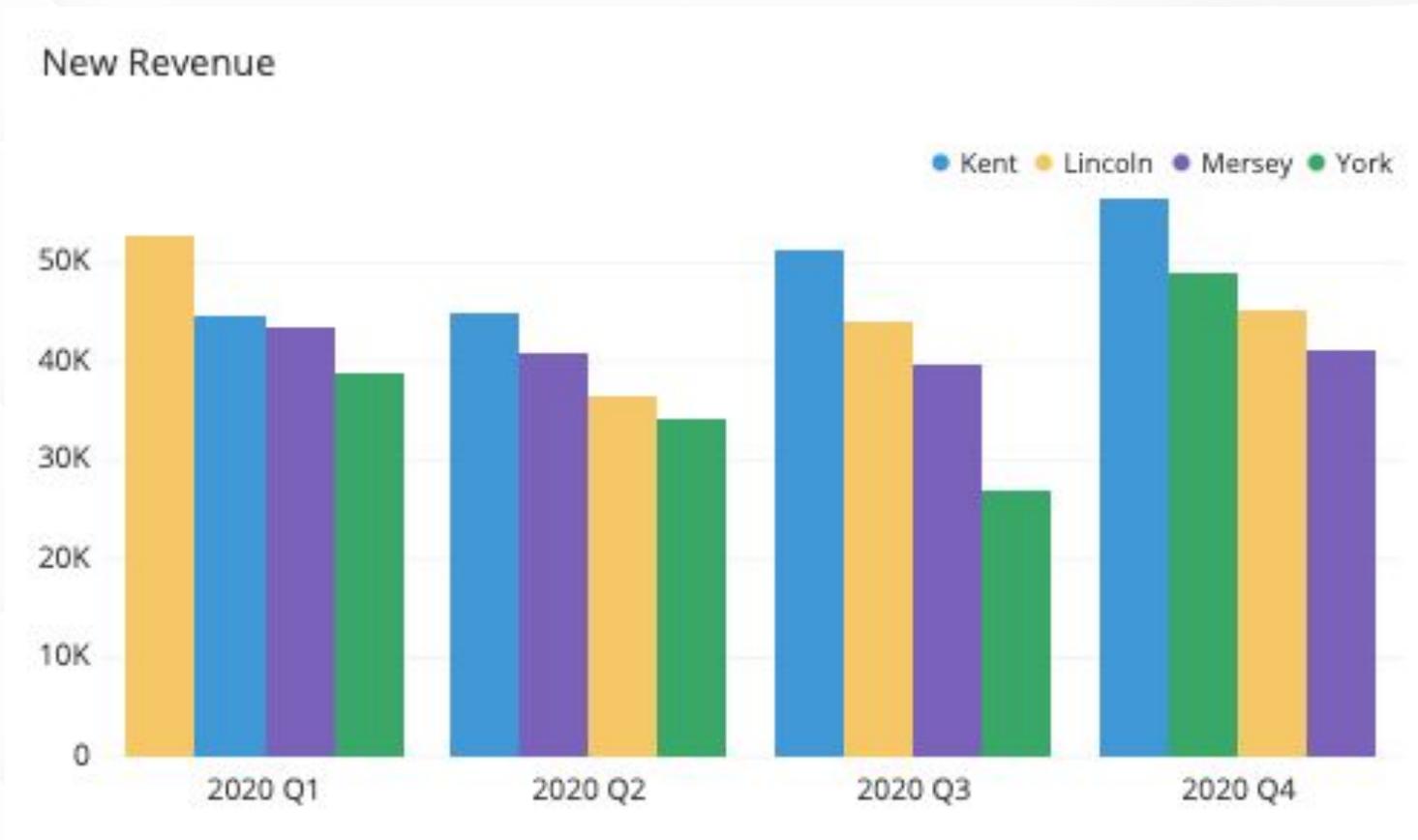
## Does your overall salary/benefits package include the following?



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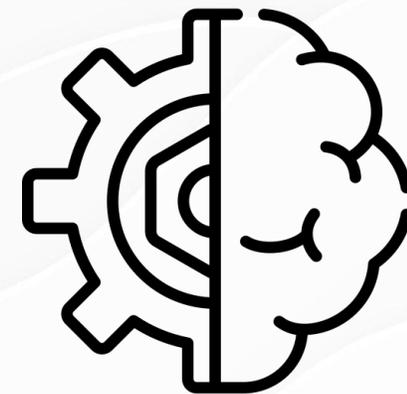
\*Percentages don't add up to 100 owing to rounding.

# Example: grouped bars



# Chart types comparison for proportions

	Pie chart	Stacked bar chart	Side-by-side bar chart
Visualizes the data as proportions of a whole	✓	✓	✗
Comparison of the relative proportions	✗	✗	✓
Visually emphasizes simple fractions, such as 1/2, 1/4	✓	✗	✗
Suitable for small datasets	✓	✗	✓
Comparing parts of a bigger set of data	✗	✗	✓
Visualization of many sets of proportions or time series of proportions	✗	✓	✗



# Practice

Prof Booknose has a massive bookshelf in his study.

What chart would you choose to show:

## **Number of different categories of books on the bookshelf**

- Bar chart
- Stacked bar chart
- Pie chart
- Dot plot
- Heatmap



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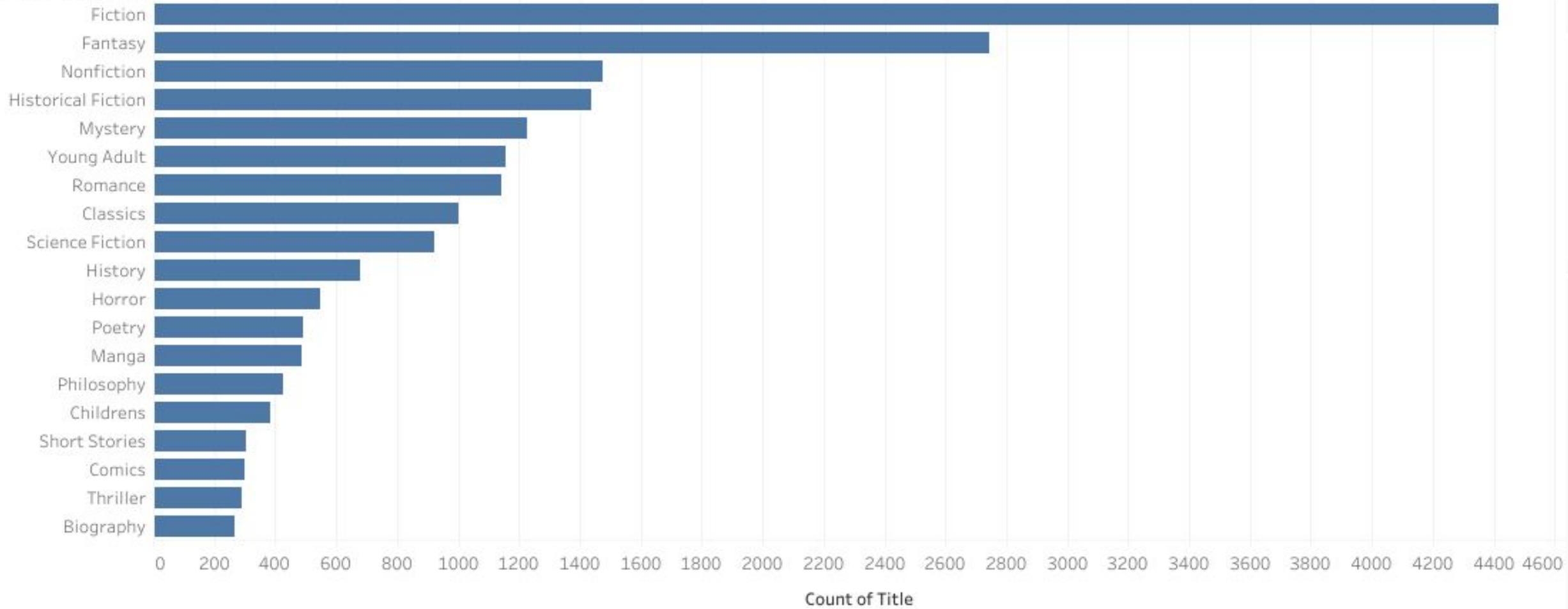
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bar chart

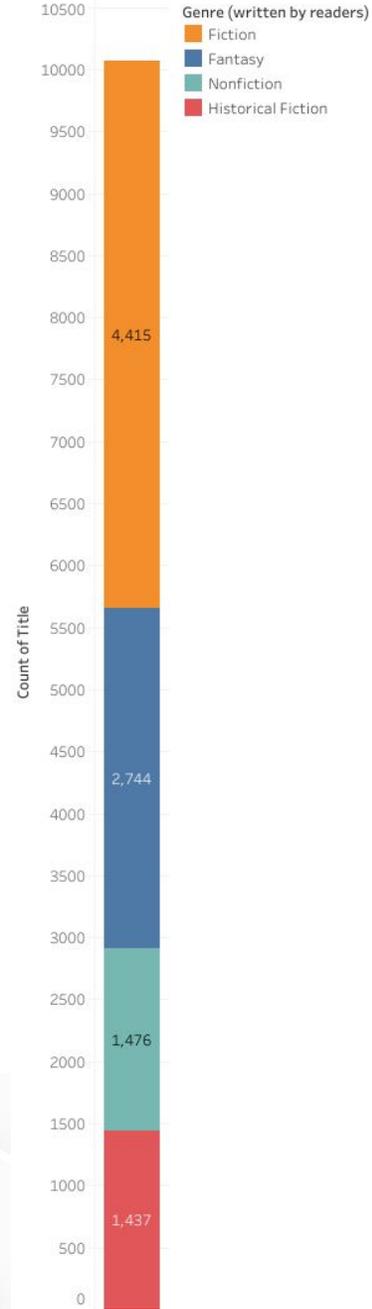
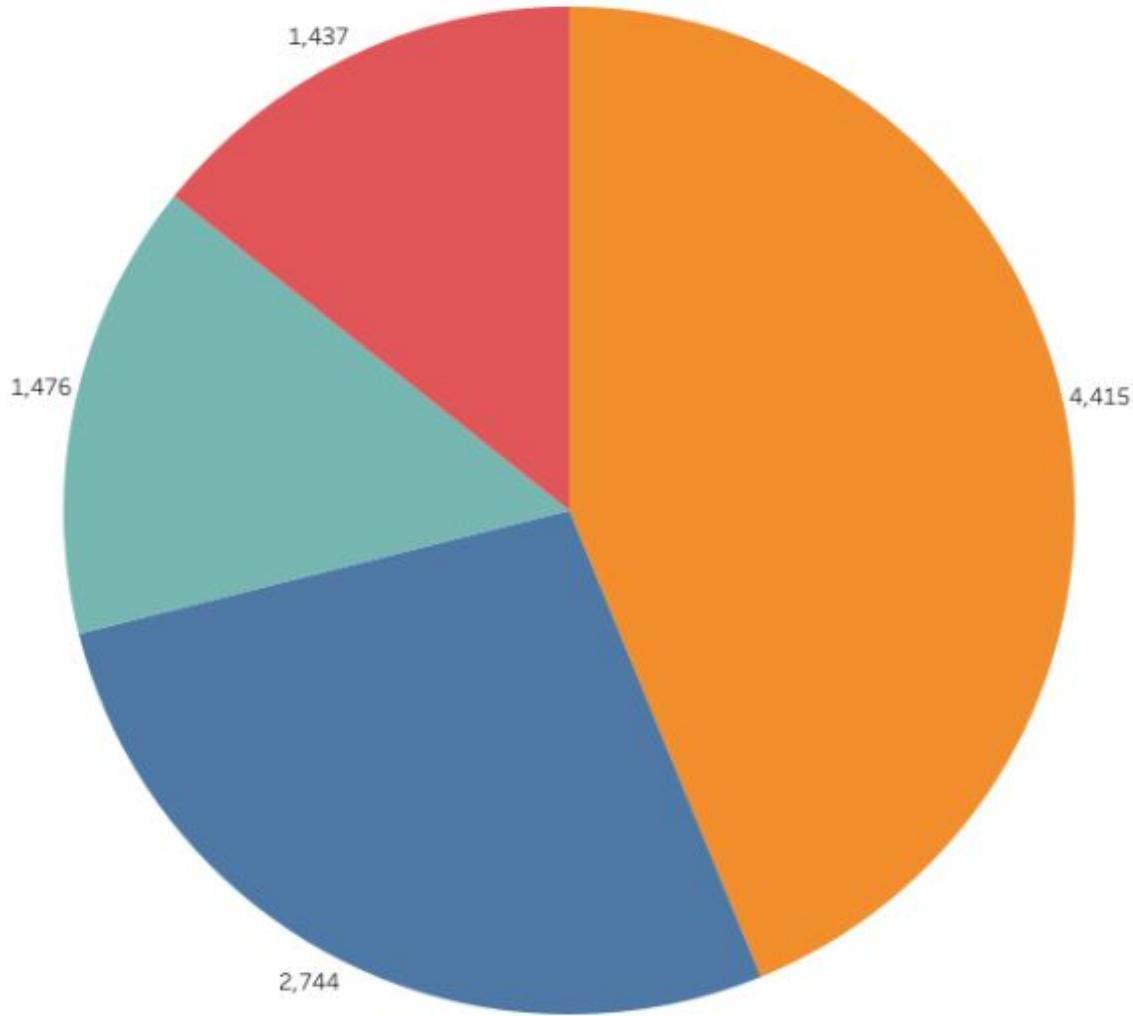
pie chart if  $\leq 5$  categories, stacked bar chart works too then

# Sheet 1

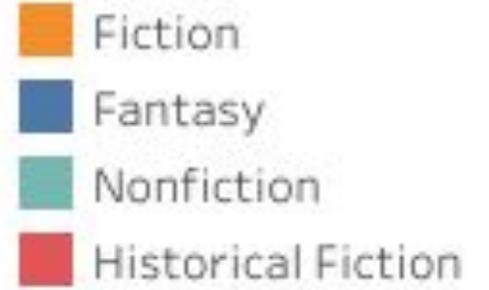
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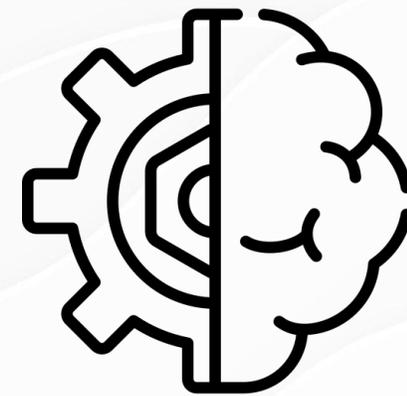


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Genre (written by readers)





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- Heatmap
- Histogram



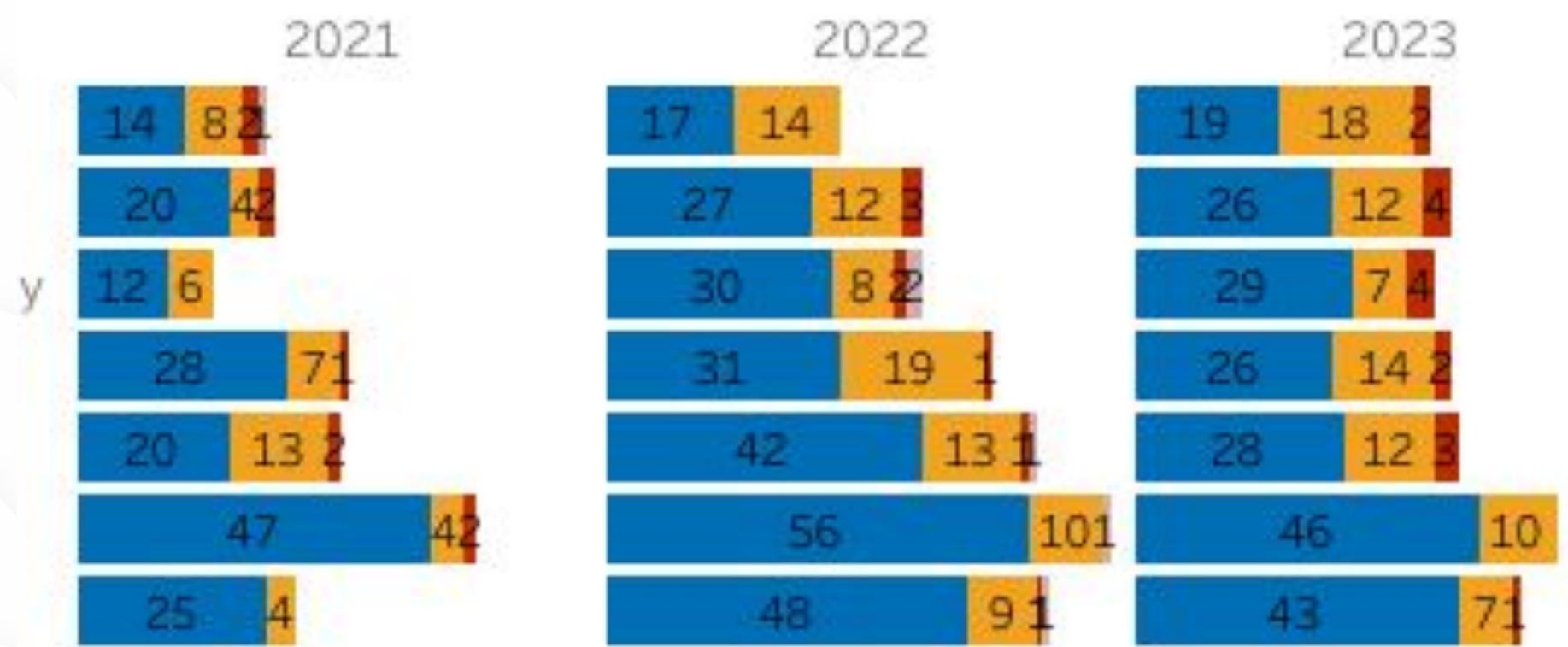
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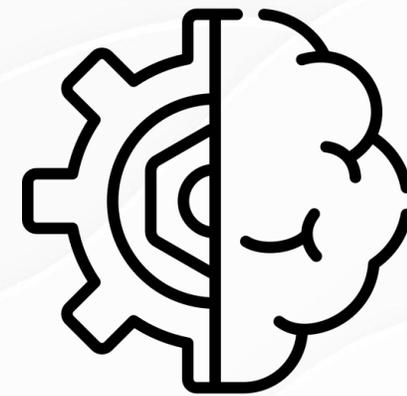
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- stacked bar chart - we are comparing % in each genre.





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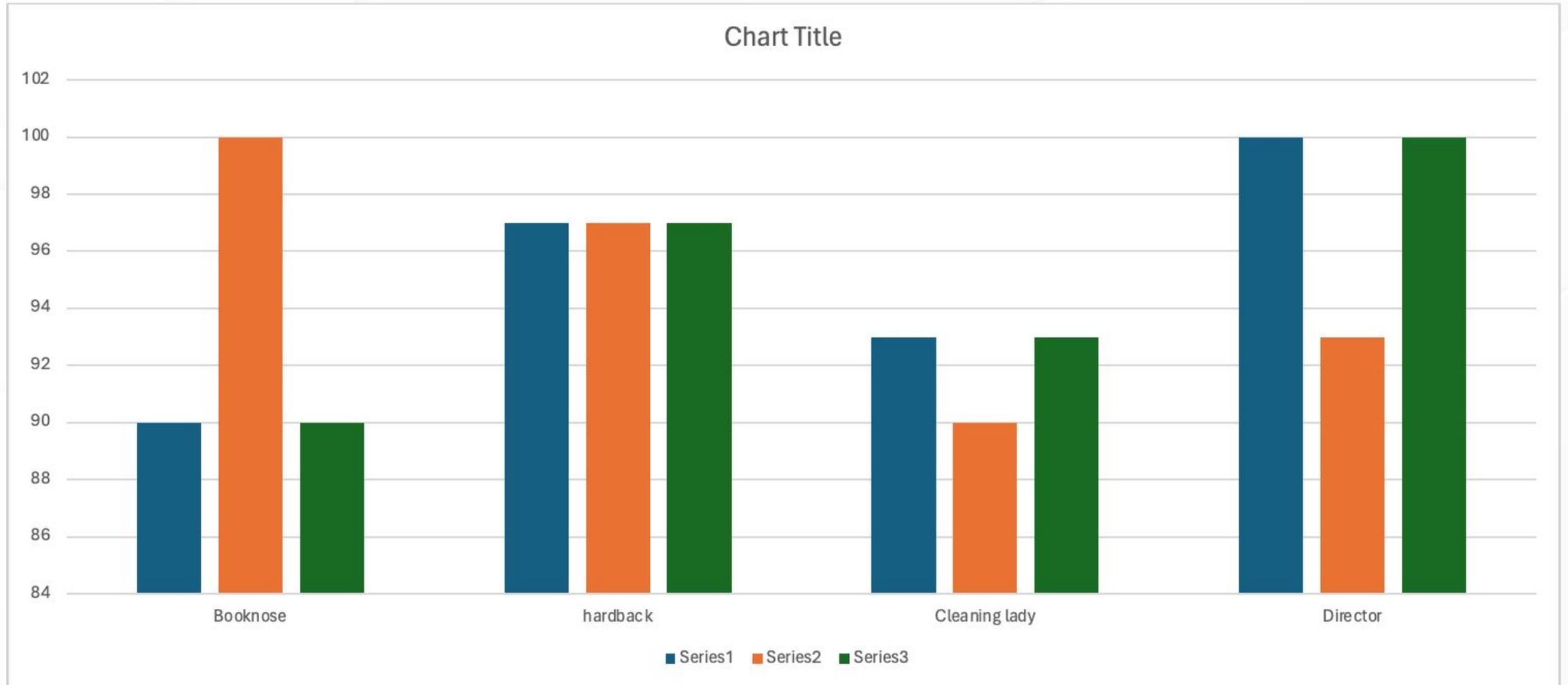
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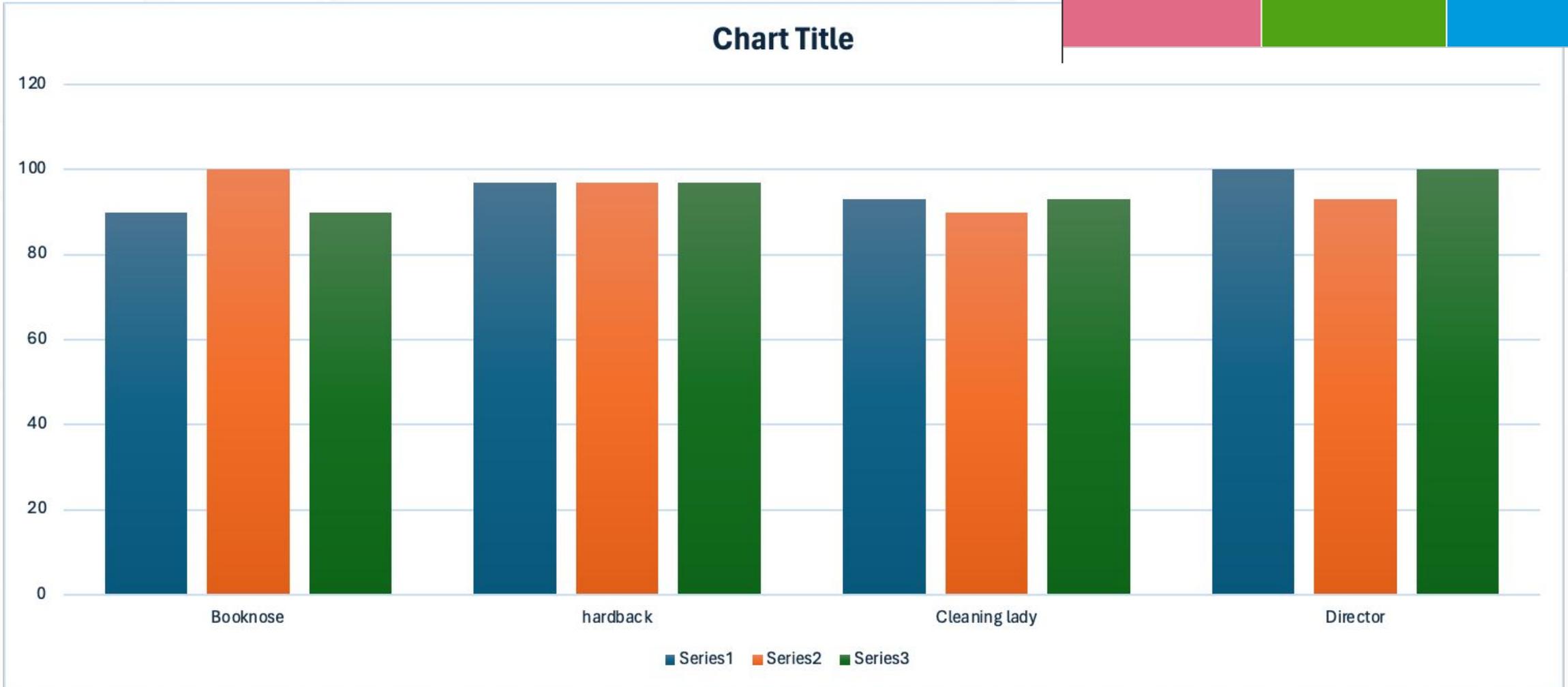
# If done in excel, immediate graph...

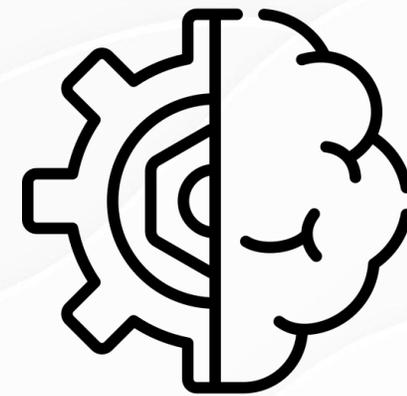


# Starting from 0



Chart Title





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- Box plot
- Pie chart
- Dot plot
- Grouped bar chart



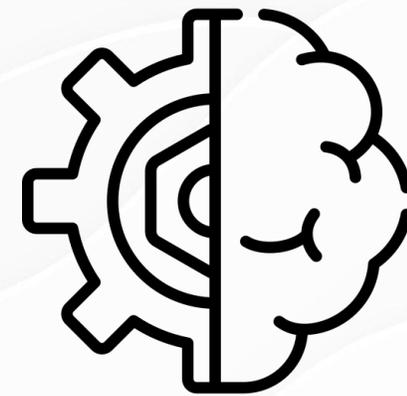
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- ✓ Dot plot, heatmap if many professors and genres
- ✓ Grouped bar chart if few professors



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**Book formats (Hardcover, Paperback, eBook, Audiobook)**

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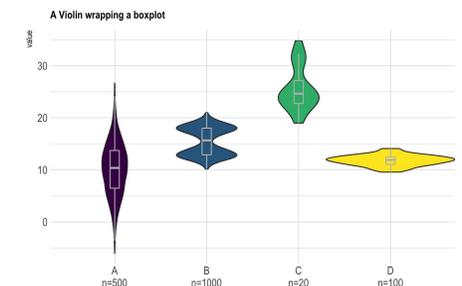
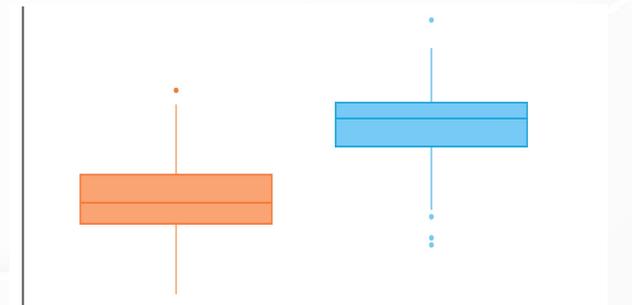
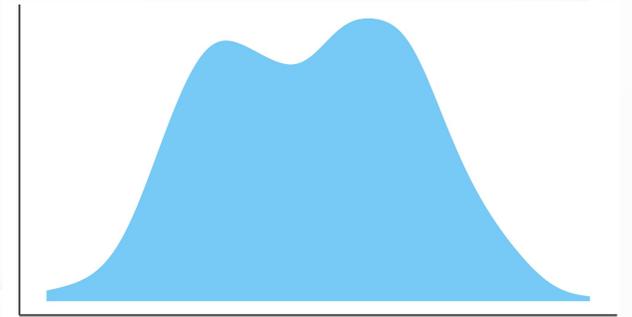
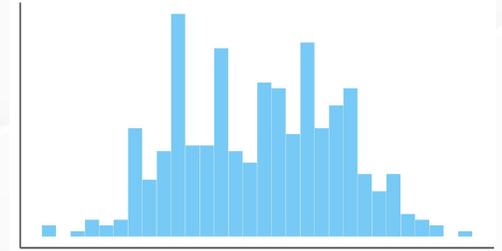
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- Pie chart
- Stacked bar chart

# Data type: Distribution

Distributions - probability of a particular value or value range of a variable

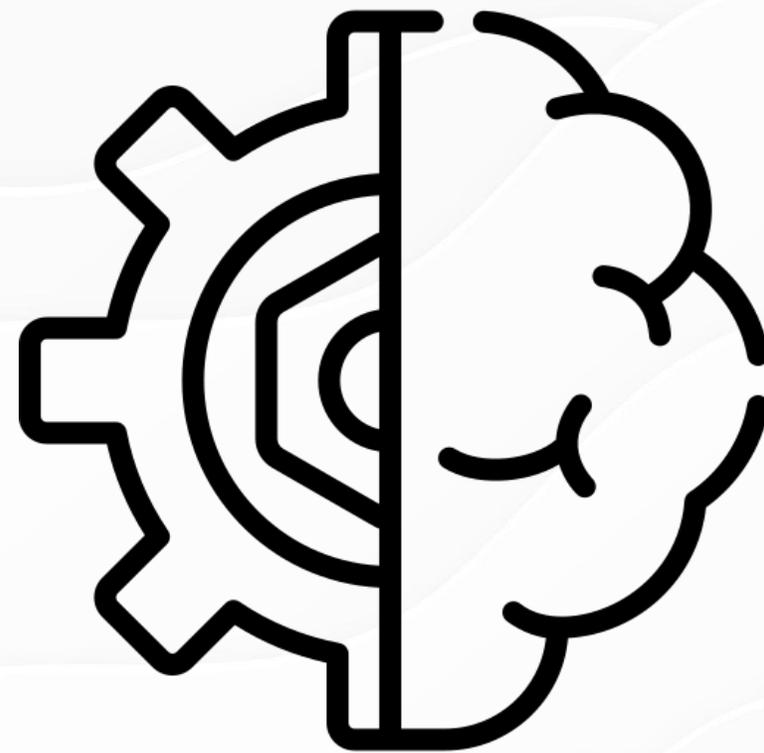
- Histogram
- Density plot
- Box plot
- Violin plot



# Let's do this once more.

Which of the following is a distribution?

- IQ scores
- Color of cars in a parking lot
- Age of population
- Heights of people
- Names of people in a city
- Student ID numbers
- Coin toss



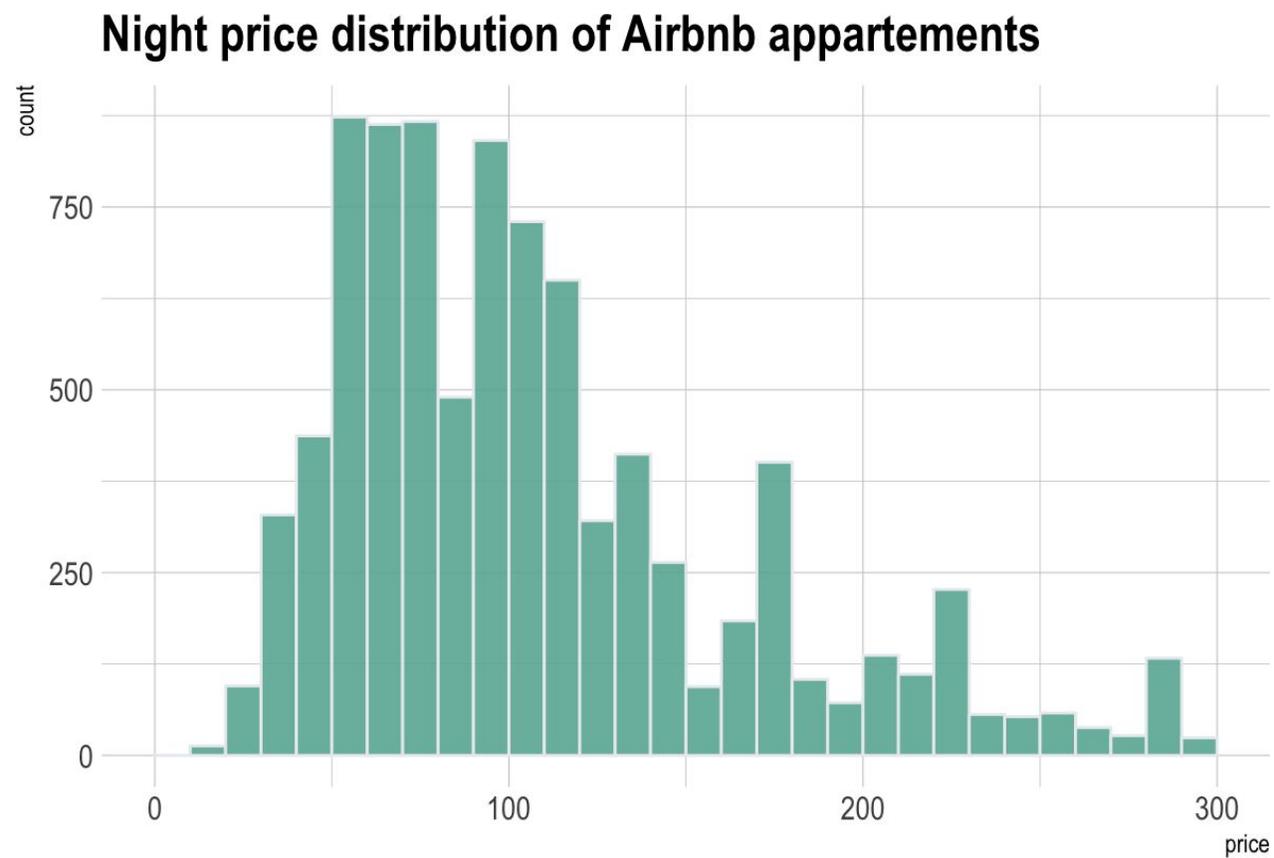
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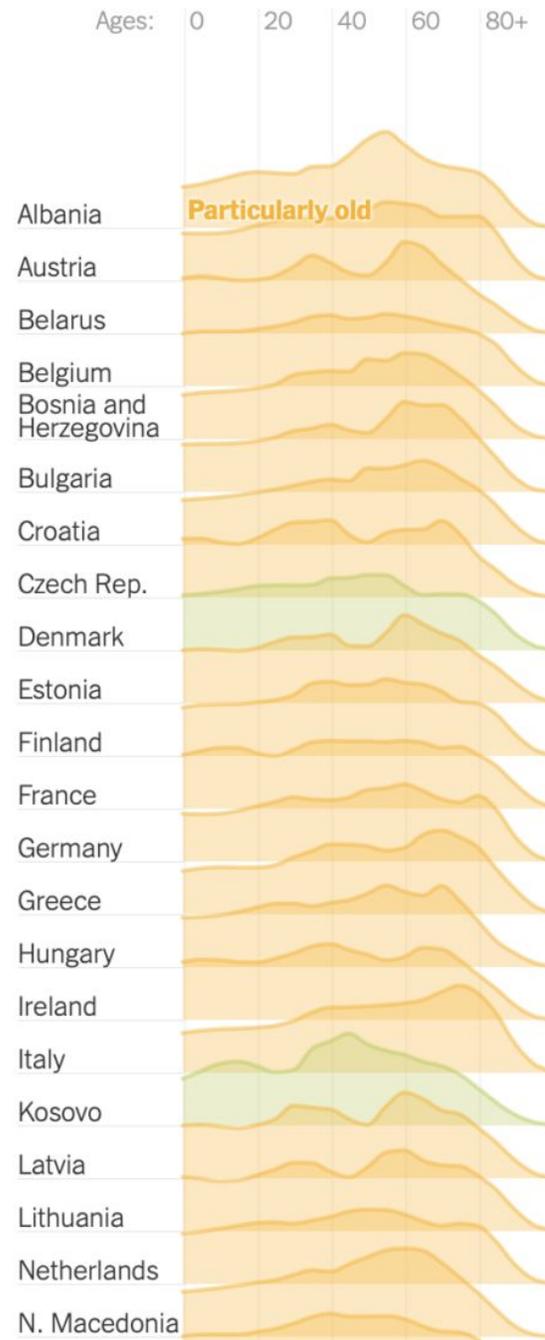
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# Example: Histogram

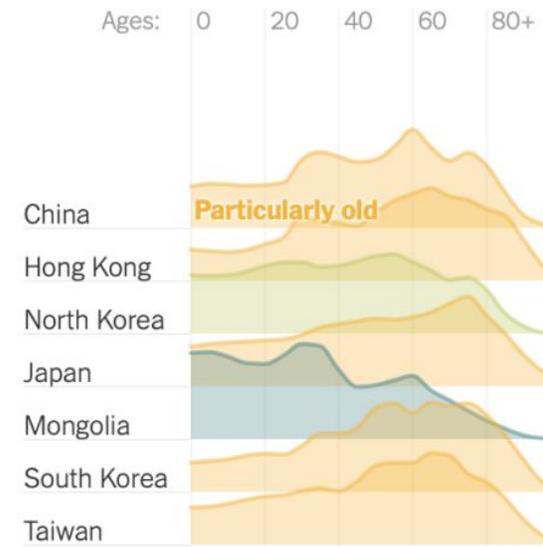


# Example: Density

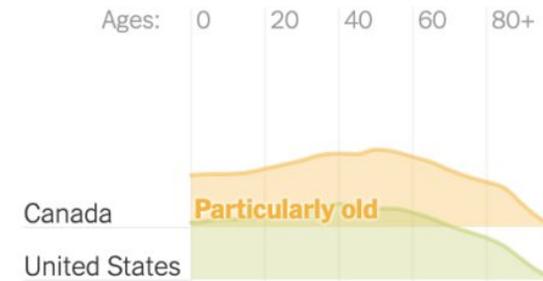
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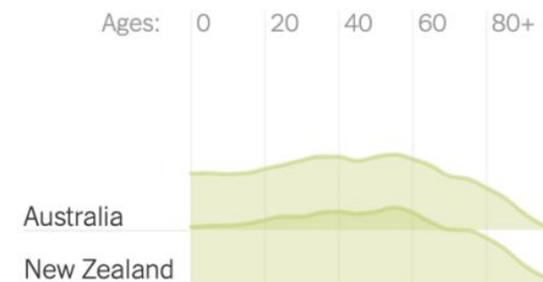
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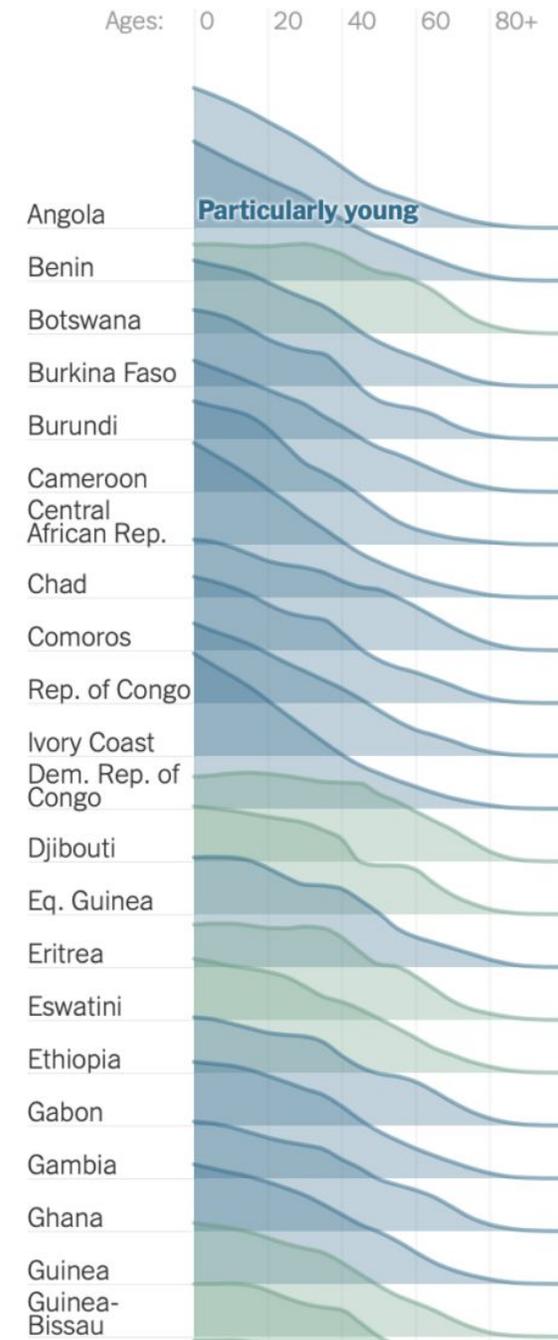
### Northern America



