

# Intro to Data Visualization with Tableau

MBA Workshop



# Objectives

Discuss fundamental concepts around visualizing data

- Visualization examples
- Data fundamentals
- Anatomy of visualizations

Hand on workshop using Tableau Public to visualize data

# Business Analytics

Finding and communicating insights from data to support decision making.

More than just learning a tool:

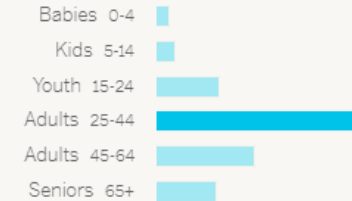
- Asking questions
- Finding, collecting, managing and cleaning data
- Conducting analysis and creating visualizations

# Analytics Examples

# Real Estate Marketing

## Who Lives Here?

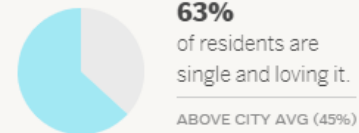
The Annex, Toronto is a central Toronto neighbourhood notable for its singles, renters, university grads and education, law & public sector and arts & culture professionals. Residents tend to be younger with a significant number of youth aged 20 to 24 and adults aged 25 to 34.



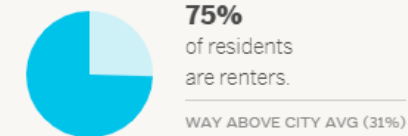
### Families

**0.7**  
kids per family  
in the neighbourhood.  
WAY BELOW CITY AVG (1.2)

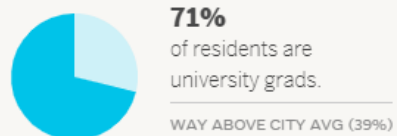
### Singles



### Renters



### Education



### Income

**\$117K**  
is the average household  
income in the neighbourhood.  
AT CITY AVG (\$104K)

### Professions

Profession	Percentage
Government	17%
Sales	13%
Business	12%
Management	9%
Culture	8%

# Real Estate Data

# Census Profile, 2016 Census

Toronto, City [Census subdivision], Ontario and Toronto [Census metropolitan area], Ontario

Topic: Housing Counts Rates Submit Bar chart Download Network Related data

Characteristic	Toronto, C Ontario [Census subdivision]			Toronto Ontario [Census metropolitan area]		
	<span>Data quality</span> <span>Map</span> <span>Change geography</span>			<span>Data quality</span> <span>Map</span> <span>Change geography</span>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Percentages (unless otherwise specified) ⓘ					
	Household characteristics					
Total - Private households by tenure - 25% sample data <span>130</span>	100.0	***	***	100.0	***	***
Owner	52.8	***	***	66.5	***	***
Renter	47.2	***	***	33.5	***	***
Band housing	0.0	***	***	0.0	***	***
Total - Occupied private dwellings by condominium status - 25% sample data <span>131</span>	100.0	***	***	100.0	***	***

Source: [Statistics Canada Census Profile](#)

# Library Space Planning

In upcoming library renovation how should the library allocate its student space?

# Library Use Data

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	date	day	DayType	Building	Floor	FloorsRooms	Time	# of Seats	HeadCount	UniversitySt	RoomStat	RoomType	
2	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	8:00 AM	134	3	Classes	occupied	Communal Space	
3	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	10:00 AM	134	32	Classes	occupied	Communal Space	
4	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	11:00 AM	134	NULL	Classes	Unknown	Communal Space	
5	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	12:00 PM	134	102	Classes	occupied	Communal Space	
6	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	1:00 PM	134	NULL	Classes	Unknown	Communal Space	
7	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	2:00 PM	134	128	Classes	occupied	Communal Space	
8	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	4:00 PM	134	NULL	Classes	Unknown	Communal Space	
9	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	6:00 PM	134	66	Classes	occupied	Communal Space	
10	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	9:00 PM	134	42	Classes	occupied	Communal Space	
11	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	10th Floor	10th Floor	12:00 AM	134	24	Classes	occupied	Communal Space	
12	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	9th Floor	9th Floor	8:00 AM	84	3	Classes	occupied	Communal Space	
13	11/6/2017	Monday	Week Day	Library	9th Floor	9th Floor	10:00 AM	84	65	Classes	occupied	Communal Space	

Source: Levesque, L and Gertler (2018), M. *Storytelling with Data: Using Visualization to Aid Reflective Practice in Libraries*. TRY+ Library Staff Conference.

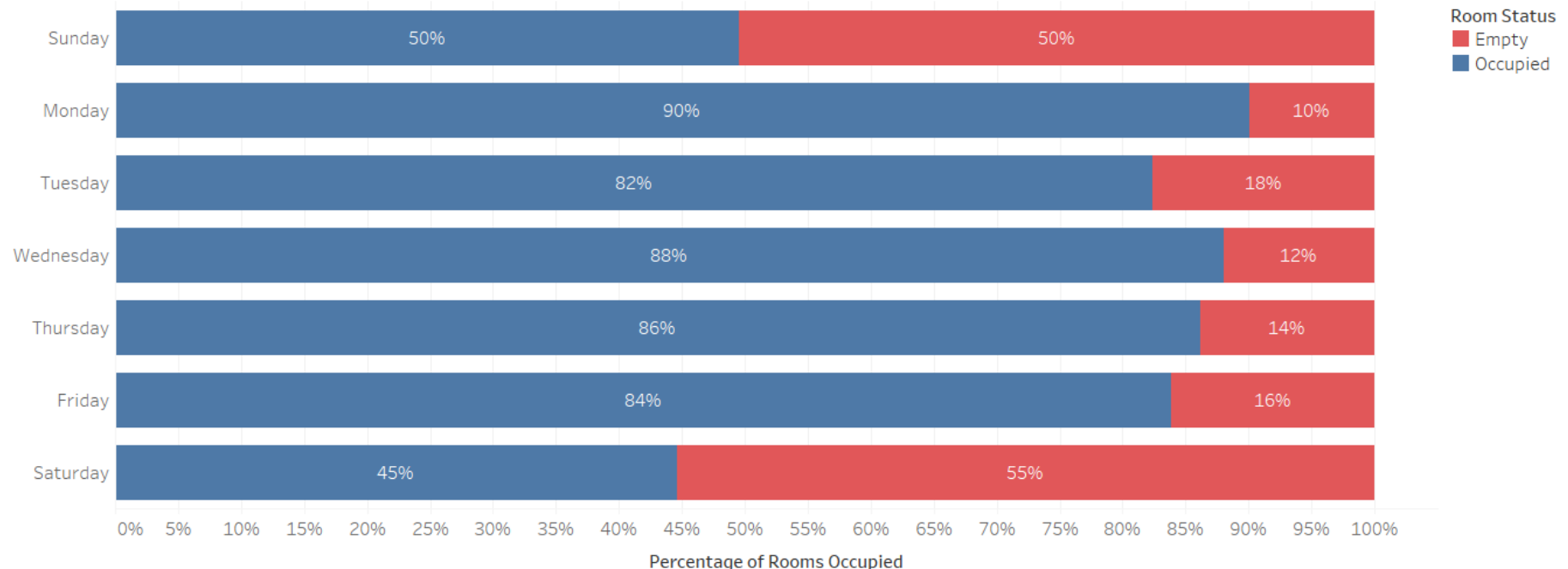


# Library Occupancy

## Availability of Bookable Library Study Rooms at 2 PM by Day

November 6, 2017 to February 18, 2018 during classes and exam period (84 days)

The Library's 33 available study rooms are most heavily booked on Monday and see heavy usage on week days. Study rooms were fully occupied on 5 days when the 2 PM count was conducted during the reference period



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# The Tool – Tableau Public

# Tableau

- Different versions available - Free version is Tableau Public
- Creates static images
- Creates interactive visualizations that can be embedded in a webpage
- Relatively easy to learn (no coding)
- Connects to an existing data source
- Visualizations can be dynamically updated

# Tableau Public

<https://public.tableau.com/en-us/gallery/?tab=viz-of-the-day&type=viz-of-the-day>

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## Gallery / Viz of the Day

Stunning data visualization examples from across the web created with Tableau Public.

Viz of the DayFeatured

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**IRON VIZ WINNER**

### THE TASTE OF AMERICA

"AMERICAN" CUISINE INCLUDES DIVERSE CUISINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD.  
THERE ARE 146,129 INT'L CUISINE RESTAURANTS IN THE UNITED STATES - ABOUT 15% OF ALL U.S. RESTAURANTS.

WHAT COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED IN U.S. INT'L CUISINE?

#### WHAT REGIONS ARE REPRESENTED IN US INT'L CUISINE?

Cuisine Region	Total Restaurants (approx.)
AFRICAN	58K
ASIAN	28K
EUROPEAN	22K
LATIN AMERICAN	48K
OCEANIC	10K
UNSPECIFIED INT'L	12K

#### HOW IS INT'L CUISINE DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE STATES?

### The Taste of America

Joshua Smith, 2019 Iron Viz co-champion, used data provided by [Pitney Bowes](#) to create a dashboard about how international cuisine shapes food identity in the US. The visualization tells a story of what is on American tables using tile maps that display the prevalence of international cuisines by state, compared to the national average. Joshua's viz also flips the story with a second, black-and-white dashboard that reveals what is *not* on American tables. [Read the blog](#) to learn more about Iron Viz and each finalist's entry.

Featured On: November 20, 2019

# Data Fundamentals

# Tabular Data

Row

The Unit of Observation

Column

One Variable or Question

Cell

One Observation

G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
Customer Name	Segment	Postal Code	City	State	Country	Region	Market	Product ID	Product Name	Sub-Category	Category	Sales
Anne McFarland	Consumer	36830	Auburn	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-ST-6289	Tennisco D	Storage	Office Supply	900.08
Anne McFarland	Consumer	36830	Auburn	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	FUR-CH-543	Office Star	Chairs	Furniture	350.98
Anne McFarland	Consumer	36830	Auburn	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-PA-608	Southworth	Paper	Office Supply	13.08
Kristina Nunn	Home Office	36830	Auburn	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-AR-545	OIC #2 Pencil	Art	Office Supply	3.76
Maurice Satty	Consumer	36830	Auburn	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-LA-398	Dot Matrix P	Labels	Office Supply	491.55
Maurice Satty	Consumer	36830	Auburn	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-EN-383	Colored Env	Envelopes	Office Supply	7.38
Amy Hunt	Consumer	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-LA-321	Avery 499	Labels	Office Supply	14.94
Cassandra Brandow	Consumer	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	TEC-AC-312	Anker Ultra	Accessories	Technology	239.92
Dave Hallsten	Corporate	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	TEC-CO-359	Brother DCP	Copiers	Technology	899.97
Dave Hallsten	Corporate	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-AR-528	Newell 31	Art	Office Supply	24.78
Dave Hallsten	Corporate	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-BI-328	Avery Heavy	Binders	Office Supply	19.14
Dave Hallsten	Corporate	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-PA-656	Xerox 204	Paper	Office Supply	32.4
Evan Henry	Consumer	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	TEC-PH-536	Nortel Netv	Phones	Technology	135.98
Evan Henry	Consumer	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	TEC-PH-560	Plantronics	Phones	Technology	44.95
Ruben Ausman	Corporate	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	FUR-TA-579	SAFCO Plan	Tables	Furniture	1215.92
Stewart Carmichael	Corporate	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-AP-285	1.7 Cubic Fo	Appliances	Office Supply	208.16
Stewart Carmichael	Corporate	35601	Decatur	Alabama	United States	Southern US	USCA	OFF-BI-327	Avery Heavy	Binders	Office Supply	16.74