### Australia and New Zealand

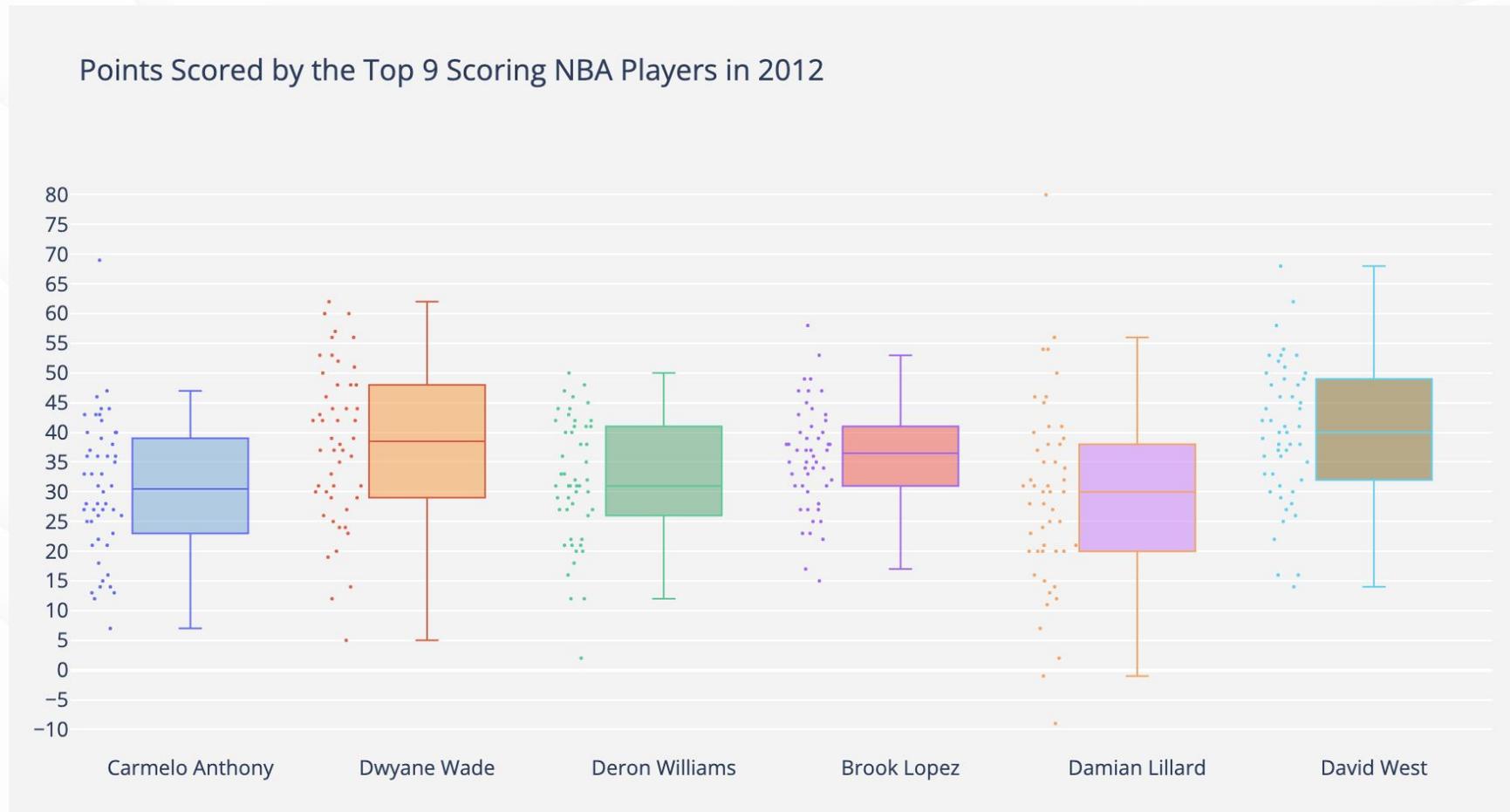


### Sub-Saharan Africa



<https://flowingdata.com/2023/07/17/age-shifts-around-the-world/>

# Example: box plot



# Box plot vs violin plot

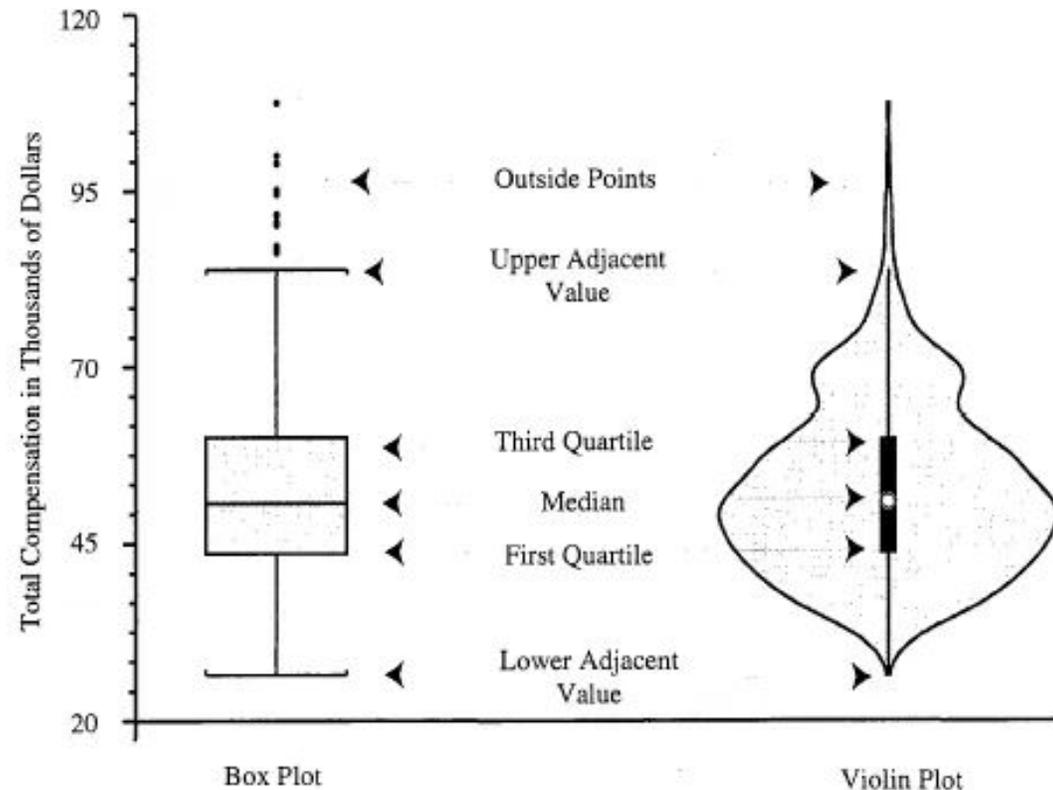
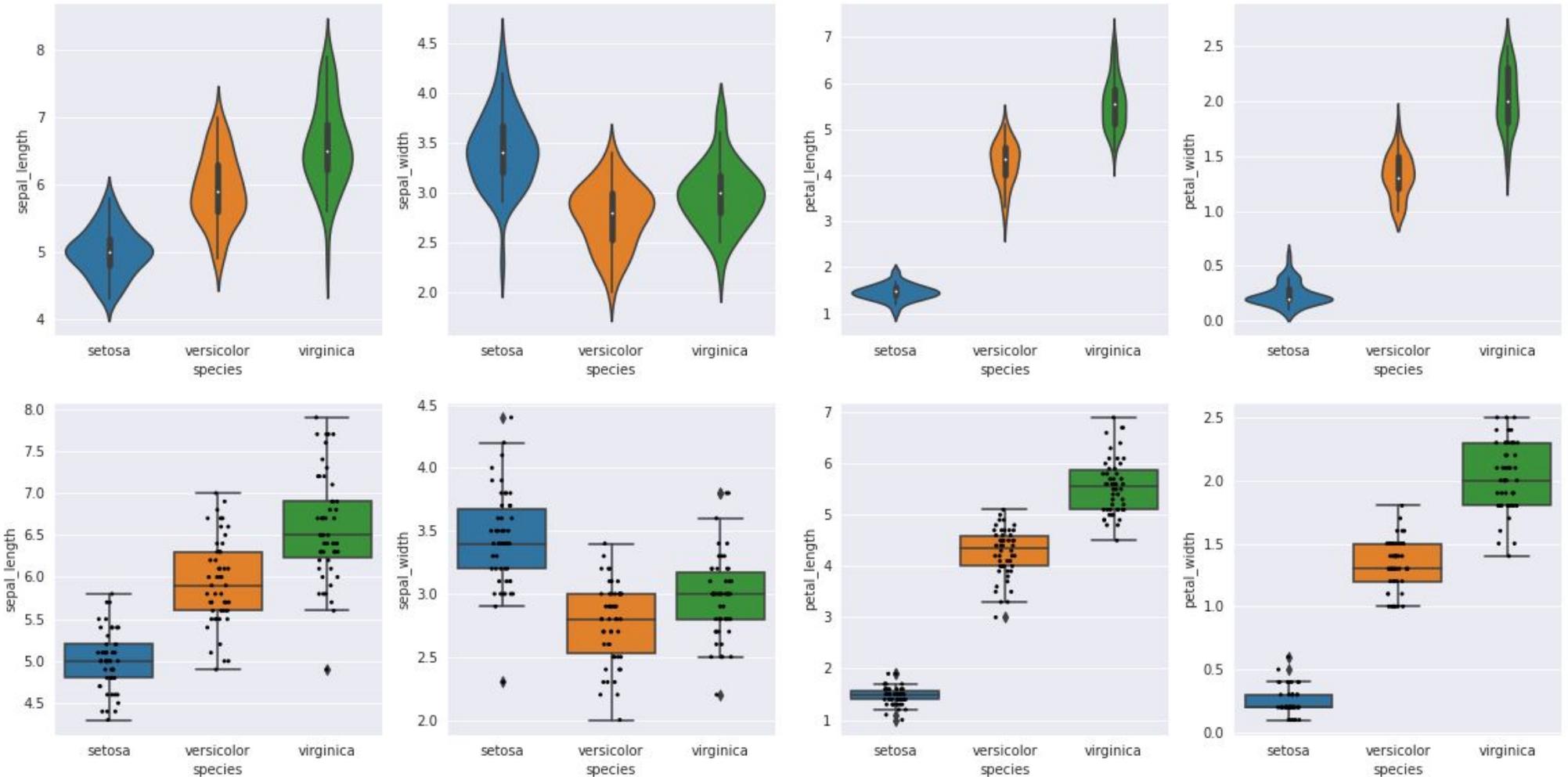
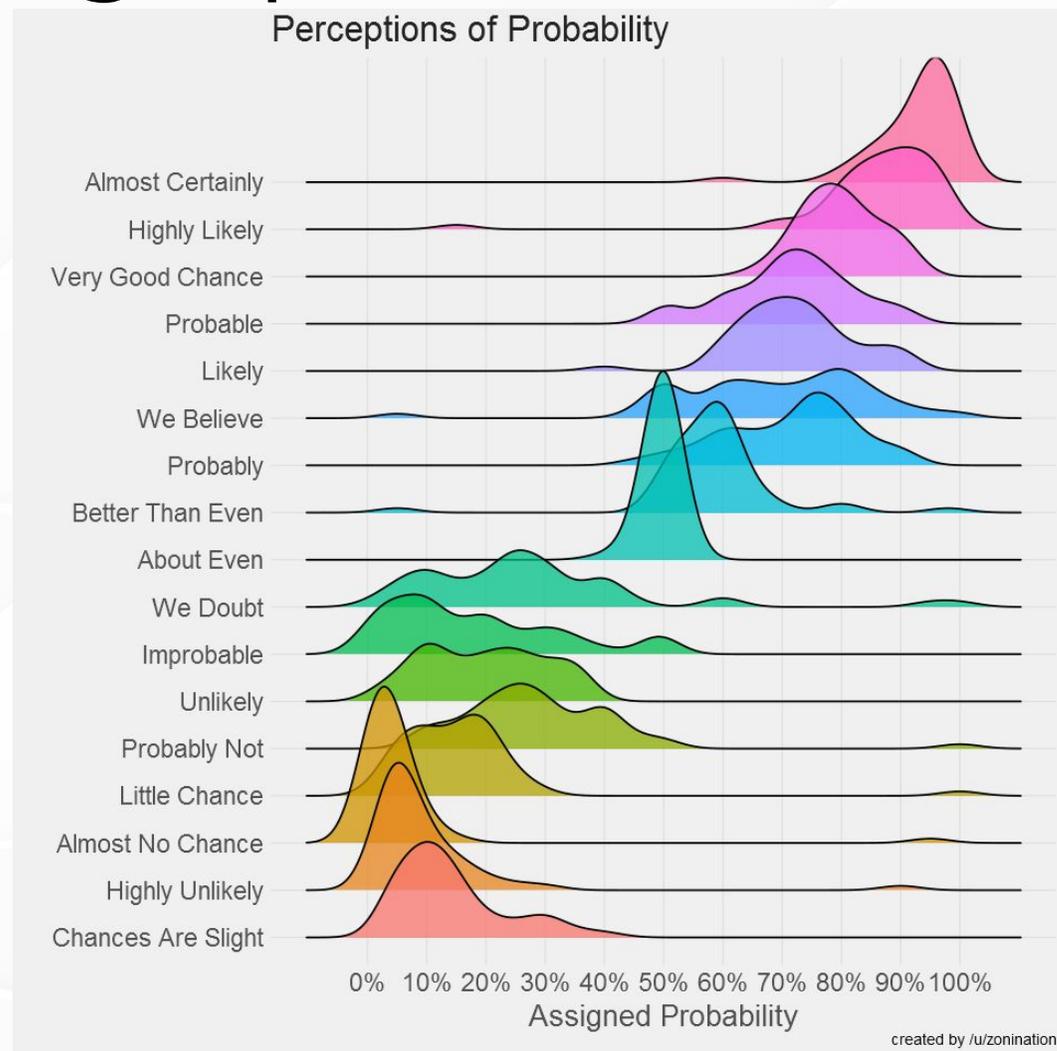
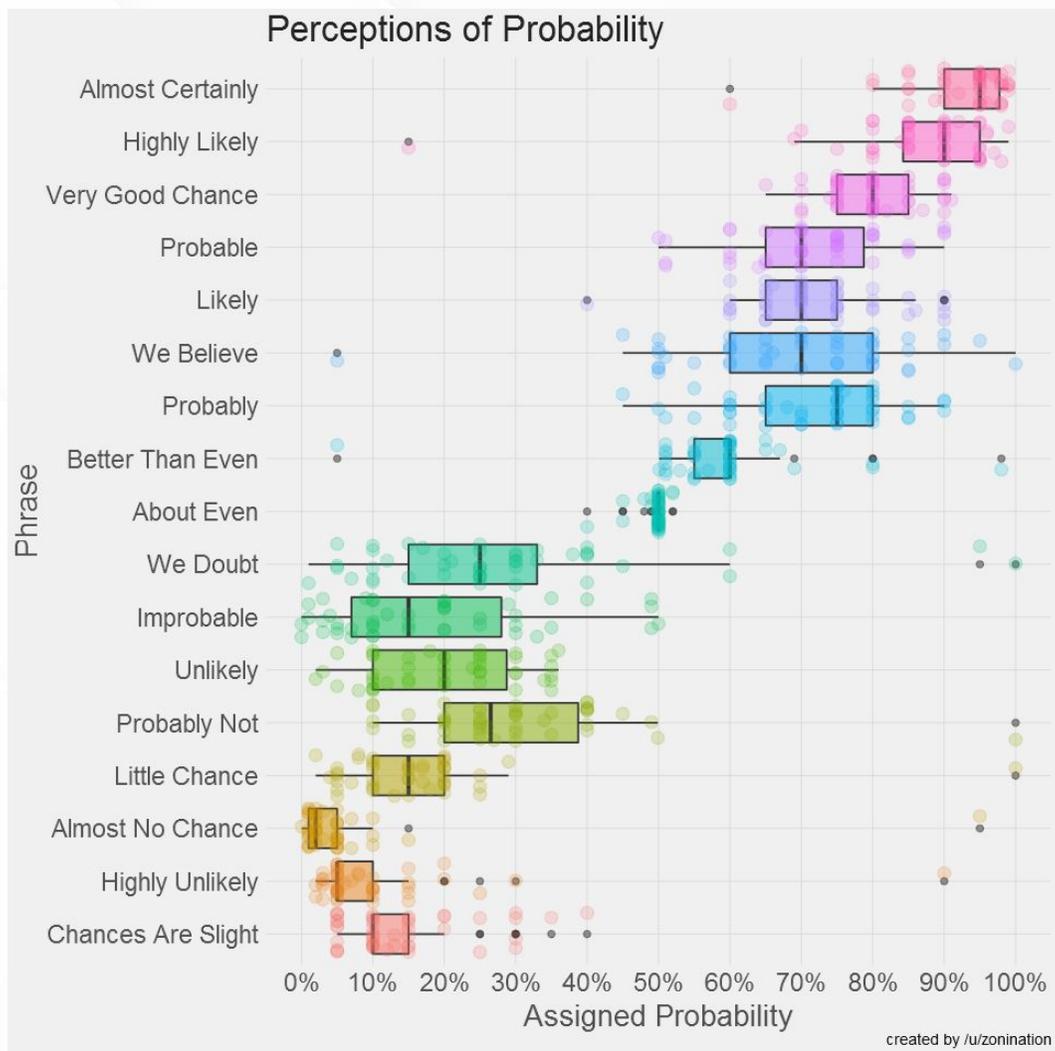


Figure 1. Common Components of Box Plot and Violin Plot. Total compensation for all academic ranks.

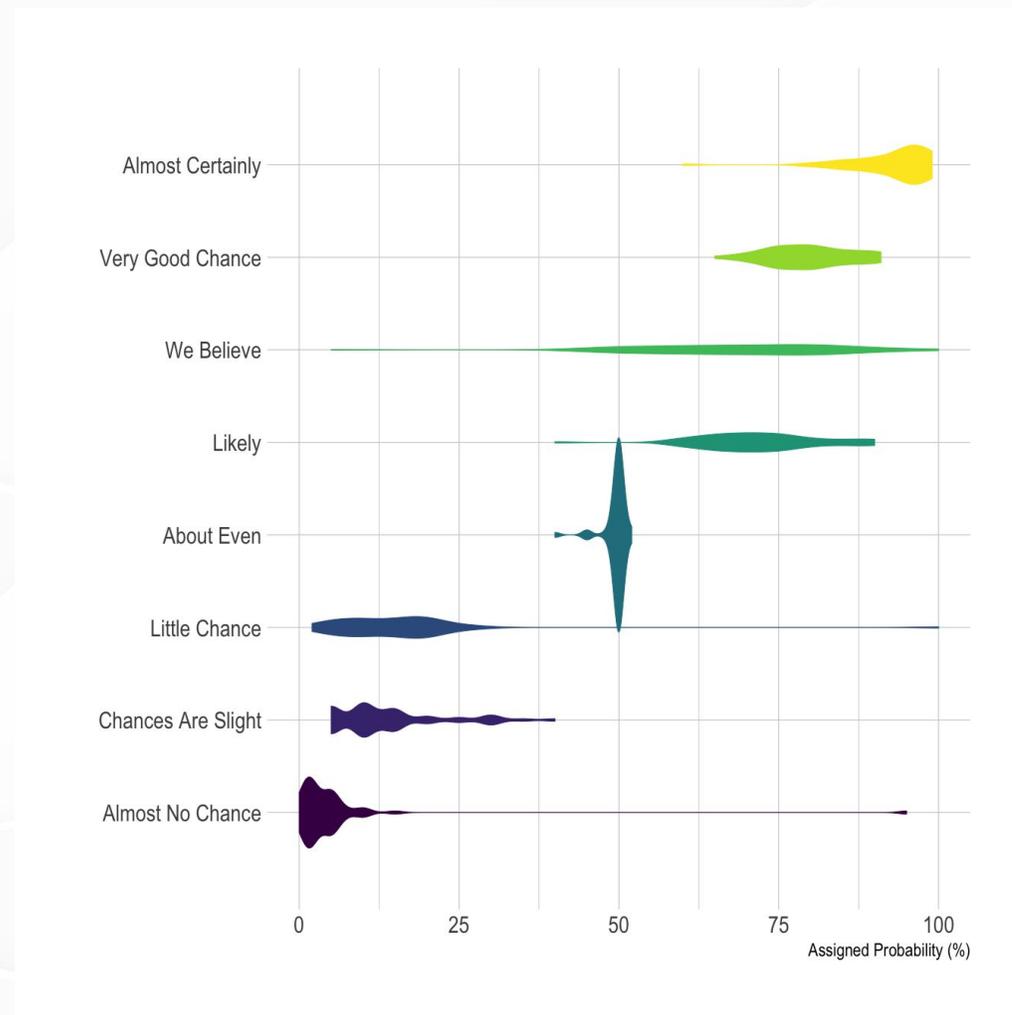
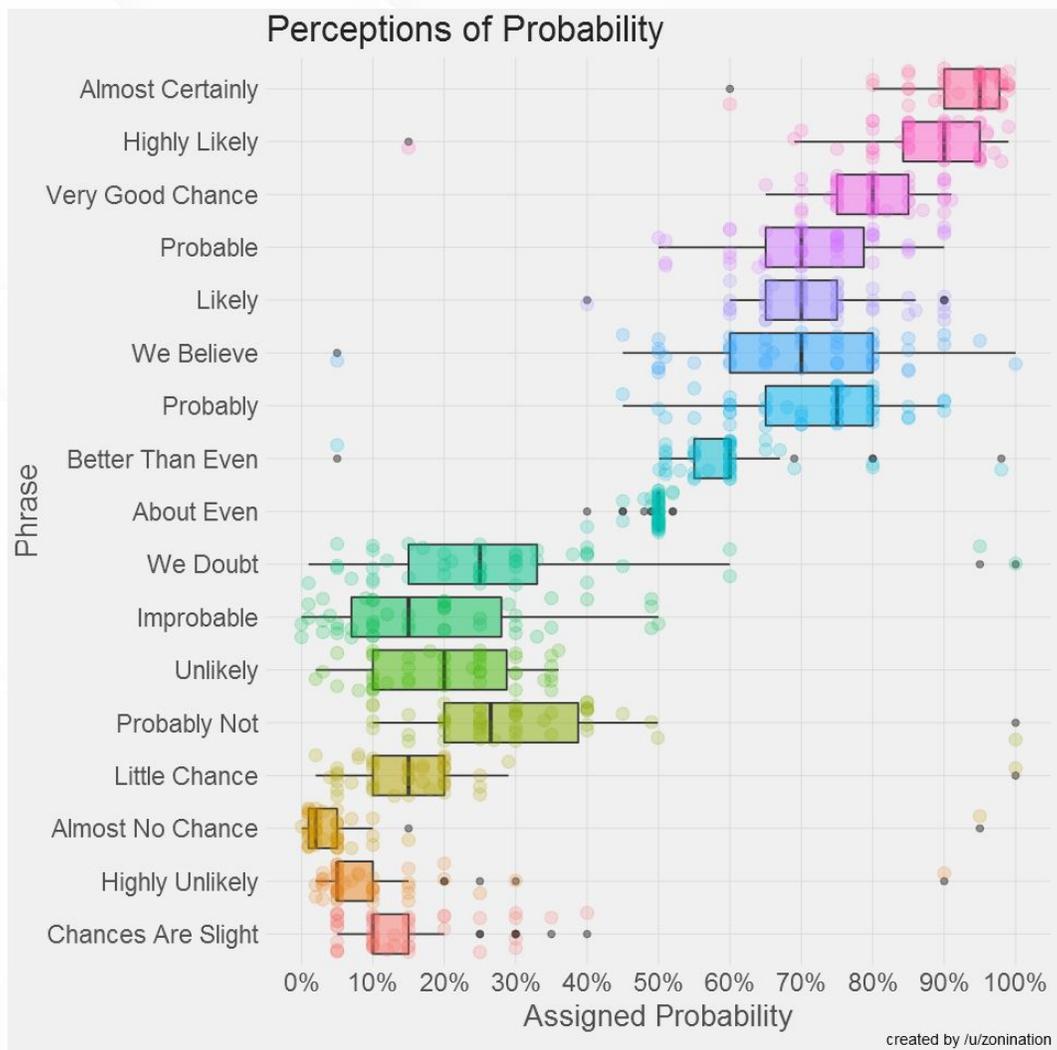
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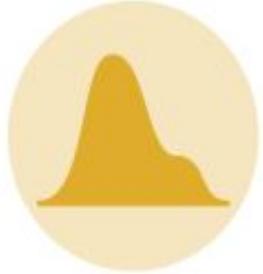
# Same data, different graph



<https://github.com/zonination/perceptions>

<https://www.data-to-viz.com/graph/violin.html>

# How to choose



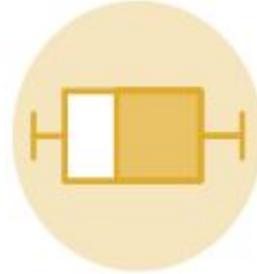
## DENSITY

Very close from an histogram.  
Show a density of distribution  
instead of bars



## RIDGELINE

Allows to compare the  
distribution of a few variables.  
Usefull if there is a pattern to  
observe



## BOXPLOT

Summarize the distribution of  
several numeric variables  
using boxes. Use it if you have  
a limited dataset size.



## VIOLIN

Show the density of several  
numeric variables. Use it with  
a large amount of data

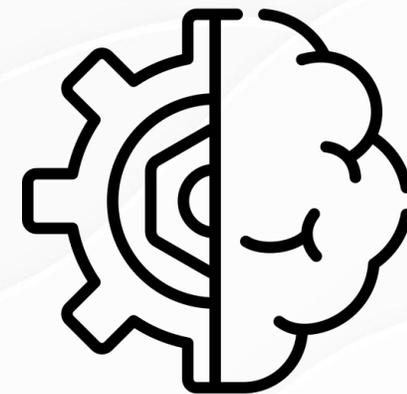


## HISTOGRAM

Very close from a density. Cut  
the data in several bins and  
show the number of entry per  
bin.

# Chart types comparison for distributions

	Histogram	Density plot	Box plot	Violin plot
Visualizing a single distribution	✓	✓	✓	✓
Visualizing multiple distributions at the same time	✗	✓	✓	✓
Visualize the underlying probability distribution of the data	✗	✓	✓	✓
Bandwidth parameters change chart looks	✓	✓	✗	✓
Area under the curve equals one	✗	✓	✗	✓
Tendency to produce the appearance of data where none exists, in particular in the tails	✗	✓	✗	✓



# Practice

Prof Booknose has a massive bookshelf in his study.  
What chart would you choose to show:

## **Distribution of book publication years**

- Heatmap
- Density plot
- Histogram
- Box plot
- Bar plot
- Violin plot



# What would I do...

Prof Booknose has a massive bookshelf in his study.  
What chart would you choose to show:

**Distribution of book publication years**

histogram

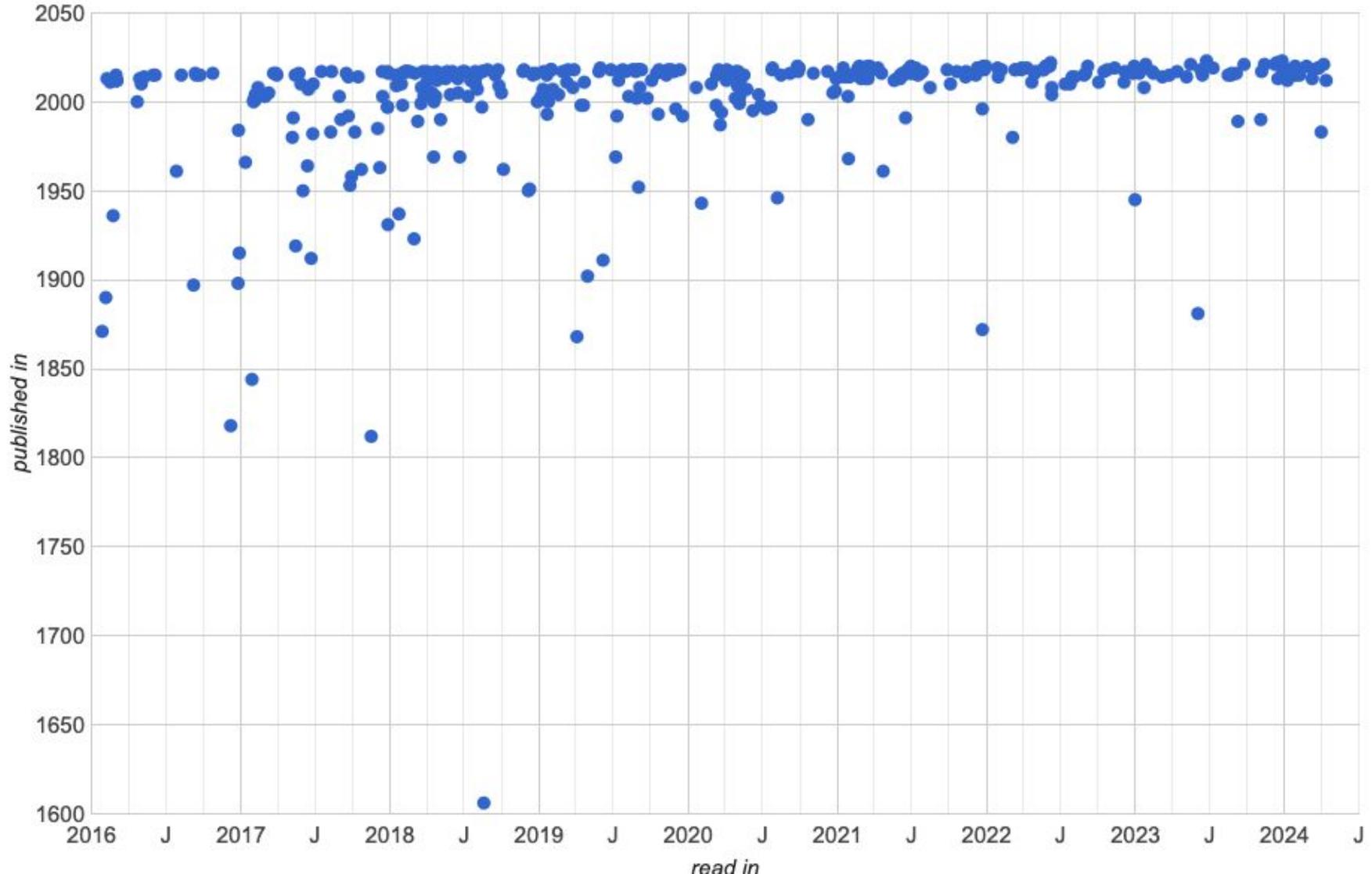
# Why can't I use dot plot instead of histogram?

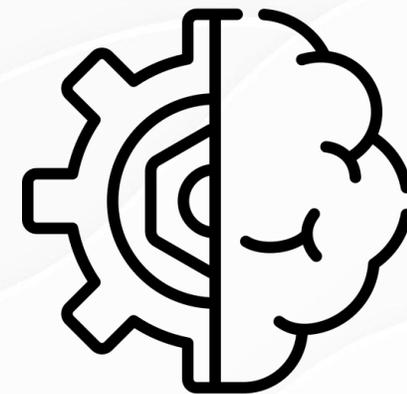
- Histograms are better suited for large data sets
  - dot plot can become crowded and difficult to read
- Histograms are ideal for continuous data
- Histograms allow you to group data into intervals - simplifying. Patterns and trends more apparent
- Histogram shows easily when data is skewed



### My Books > Stats

- books
- pages
- publication year
- books over time
- pages over time





# Practice

Prof Booknose has a massive bookshelf in his study.  
What chart would you choose to show:

**Distribution of book lengths per genre. Outliers?**

- Heatmap
- Density plot
- Histogram
- Box plot
- Bar plot
- Violin plot



# What would I do...

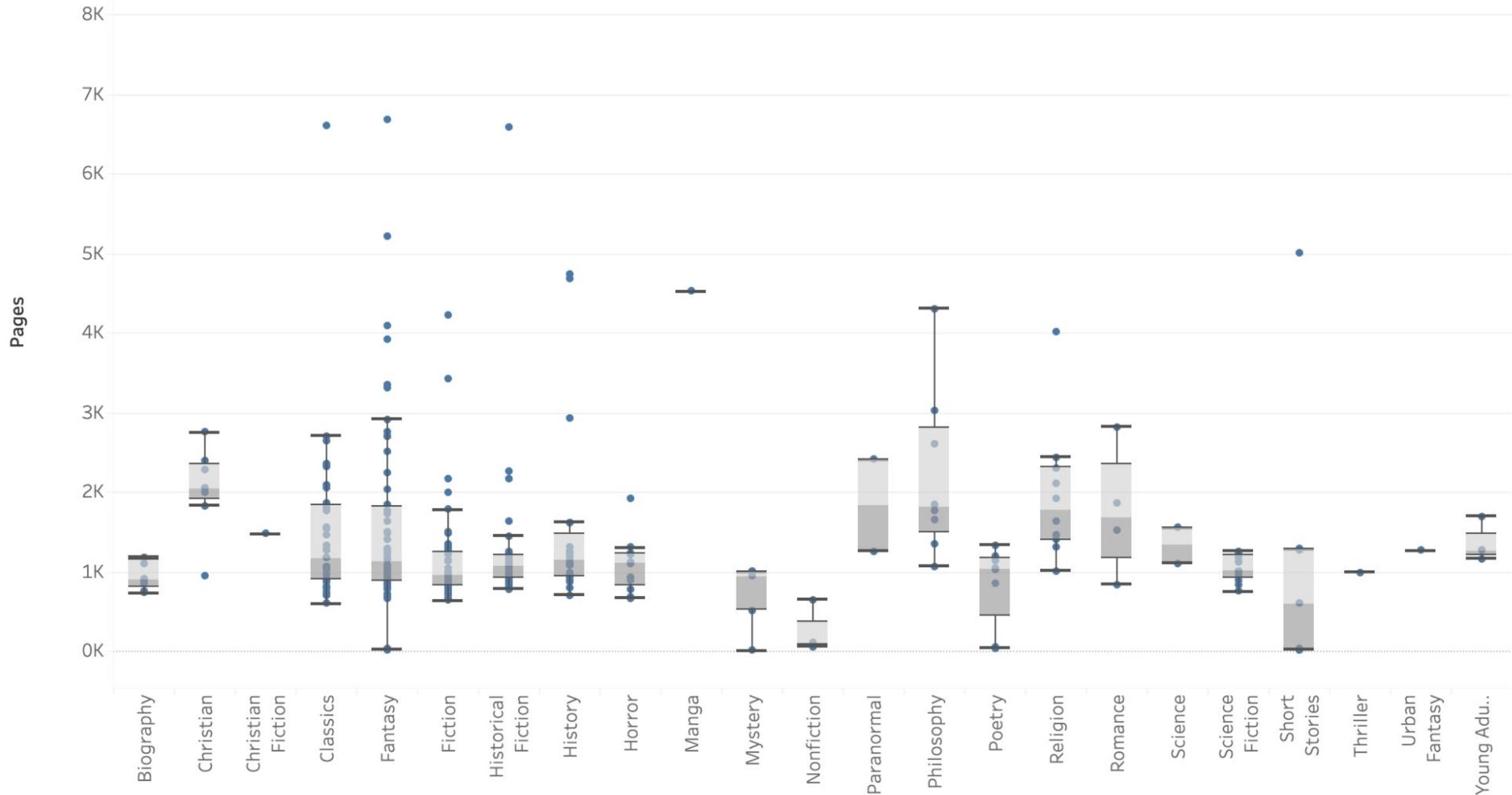
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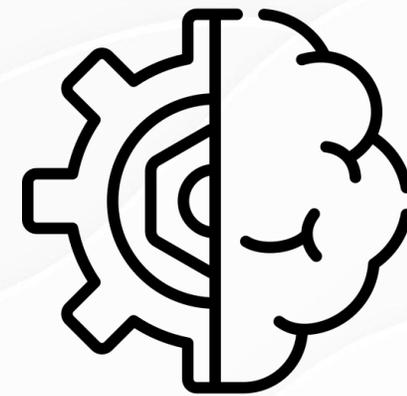
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**Distribution of book lengths per genre. Outliers?**

- ✓ box plot
- ✓ violin plot -a lot of data

Genre (written by readers)





# Practice

Prof Booknose has a massive bookshelf in his study.  
What chart would you choose to show:

**Distribution of book prices for the professor's books.**

- Heatmap
- Histogram
- Box plot
- Bar plot
- Density plot
- Violin plot



# What would I do...

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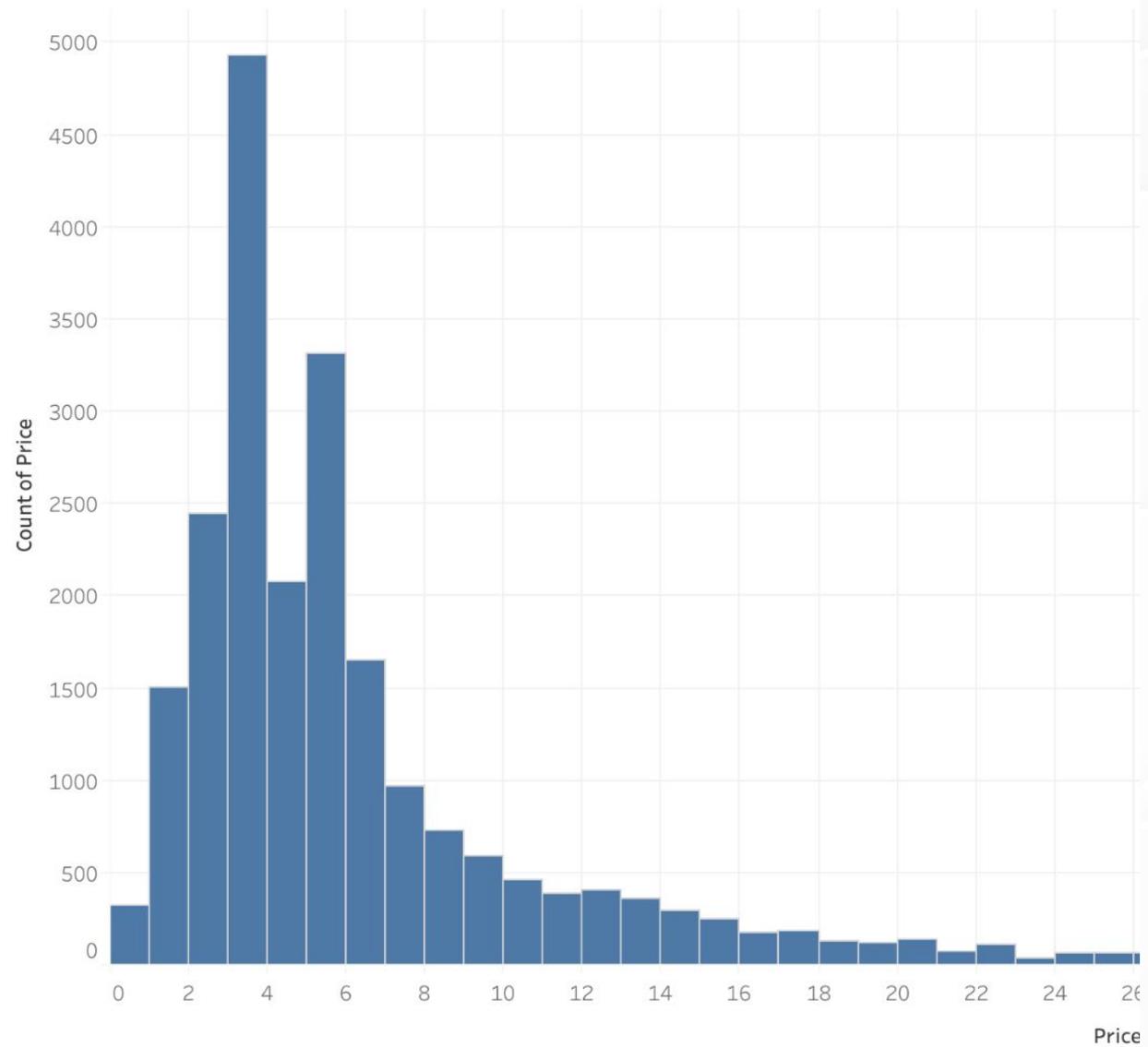
What chart would you choose to show:

**Distribution of book prices for the professor's books.**

✓ histogram (price ranges)

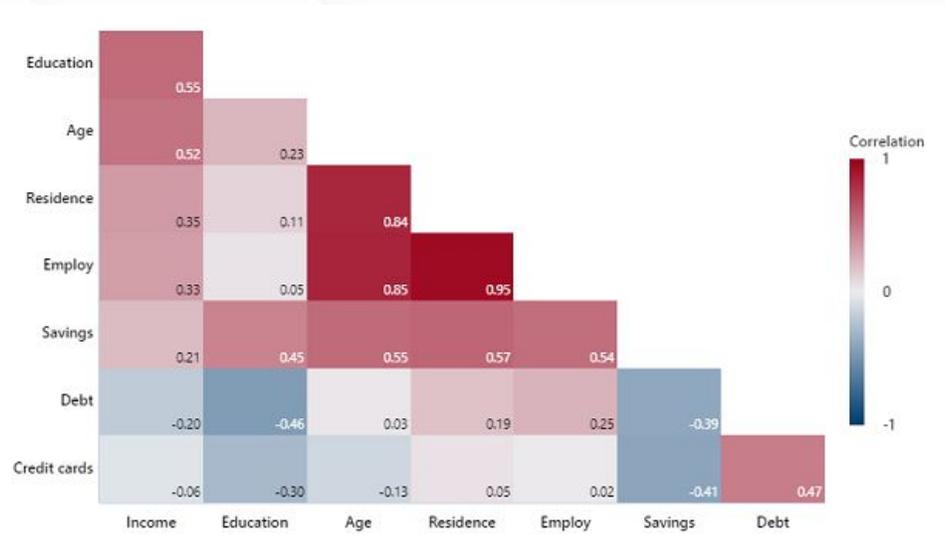
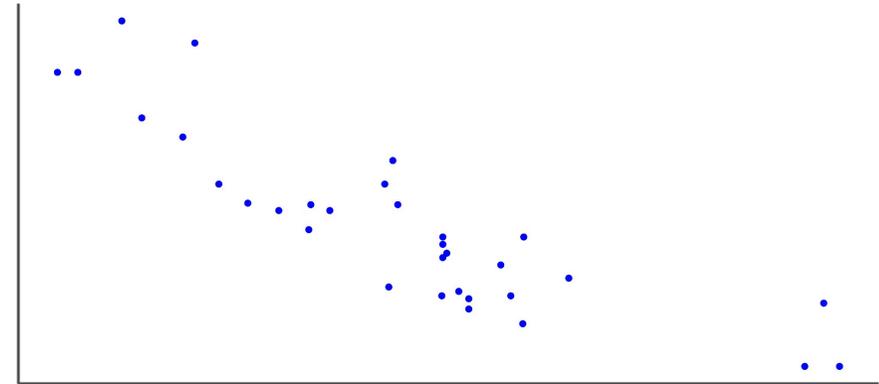
✓ density plot

# Sheet 1

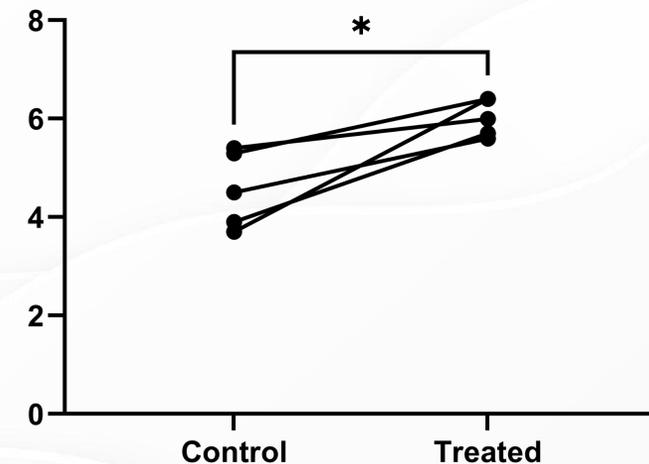


# Relationship between two quantitative variables

- Scatterplot
- Correlogram
- Paired data



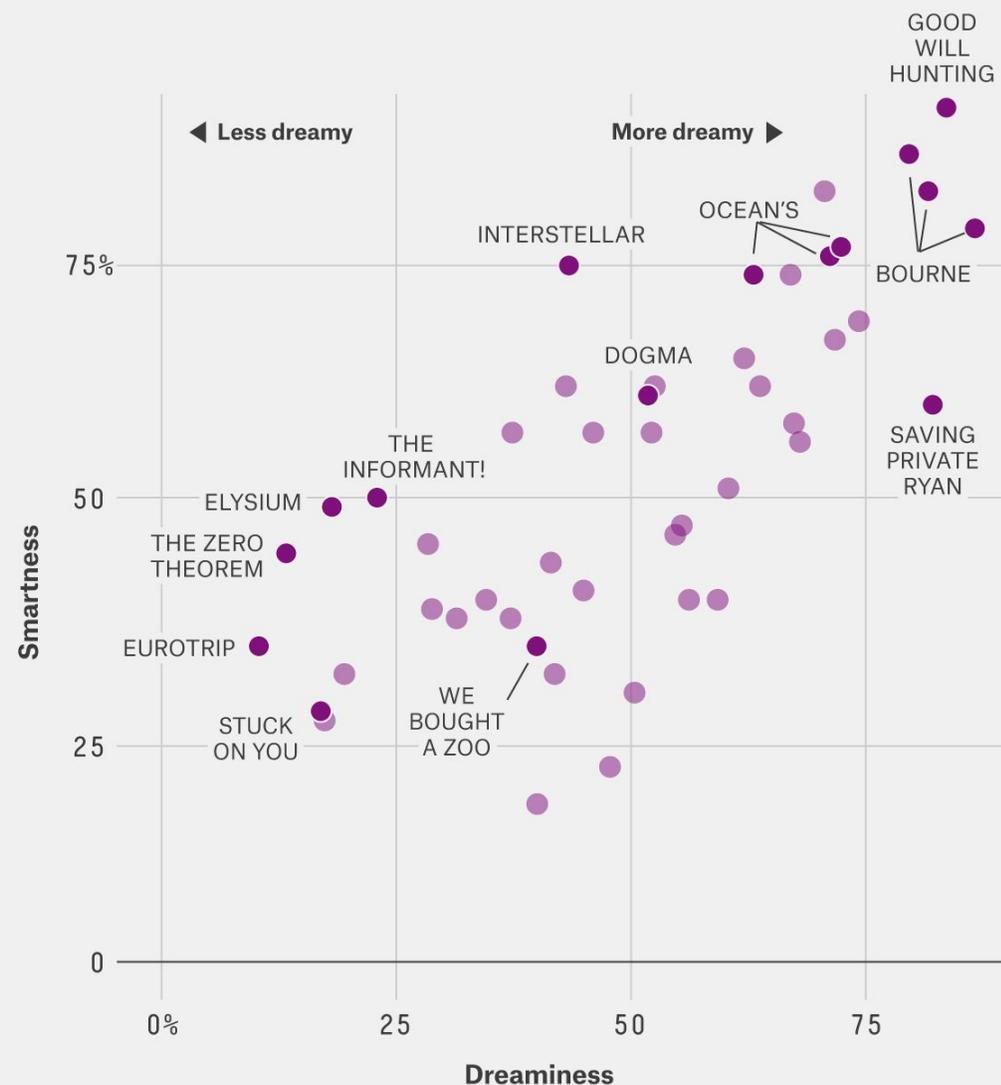
Col: Paired t test



# Example: Scatterplot

## Matt Damon Is Dreamy Whenever He Is Smart

“Smartness” vs. “dreaminess” based on probabilities that a character played by Matt Damon will beat an average Matt Damon in the category, from surveys of 3,435 respondents about the smartness of characters and 17,582 about the dreaminess



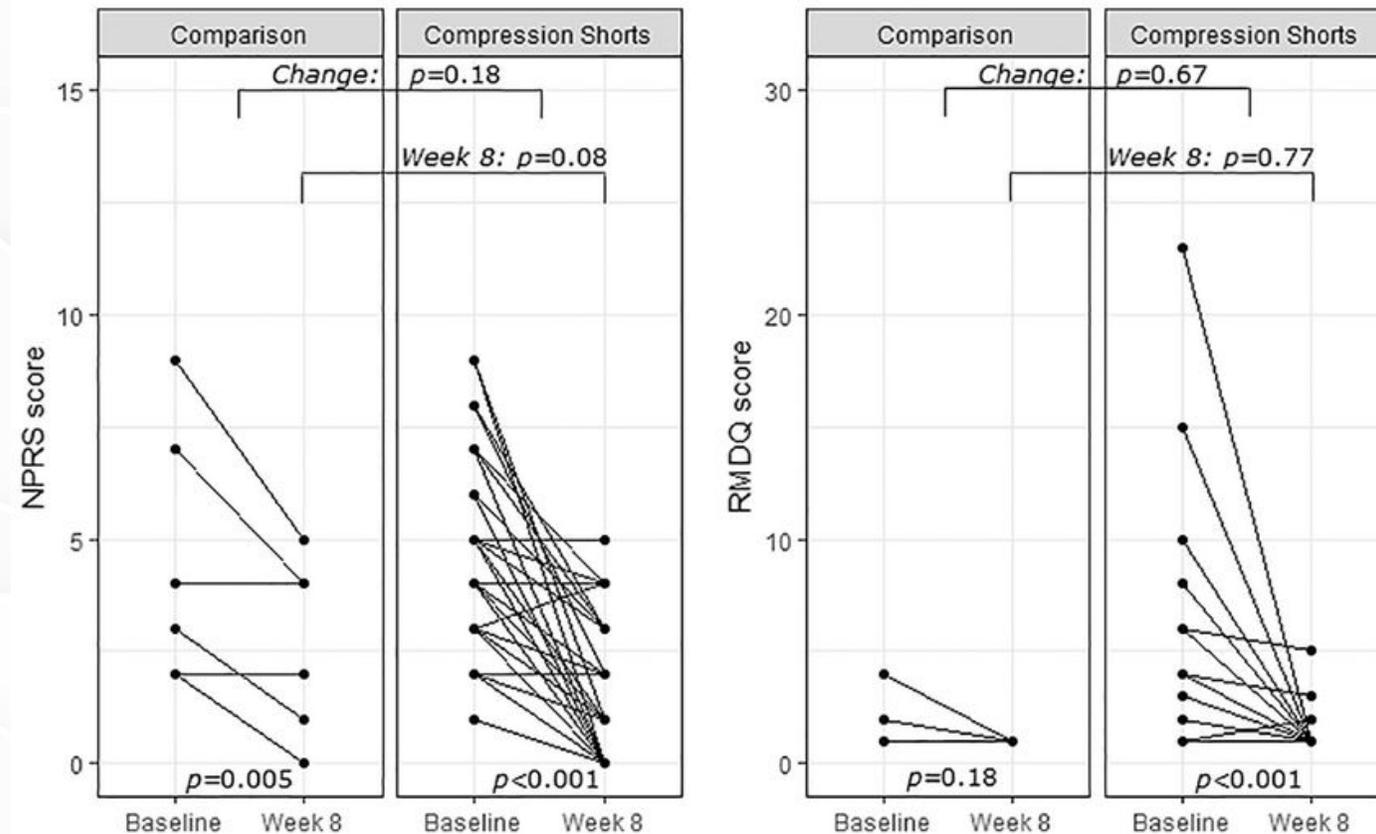
<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/matt-damon-the-martian-sexy-smart/>



# Example: paired data

Szkwara, Jaclyn & Milne, Nikki & Rathbone, Evelyne. (2020). A prospective quasi-experimental controlled study evaluating the use of dynamic elastomeric fabric orthoses to manage common postpartum ailments during postnatal care.