# Aggregated Tabular Data

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Geography	Total - Tenure	Owner	Renter	Band housing
2	3501	47830	33880	13940	10
3	3502	35385	27365	8020	0
4	3506	373755	245470	128285	0
5	3507	42750	33350	9400	0
6	3509	28580	22555	6025	0
7	3510	64295	41750	22545	0
8	3511	17050	13775	3280	0
9	3512	57015	40990	16025	0
10	3513	10725	8910	1815	0

Source: Statistics Canada Census Program

# Data Types

- Qualitative
  - Categorical - ex. Male/ Female. Levels of Educational Attainment
  - Text - Open text such as a comment
- Quantitative
  - Discrete
  - Continuous



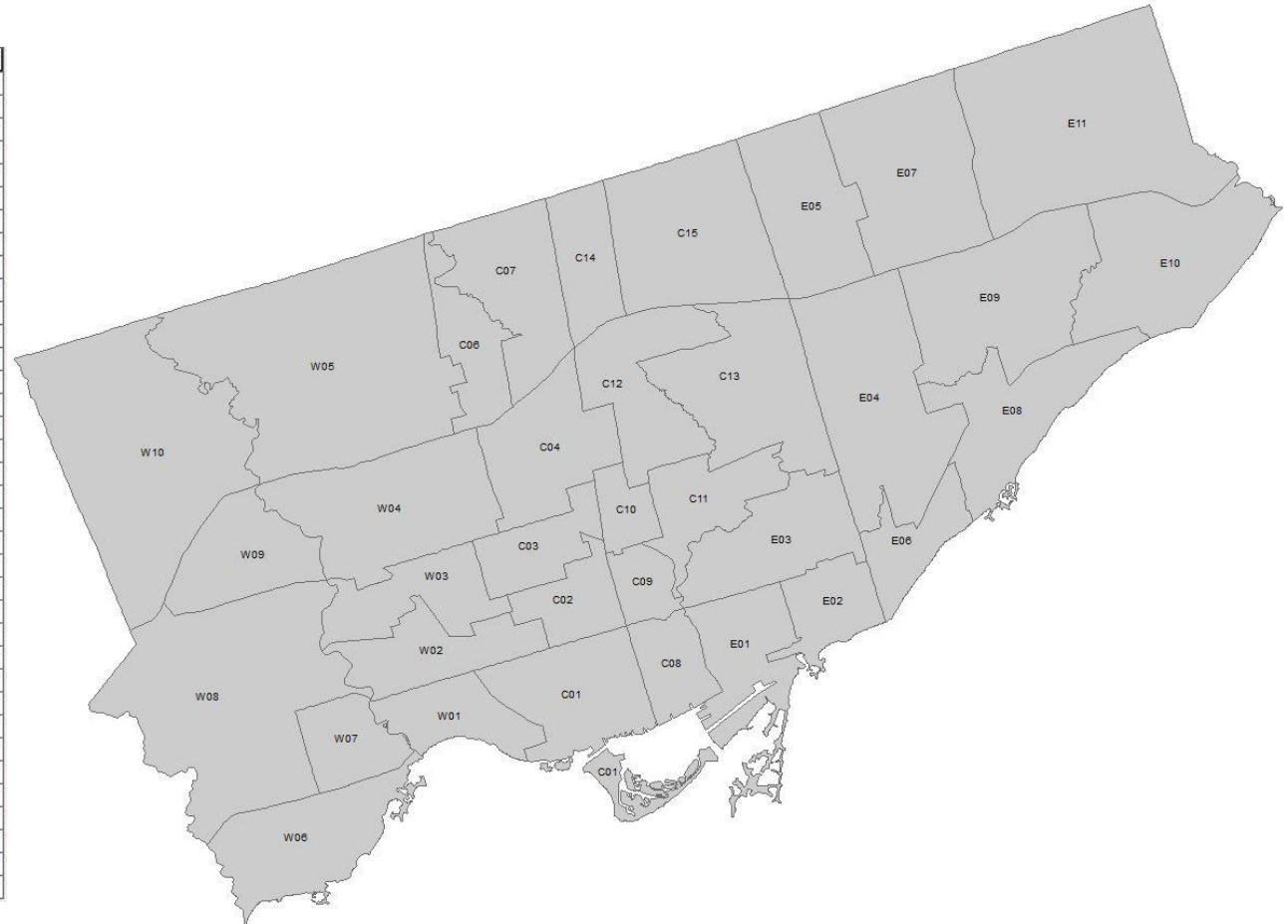
# Textual Data

Source: [City of Toronto Open Data, Casino Survey Results](#)

Strongly Opposed	casinos are a cancer on society
Strongly Opposed	Casinos suck the life out of the neighbourhood.
Somewhat Opposed	outweigh the (largely overstated) revenue generating potential of a casino
Somewhat Opposed	It is not necessary in the core of Toronto- better at Woodbine where there is gaming.
Strongly in Favour	money for city

# Spatial Data

	FID	Shape *	Muni_Code	Area_Code	Muni_Name	Condo_High	Condo_Town	Detached	Bungalow	SemiDetach	Treb_Area
▶	0	Polygon	C01	01	Toronto C01	380019	418721	787175	0	667715	19498589.6902
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	3	Polygon	C04	01	Toronto C04	341975	363699	1110432	562270	664047	15865485.1884
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	7	Polygon	C09	01	Toronto C09	555510	867367	1891613	1493500	1469246	4669830.23162
	8	Polygon	C10	01	Toronto C10	455930	588547	1266498	970677	652097	4449483.71164
	9	Polygon	C11	01	Toronto C11	192197	296896	1029746	758748	609351	10449641.0072
	10	Polygon	C12	01	Toronto C12	526409	598002	1853406	1243218	500688	16050694.7128
	11	Polygon	C13	01	Toronto C13	295115	365558	721722	626500	390251	22077617.1289
	12	Polygon	C14	01	Toronto C14	347115	459786	907793	654283	0	9185444.13011
	13	Polygon	C15	01	Toronto C15	321485	311617	737037	701236	432169	24683222.629
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	15	Polygon	E02	01	Toronto E02	391463	395672	790669	580833	518920	8197101.14674
	16	Polygon	E03	01	Toronto E03	203986	264338	523205	423184	450942	15390403.8302
	17	Polygon	E04	01	Toronto E04	180779	294193	395567	363076	298000	29092269.6328
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	21	Polygon	E08	01	Toronto E08	180465	234115	481624	370284	280812	17227767.3603
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# Visualization Fundamentals

# How Visualizations Work

Visual Cues

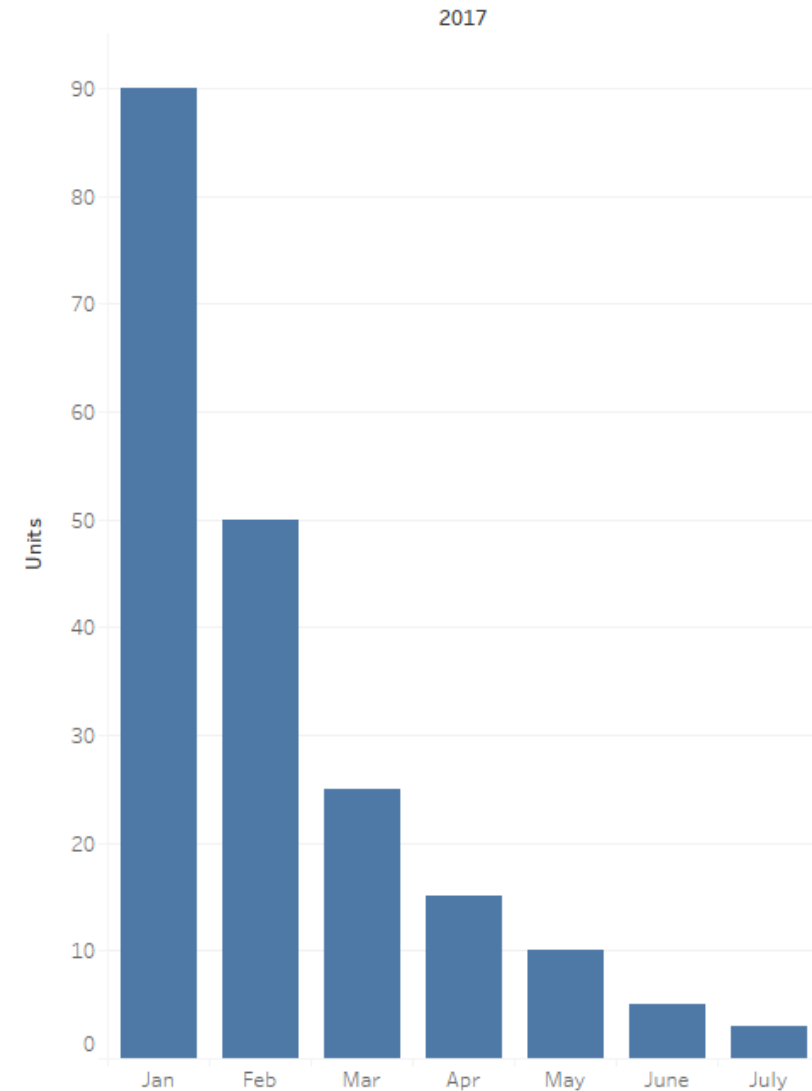
Coordinate System

Scale

Context

Title of this Graph

Description of how to interpret graph and to point out something worth highlighting.

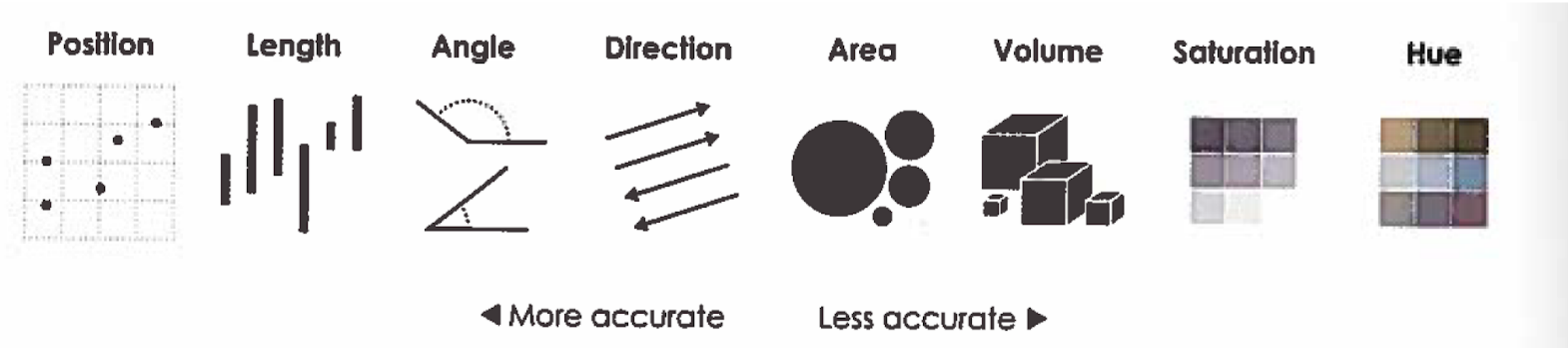


Source: Something reputable

Recreated from: Yau, N. [Data Points: Visualization that Means Something](#)

# Visual Cues

Visualizations use visual cues to communicate quantity



Source: Yau, N. *Data Points: Visualization that Means Something*.