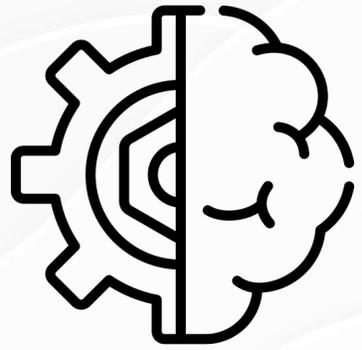
Women's Health. 16. 174550652092719.  
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# Chart types comparison for associations

	Scatter plot	Bubble chart	Correlogram	Dimension reduction (PCA)
Plot the relationship of just two variables	✓	✗	✗	✗
Plot the relationship of 2+ variables	✗	✓	✓	✗
Plot very high-dimensional datasets	✗	✗	✗	✓
Fairly abstract	✗	✗	✓	✗
Difficult to visually ascertain the strengths of associations between the various variables	✗	✓	✗	✗

# Practice



Prof Booknose has a massive bookshelf in his study.

What chart would you choose to show:

**Book price and rating. Which books were worth buying?**

- . Box plot
- . Density plot
- . Heatmap
- . Scatter plot
- . Bar plot
- . Histogram

# What would I do...

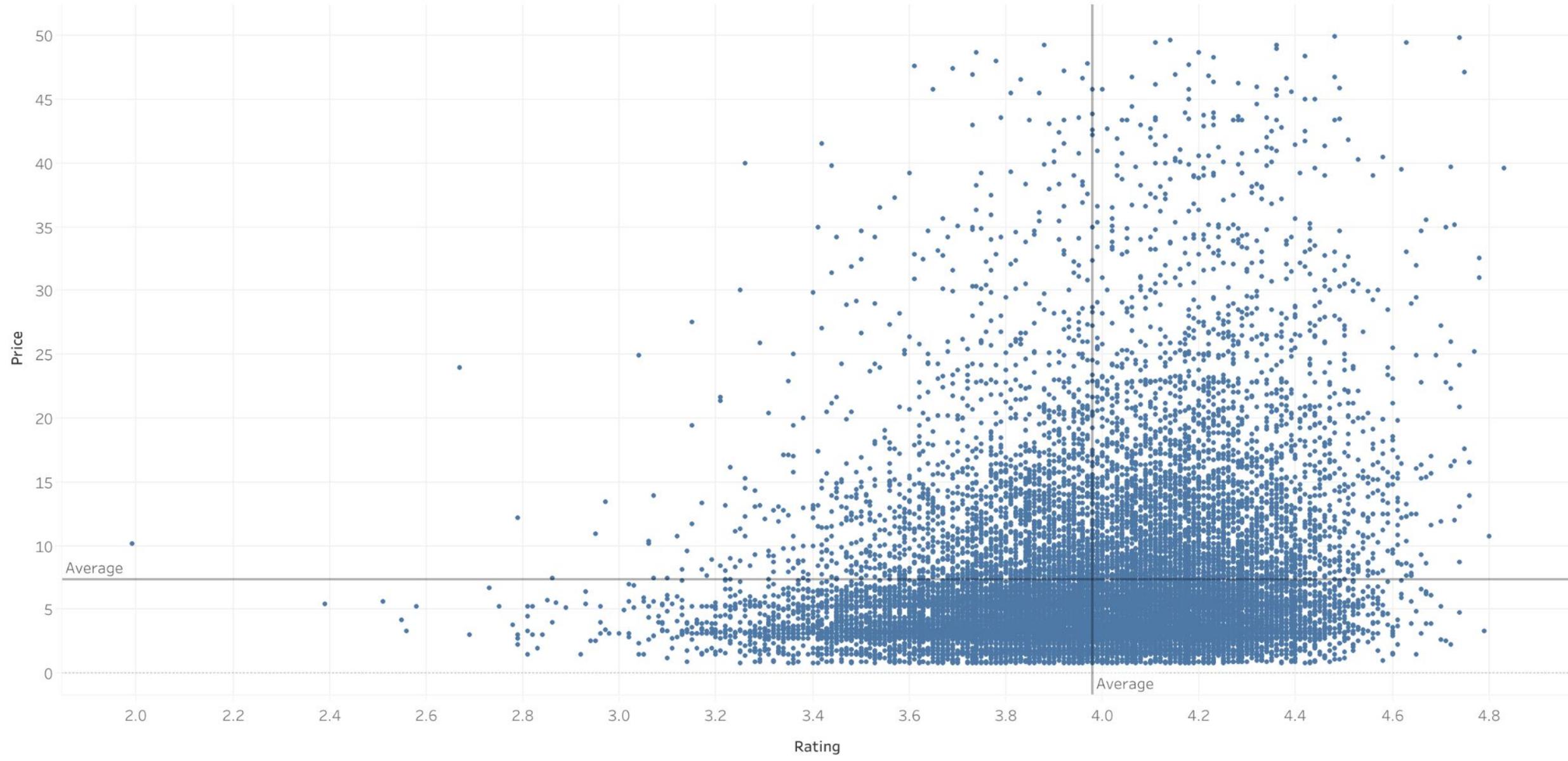


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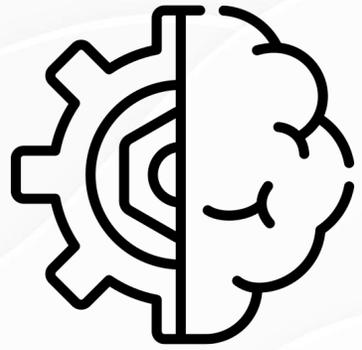
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scatter plot



# Practice



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What chart would you choose to show:

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- Box plot
- Density plot
- Heatmap
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- Bar plot
- Histogram

# What would I do...



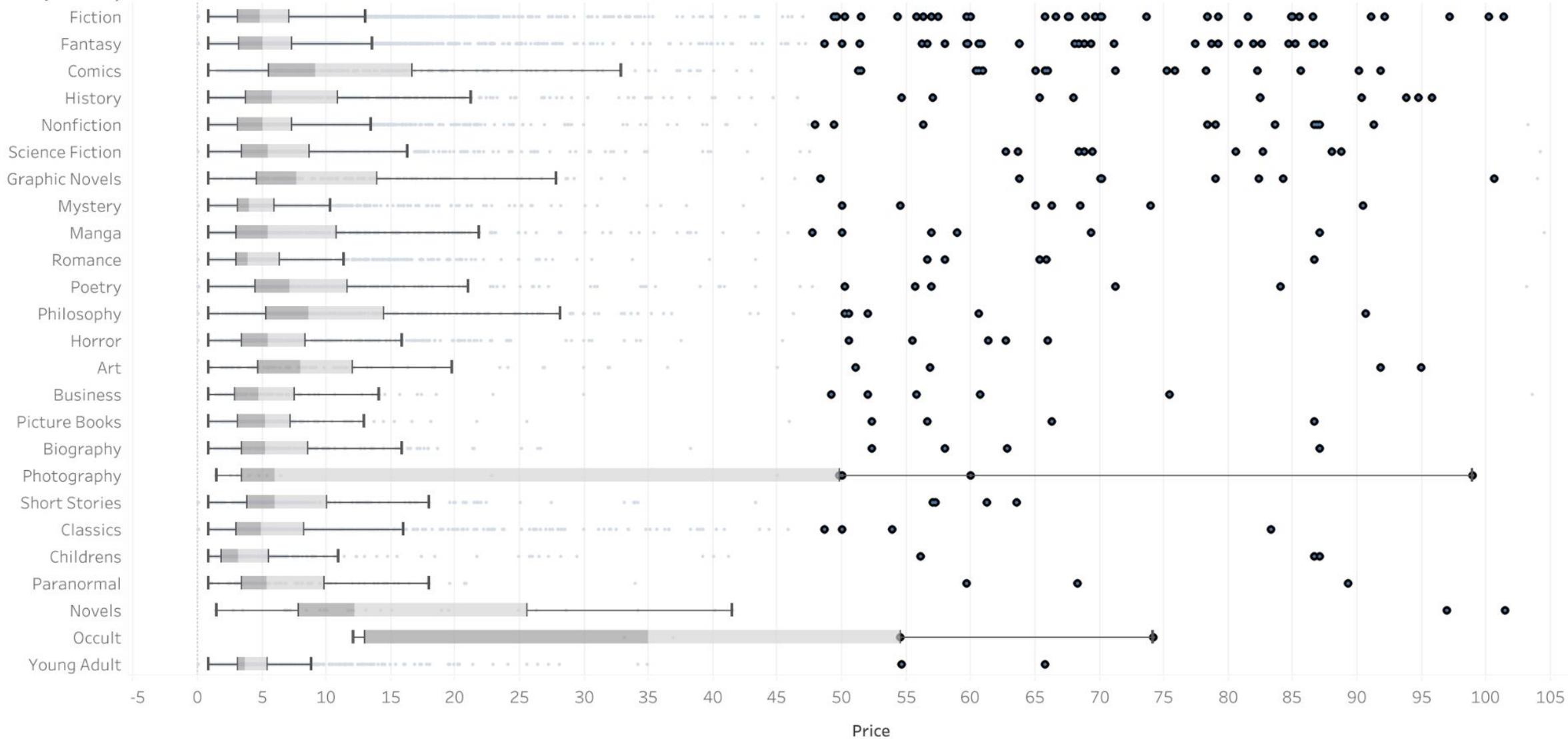
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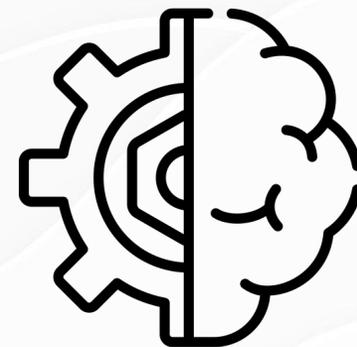
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Box plot

Genre (written by readers)





# Practice

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What chart would you choose to show:

## **Book Genre Vs. Reading Time**

- Box plot
- Density plot
- Heatmap
- Scatter plot
- Bar plot
- Histogram

# What would I do...



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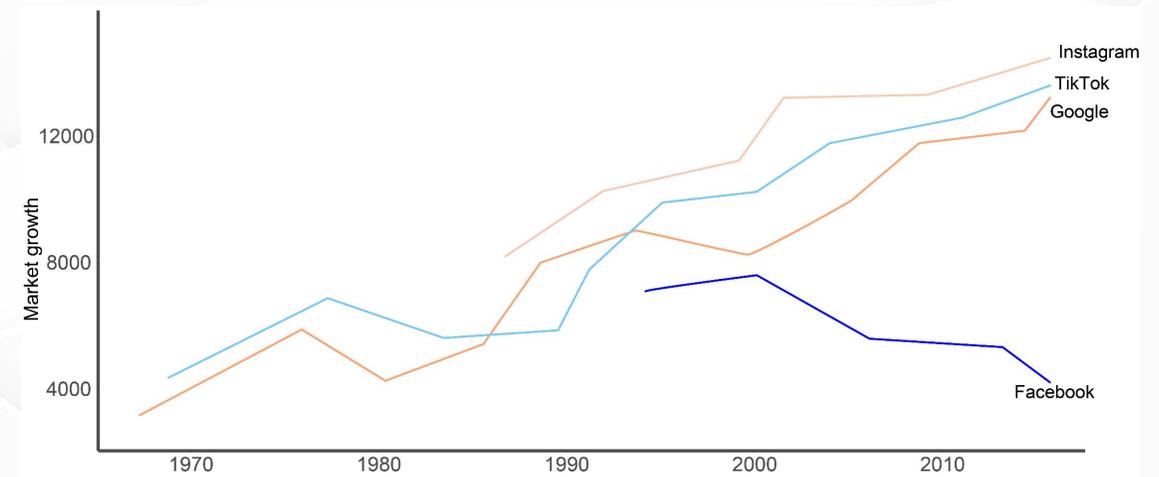
box plot

violin plot

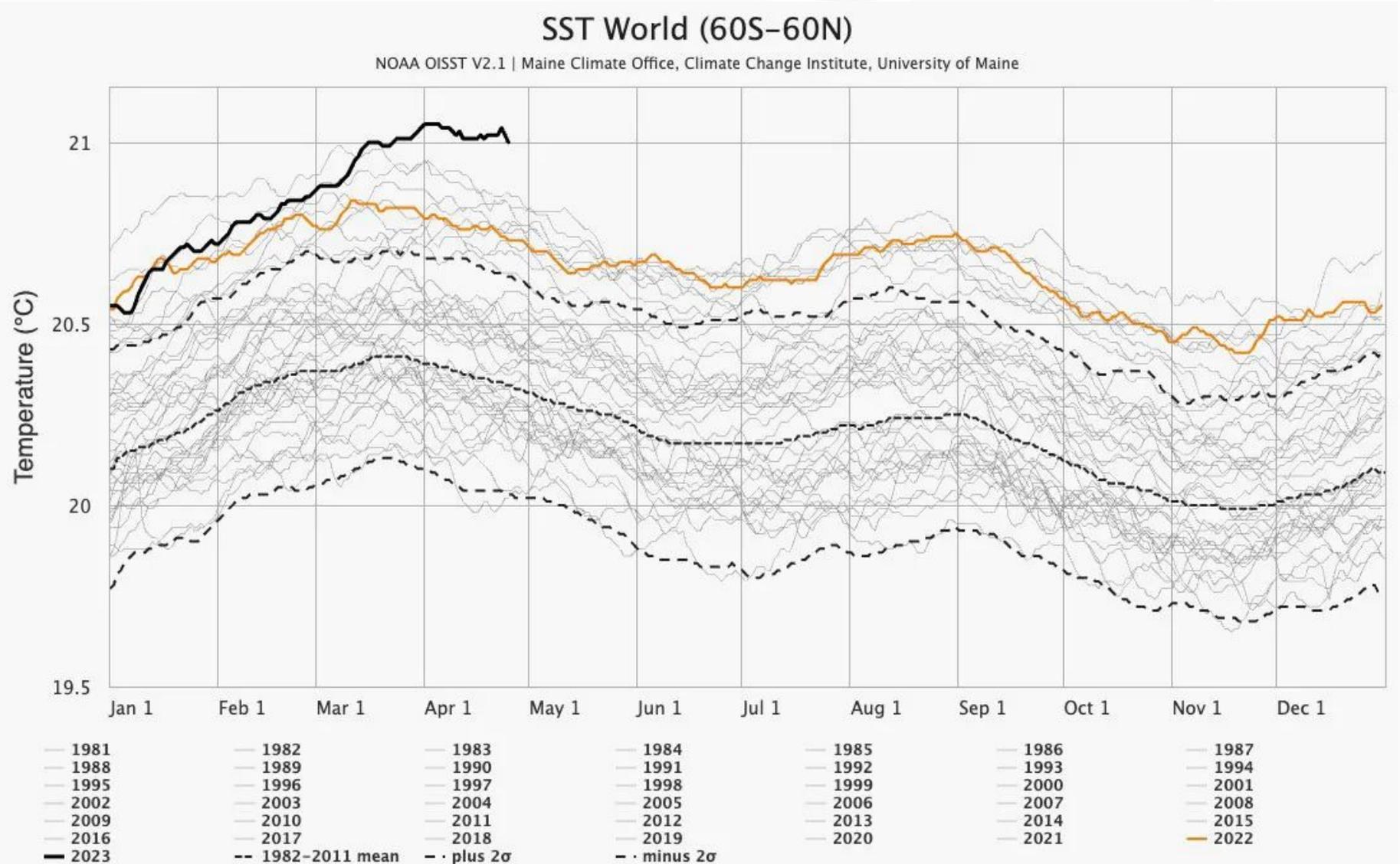
# Data type: Time series

Time series: set of data points collected or recorded in a chronological order over a certain period of time

- Line graphs



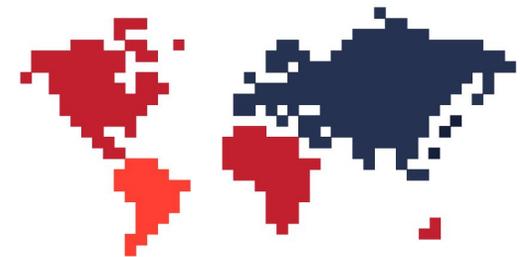
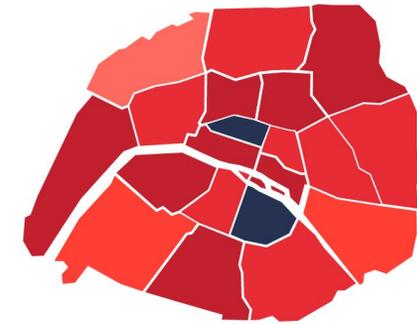
# Example: time series



# Geospatial

Data that is associated with a specific geographical location or physical space.

- Choropleth mapping
- Cartograms



pictures from

<https://datavizproject.com/data-type/cartogram/>

<https://datavizproject.com/data-type/choropleth-map-2/>

# Example: Choropleth

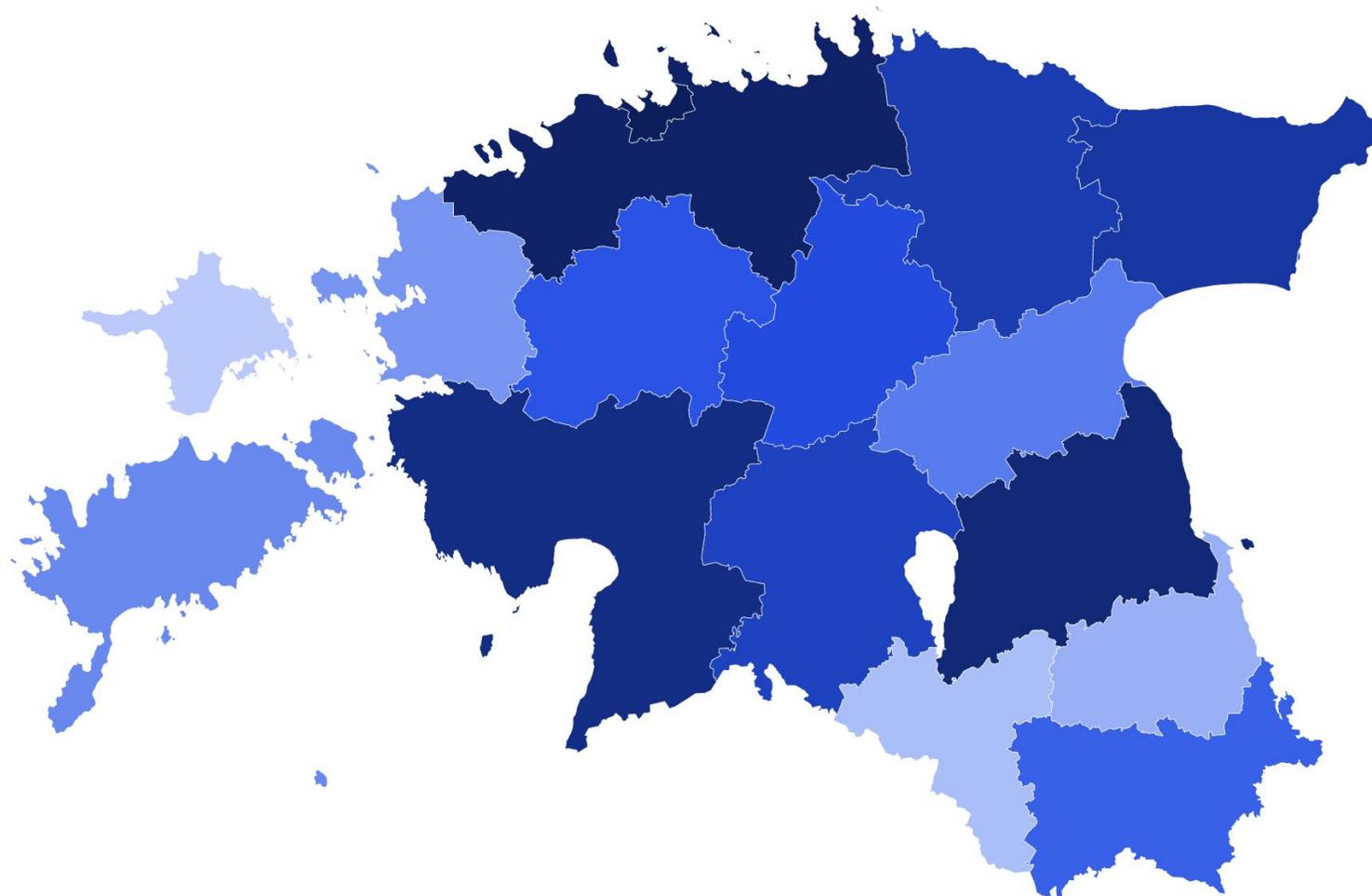
## Töötavate ajutise kaitse saanud\* ja teiste Ukraina kodanike arv ning osatähtsus kõigist hõivatutest\*\* (%)

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STATISTIKA

Hõivatud ukrainlaste arv

Osatähtsus piirkonna hõivatutest (%)



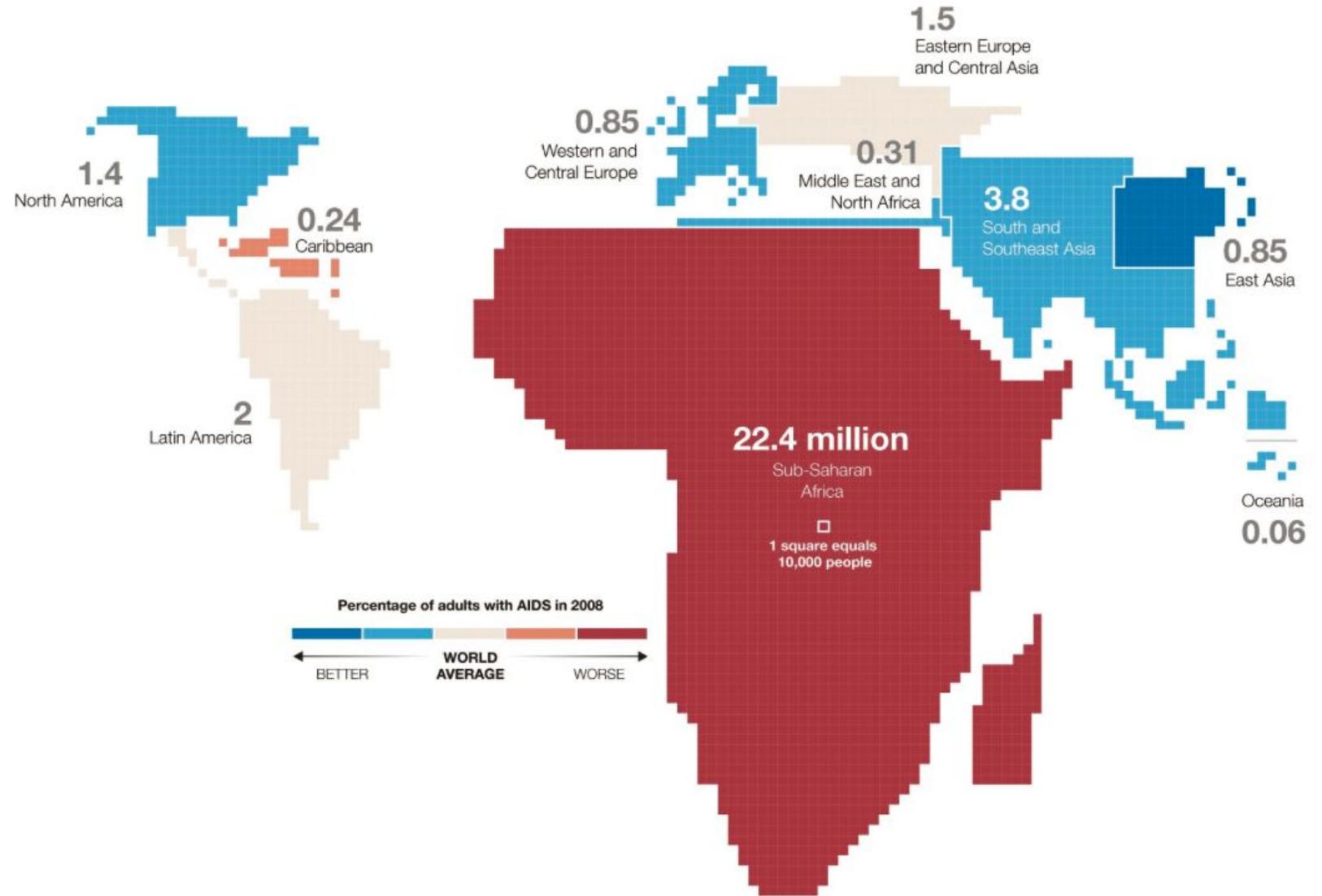
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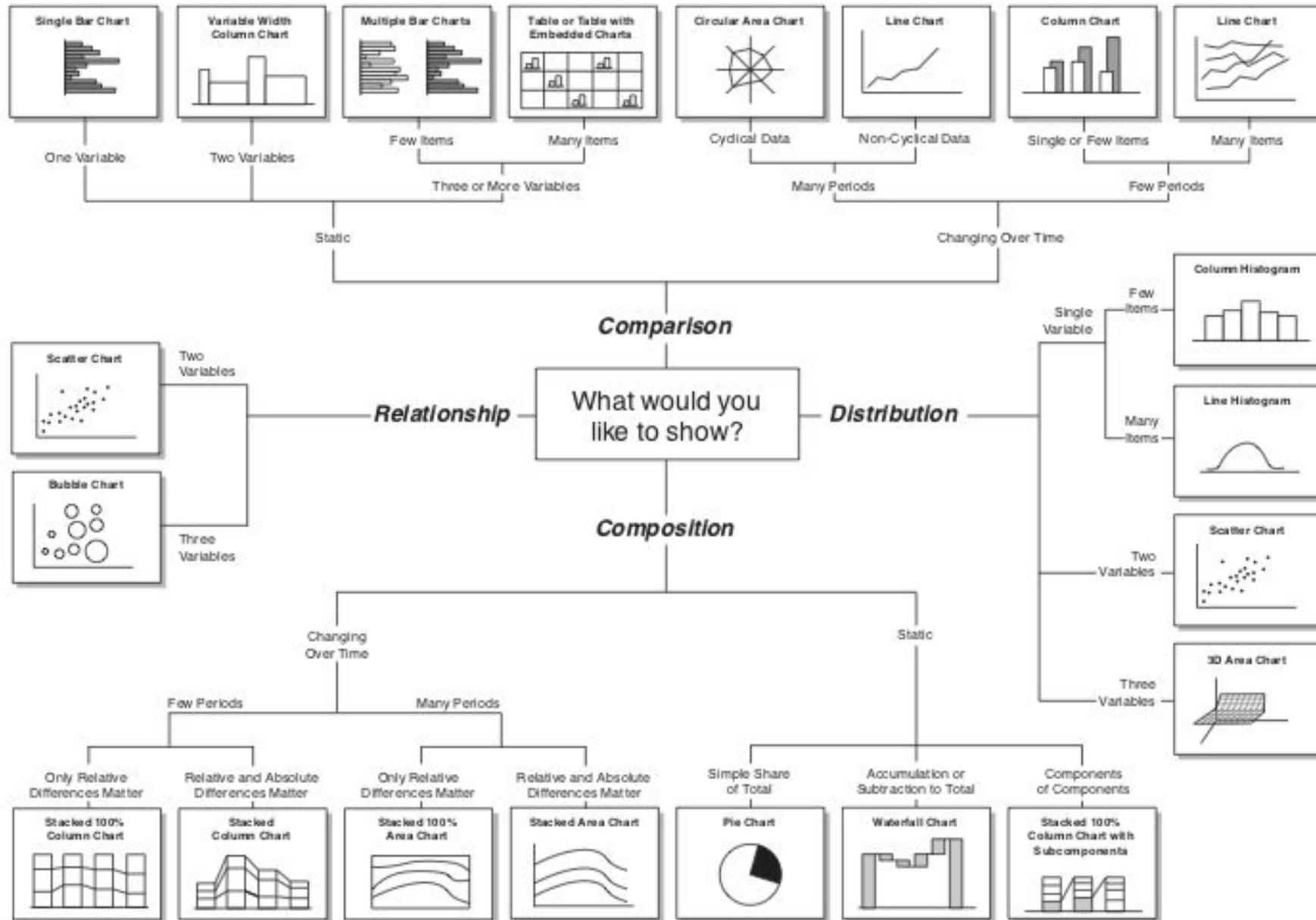
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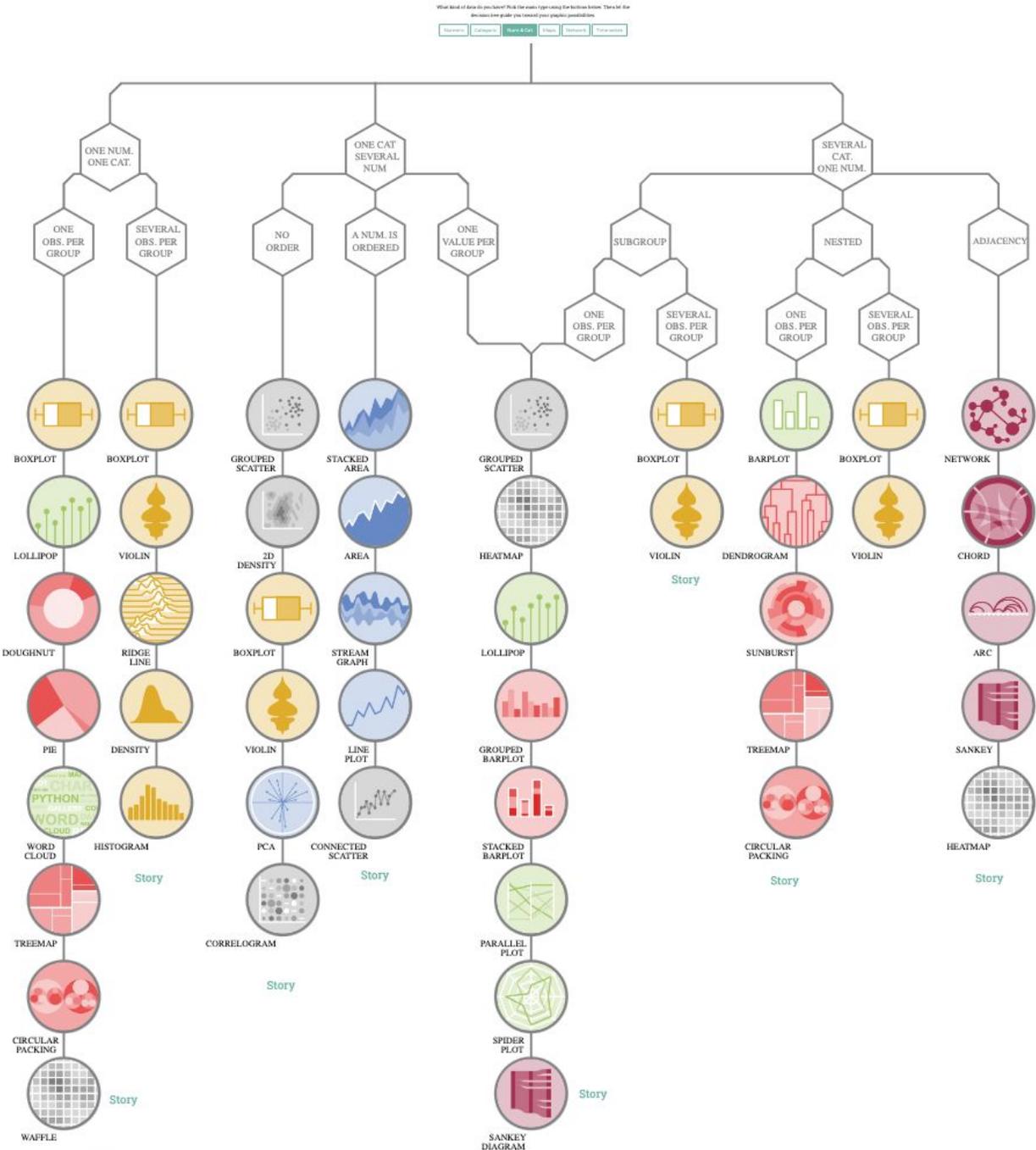


# Chart Chooser

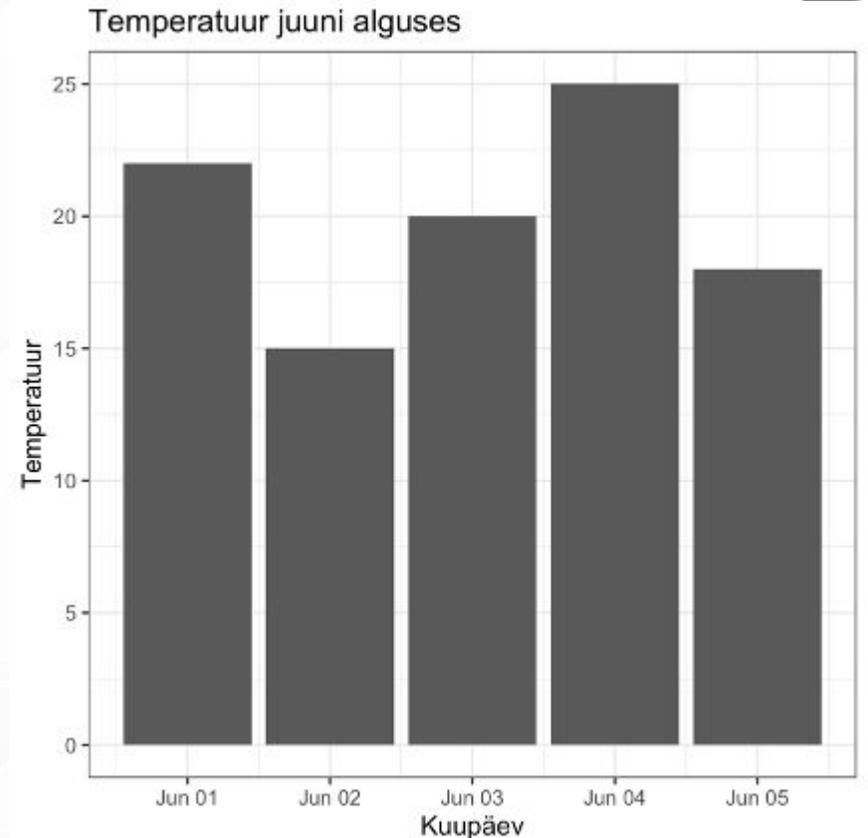
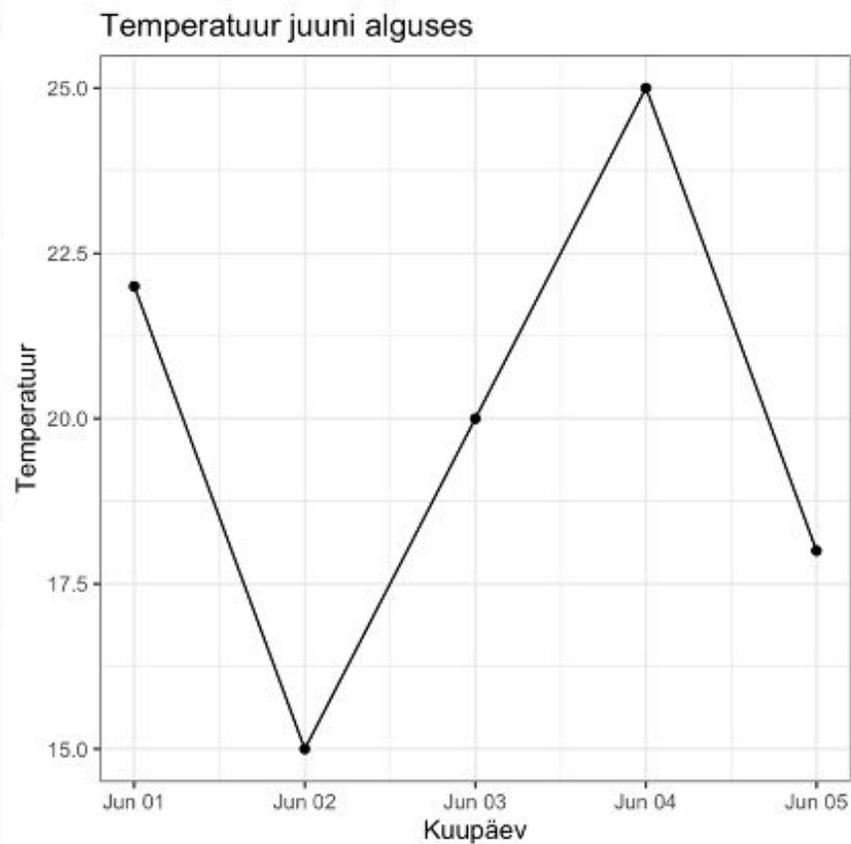
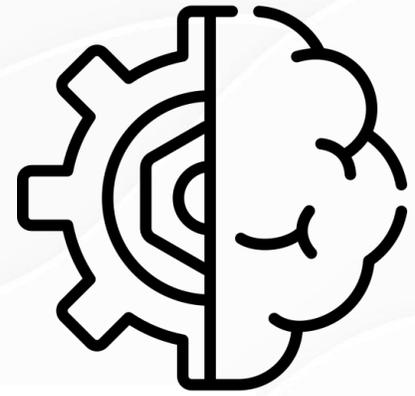


# Resource

What kind of data do you have? Pick the main type using the buttons below. Then let the decision tree guide you toward your graphic possibilities.



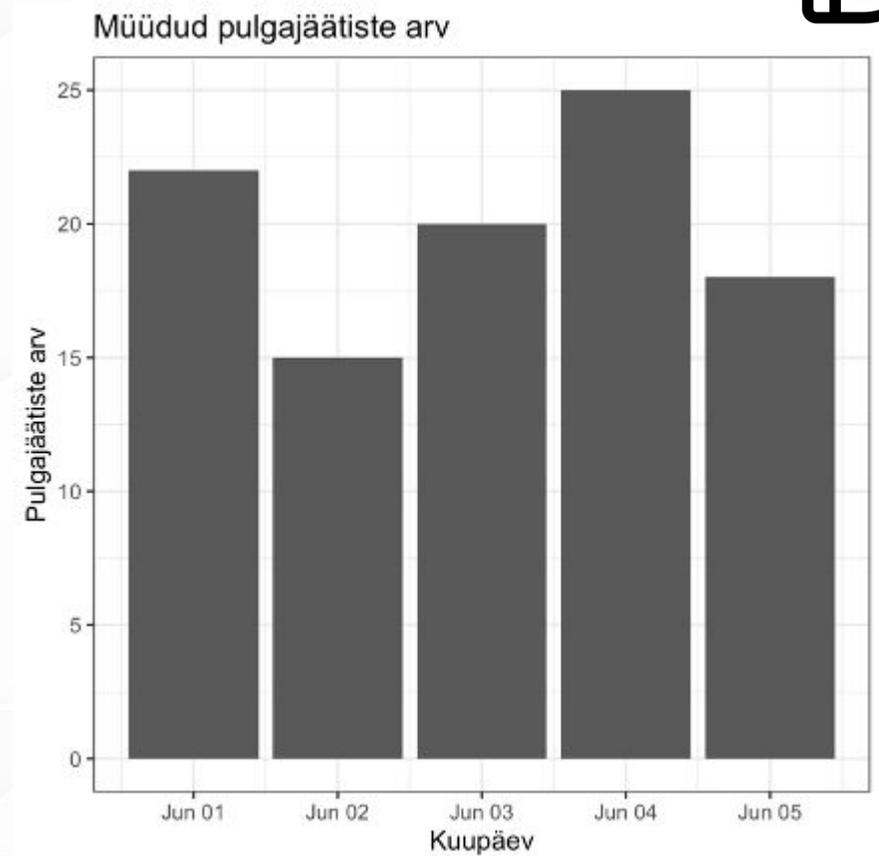
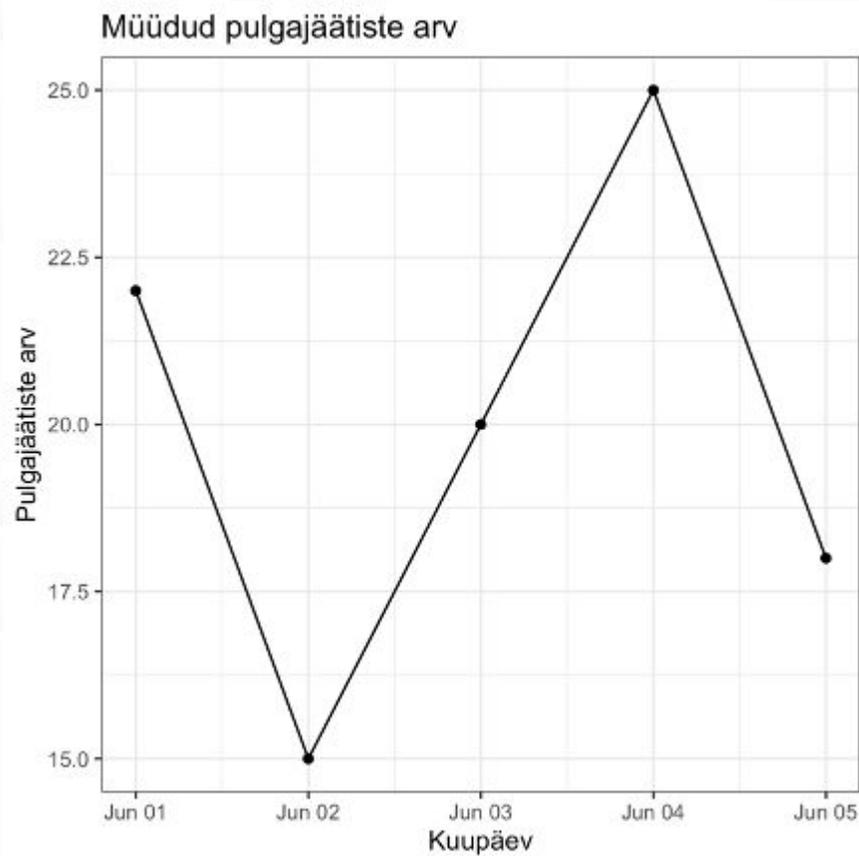
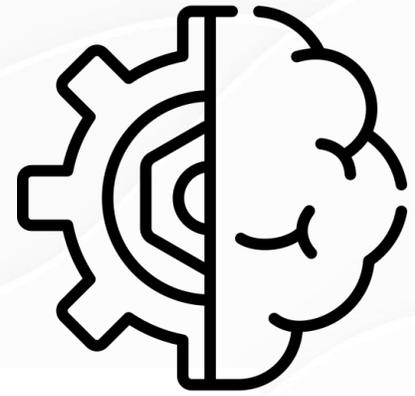
# Which graph would you use for temperature change?