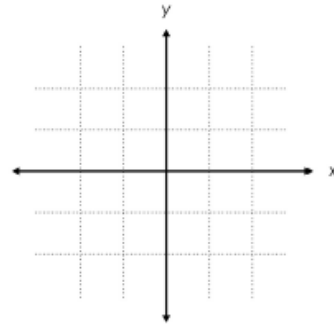
# Coordinate System

## Coordinate systems

There are a variety of them, from cylindrical to spherical, but these three will cover most of your bases.

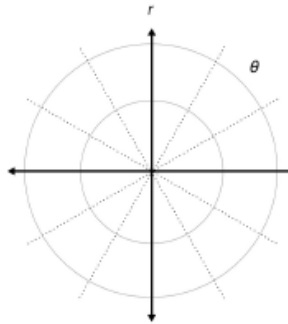
### Cartesian

If you've ever made a graph, the x- and y-coordinate system will look familiar to you.



### Polar

Pie charts use this system. Coordinates are placed based on radius  $r$  and angle  $\theta$ .



### Geographic

Latitude and longitude are used to identify locations in the world. Because the planet is round, there are multiple projections to display geographic data in two dimensions. This one is the Winkel tripel.

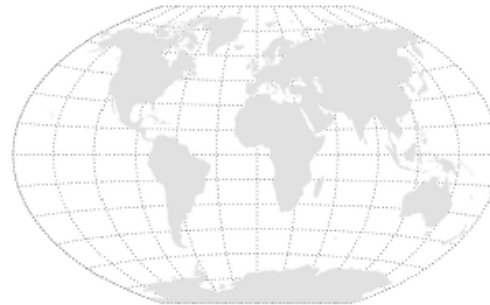


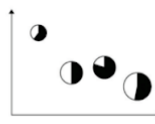

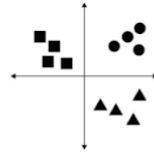
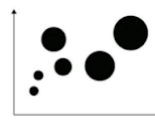
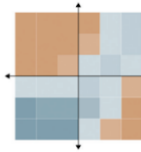
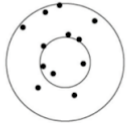


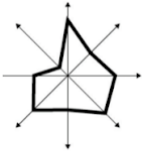
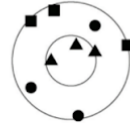











FIGURE 3-13 Commonly used coordinate systems

# Visual Cues and Coordinate Systems

	Position	Length	Angle	Direction	Shapes	Area or Volume	Color
Coordinate systems							
Cartesian							
Polar							
Geographic							

Source: Yau, N. *Data Points: Visualization that Means Something.*

# Data Vis Catalog

## What do you want to show?

Here you can find a list of charts categorised by their data visualization functions or by what you want a chart to communicate to an audience. While the allocation of each chart into specific functions isn't a perfect system, it still works as a useful guide for selecting chart based on your analysis or communication needs.