A

B

# Which graph would you use for sold ice cream count?



**A**

**B**

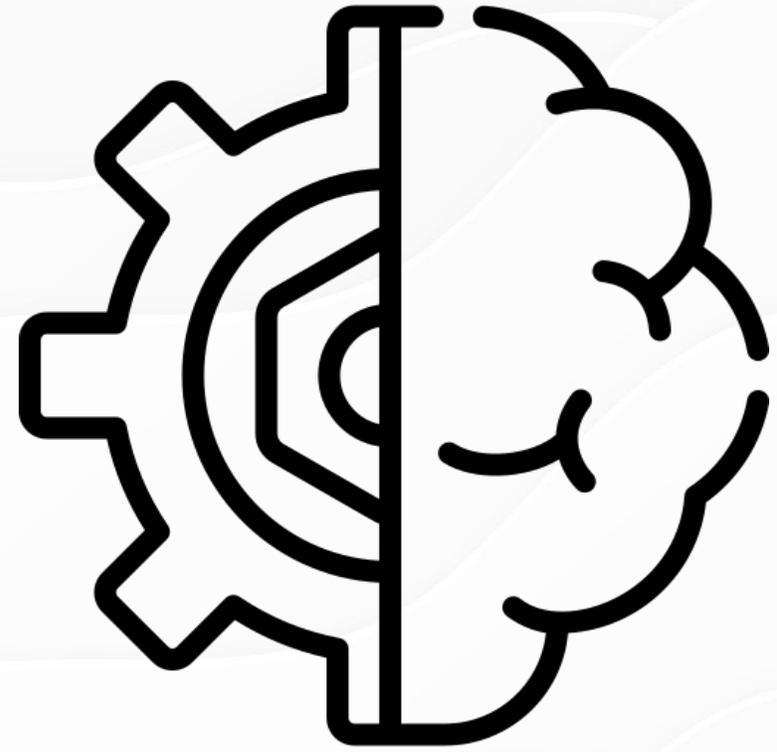
# Practice

<https://100.datavizproject.com/>

Same data, 100 data visualisations

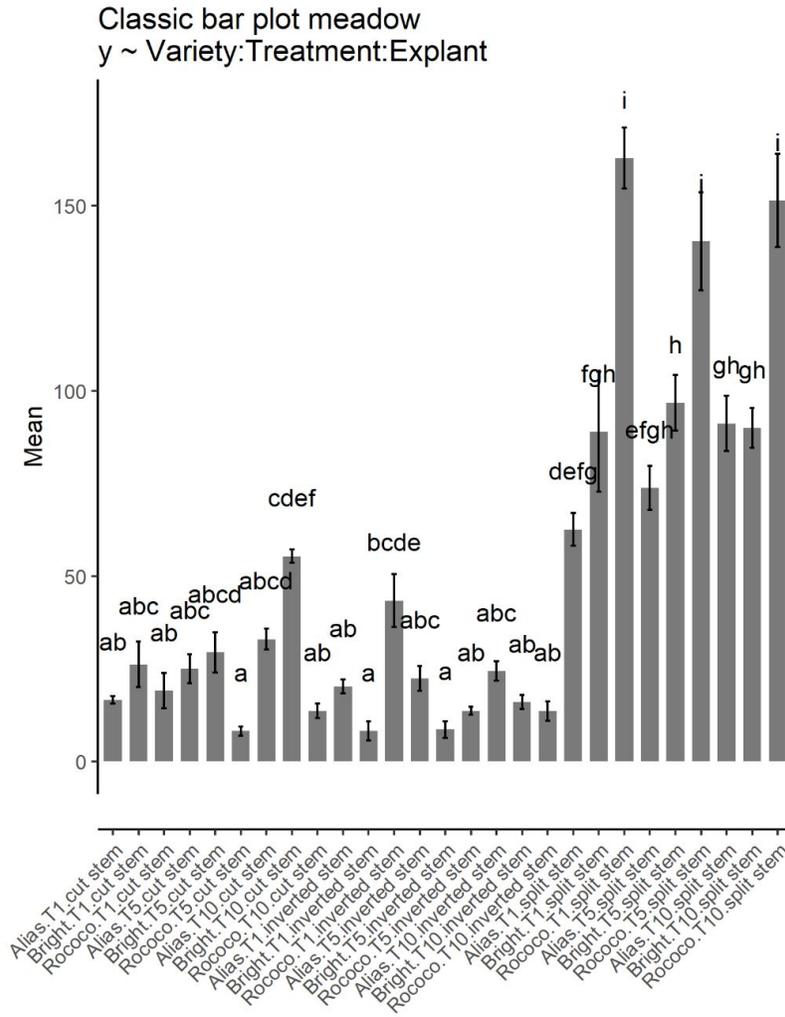
3 questions:

1. Most informative graph
2. most confusing graph
3. visually striking and memorable graph

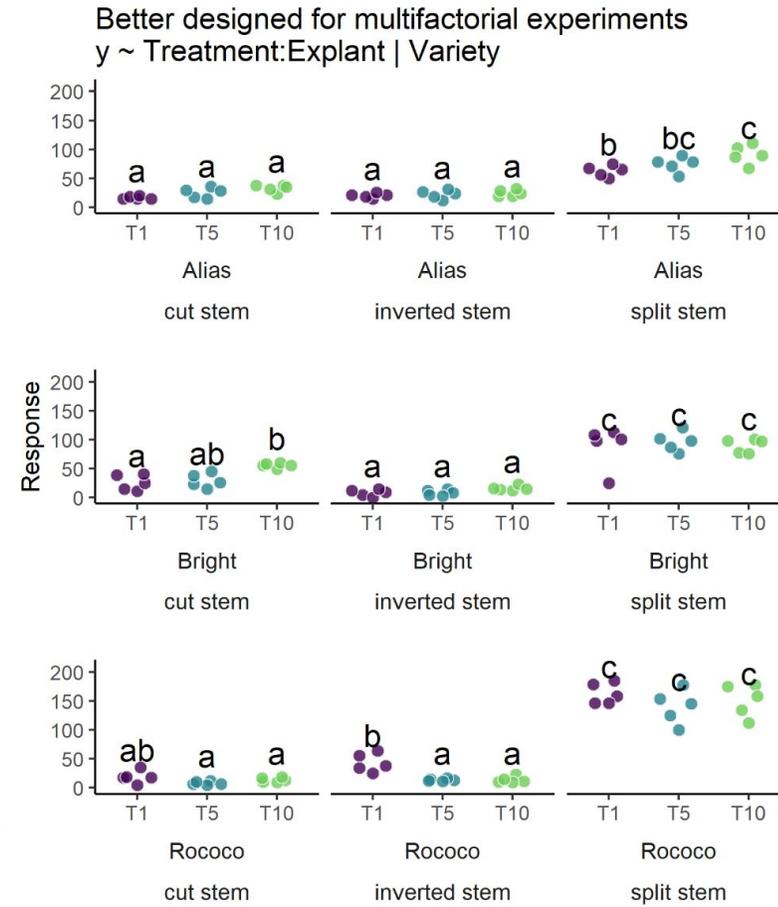


# Common mistakes and best practices

# Common mistake: Bar plot meadow



This is horrendous.  
 What am I looking at?

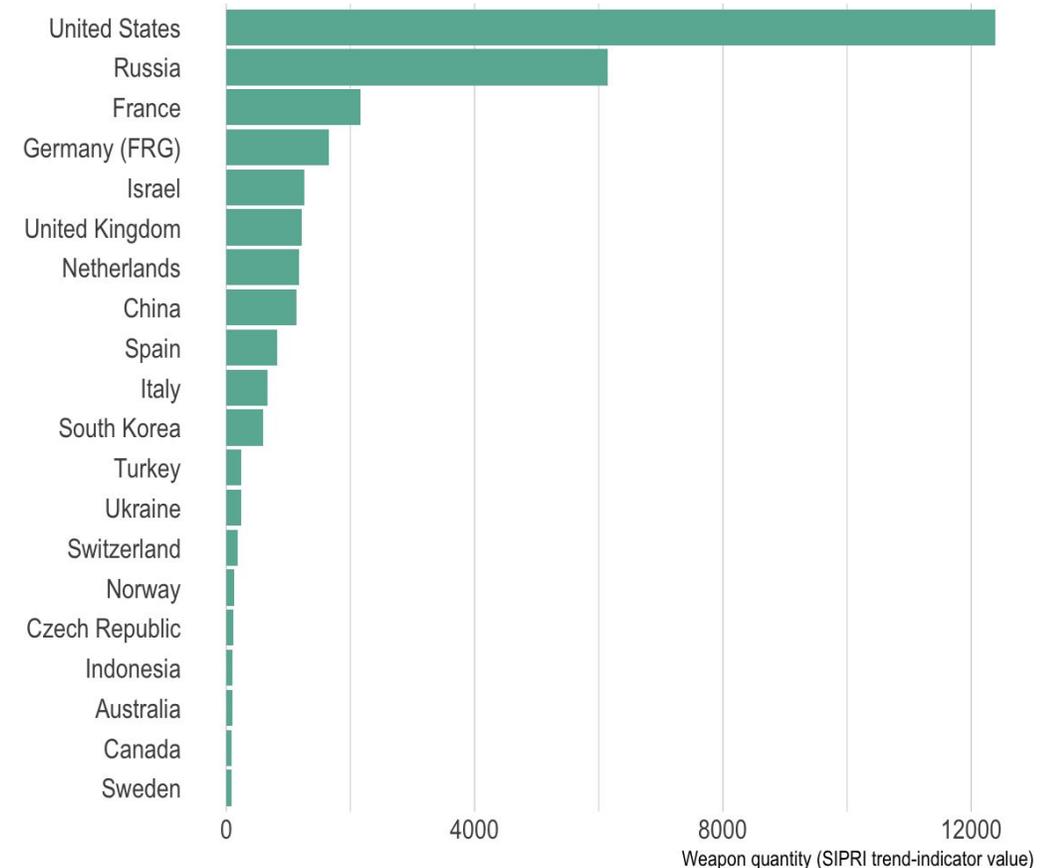


That's better.  
 Reader's attention is more focused.

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# Best practice: Bar chart

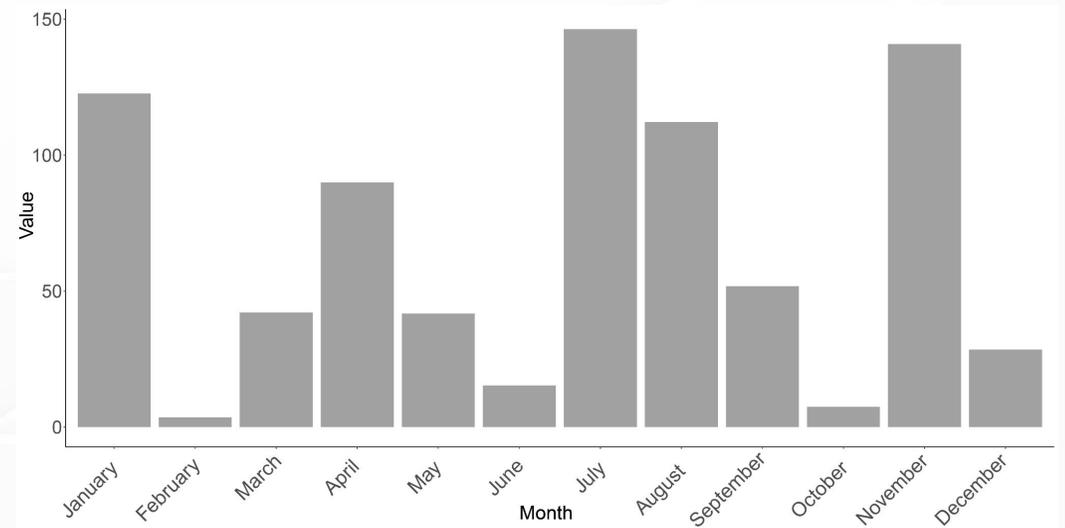
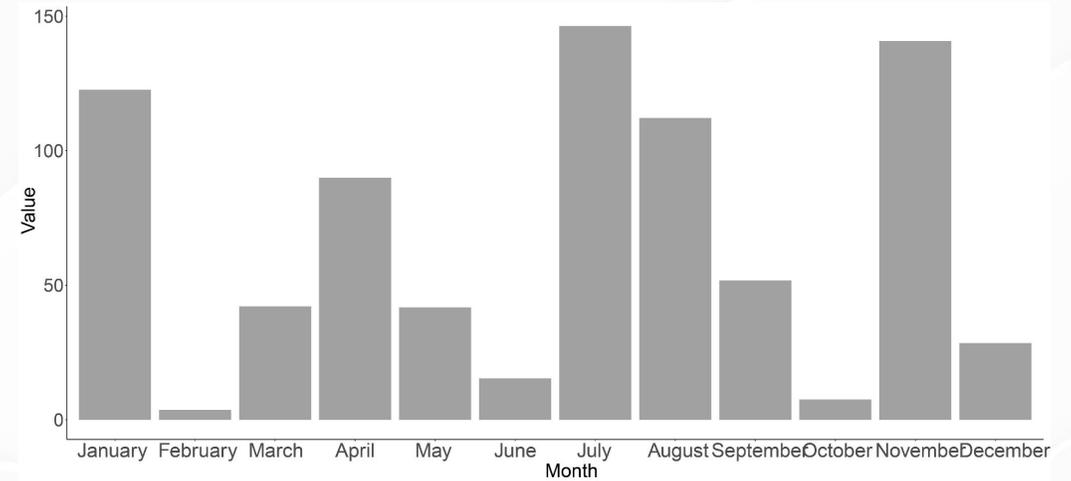
- **Values starts from 0**
- Horizontal VS vertical bar chart
  - 5-7 columns - vertical bar chart
  - Over 7 columns - horizontal bar chart
- Order the columns if possible



# Common mistakes: Bar chart

Problem: Too many letters in labels.  
Each bar takes up a lot of  
horizontal space

Solution: Rotate the labels.

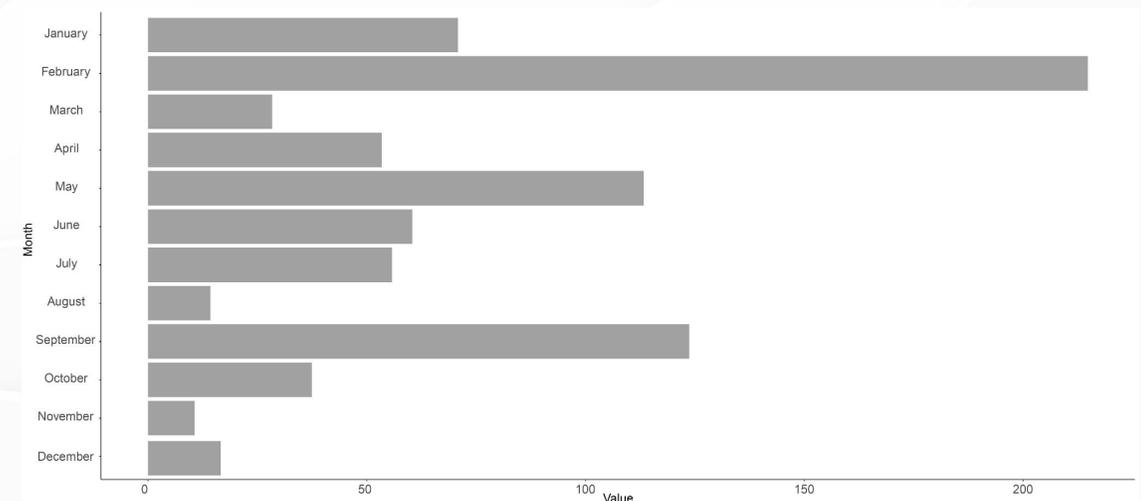
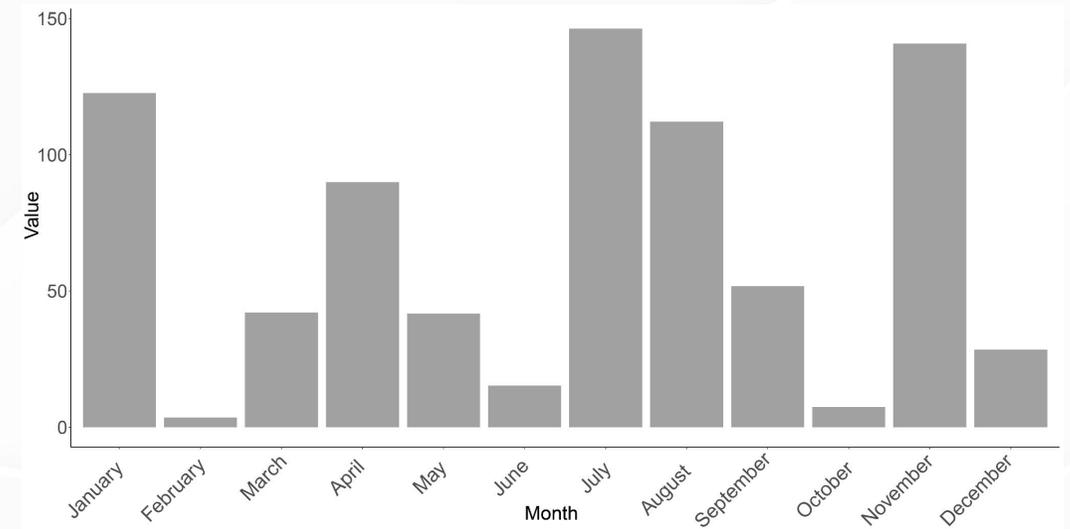


# Common mistakes: Bar chart

Problem: Rotated labels are awkward and difficult to read

Solution: Swap for horizontal bars.

**Maximum 5 variables in  
vertical bar charts**



# Common mistakes: Bar chart

Problem: scale doesn't start from 0.  
Results are misleading

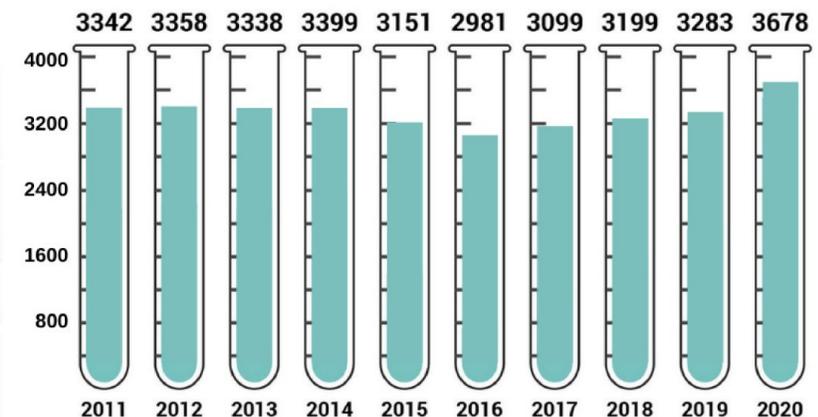
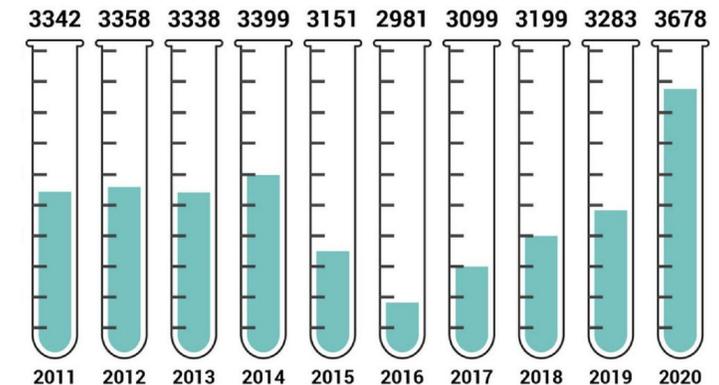
Solution: either make it start from 0  
or switch to a different graph.

Example:

[https://www.canva.com/design/DAFlx7uruoU/khBHFqkeehI9oImGygtN6Q/watch?utm\\_content=DAFlx7uruoU&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=publishsharelink](https://www.canva.com/design/DAFlx7uruoU/khBHFqkeehI9oImGygtN6Q/watch?utm_content=DAFlx7uruoU&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink)

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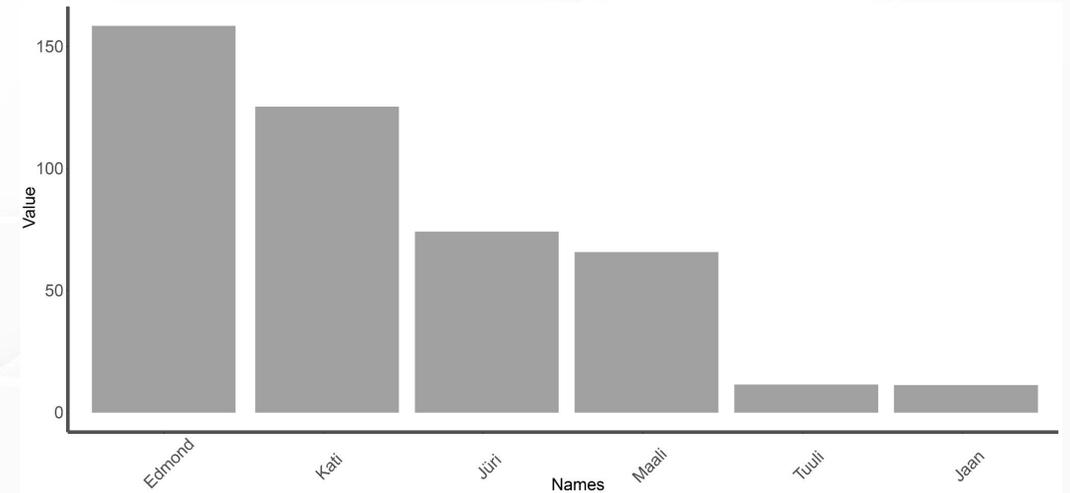
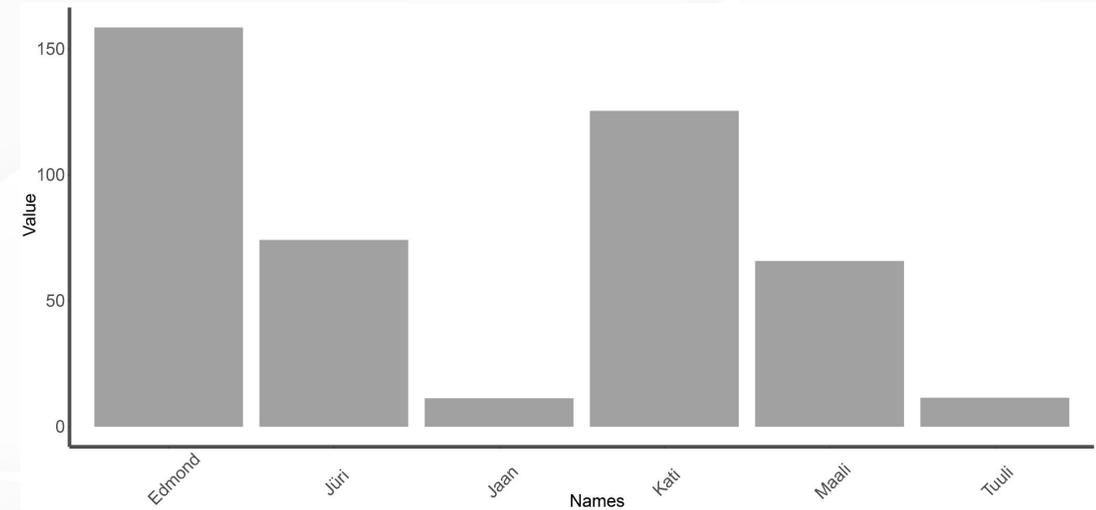


# Common mistakes: Bar chart

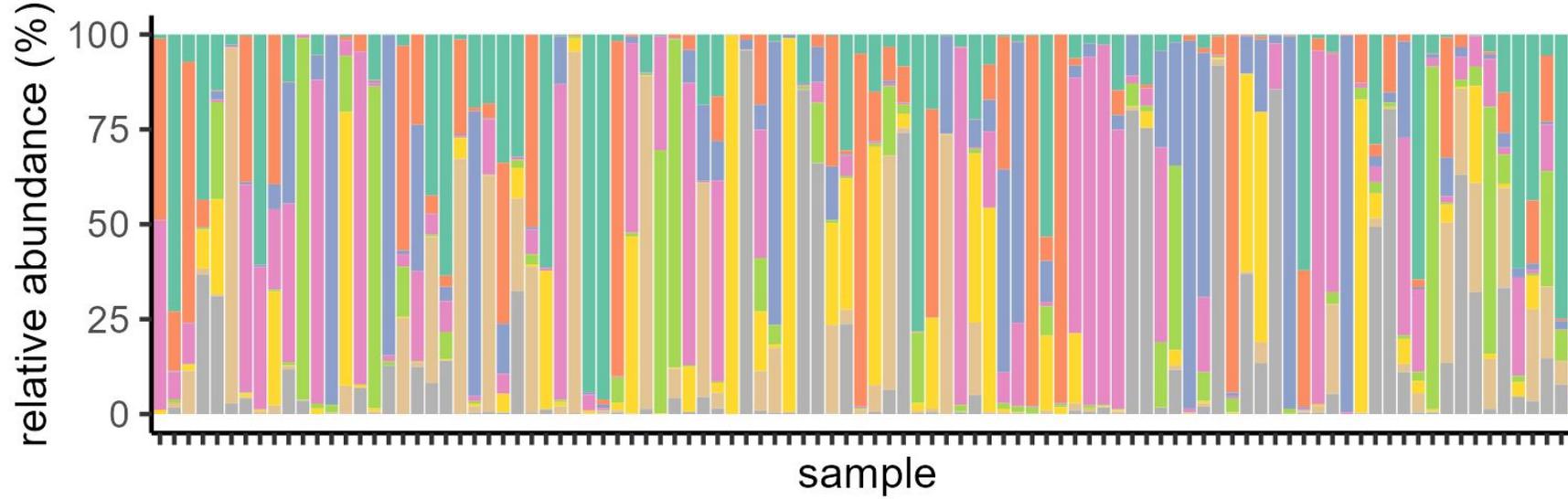
Problem: Order of the bars is messy (due to programs liking to order them by alphabet).

Solution: Arrange in order of size

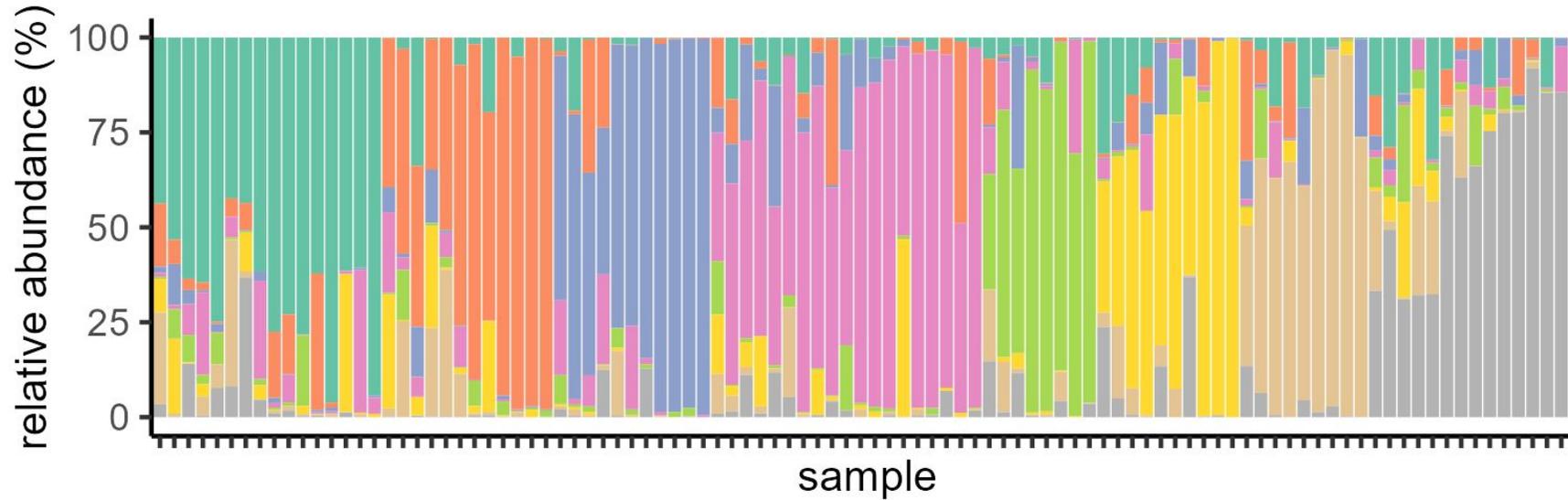
NB! Be careful with data that has natural order! No size arranging!  
Example: Months in a year



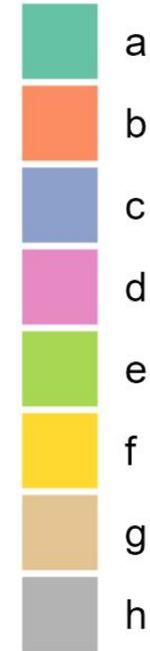
Without reordering bars



Bars reordered



class



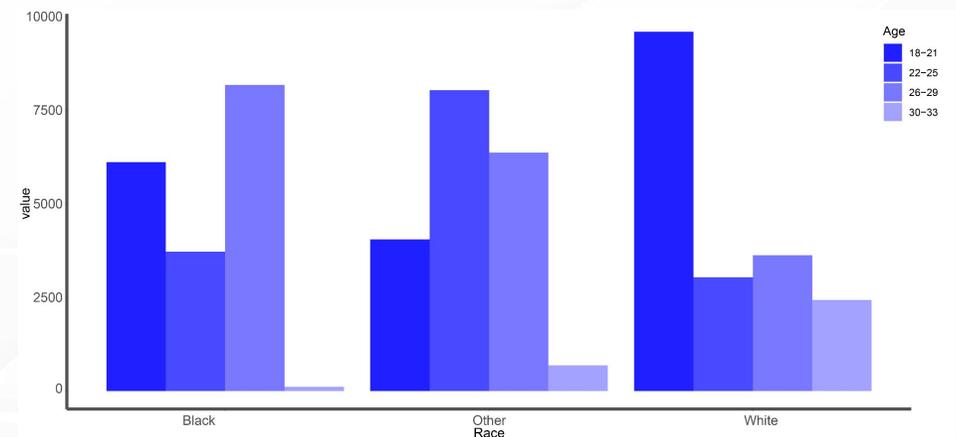
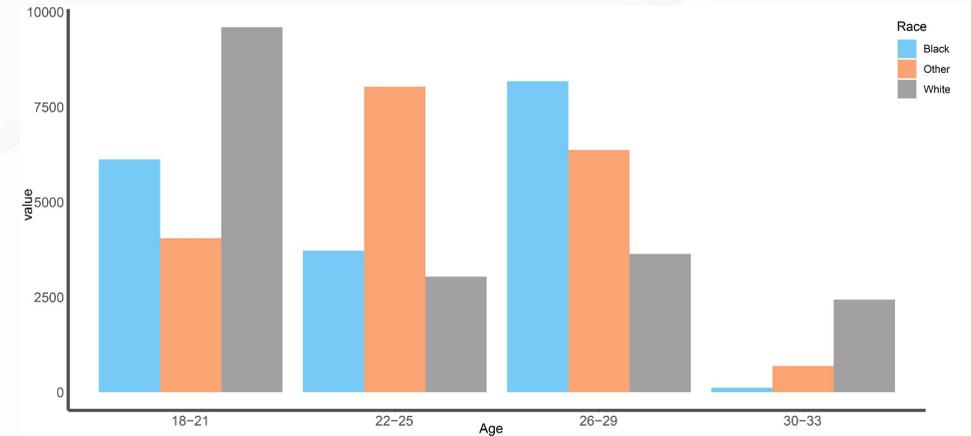
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# Common mistakes: Bar chart

Problem: Adding another variable might complicate the readability of the plot

Solution: switch which variable is shown with color.

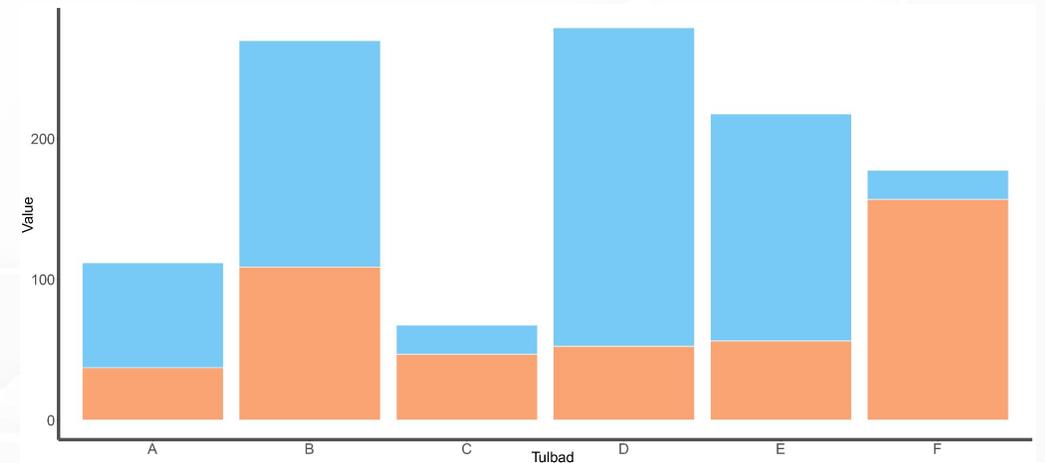
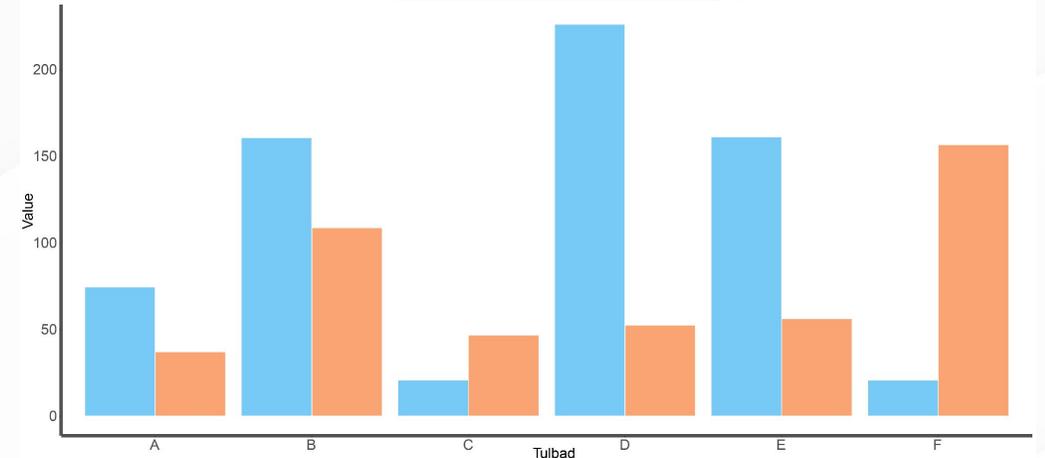
Solution: just make separate graphs



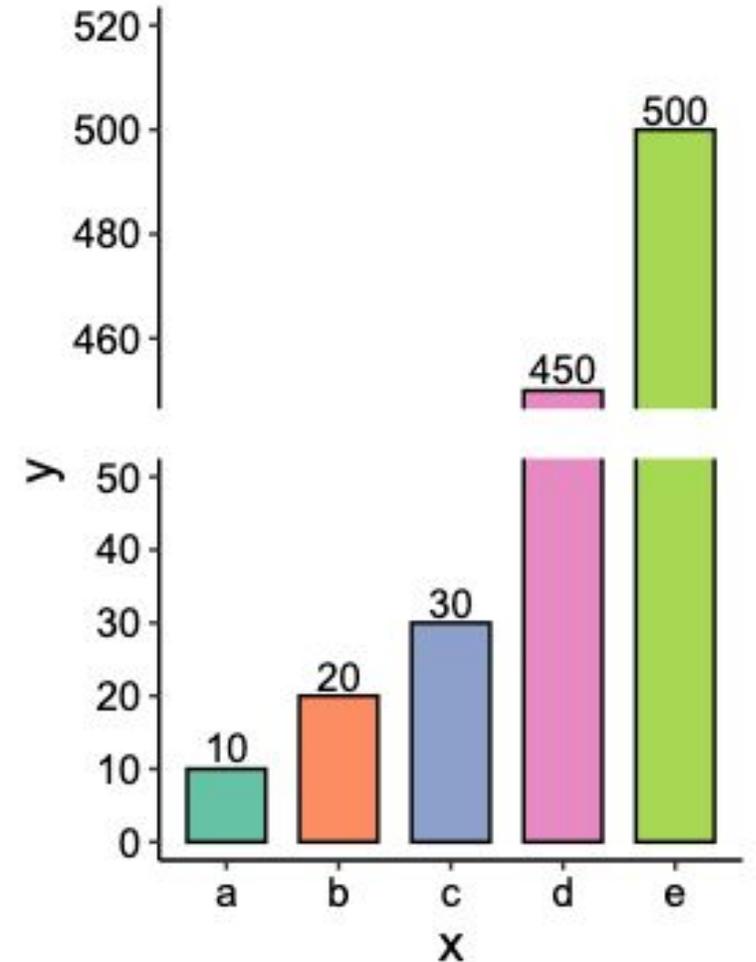
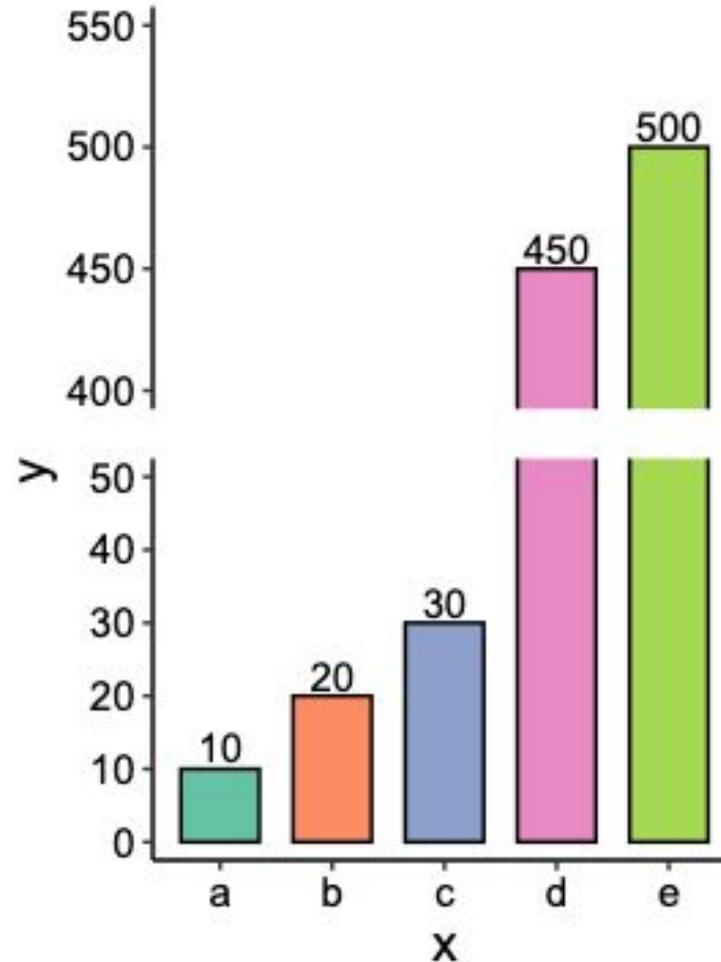
# Common mistakes: Bar chart

Problem: Adding another variable might complicate the readability of the plot

Solution: Use stacked bar chart  
(sum of the amounts represented by the individual stacked bars is in itself a meaningful amount, when the individual bars represent counts)



# Common mistake: broken axis wrong place



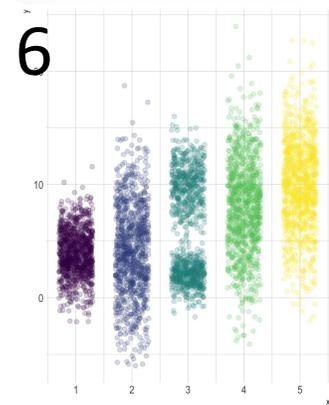
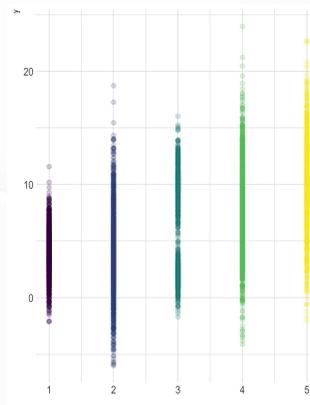
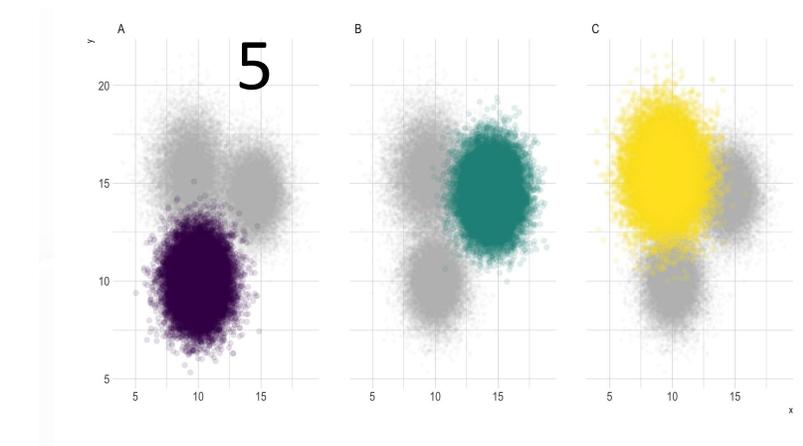
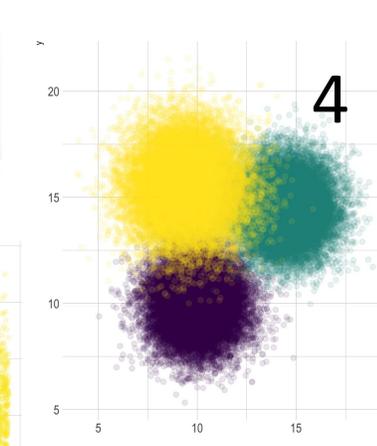
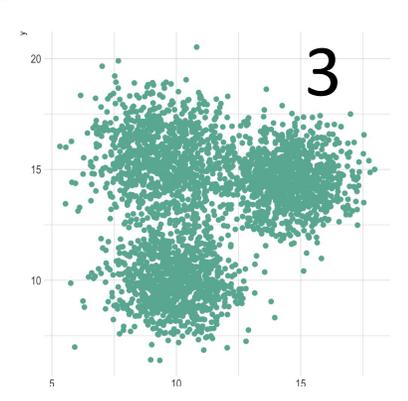
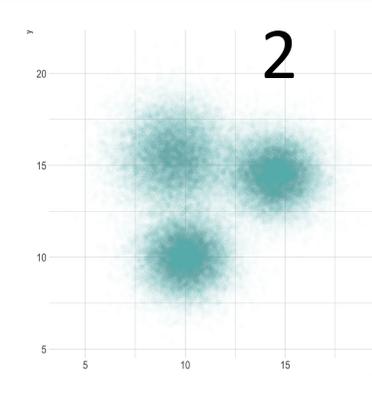
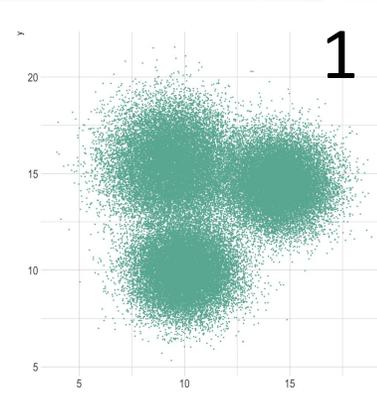
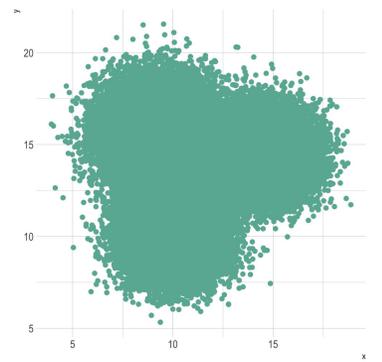
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# Common mistakes: Dot plot

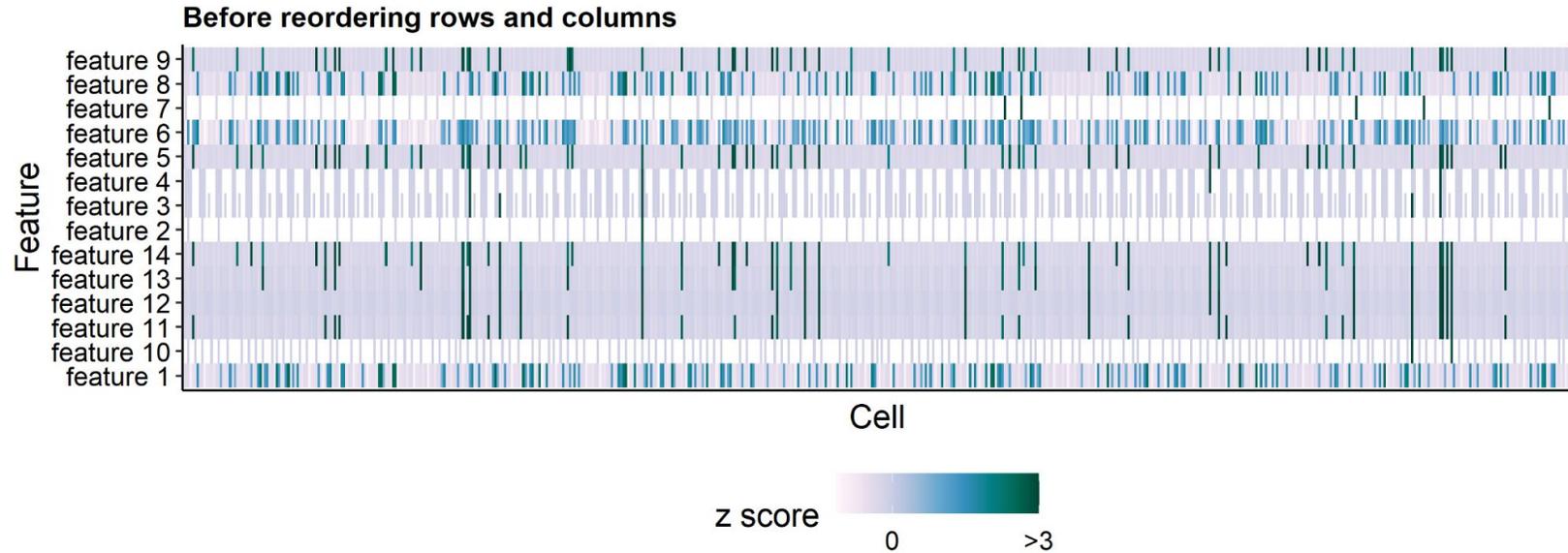
Problem: overplotting

Solutions:

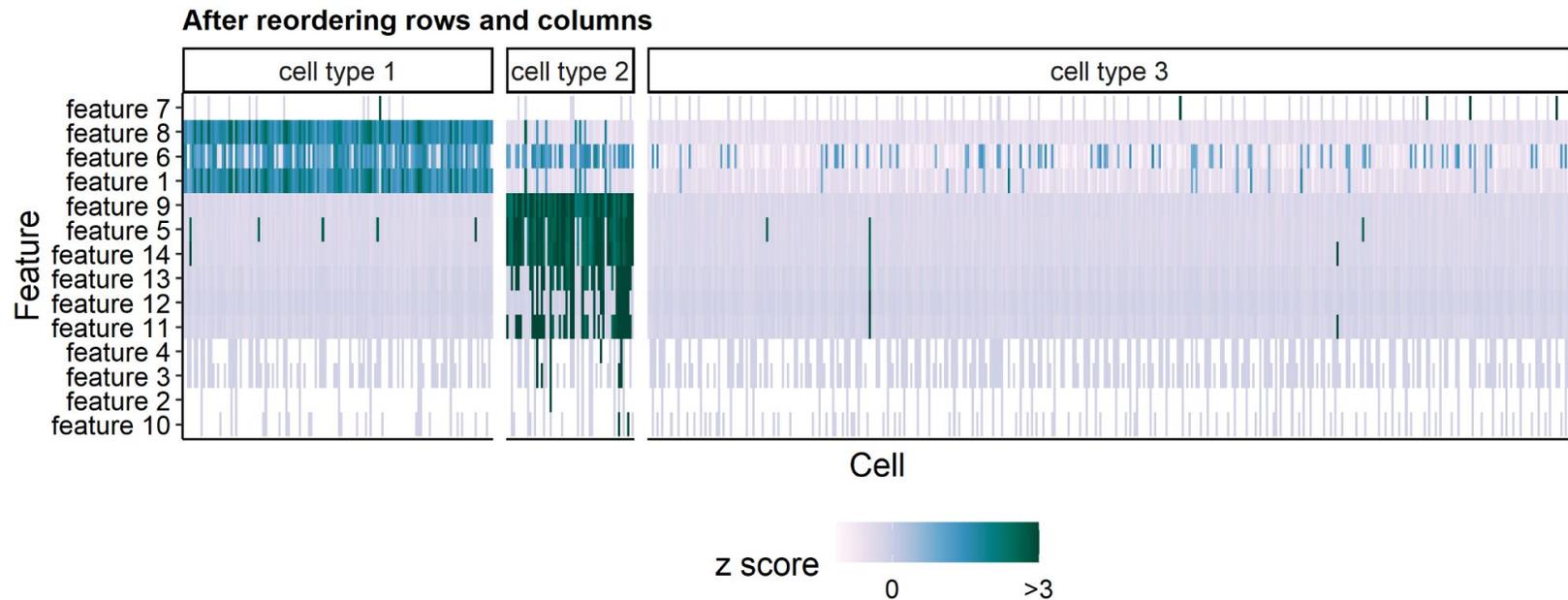
1. Decrease dot size
2. Transparency
3. Plot a fraction of your data
4. Grouping
5. Faceting
6. Jittering



# Common mistake: Heatmap without reordering



Am I looking at a glitching TV?



Much better.

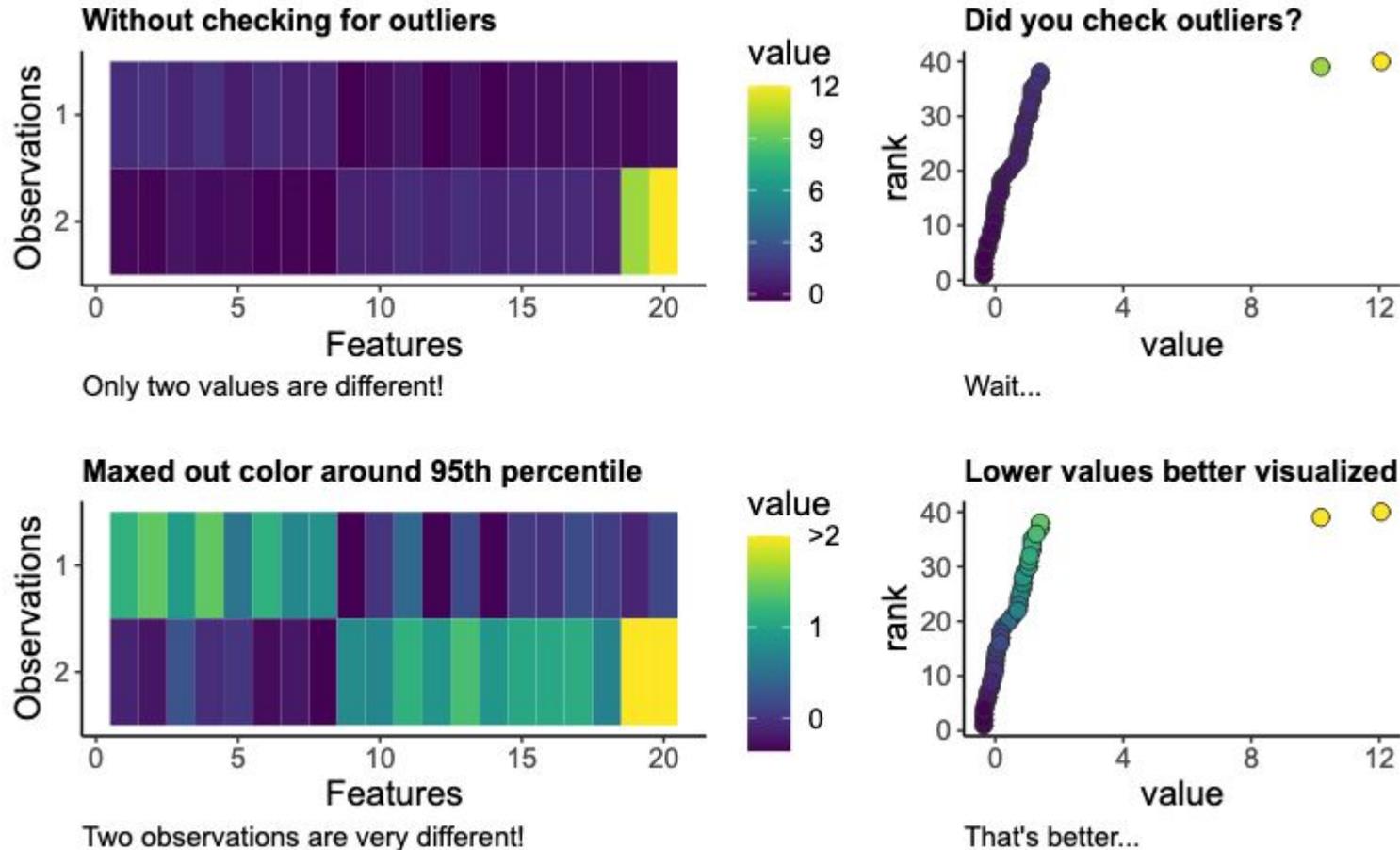
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# Common mistake: Heatmap and outliers



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# Best practices: heatmap

- Normalize your data
- Use cluster analysis and thus permute the rows and the columns of the matrix to place similar values near each other according to the clustering
- Color palette is important  
choose one from here <https://coolors.co/>

# Common mistake: confusing bar chart and histograms

A bar chart shows the relationship between a numeric and a categorical variable.

Each entity of the categorical variable is represented as a bar.

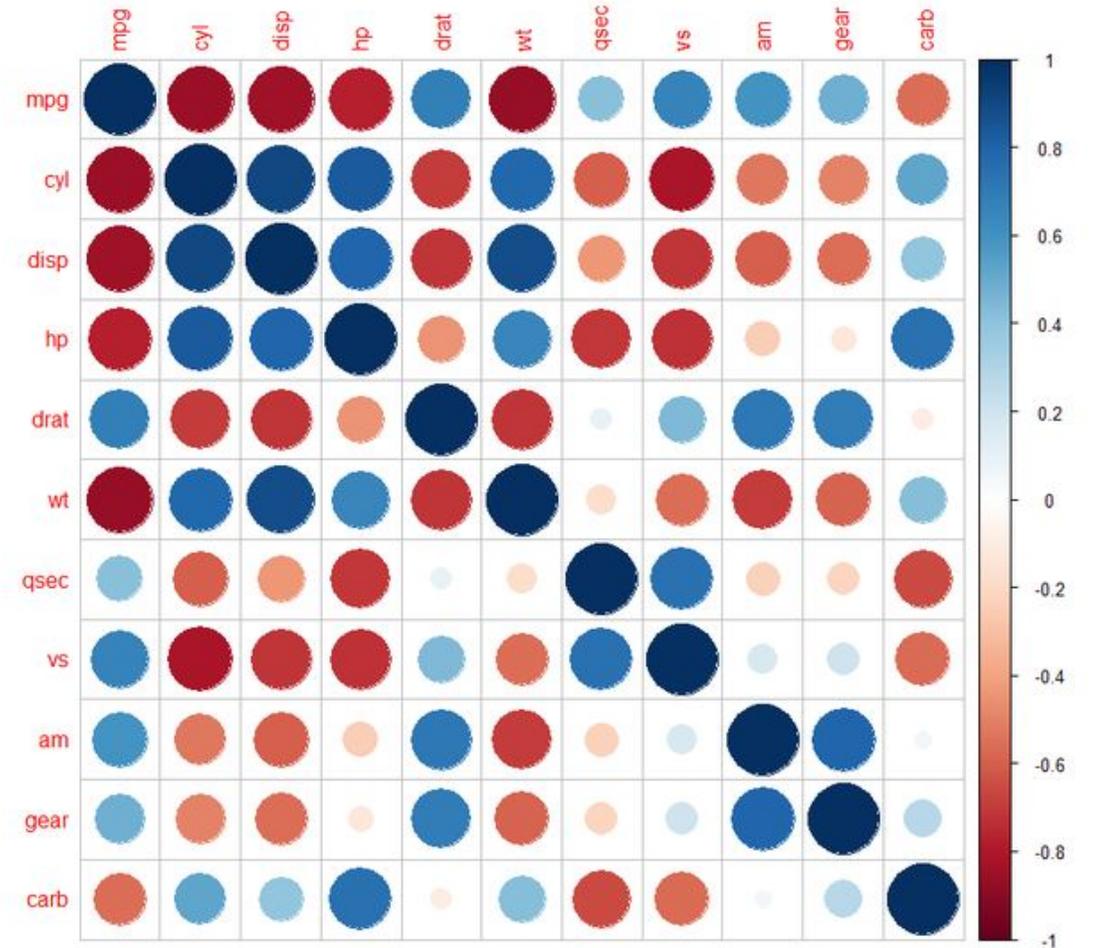
The size of the bar represents its numeric value.

A histogram has only a numeric variable as input and shows its distribution.

# Best practice: correlogram

Try to have less than  
10 variables

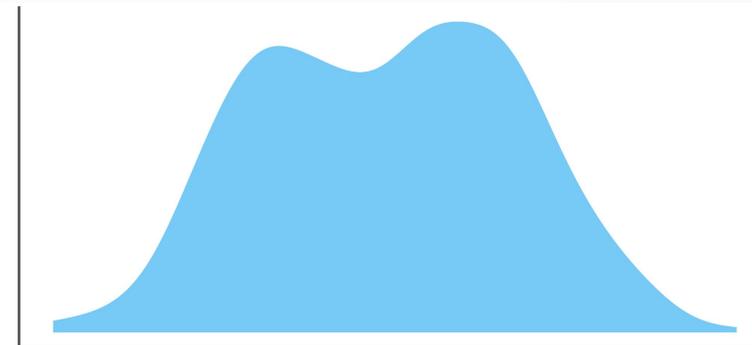
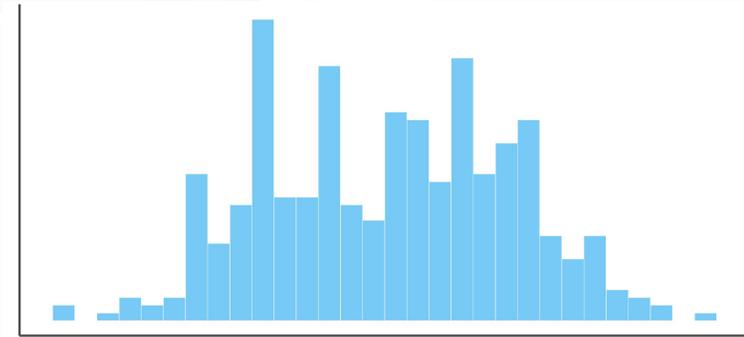
Displaying the relationship  
between more than  
~10 variables makes the plot  
very hard to read



# Best practices: Histograms and Density plots

- Values start from 0
- Choose an appropriate number of bins
- equal number of data points in each bin and no outliers; if not use box plot
- Choose the algorithm that fits your data
- DO NOT USE unequal bin widths
- Don't compare more than ~3 groups in the same histogram.

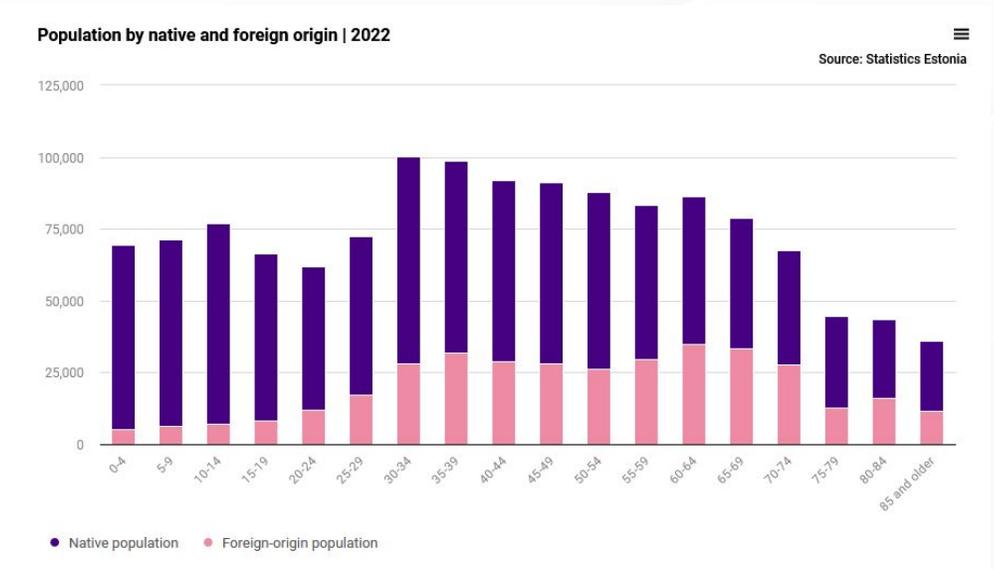
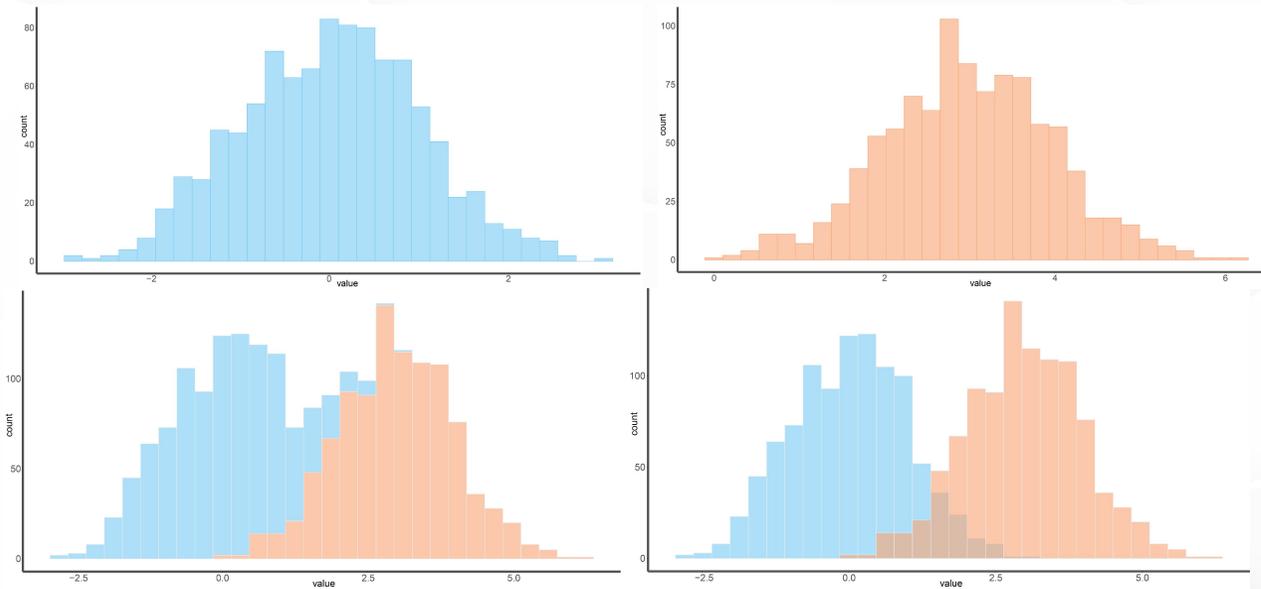
The graphic gets cluttered and difficult to understand. Instead use a violin plot, a boxplot, a ridgeline plot or use multiple small ones.



# Common mistake: Stacked histogram

## PROBLEM:

- Stacking - hard to read
- Partially transparent - appears three groups of data

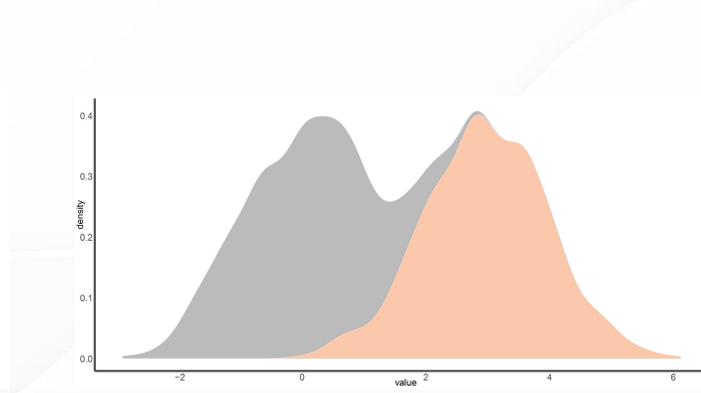
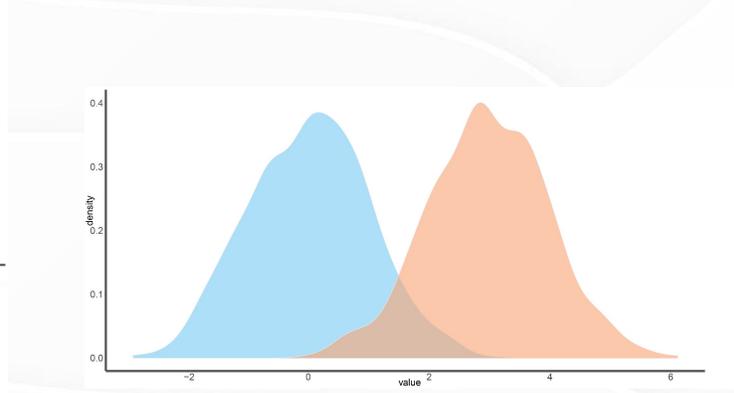
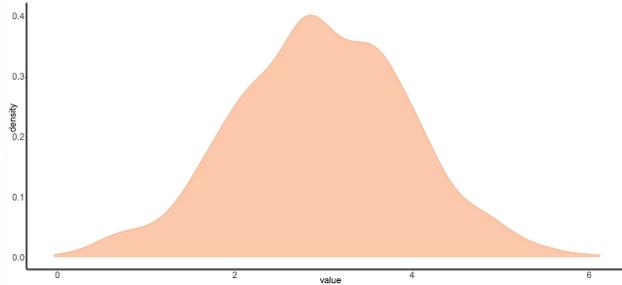
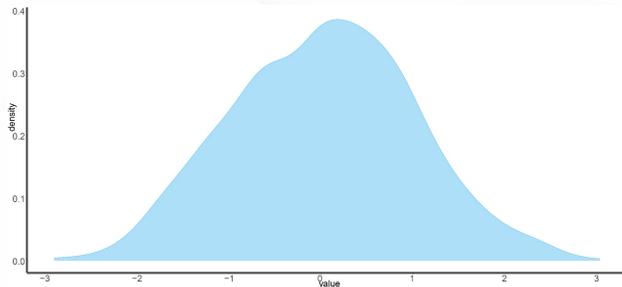


# Common mistake: Stacked histogram

## PROBLEM:

- Stacking - hard to read
- Partially transparent - appears three groups of data

Solution: Overlapping density plots  
continuous density lines help the eye keep the distributions separate.



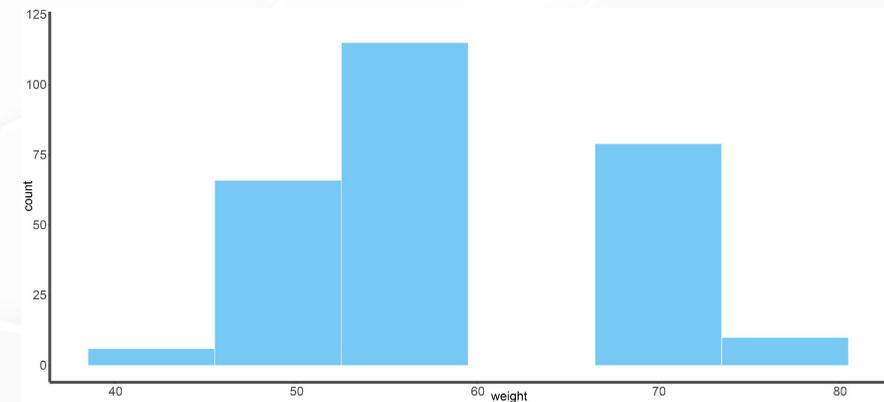
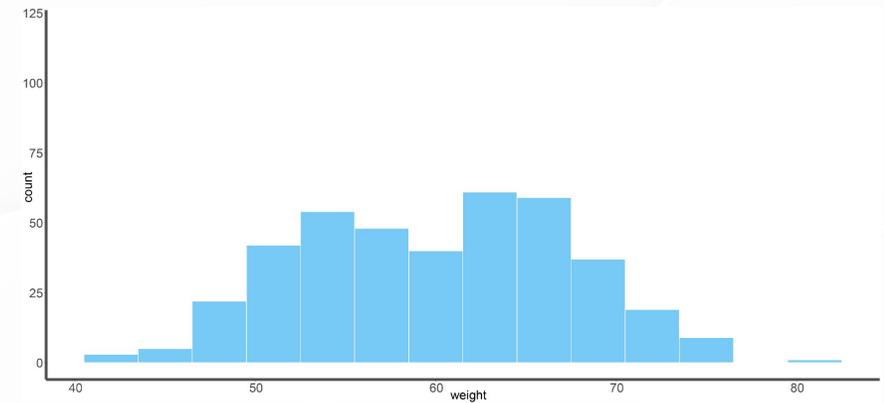
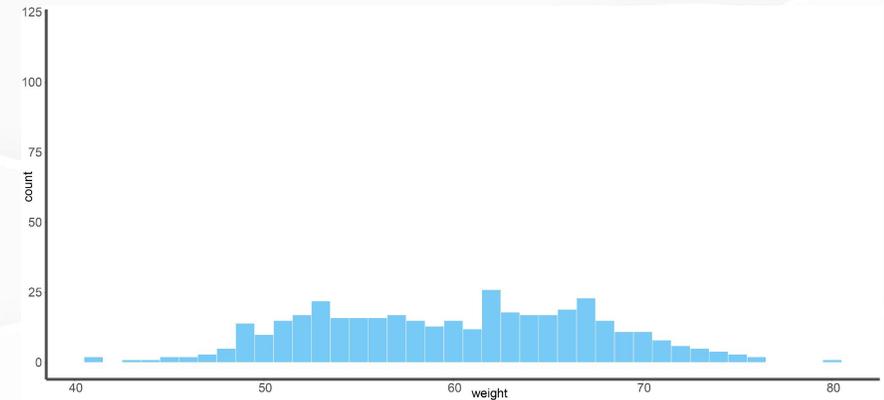
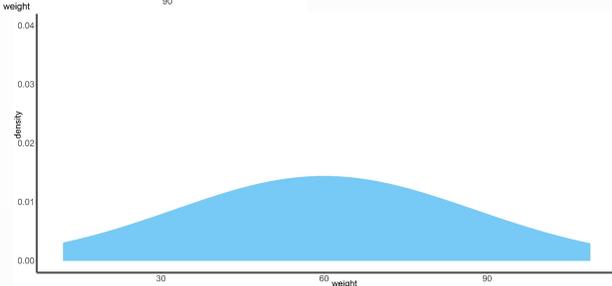
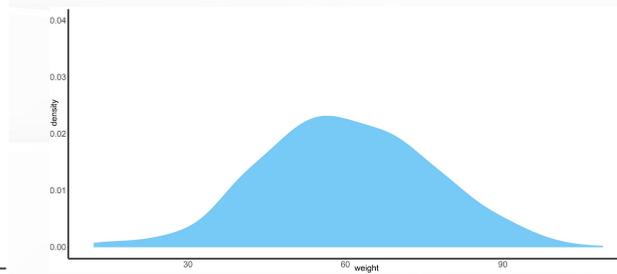
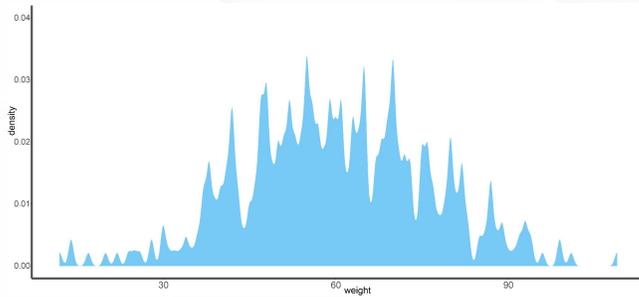
# Common mistakes: Histograms and Density plots

## PROBLEM:

- The default bin “width” does not represent data appropriately

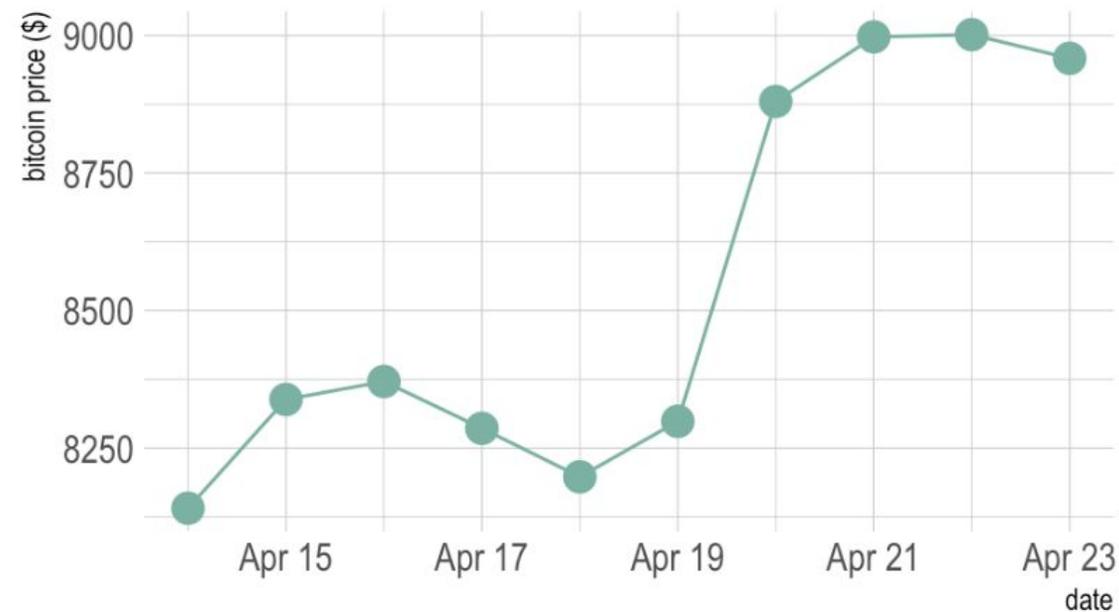
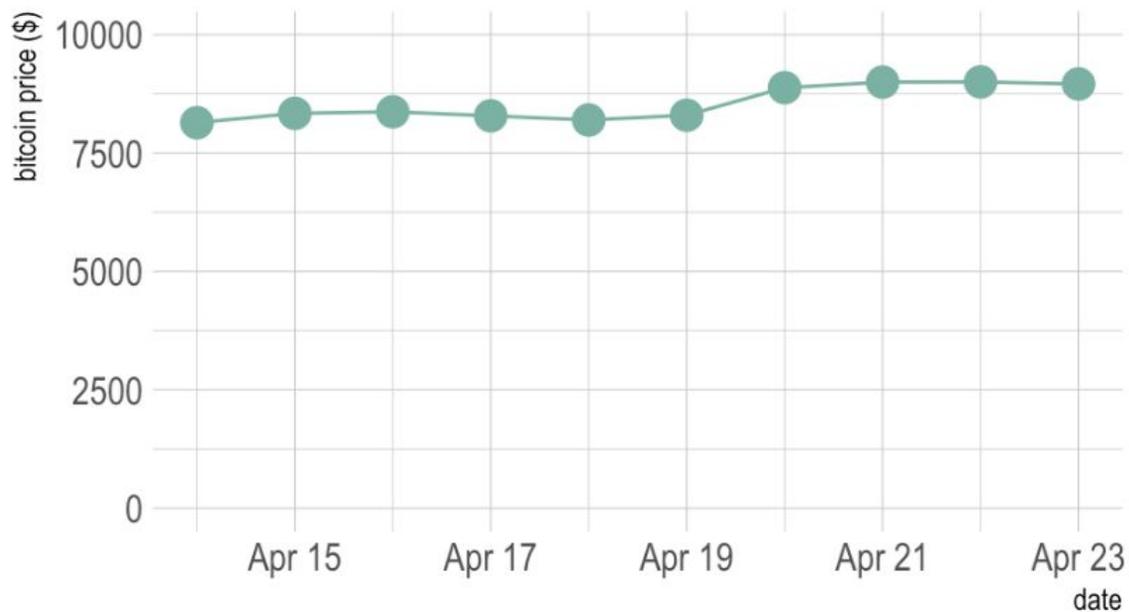
## SOLUTION:

- Test many different bin widths for new insights



# Best practice: Line graph

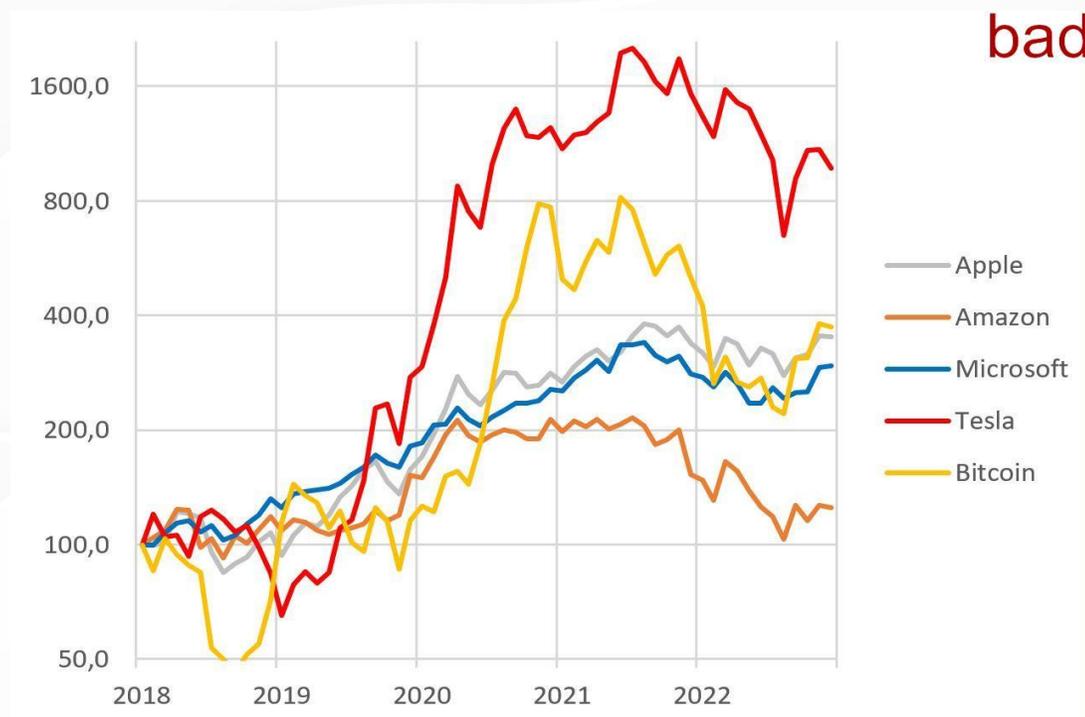
- If necessary, cut the Y axis
- Mind the spaghetti chart: too many lines make the chart unreadable.



# Common mistakes: line graph

Problem: y-axis is not labeled and there are no units.

Problem: Companies legend should be in the same order as trendlines (Tesla should be first).



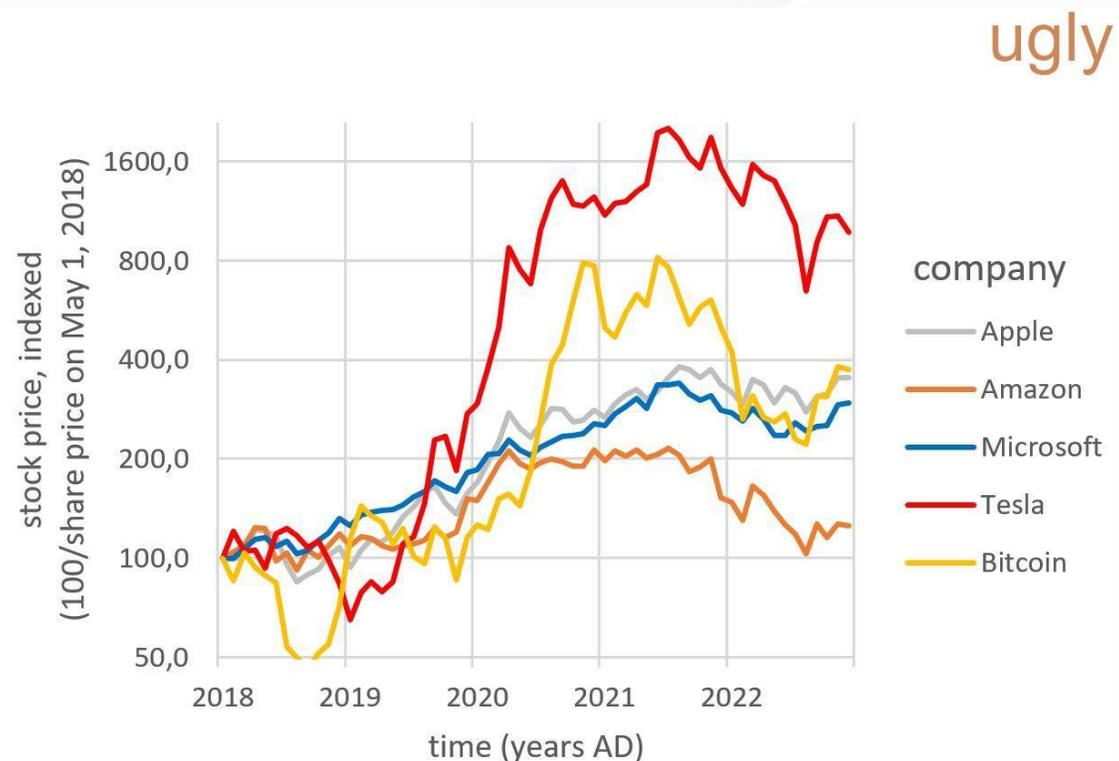
Stock price over time for four major tech companies and Bitcoin. The price has been normalized to equal 100 in May 2018.  
Data source: Yahoo Finance

# Common mistakes: line graph

Problem: overlabeling.

It's clear that we are dealing with years, no need to add "time( years AD)".

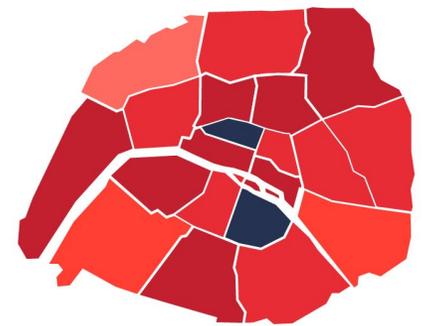
Same goes for companies. Companies legend should be in the same order as trendlines (Tesla should be first).



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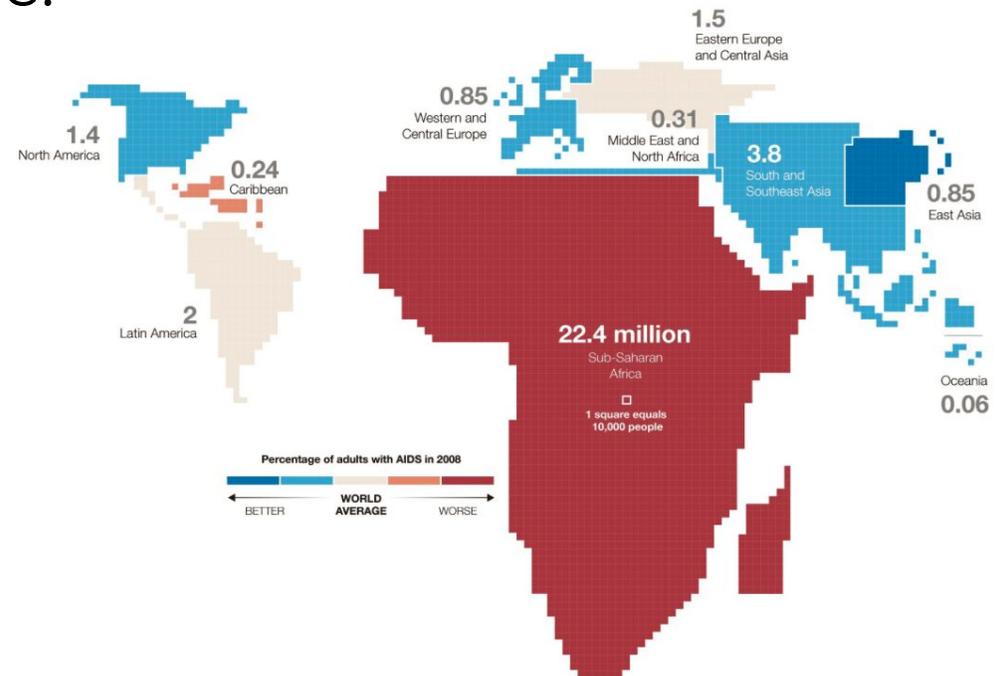
# Best practice: choropleth

- Normalize your variable: you cannot compare raw numbers between regions of distinct size or population.
- Take care when choosing the continuous color palette.
- Don't forget the legend.
- If your regions have a broad range of sizes it introduces a bias. You could consider using hexbin maps instead.
- Don't call it chLoropleth map.



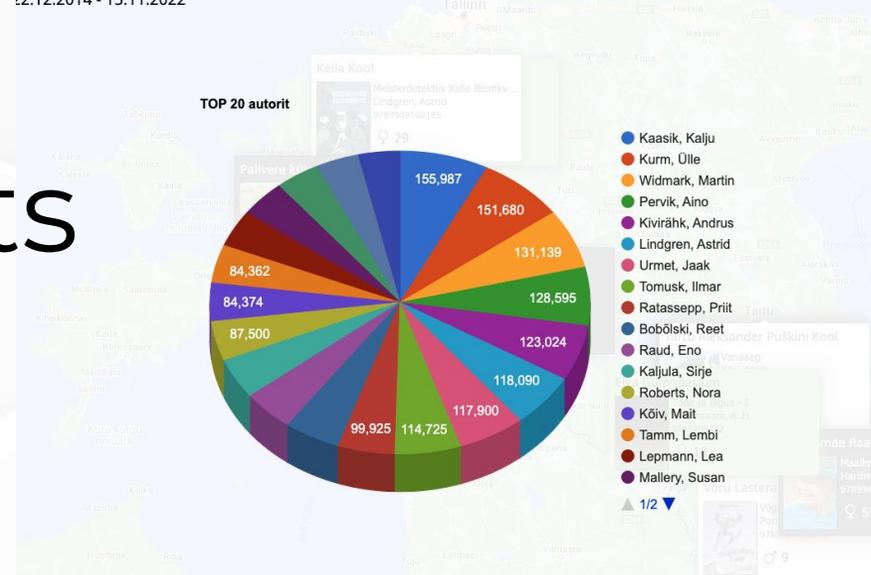
# Common mistakes: cartogram

- Distorts real boundaries and thus makes the map harder to identify.
- Be careful not to confuse your audience: you need to introduce it with good explanations and showing the initial map is probably a good practice.