Comparisons



Proportions



Relationships



Hierarchy



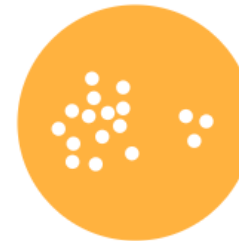
Concepts



Location



Part-to-a-whole



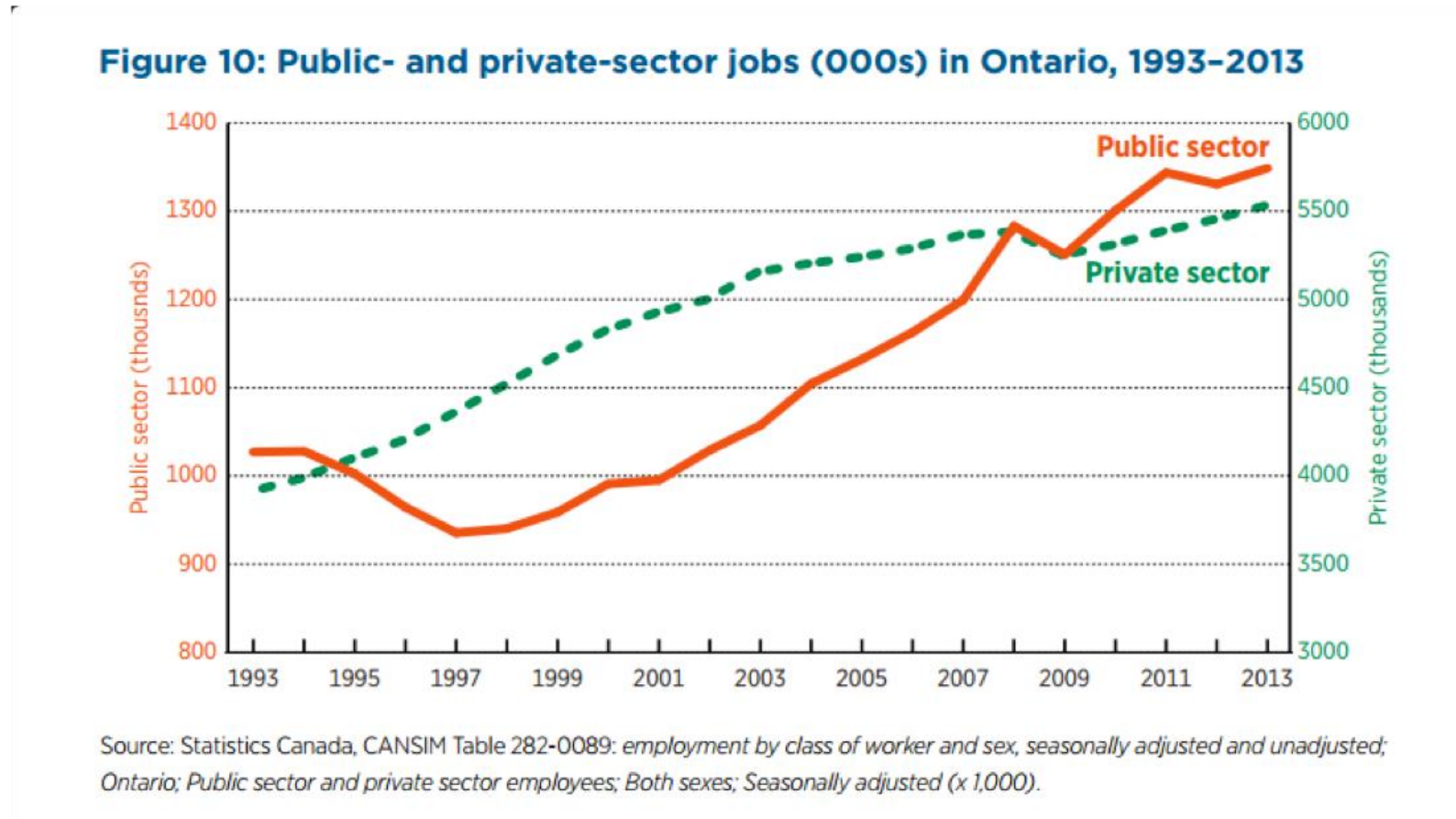
Distribution

Source: <https://datavizcatalogue.com/search.html>



# Visualization Examples

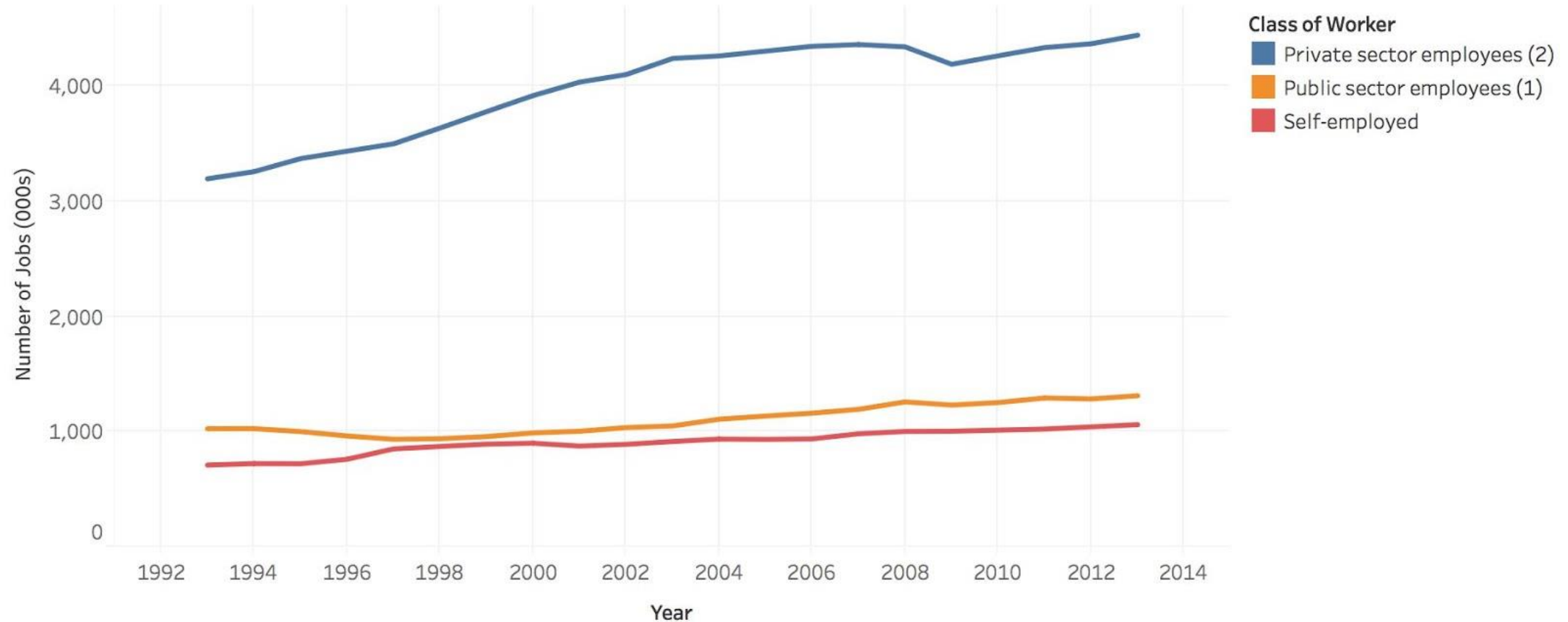
# Misleading Line Chart



Source: Fraser Institute, [Ontario no Longer a Place to Prosper](#)