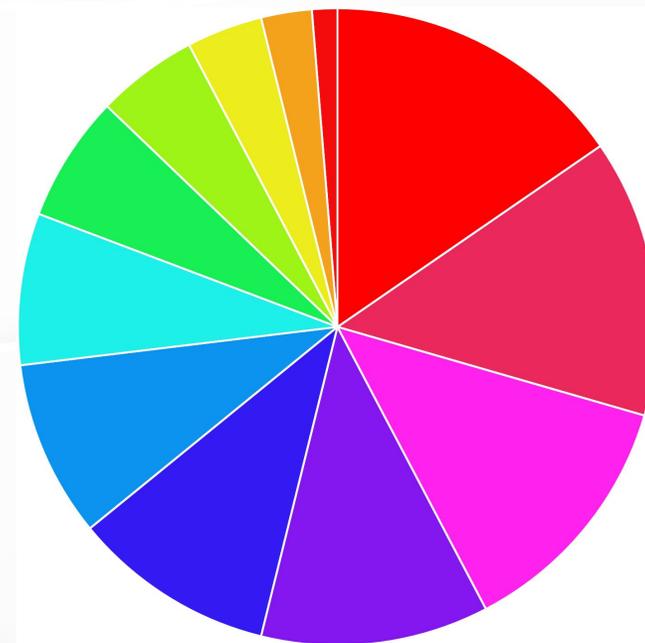


# Best practice: Pie charts

- Don't use more than five sections
- Avoid comparing one pie to another
- Place the largest slice to the top right corner, and then go by size order
- Don't use 3D pie



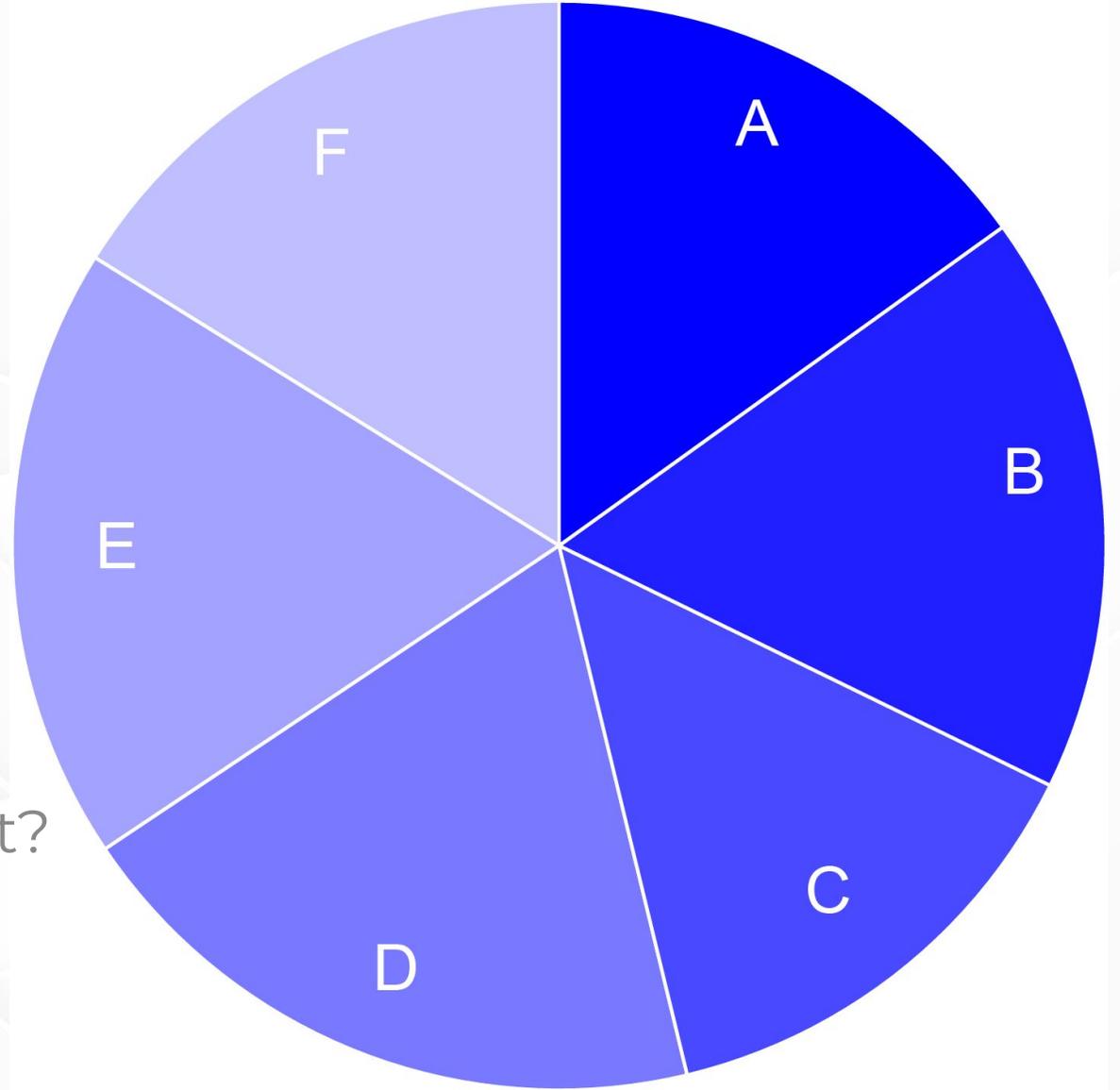
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# Poll

Which of the slices is the biggest?

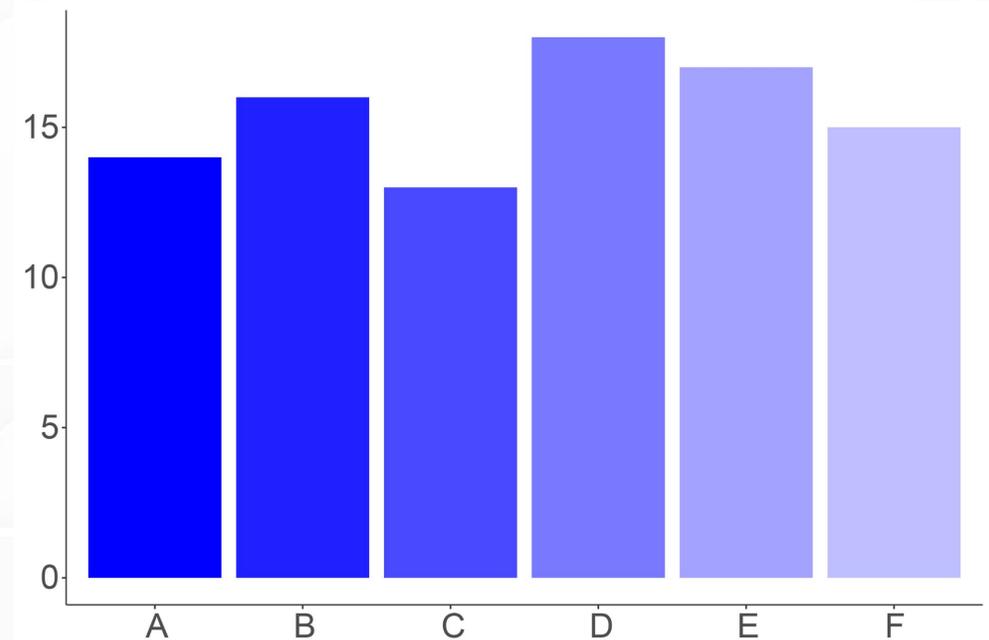
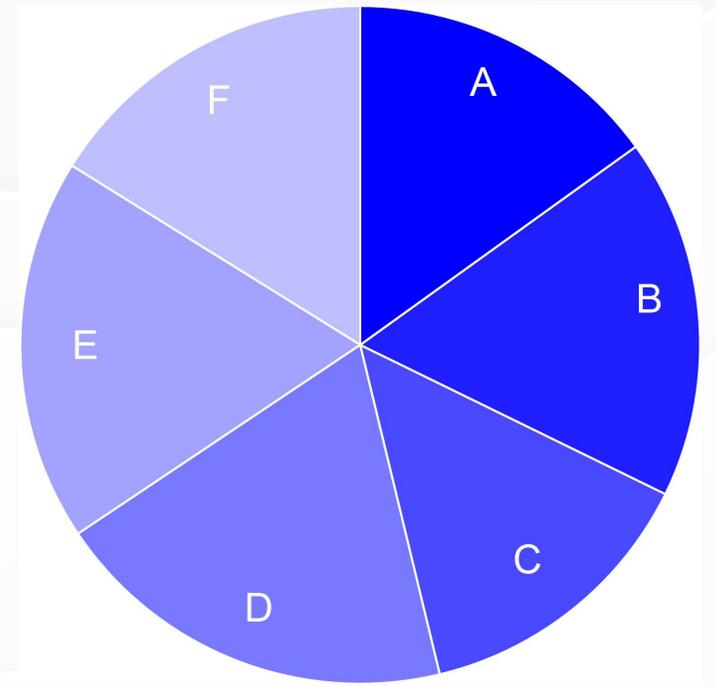


# Common mistakes: Pie charts

PROBLEM:  
Humans are pretty bad at reading angles

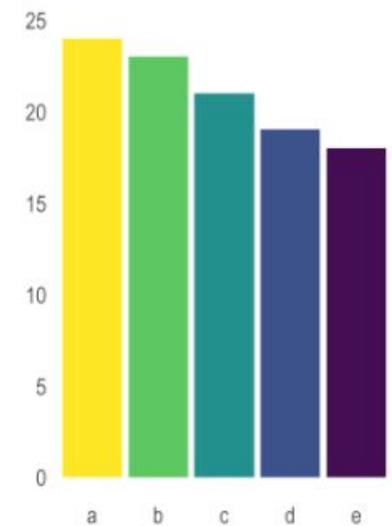
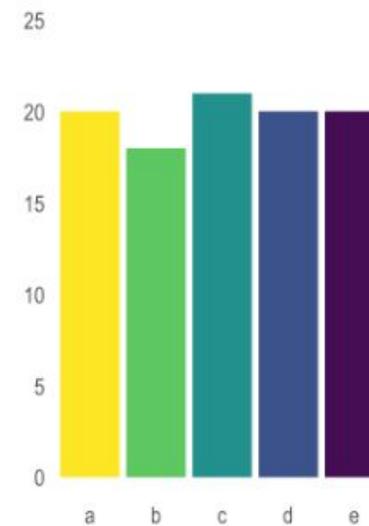
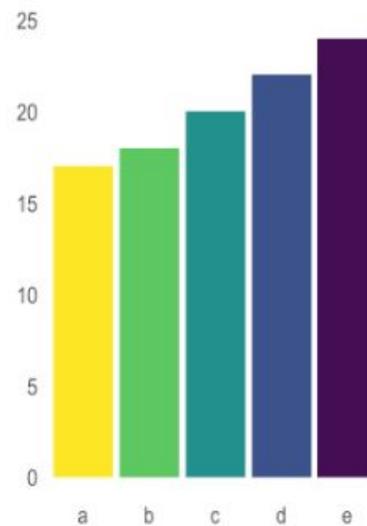
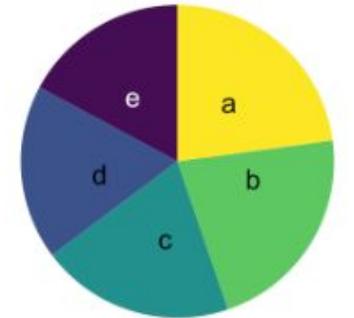
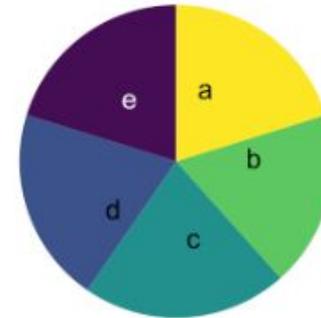
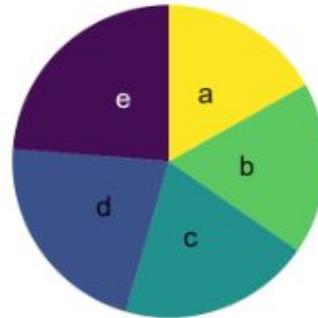
Solution: Use bar chart

**only use pie chart for simple fractions!**  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  ;  $\frac{1}{3}$  ;  $\frac{1}{4}$



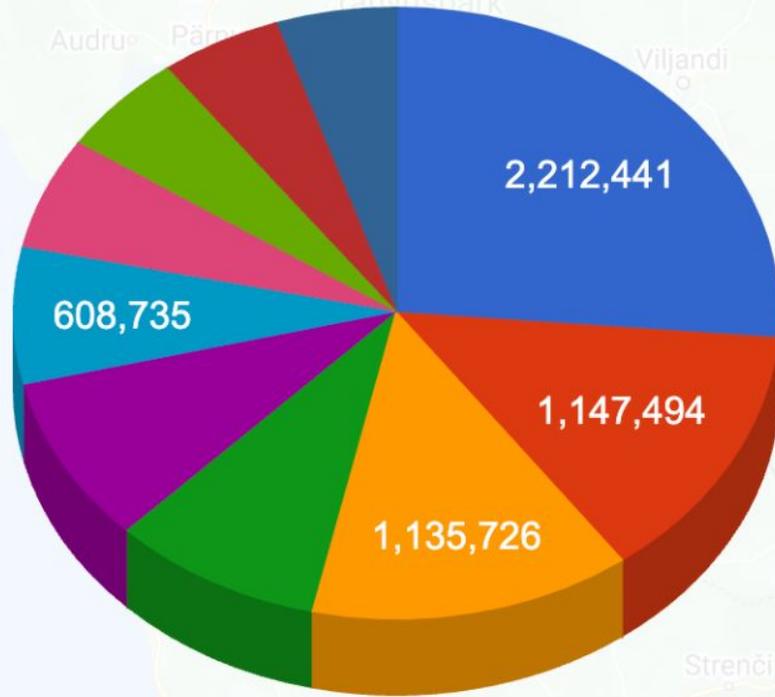
# Common mistakes: pie chart

Significant difference between the three pie plots with a hidden pattern that you definitely don't want to miss when you tell your story



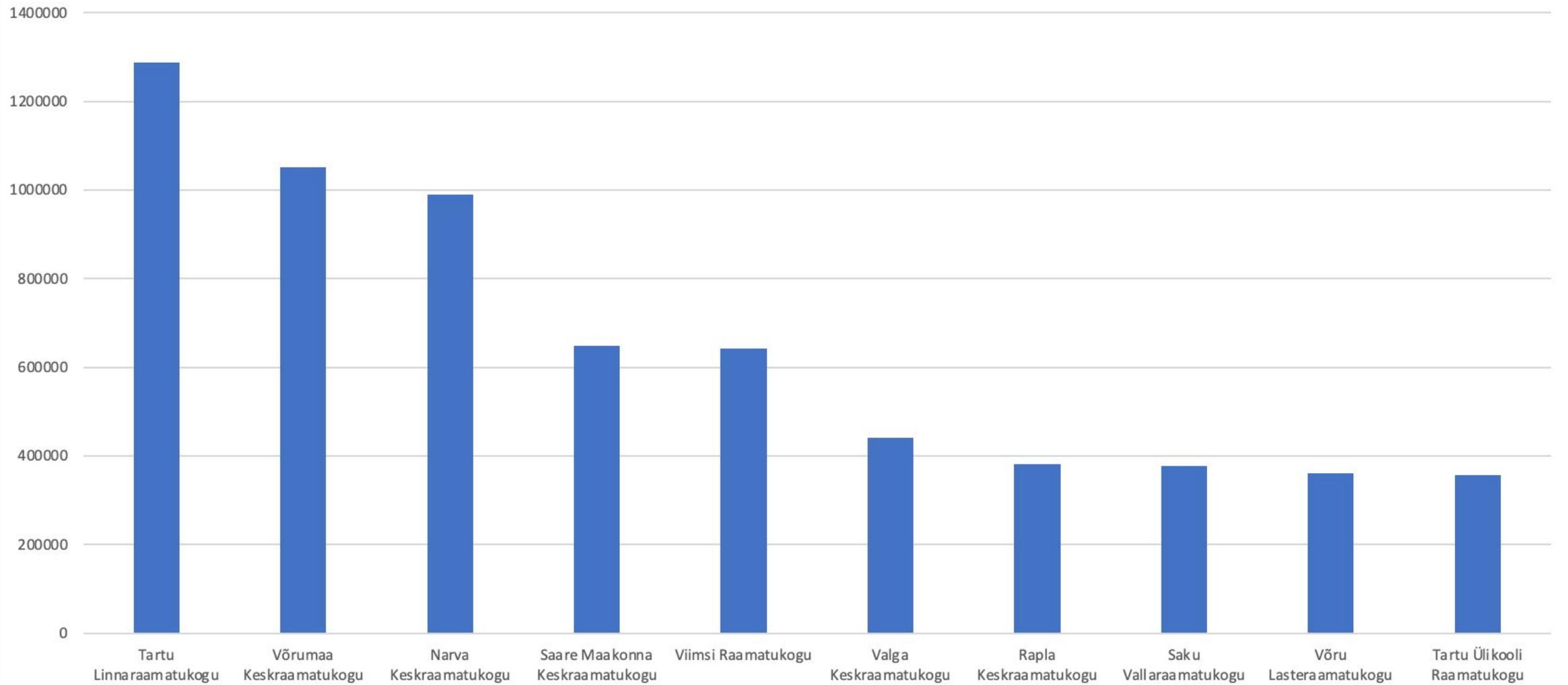
# Pie chart: Real life example

TOP 10 raamatukogu

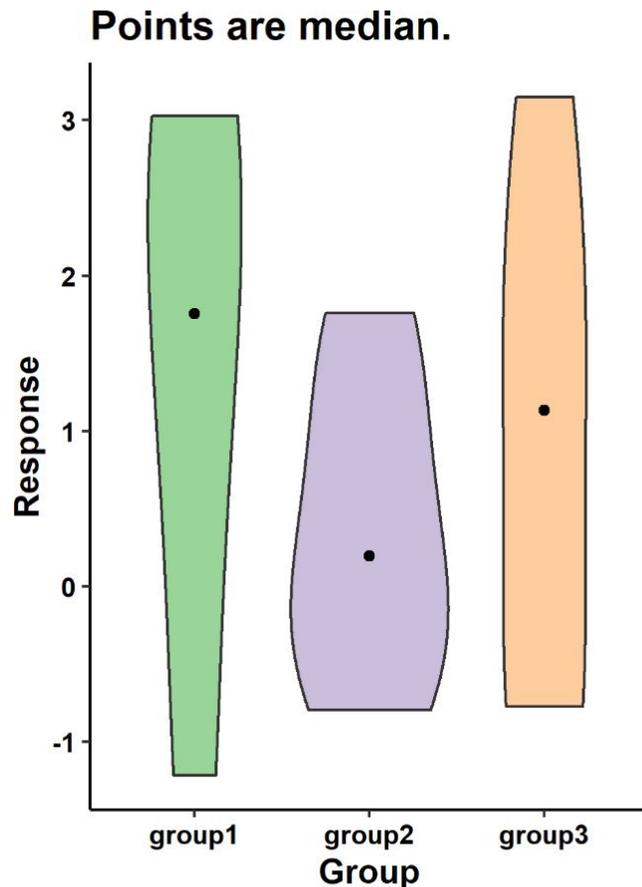


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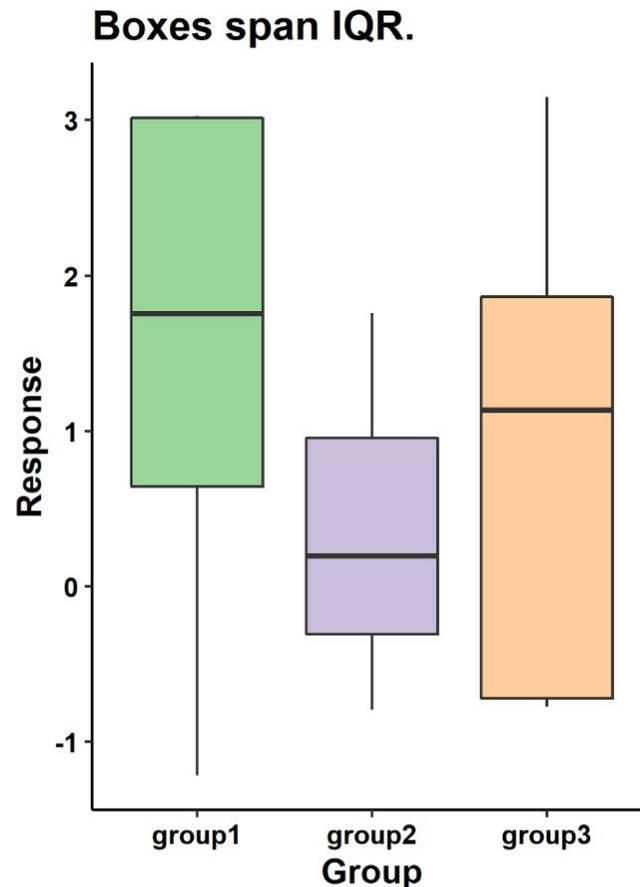
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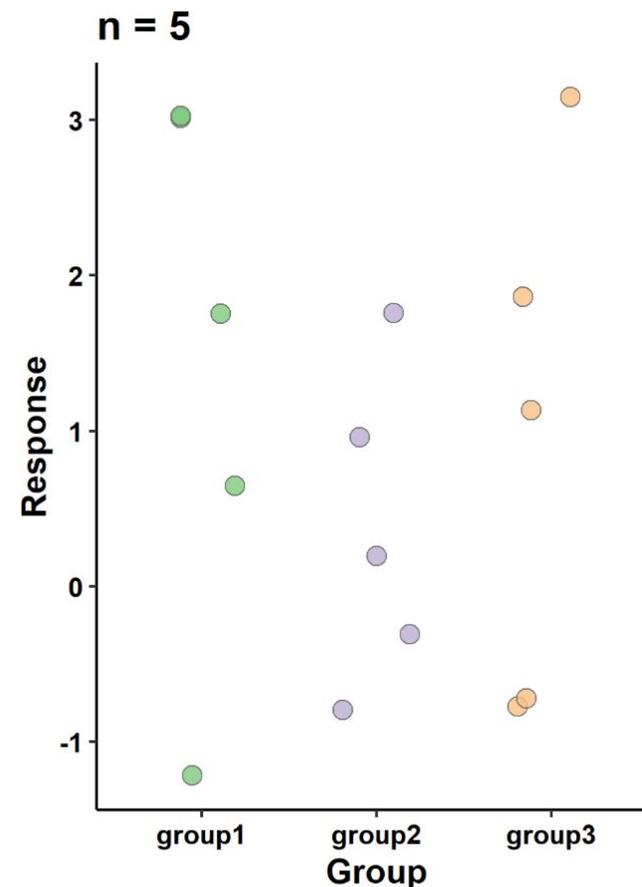
# Common mistake: Violin plot for small sample size



The distributions are different!  
I wonder what's going on.



The quartiles are different!  
I wonder what's going on.



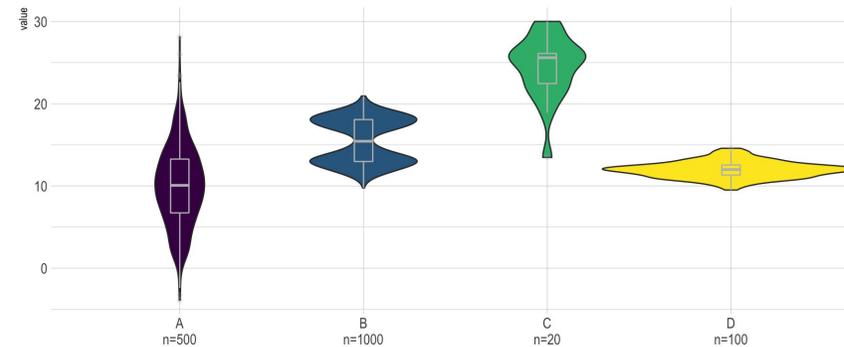
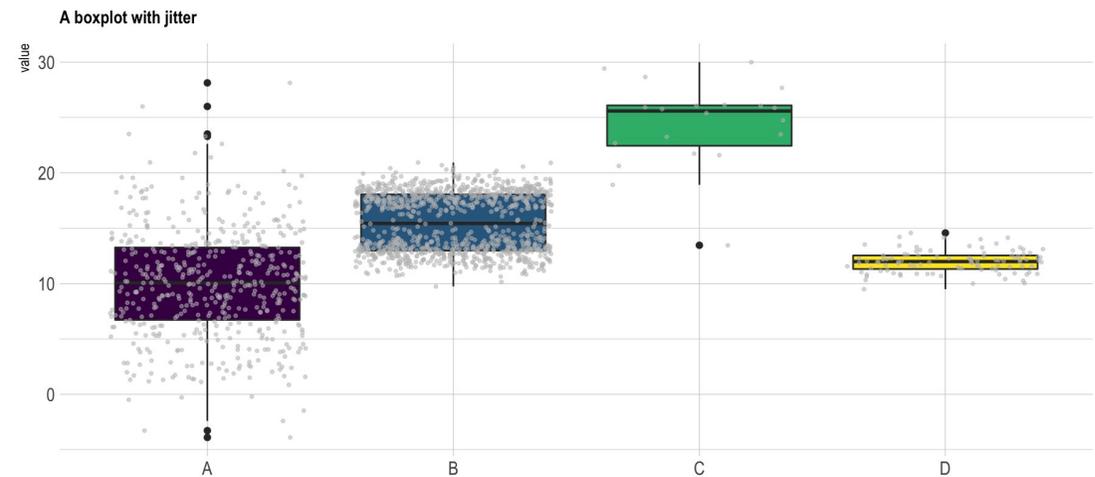
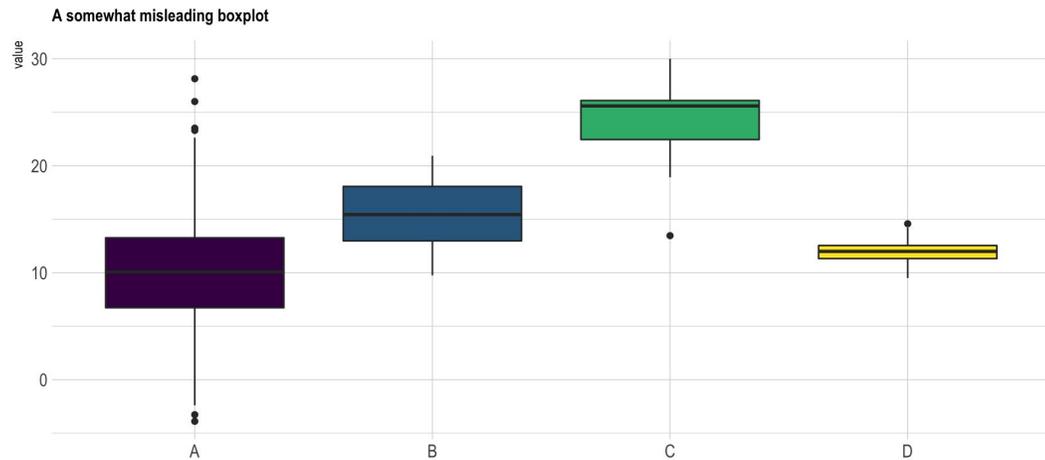
Never mind...  
Too little data to say anything.

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# Best practices: Violin plot

- If you compare groups with very different sample size, show it.
- Ordering groups by median value makes the chart more insightful.
- If you have just a few groups, you are probably interested by ridgeline charts.

# Common mistakes: uninformative graph



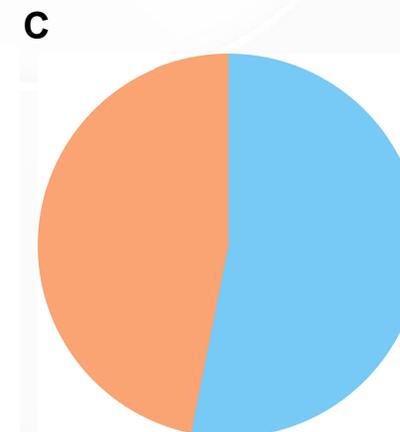
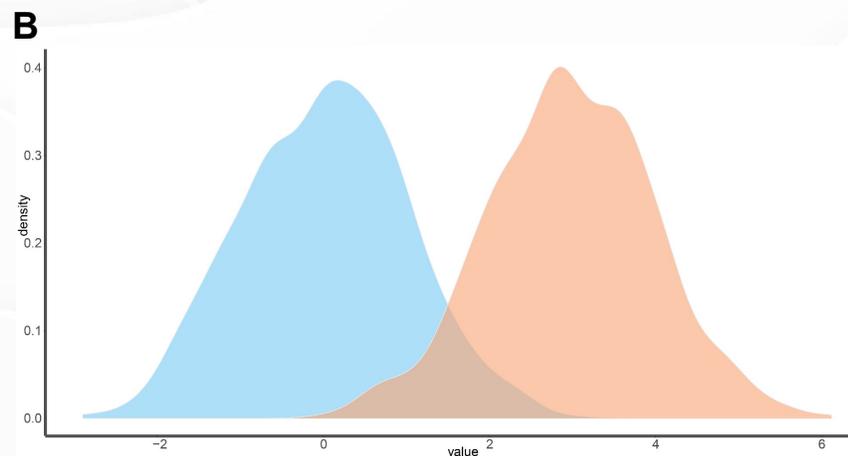
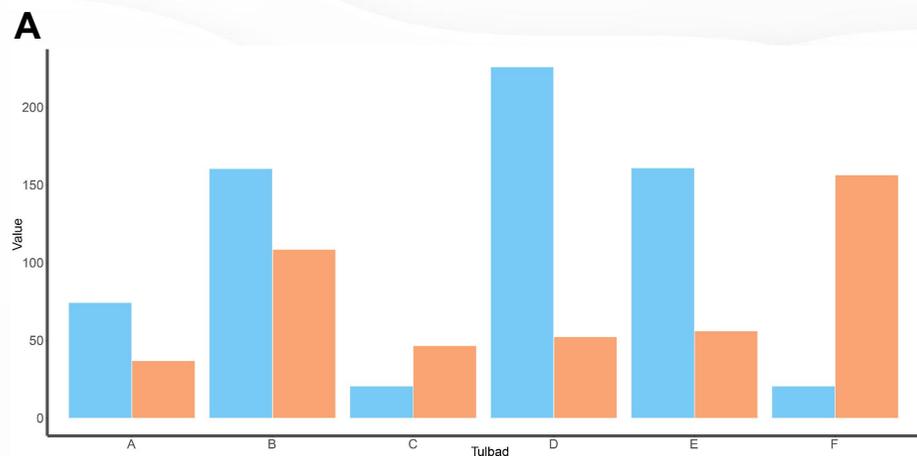
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# Figures belonging together

**Be consistent but not repetitive.**

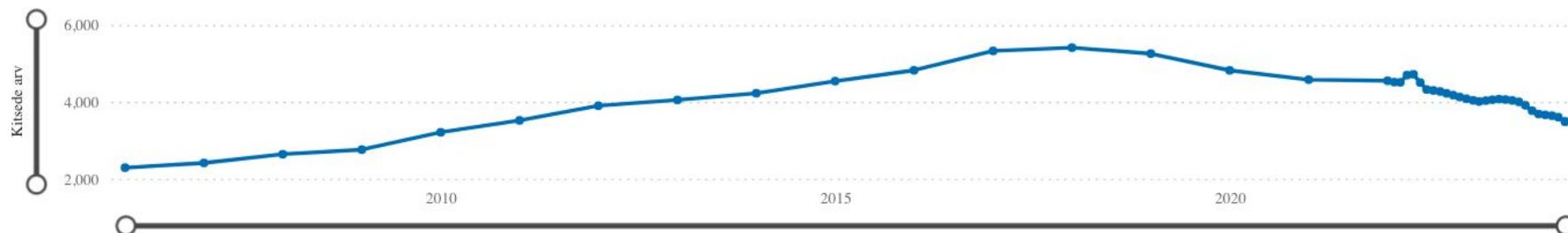
Figures belonging together should look similar, but not exactly the same.

Mix up different chart types, but use similar layout, types, color choices.



# Example

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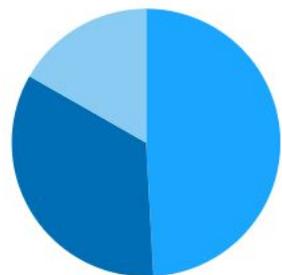


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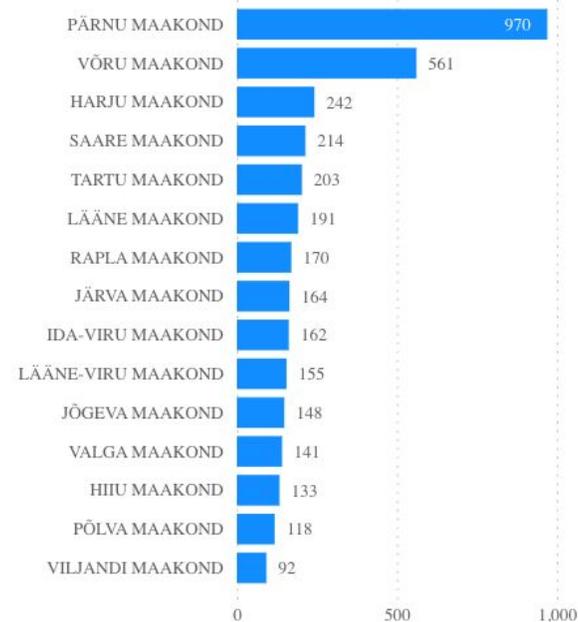
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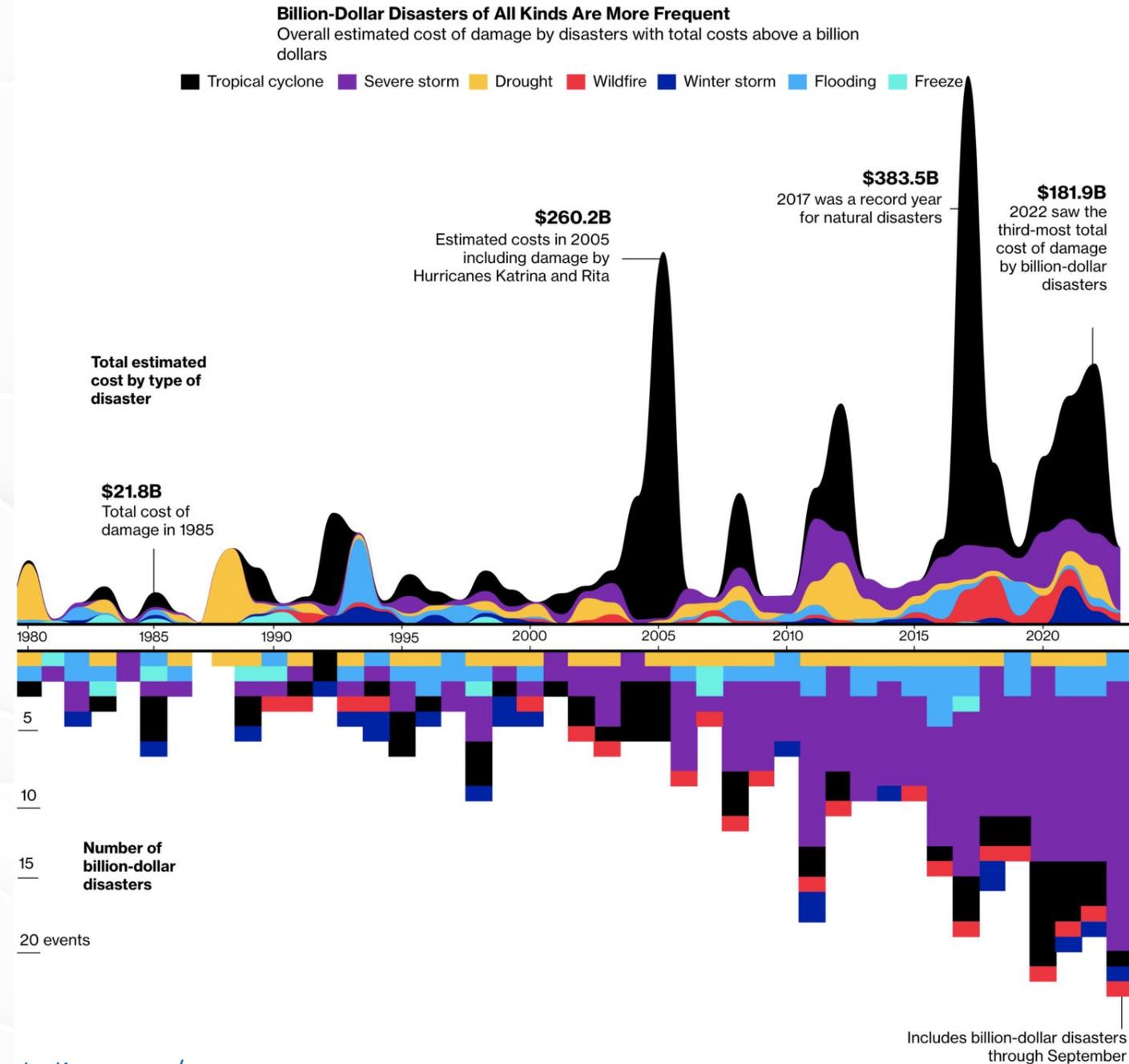
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# What would you change?

Combo stacked area chart and stacked bar chart on the top and bottom to show increased cost of billion dollar disasters and the counts over time.



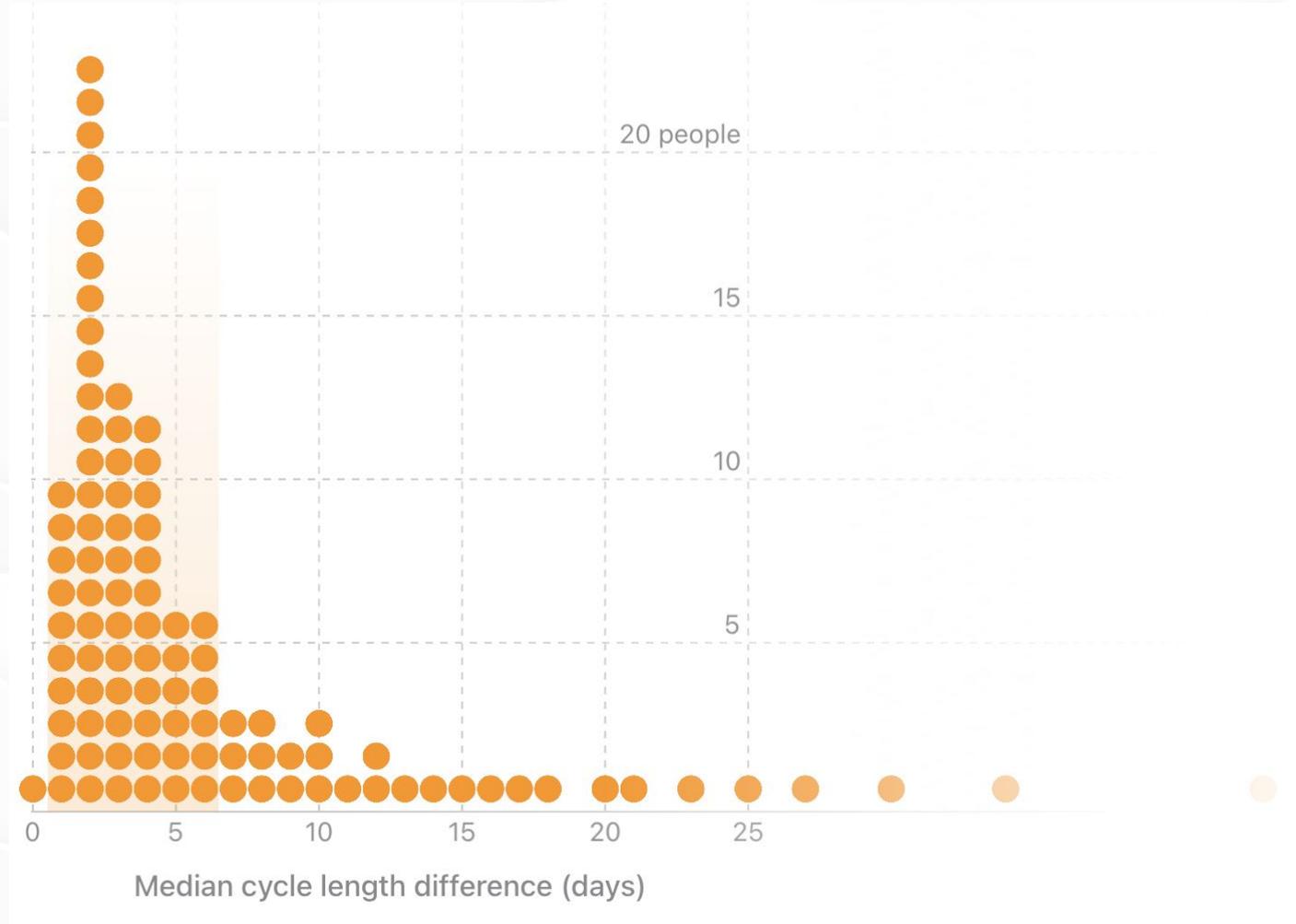
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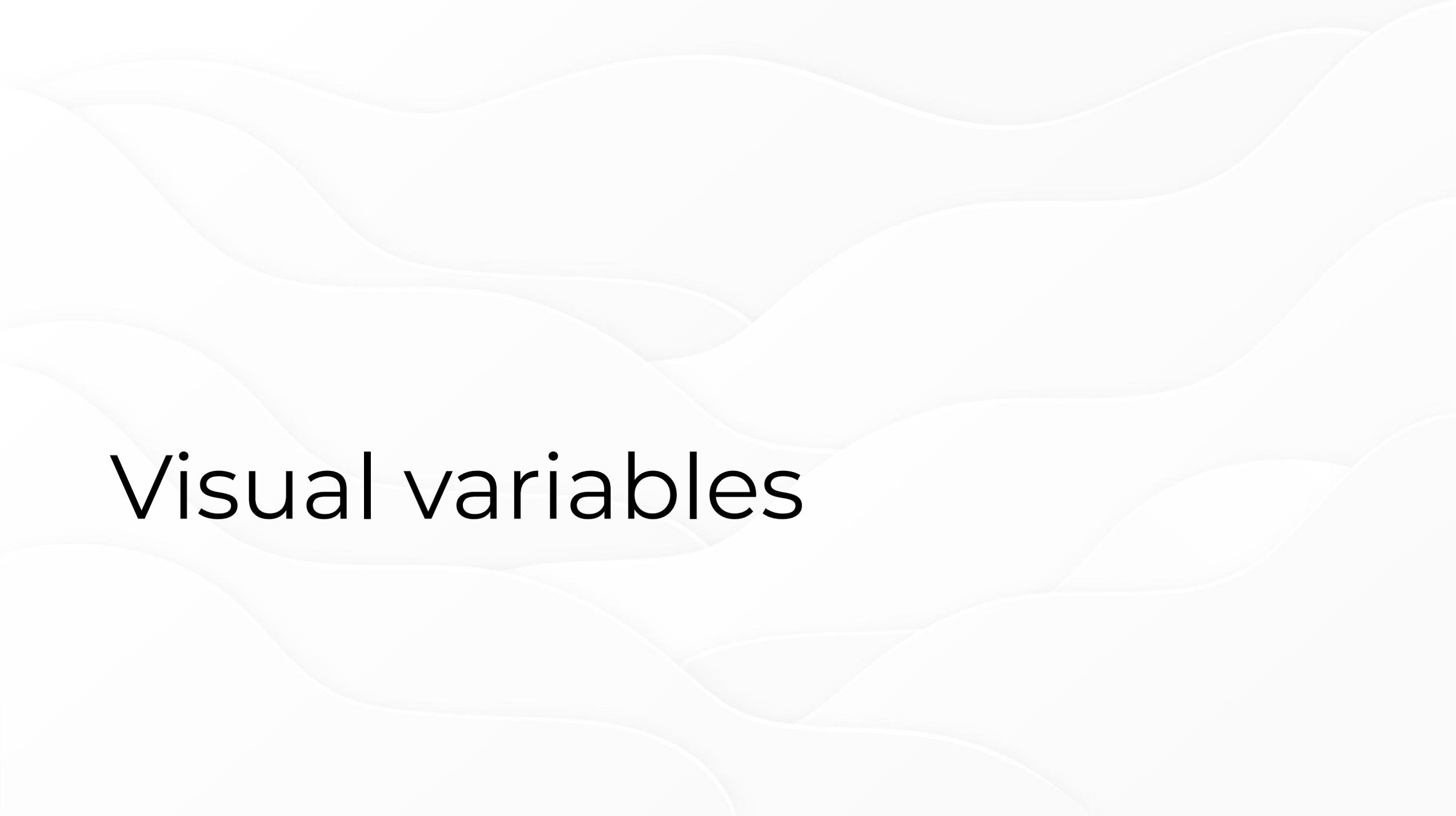
Note: Estimated cost of damage is 2023 CPI-adjusted  
Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

# What would you change?

For the Apple Women's Health Study, which uses cycle tracking data from iPhones and Apple Watches, the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health provides a visual explanation of how menstrual cycles vary.