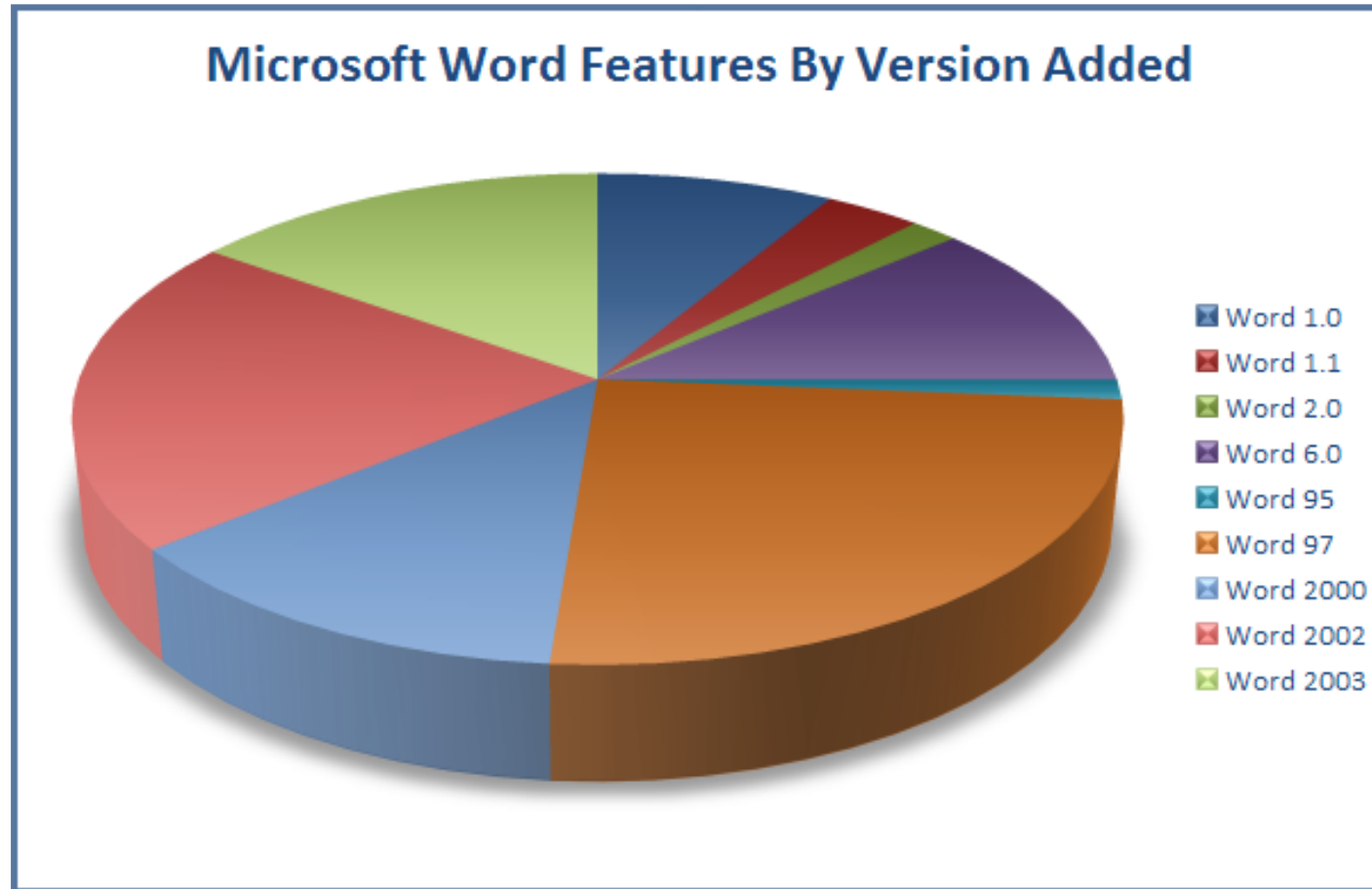
# Statistics Canada Data - Line Chart with One Scale

Number of Jobs (000s) in Ontario by Class of Worker from 1992-2013\*



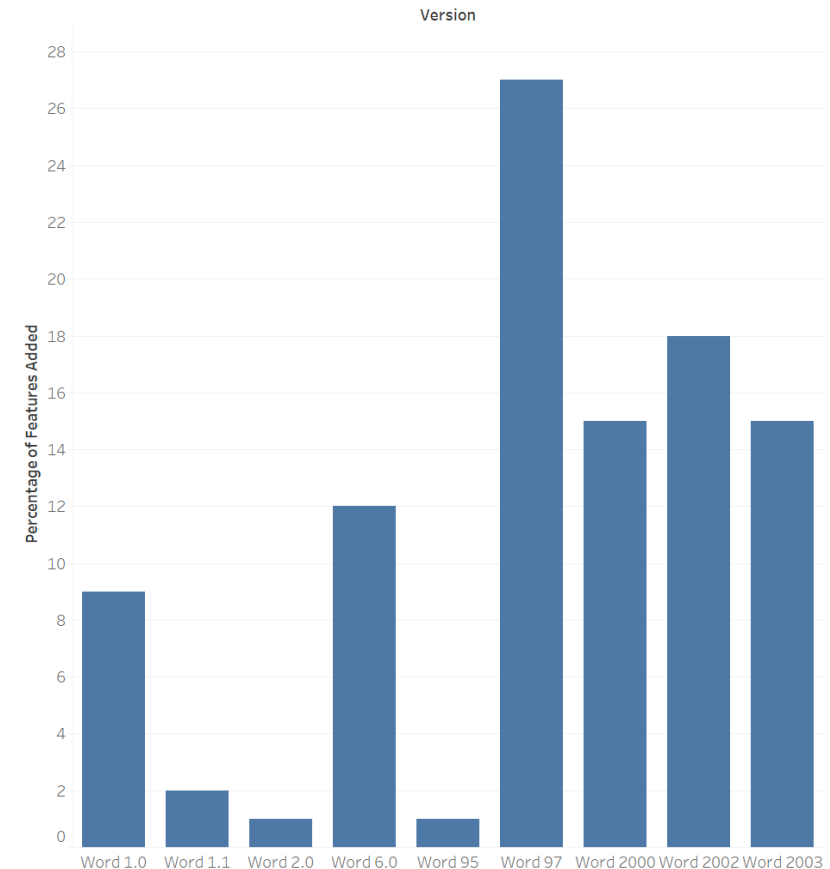
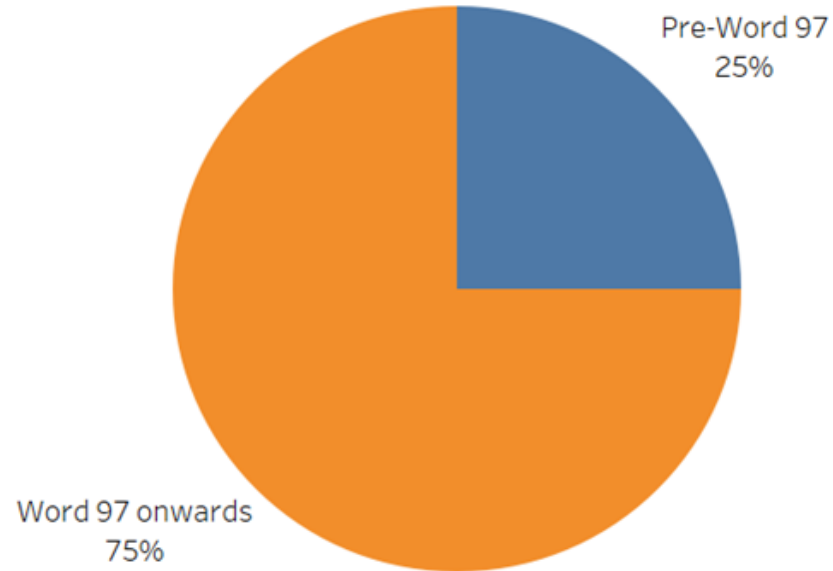
\*Data Source: Statistics Canada, Cansim Table 282-0012 - Labour force survey estimates (LFS), employment by class of worker, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and sex, annual.