<https://flowingdata.com/2023/10/02/visual-explanation-of-menstrual-cycle-length-and-variability/>



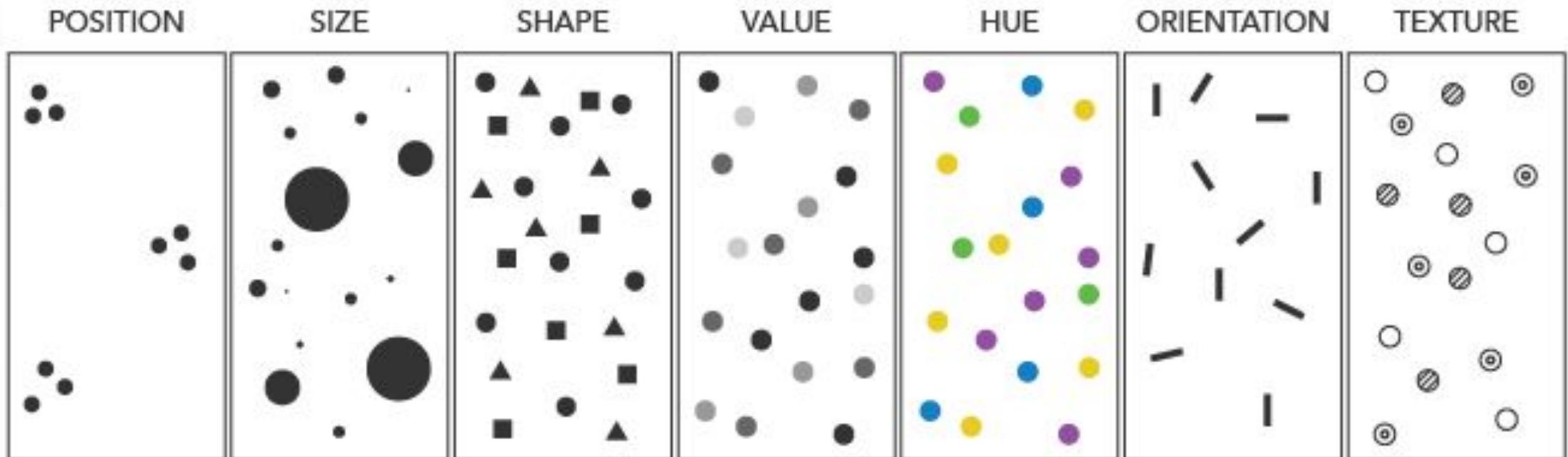


Visual variables

# Visual Variables

Fundamental ways in which graphic symbols can be

## Bertin's Visual Variables

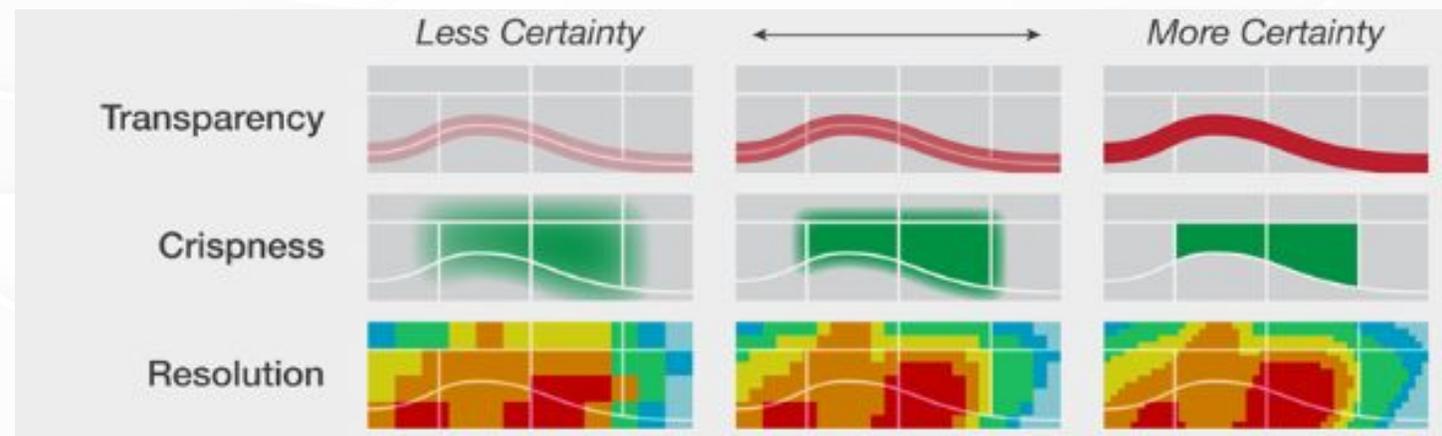
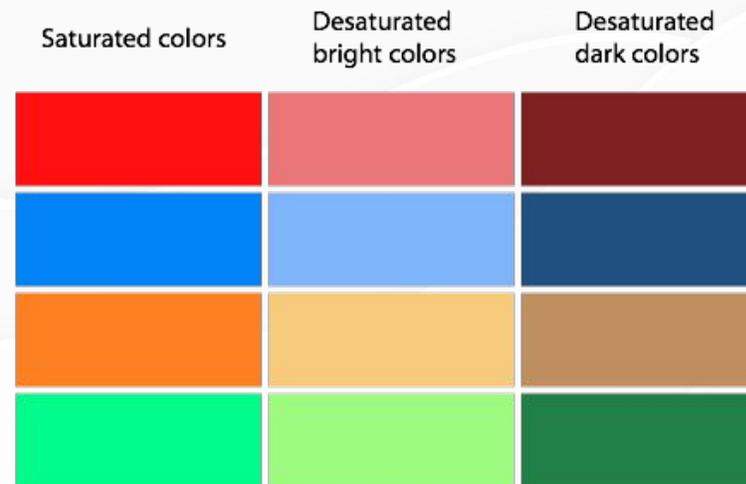


# Visual Variables

The list has since been further expanded by other researchers

(Roth, Joel Morrison, Alan MacEachren):

- Color saturation
- Arrangement
- Crispness
- Resolution
- Transparency



White, T. (2017). Symbolization and the Visual Variables. *The Geographic Information Science & Technology Body of Knowledge* (2nd Quarter 2017 Edition), John P. Wilson (ed.). DOI: 10.22224/gistbok/2017.2.3

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<i>Size</i>	Variations in the length, area, or volume of a symbol (e.g., graduated circles) denote different quantities of data.
<i>Shape</i>	The appearance or form of a symbol; different shapes (e.g., circles, squares, triangles) denote different categories of data.
<i>Color Hue</i>	The dominant wavelength of visible light in the electromagnetic spectrum (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet); different hues can denote categorical or numerical differences in the data.
<i>Color Value</i>	Light or dark variations of a single hue (e.g., light red–medium red–dark red) denote different quantities of data. Sometimes called <i>Lightness</i> or <i>Brightness</i> .
<i>Color Saturation</i>	The intensity of a single hue. Fully saturated hues appear vivid, and fully desaturated hues appear muted. Denotes ordinal-level data or uncertainty in data. Sometimes called <i>Intensity</i> or <i>Chroma</i> .
<i>Orientation</i>	The direction or angle of rotation of an entire map symbol or the individual marks that make up the map symbol. Can denote categorical or numerical differences.
<i>Arrangement</i>	The distribution or layout of individual marks that make up a map symbol (e.g., regular or irregular). Primarily used in areal patterns to denote categorical differences in the data.
<i>Texture</i>	The relative fineness or coarseness of the areal fill within a map symbol. Can denote categorical or numerical differences in the data.
<i>Transparency</i>	The blend level between a symbol and a background layer; reliable data appear opaque, whereas transparency increases with uncertainty.
<i>Crispness</i>	The sharpness of boundaries; reliable data have crisp boundaries, but borders become fuzzy or imprecise as uncertainty increases. Also called <i>Fuzziness</i> .
<i>Resolution</i>	The level of detail or precision of a spatial data set. Analogous to the spatial resolution of raster grids. High resolution data are more detailed, and resolution decreases as uncertainty increases.

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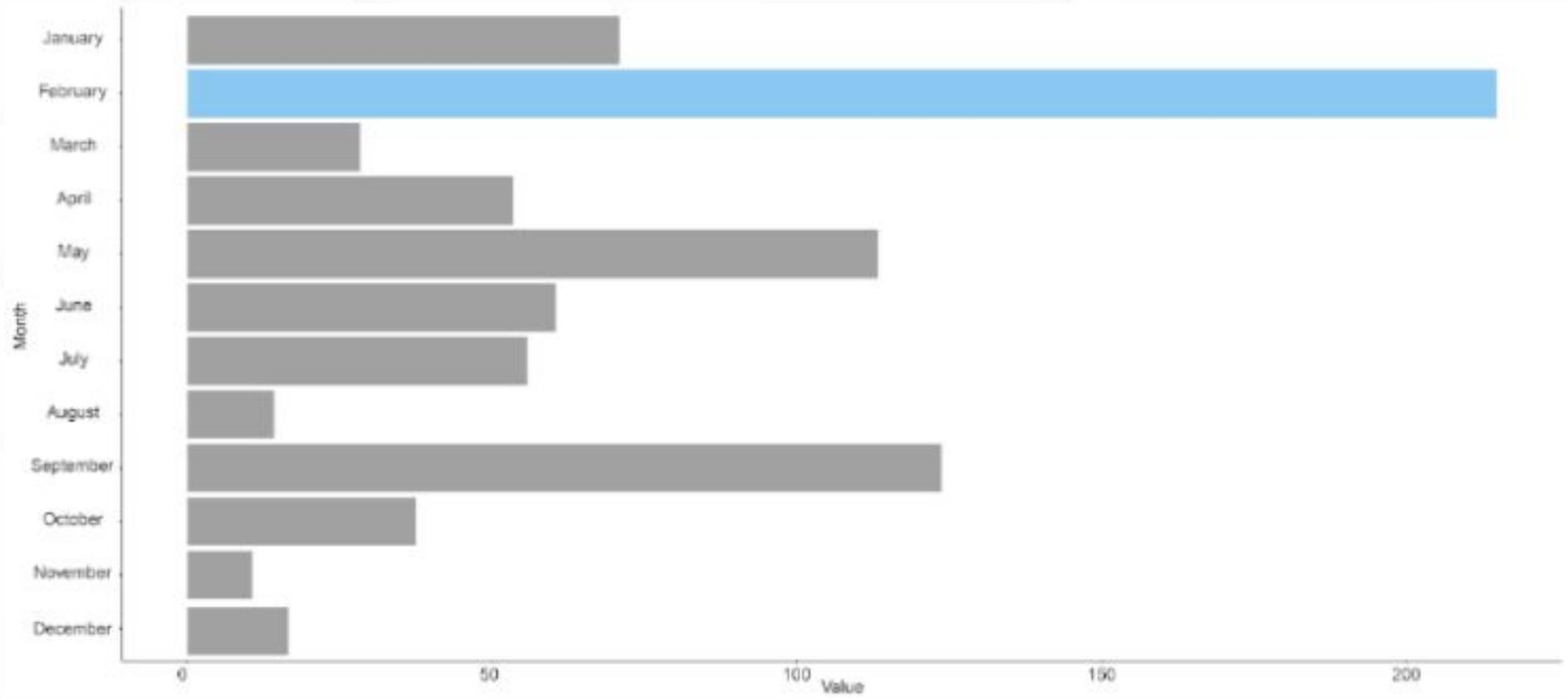
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Arrangement	M	P	P
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Transparency	M	G	P
Crispness	P	G	P
Resolution	P	G	P

G = good; M = marginally effective; P = poor  
<sup>a</sup> The particular hues selected must be logically ordered.

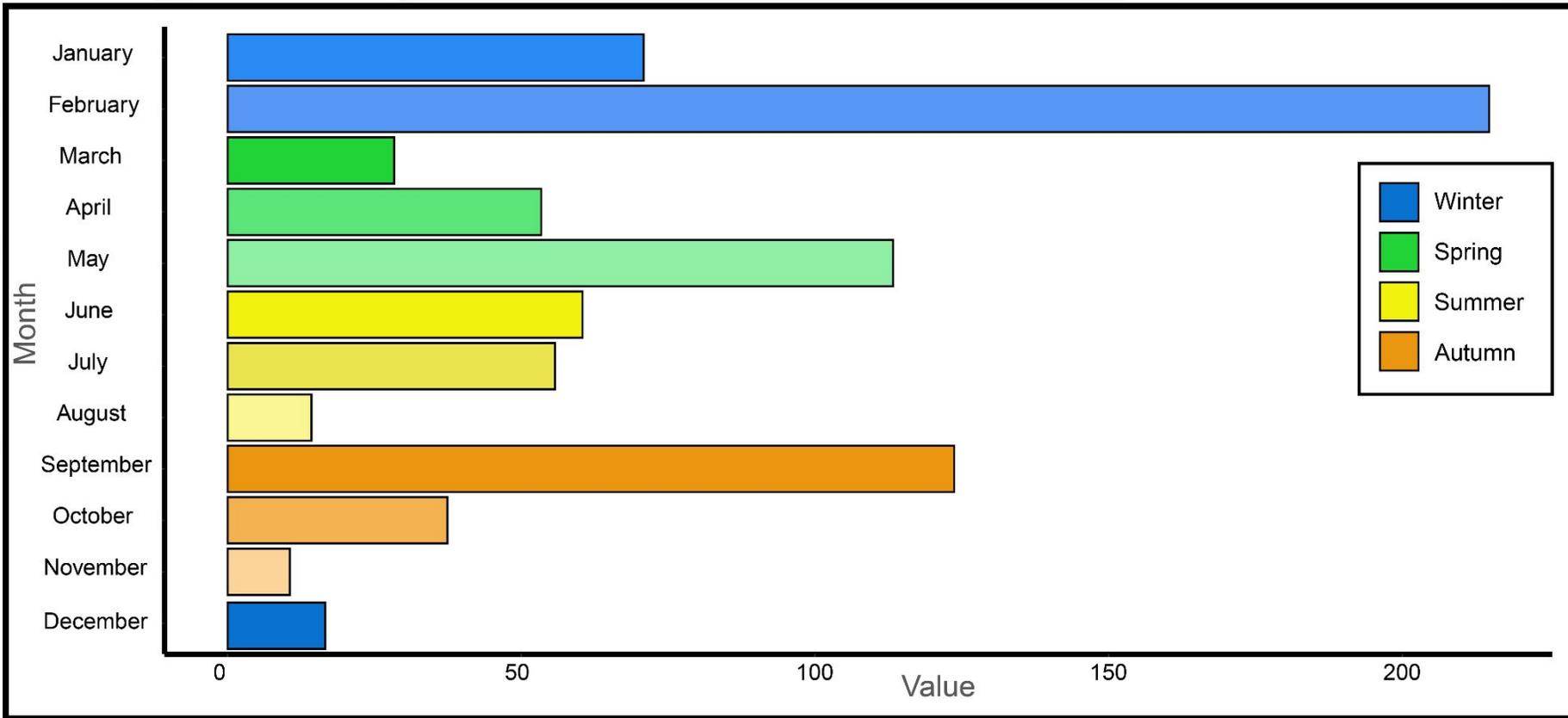
- Nominal: categorical data, unordered and non-numerical
- Ordinal: ordered or ranked data with no assigned numerical values

# Figure design

# What is the first thing you notice when seeing this figure?



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# Figure design

## Reading charts

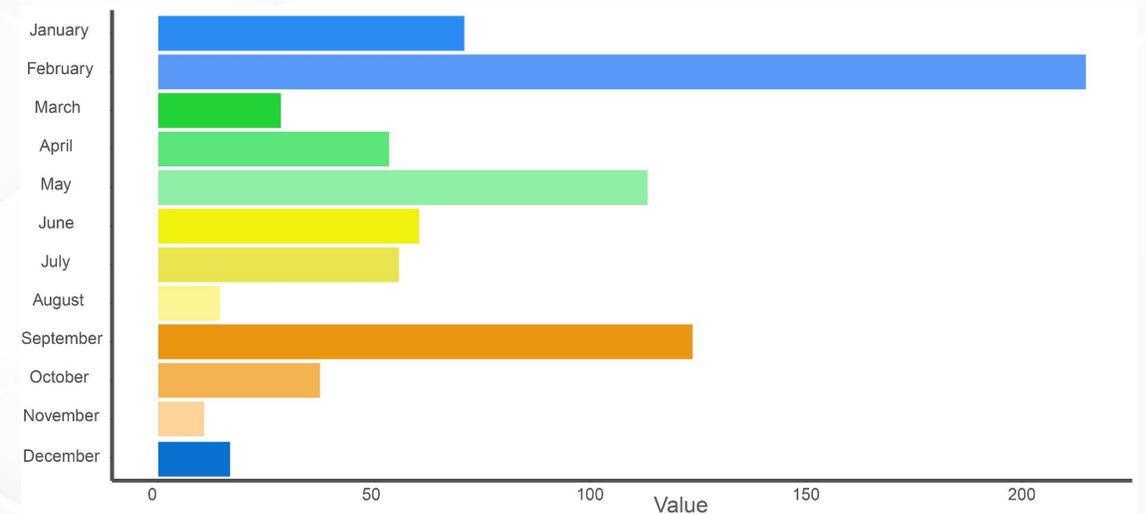
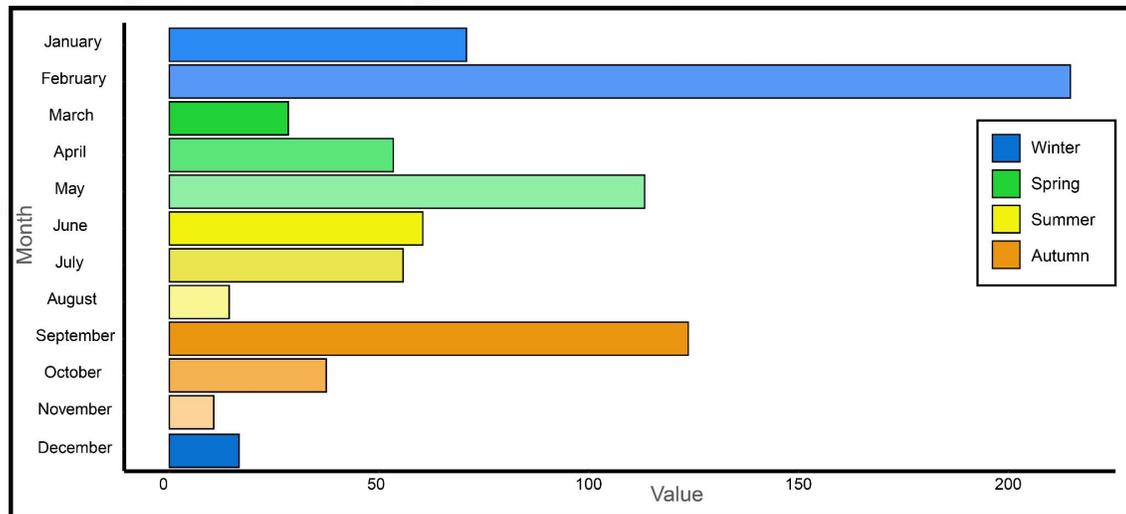
- Reading a picture  $\neq$  reading a text
- Depends a lot on colors picked, highlights, additional features

## Data VS context:

- Elements that represent the **data**
  - Points in scatter plot
  - Bars in histogram or bar chart
  - Shaded areas in heat map
- Elements that do not represent data - **non-data ink**
  - Axis and it's labels and titles
  - Legends
  - Plot annotations

# Data-ink ratio

**Maximise the data-ink ratio** - remove the clutter and strive for a clean and elegant design.



# Font

## Font choices

- 2-3 fonts maximum (title, comments, subheaders)
- Make certain fonts match well
- Size: 8-20 points



# Title

Accurately convey a reader what the figure is about

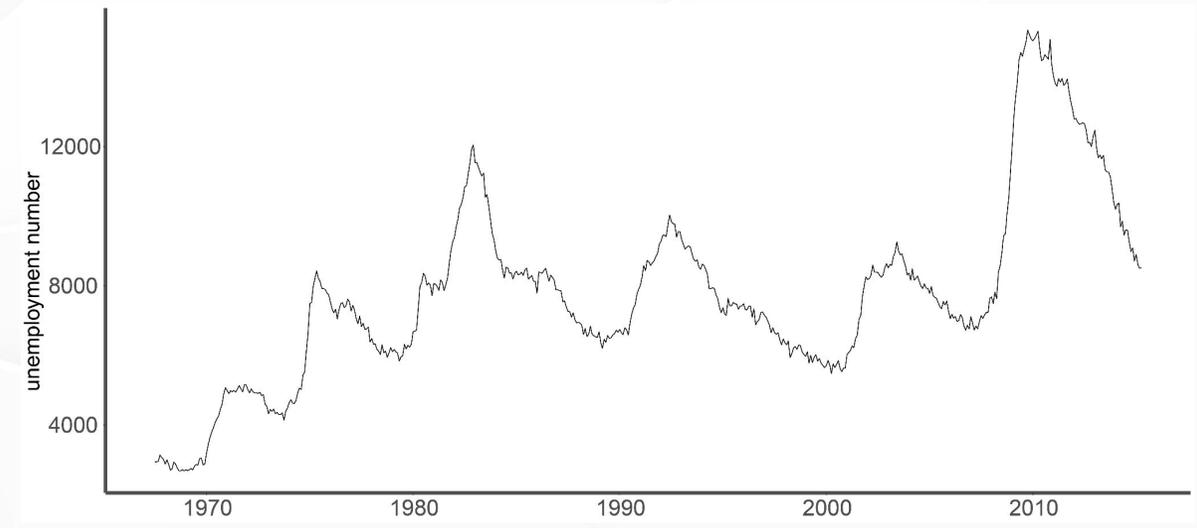
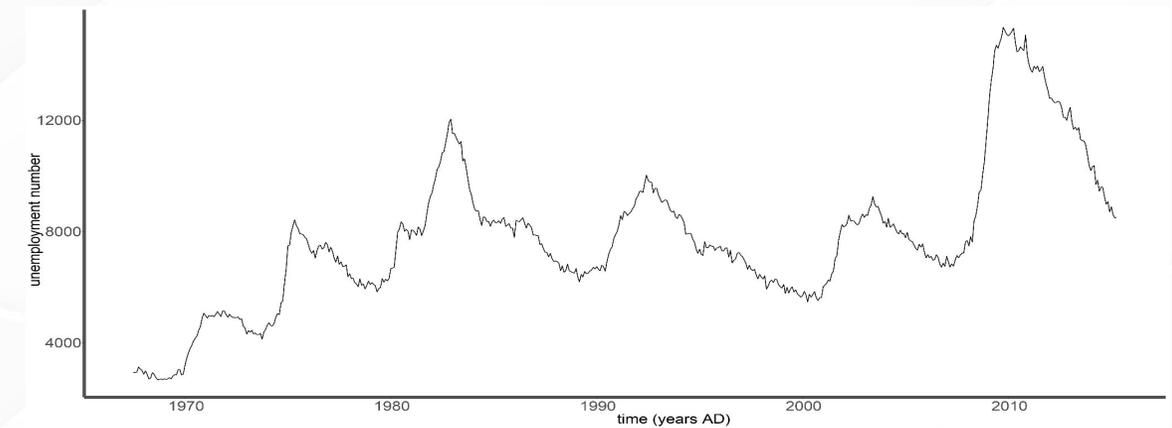
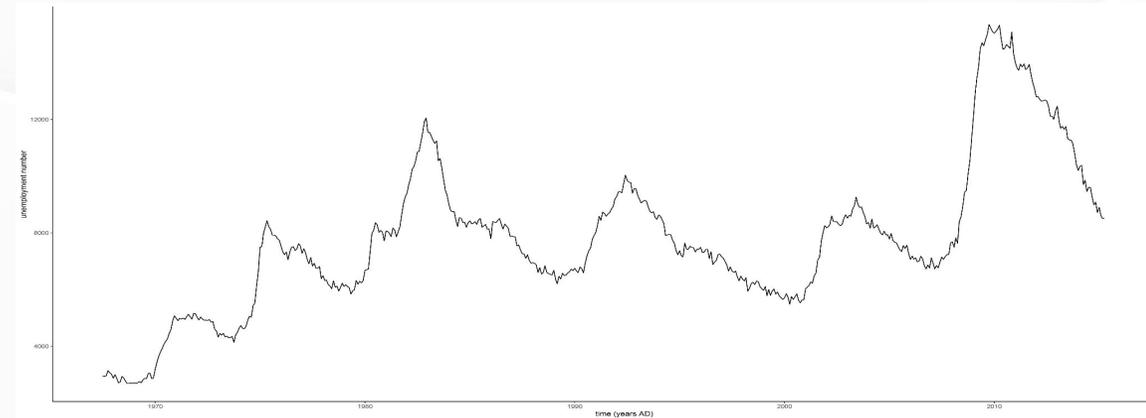
- Title as a caption block underneath the figure
  - Books
  - Articles
- Title in the display (on top of the figure, without caption text)
  - Infographics
  - Social media
  - Web page

**Title should NEVER be omitted.** The first part of the caption is ALWAYS the title, not a description of the contents of the figure.

Title size

Make it bigger

**Computer monitor lies**



# Axis and legend

Explain what the displayed data values are and how they map to plot aesthetics

Numerical variables

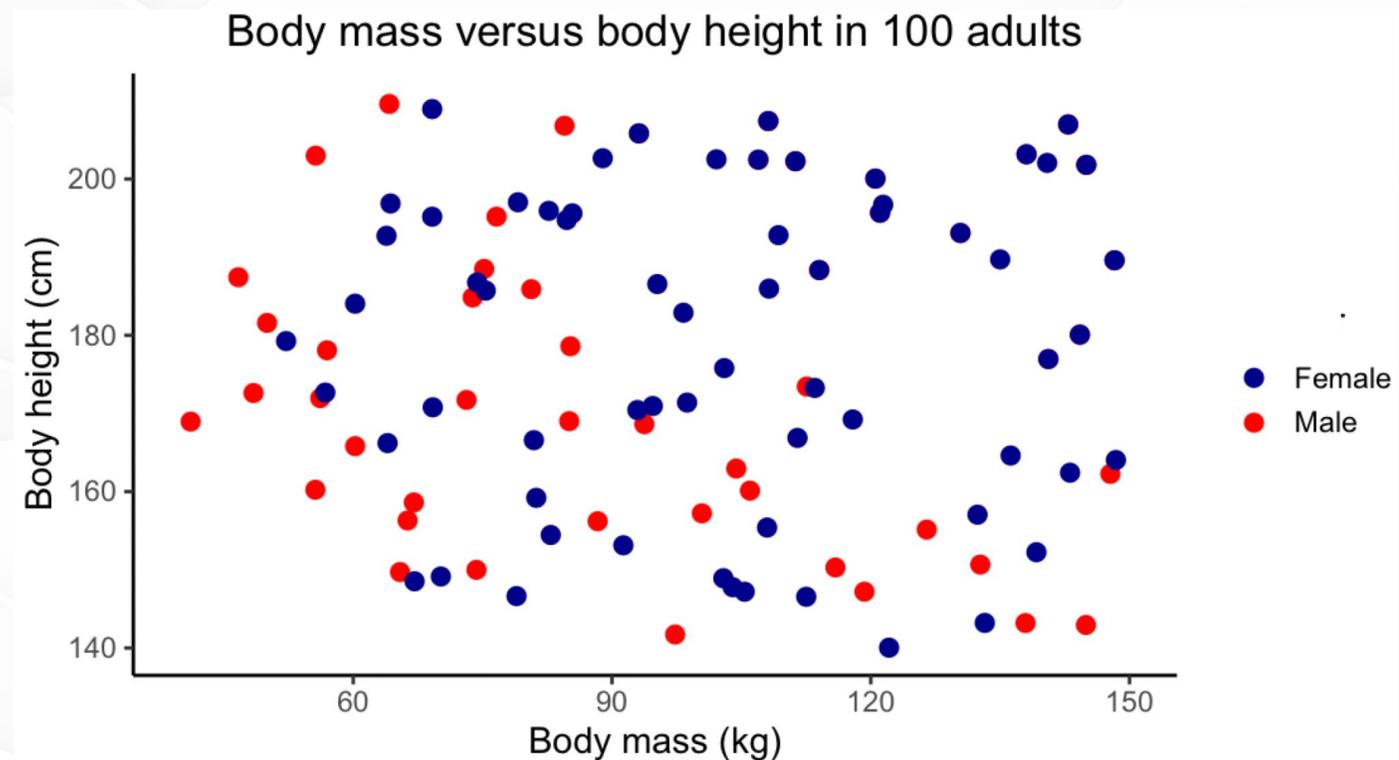
- State variables shown
- Add units of measurements

Categorical variables

- No need to add units

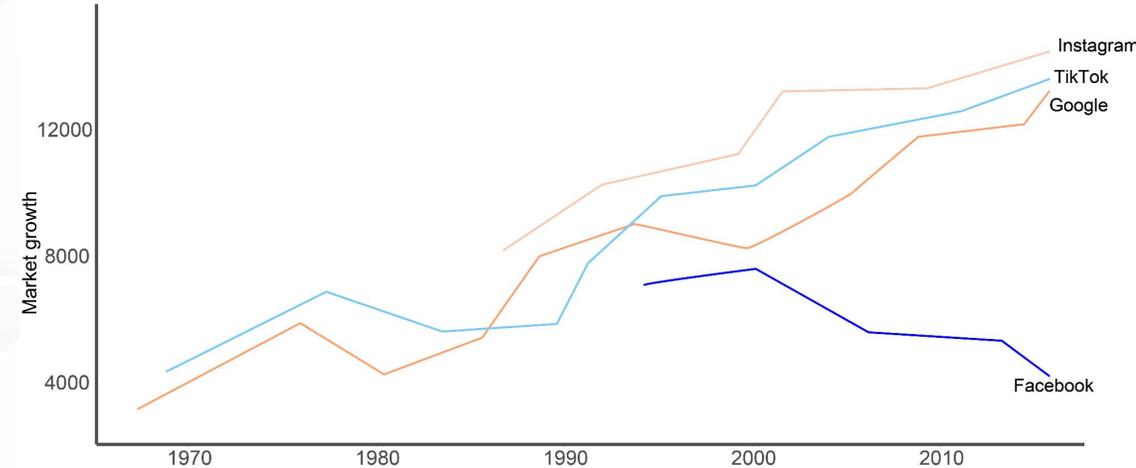
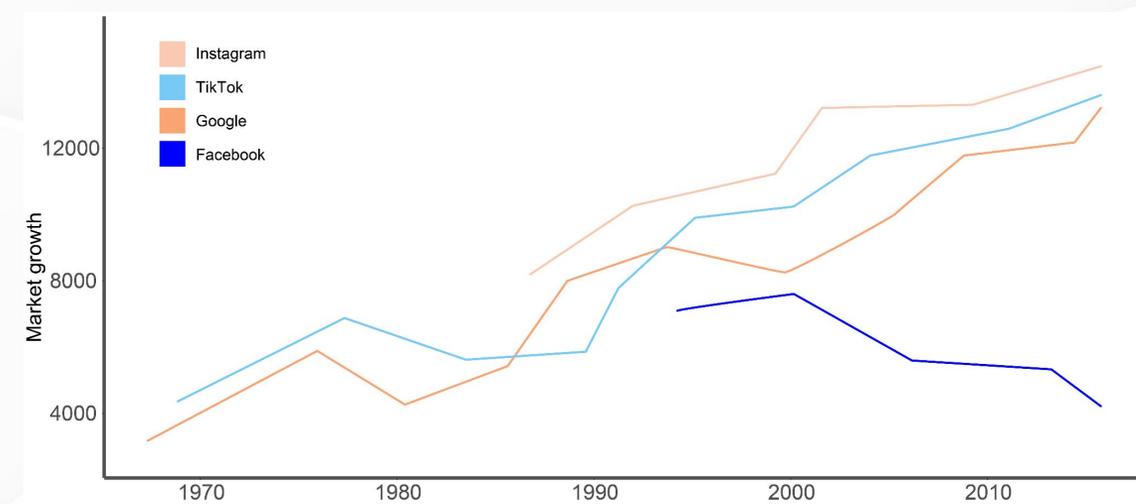
EXCEPTION:

- Labels are fully explanatory



# Legend

- If there is a clear visual order in your data, match the legend with it
- If possible, design your figure so that it does not need a legend
  - Direct labeling
- Multiple chart figure
  - Single legend that covers all the charts



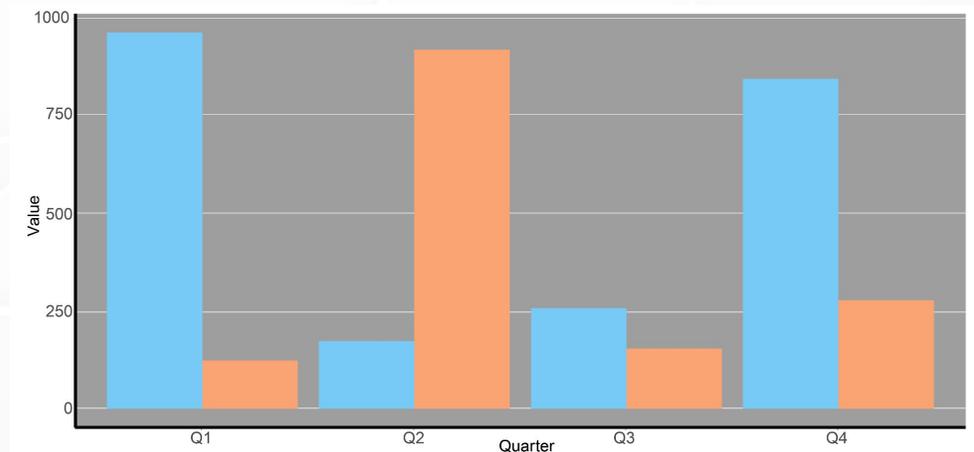
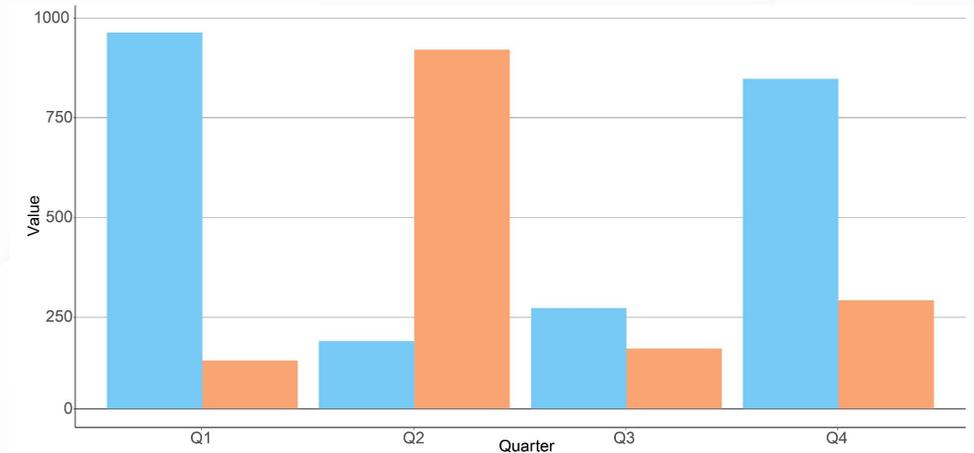
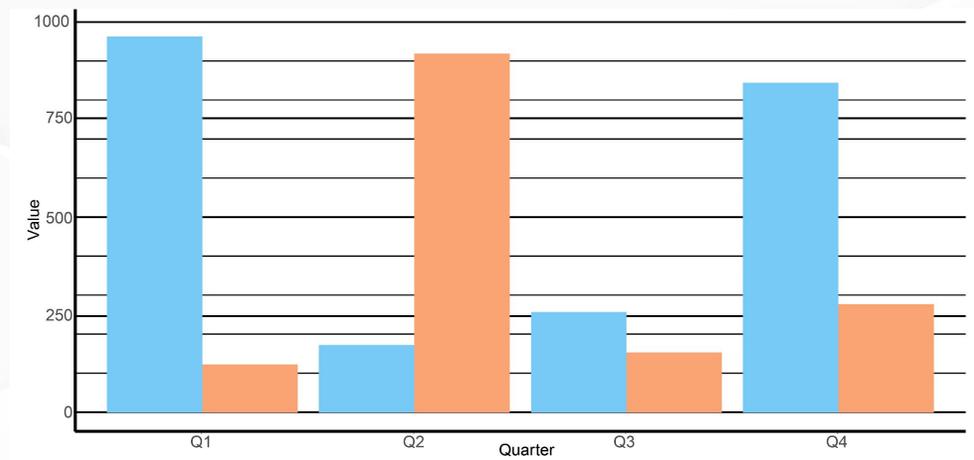
# Grids

## Positives

- Helps the plot to be perceived as a single visual entity
- Prevents the plot to appear as a white box in surrounding dark text

## Negatives

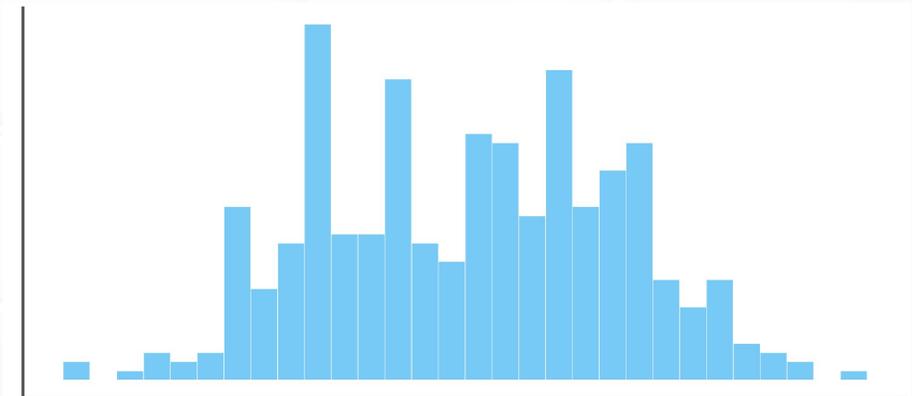
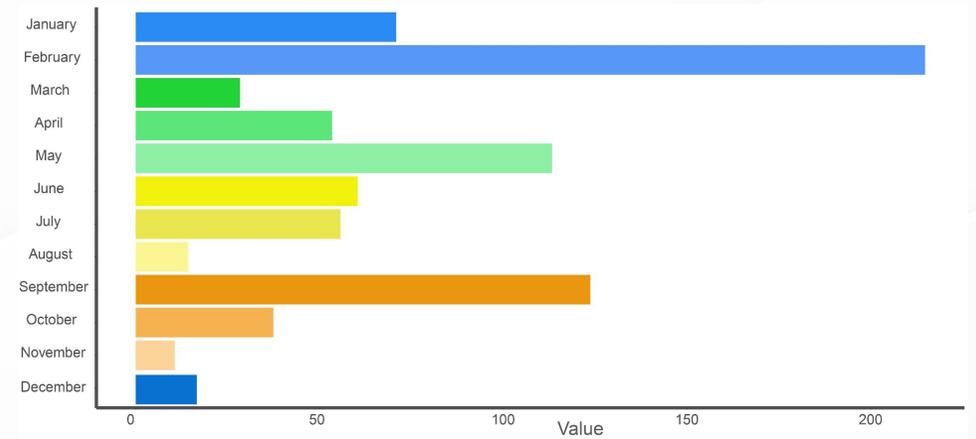
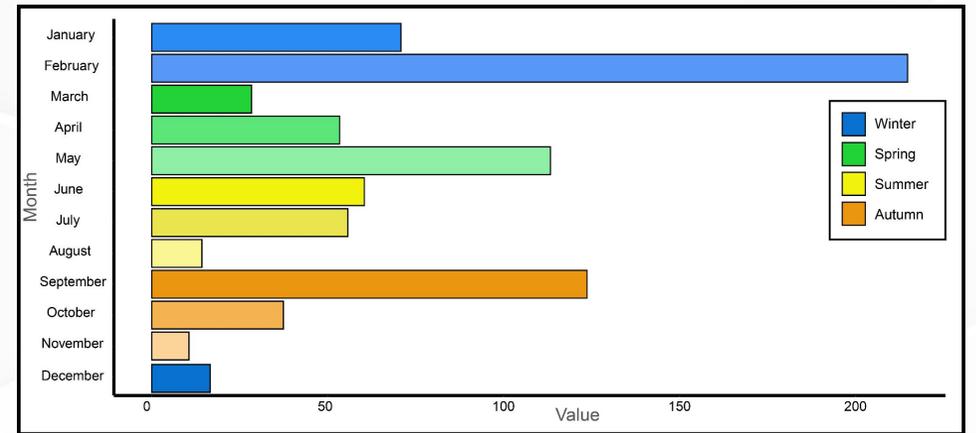
- White-on-gray background grid isn't attractive
- The gray background can detract from the actual data
- Grid with major and minor lines can be too dense
- Gray squares in the legend confusing



# Lines in drawings

No lines to the shapes

- Perceived as one object
- Clearer indication of the size
  - Histogram and bar plots



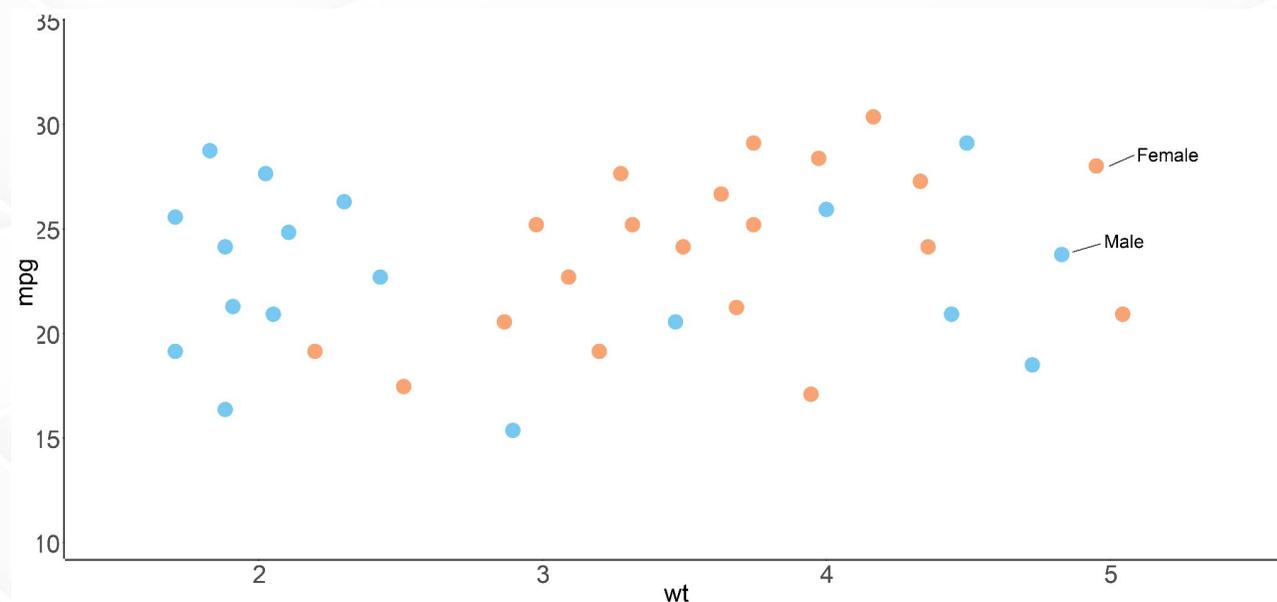
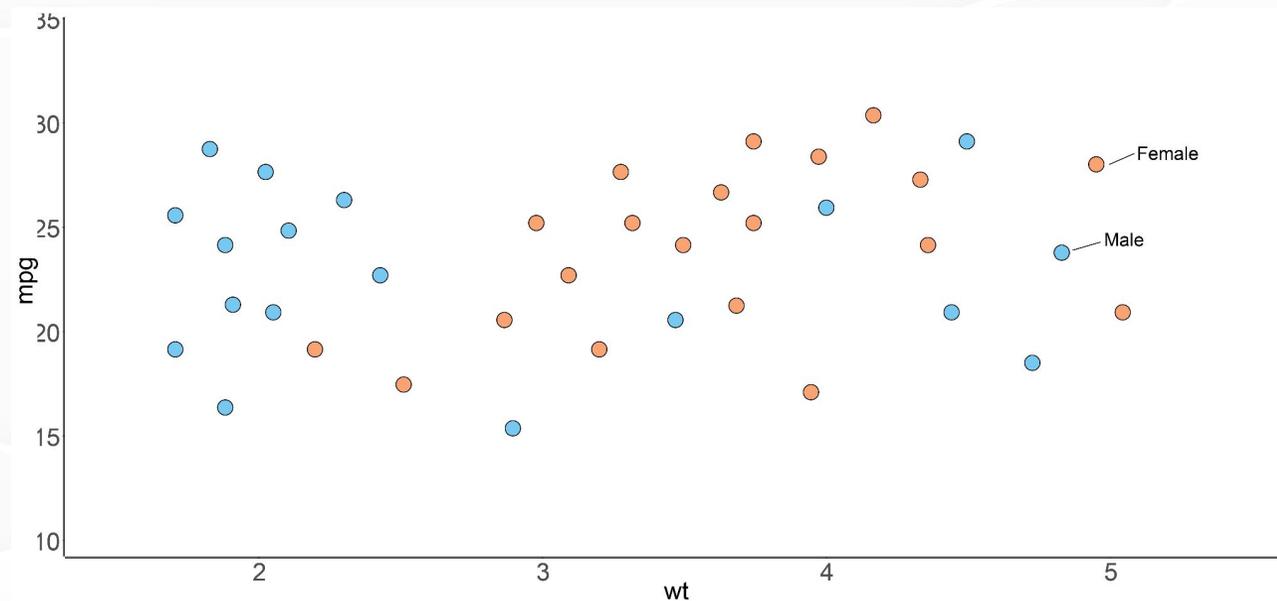
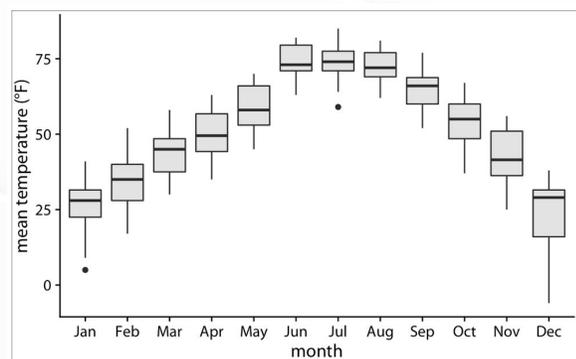
# Lines in drawings

No lines to the shapes

- Perceived as one object
- Clearer indication of the size
  - Histogram and bar plots
  - Symbols in dot plots
- Pleasant to look at

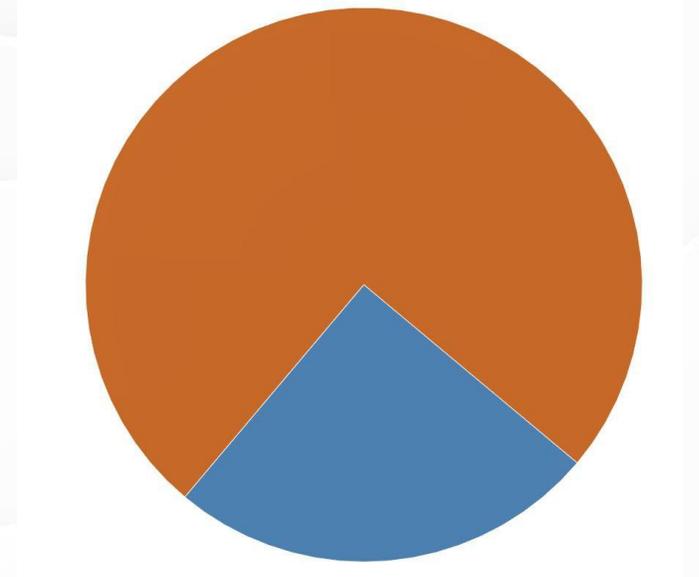
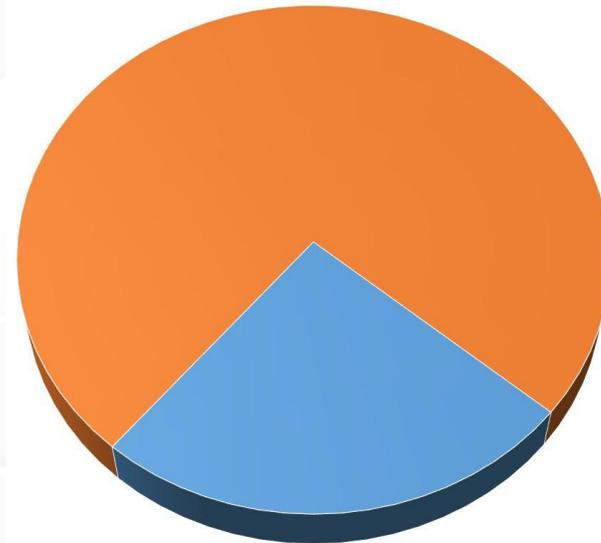
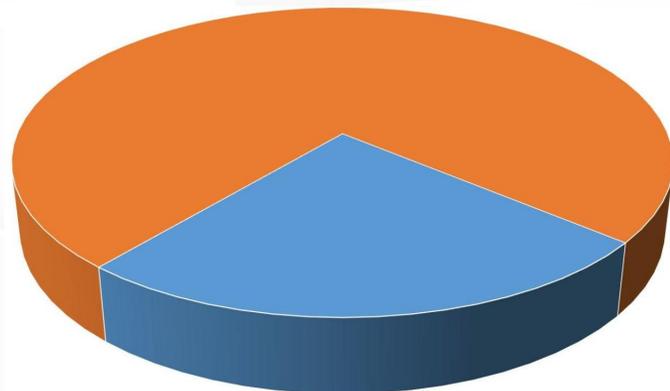
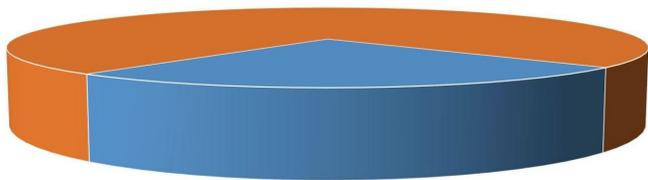
EXCEPTION:

- Boxplots



# 3D charts

**just don't do it!** The projection of a 3D objects into two dimensions always distorts the data.



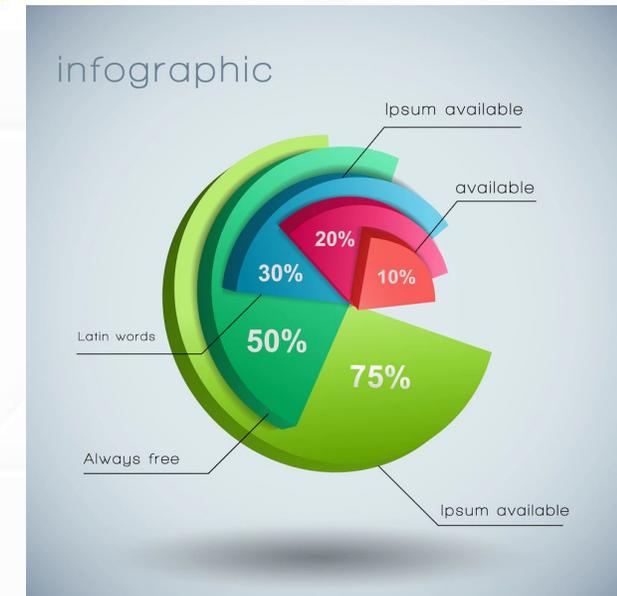
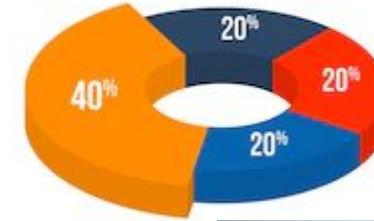
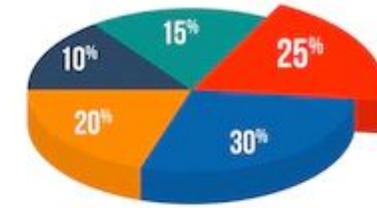
**Example:  
Blue slice is  
25% in every  
graph**

# 3D charts

just don't do it!

Exceptions:

- Interactive visualisations
- VR or augmented reality environment
- Non-interactive, but showing it rotating
- Data mapped onto 3D things
  - Maps
  - Protein structure



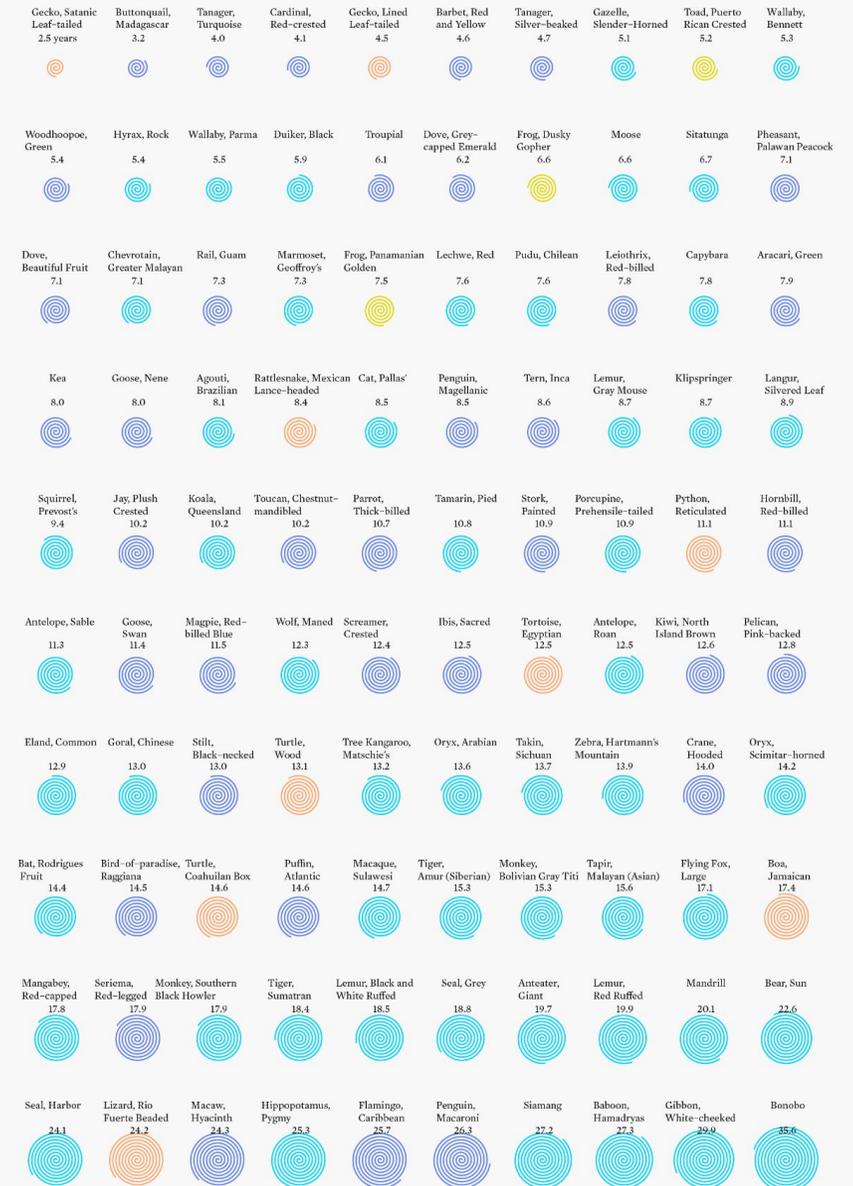
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# How could this graph be better?

## Animal Life Expectancy

MEDIAN YEARS





Colors

# Color choices

**To enhance the figure and make it easier to read.**

- 3-5 categories of data - qualitative color scales
- More categories - use direct labeling, matching colors becomes laborious
- Help! Hard to choose colors?
  - <https://colors.co/>
  - <https://www.heavy.ai/blog/12-color-palettes-for-telling-better-stories-with-your-data>

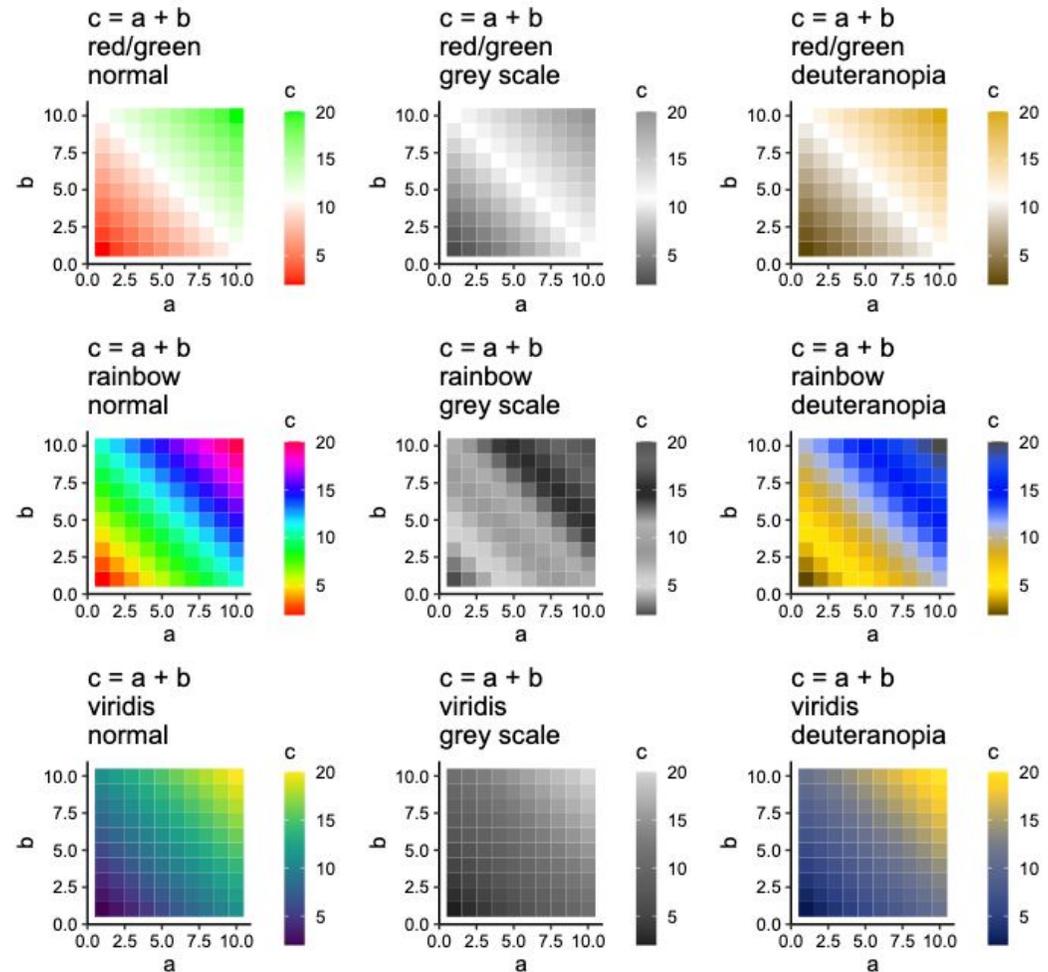
# Common mistakes: Color choices

- Saturated and intense colors - hard to look at
- Using default color choices usually doesn't work well
  - Rainbow - red-to-red
  - Scale ends needs to have maximum differences
  - Regions where colors change slowly VS rapidly



# Common mistake: color blind unfriendliness

Deuteranomaly is the most common type of red/green colorblindness, occurring in 1/16 male and 1/256 female.



<https://github.com/cxli233/FriendsDontLetFriends>

C. Li. (2023). cxli233/FriendsDontLetFriends: FriendsDontLetFriends. Zenodo.

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7097522>

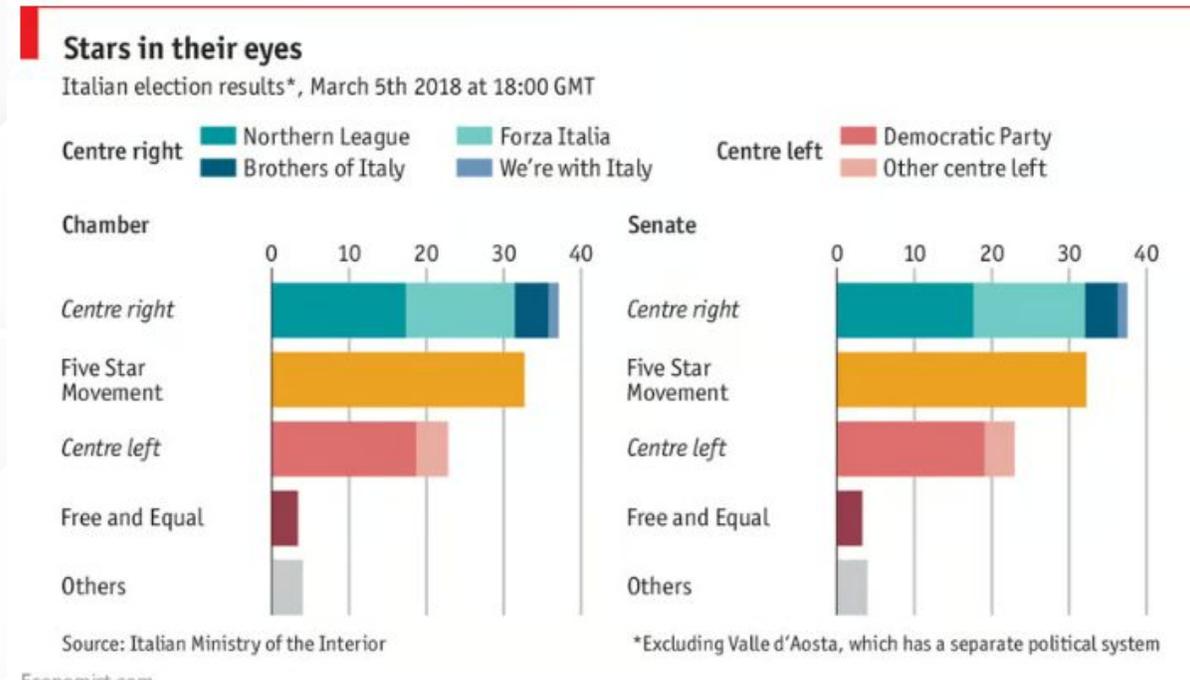
# Color scales: Qualitative

["#fd7f6f", "#7eb0d5", "#b2e061", "#bd7ebe", "#ffb55a", "#ffee65", "#beb9db", "#fdcce5", "#8bd3c7"]

<https://www.heavy.ai/blog/12-color-palettes-for-telling-better-stories-with-your-data>

Distinguishing discrete items or groups that do not have intrinsic order (countries on a map)

- Finite number of colors that are similar but distinct from each other.
- No color should specifically stand out from others.
- Colors should not create an apparent order.



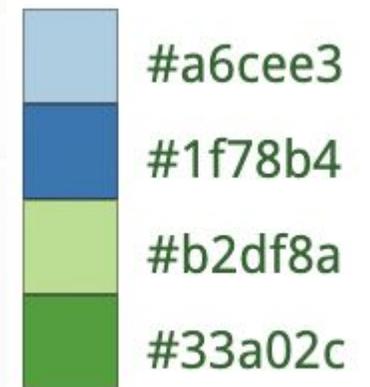
<https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2018/03/05/the-italian-election-in-charts>

# Qualitative color blind friendly

Tool:

<https://davidmathlogic.com/colorblind/#%23D81B60-%231E88E5-%23FFC107-%23004D40>

play around to see how different color blindness affects what we see



# Color scales: Sequential

Representing data values

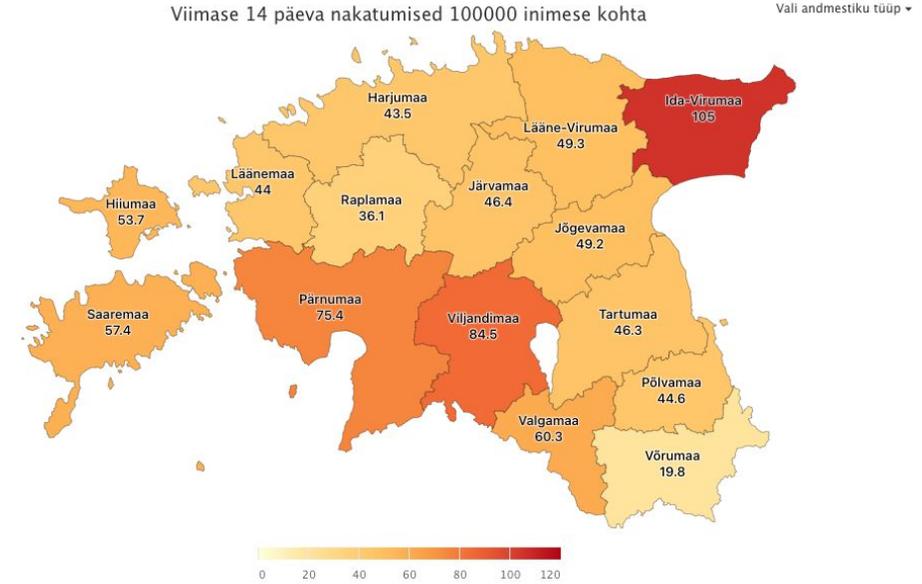
Scale of color clearly indicates order in the values of the data or how two specific values differ from each other.

Use single hue (dark blue to light blue) or multi hue scales (gradient should be seen in natural world, dark red to light yellow).



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["#d7e1ee", "#cbd6e4", "#bfcdbd", "#b3bfd1", "#a4a2a8", "#df8879", "#c86558", "#b04238", "#991f17"]
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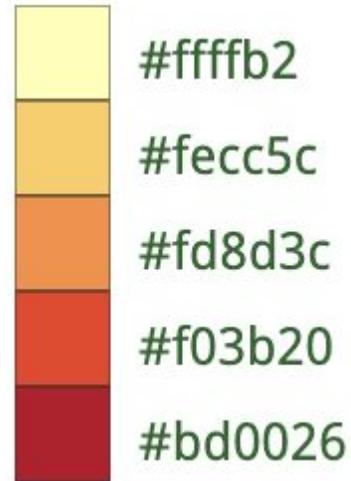
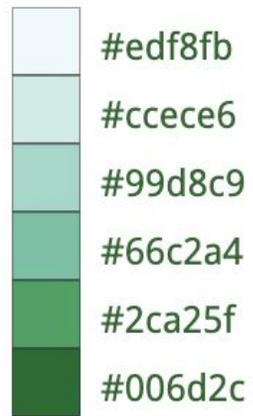
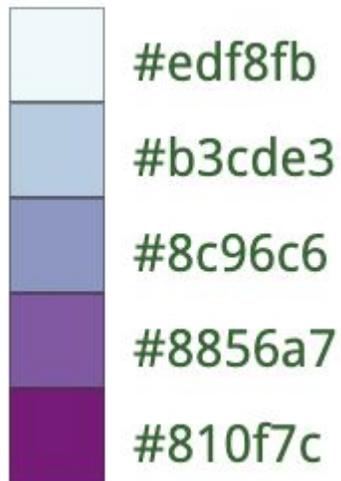
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["#115f9a", "#1984c5", "#22a7f0", "#48b5c4", "#76c68f", "#a6d75b", "#c9e52f", "#d0ee11", "#d0f400"]
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# Color scales: Sequential color-blind friendly

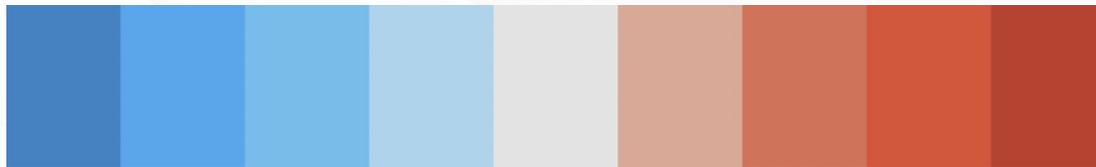
sequential scale should present a continuous gradient from dark to light colors and should pose no problems.



# Color scales: Diverging

Two sequential scales stitched together at a common midpoint, which usually is represented by a light color.

Needs to be balanced.



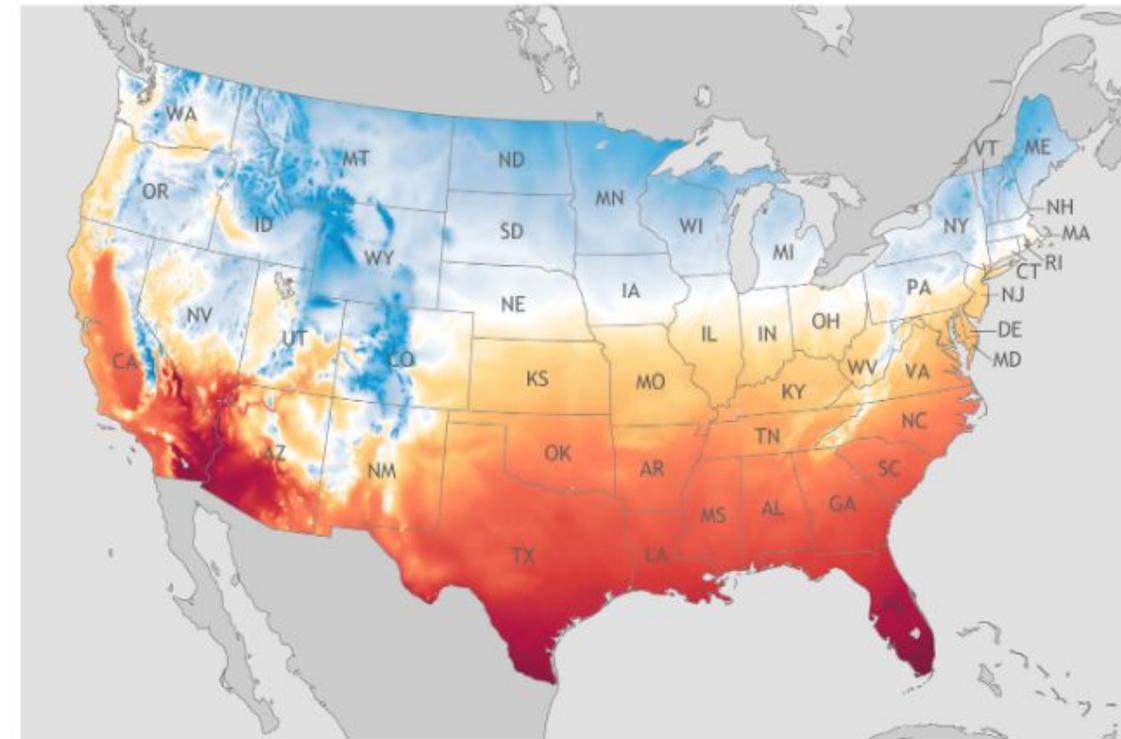
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<https://www.heavy.ai/blog/12-color-palettes-for-telling-better-stories-with-your-data>

U.S. annual average temperature and precipitation (1991–2020)



1991–2020 Normals

Average temperature (°F)

20 80

NOAA Climate.gov  
Data: NCEI

Average temperature (°F)

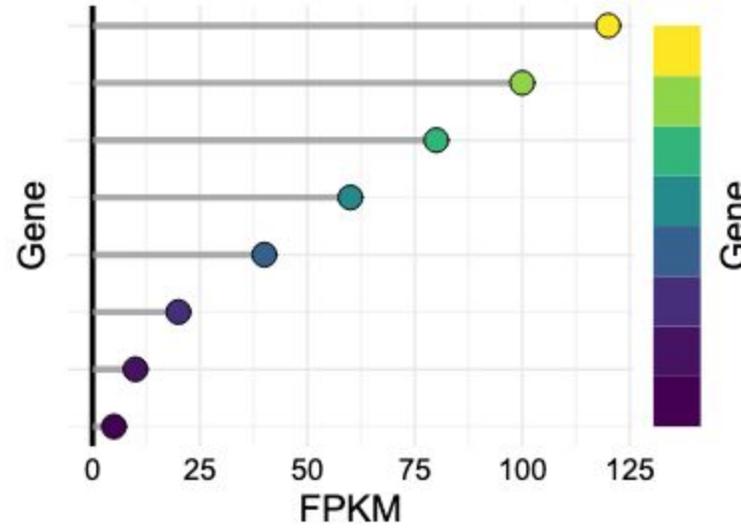
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<https://www.climate.gov/news-features/featured-images/new-maps-annual-average-temperature-and-precipitation-us-climate>

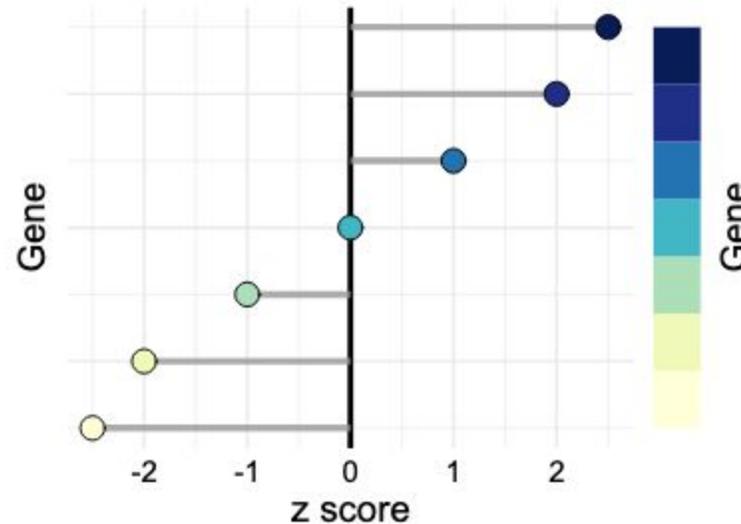
# Common mistake: Diverging scale for unidirectional data

Darkest color = Min  
Lightest color = Max



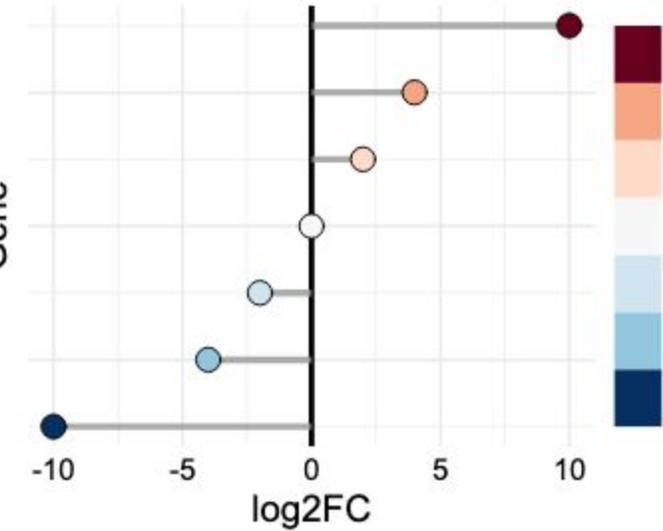
This is good.

Darkest color = Max  
Lightest color = Min



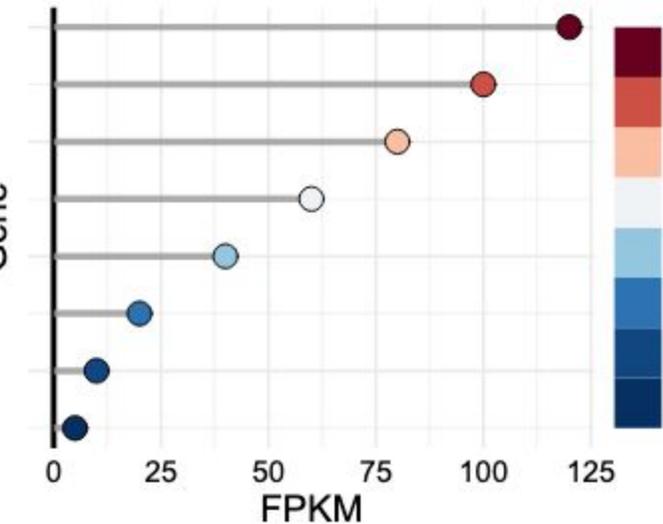
This is good.

Lightest color = 0  
Darkest colors = Max absolutes



This is good.

Lightest color means nothing  
(neither mean nor median).



A data visualization sin

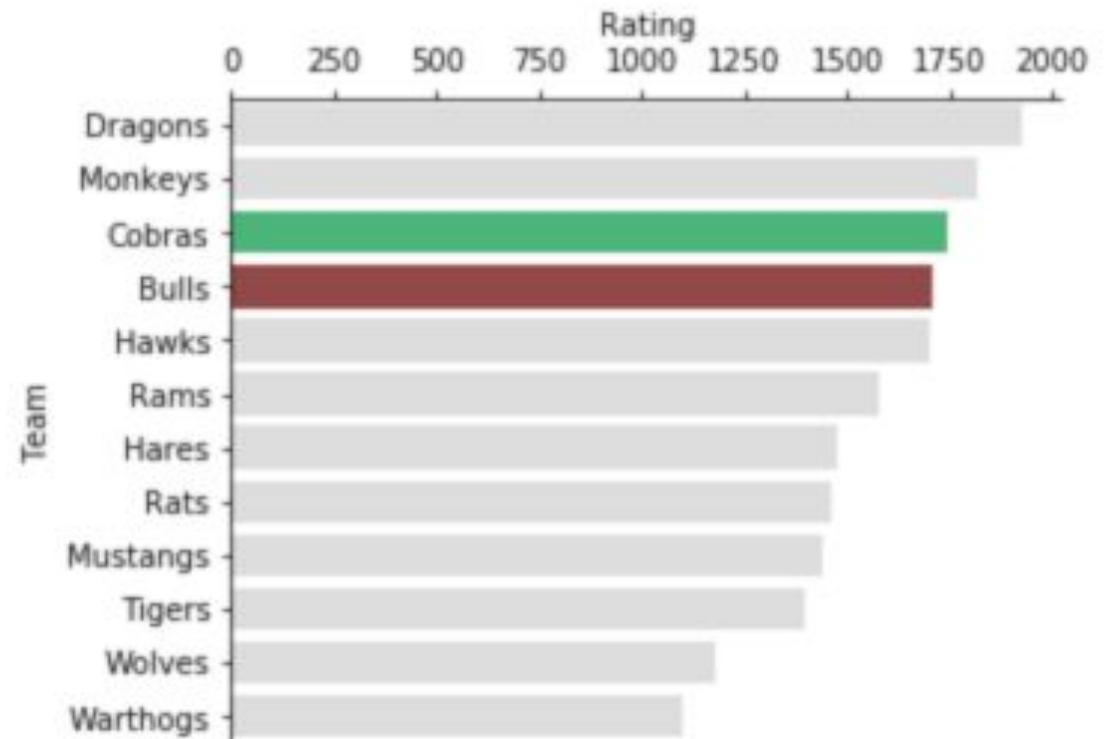
# Color scales: Diverging color blind friendly

Slightly problematic, popular color contrasts can become indistinguishable (green and red).



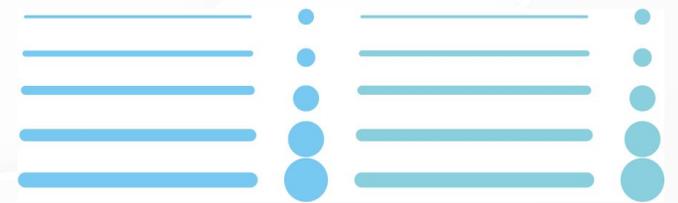
# Color scales: Accent

Highlighting a specific data point/element.



# Improving the visual design of the figure

**Color is easier to distinguish when applies to larger areas than to small ones or thin lines.**



# Tableau public visualisations

- <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/tervise.arengu.instituut/viz/Snnid/Sisukord> Birth statistics in Estonia by National Institute for Health Development
- <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/tervise.arengu.instituut/viz/Imikuterinnapiimagatoitmine/Imikuterinnapiimagatoitmine> Breastfeeding by National Institute for Health Development
- [https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/transpordiamet/viz/Kergliikuri\\_L/nnetusteldandmed](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/transpordiamet/viz/Kergliikuri_L/nnetusteldandmed) traffic accidents with electric scooter rider by Estonian Transport Administration

# Tools for visualisation

Logo	Name	Free plan	Premium plans user/ month	Notes	need to code?
	Microsoft Power BI	+	10\$- 20\$	Slow with big data. Integrated with other Microsoft products. User friendly UI.	no
	Tableau	+	75\$	Public is free but data will be public too. Apply for Tableau plans for student, teacher or data kids to get it for free (time limited). Higher learning curve. Exceptional visualisation options	only for very specific details
	Microsoft Excel	-	5,60\$-20,60\$	Trial version is available. Easy to learn.	no
	RStudio	+	87\$	ggplot2 package is free and designed for data visualisation. Popular among scientists. Can handle large datasets. Reproducible. Exceptional visualisation options	always

# Take away message

- Figure out your data type
- Keep in mind your publication venue and audience
- Think of your main message
- Choose the right graph (using slides, flowchart guide or <https://www.data-to-viz.com/> )
- Avoid common mistakes
- Use best practices
- Focus on the important - maximise data-ink ratio

# Take away message

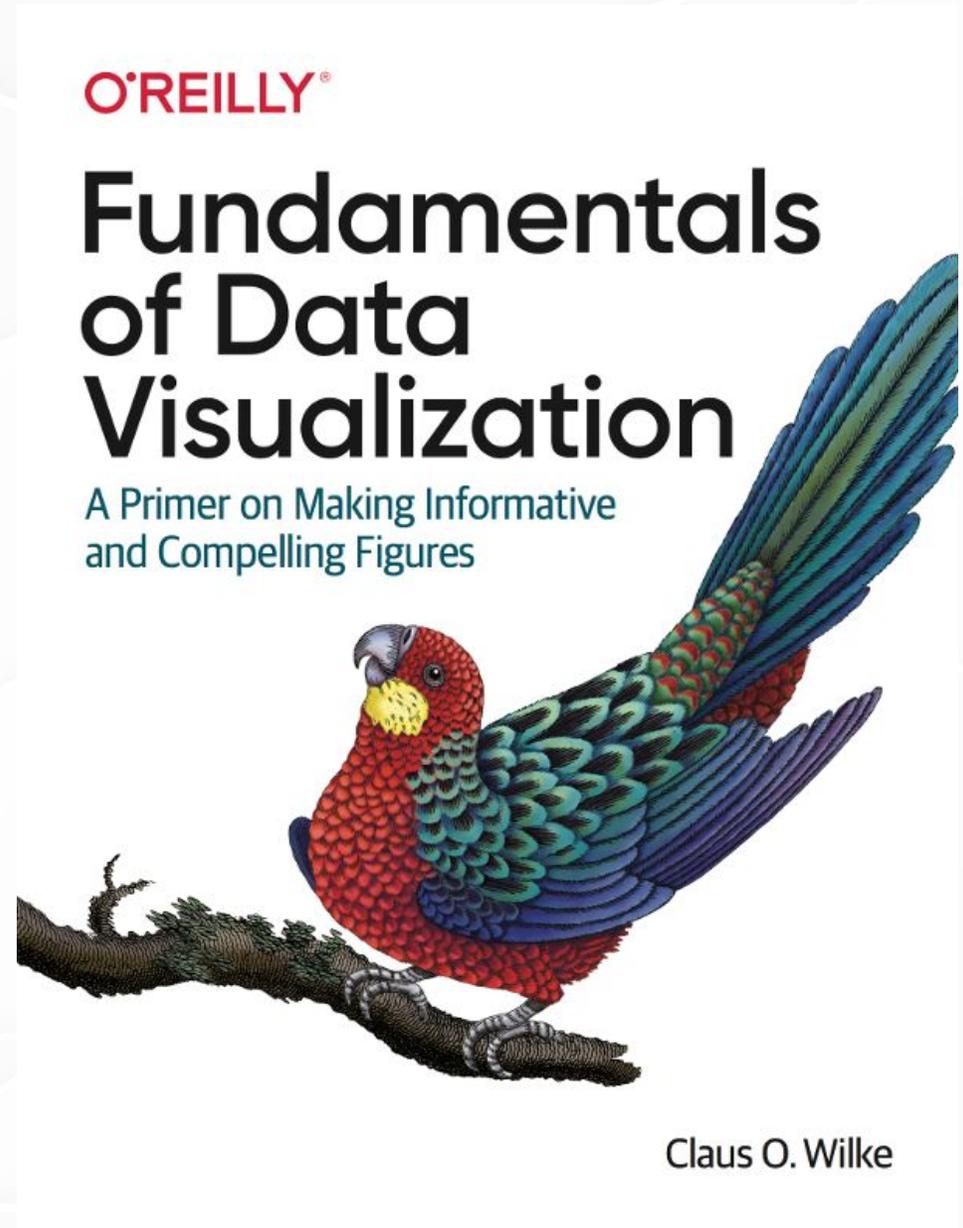
- Bar chart starts at 0
- Order the variables if possible
- No more than 5 sections for vertical bar or pie charts
- Use consistent visual language
  - 1-2 fonts (similar type)
  - Make titles always bigger
  - Colors - easy on the eye and compliment each other
    - Pay attention to color blindness!
  - Play with line thickness
  - If there is clear visual order in your data, match the legend with it

# Feedback

<https://forms.gle/tTAqavvdfAaJNqVf6>

# Reference

Materials based on  
Claus O. Wilke. (2019). Fundamentals of  
Data Visualization. O'Reilly Media, 319 p.  
(NB! Draft is freely available at  
<https://serialmentor.com/dataviz/>)



# Resource

- White, T. (2017). Symbolization and the Visual Variables. The Geographic Information Science & Technology Body of Knowledge (2nd Quarter 2017 Edition), John P. Wilson (ed.).  
DOI: 10.22224/gistbok/2017.2.3  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.22224/gistbok/2017.2.3>
- <https://www.data-to-viz.com/> wonderful resource for choosing the right graph
- <https://www.storytellingwithdata.com/chart-guide>
  - and the book  
<https://github.com/Saurav6789/Books-/blob/master/storytelling-with-data-cole-nussbaumer-knaflic.pdf>

# References

## General information about data visualisation

- Using Design Techniques for Clear and Appealing Data Visualisation by nullQueries  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Smgm2UTUSo>
- How To Choose The Right Graph by UNDATABLE  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7F-tbBI\\_hA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7F-tbBI_hA)
- How To Use COLOR in Your Data Visualisation by UNDATABLE  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5brQ4WTImQ>
- Data Visualisation in 2022 by Visme  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loYuxWSsLNc>
- Which is the best Chart by 365 Data Science  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C07k0euBpr8>
- Five Data Storytelling Tips to Improve Your Charts and Graphs by Visme <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pymfPHQ6SA>

# References

- <https://datavizproject.com/>
- <https://100.datavizproject.com/>
- <https://data.europa.eu/apps/data-visualisation-guide/>

## Color

- Color Contrast Checker  
<https://colors.co/contrast-checker/112a46-acc8e5>
- Color Palette Generator <https://colors.co/>
- Color Scheme Designer  
<https://paletton.com/#uid=1000u0kllllaFw0g0qFqFg0w0aF>
- <https://color.adobe.com/create/color-contrast-analyzer> - color blind safe tool here

# Genomic Data Visualization

<https://jef.works/genomic-data-visualization-2024/course>

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# Photo resources

- [https://www.freepik.com/free-photo/digital-graph-with-businessman-hand-overlay\\_15474099.htm](https://www.freepik.com/free-photo/digital-graph-with-businessman-hand-overlay_15474099.htm) title slide
- [https://www.freepik.com/free-vector/white-elegant-texture-background-design\\_6764485.htm](https://www.freepik.com/free-vector/white-elegant-texture-background-design_6764485.htm) slide background

Thank you for listening!