# Microsoft Pie Chart



Source: Kelly Schultz, University of Toronto Libraries. *Introduction to Tableau* [Workshop].

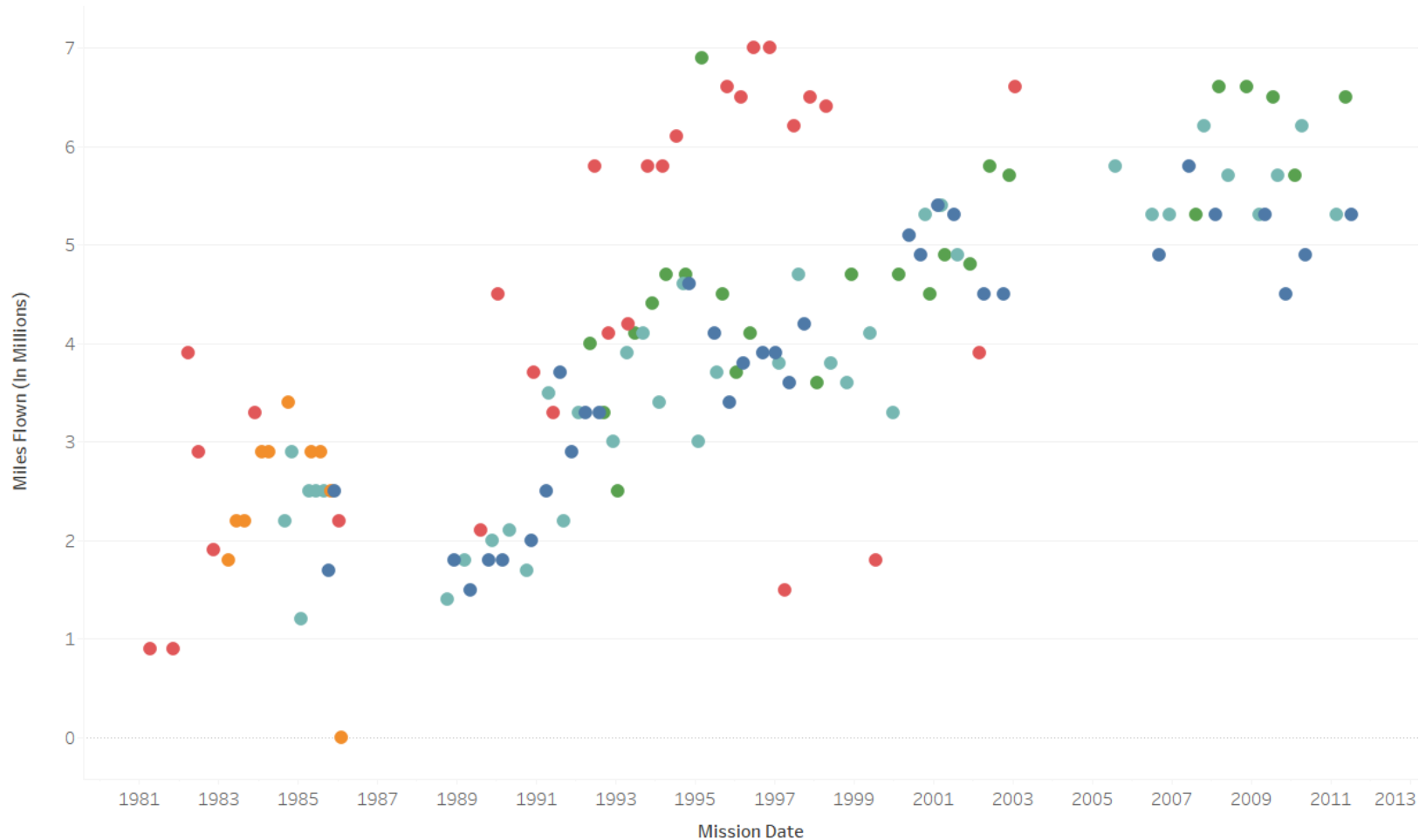
# Percentage of Features Added to Microsoft Word



Source: Kelly Schultz, University of Toronto Libraries. *Introduction to Tableau* [Workshop].

# History of the American Shuttle Program

## [Interactive Visualization](#)



Data Source: Joque, J and Saylor, K (2017). Picture It! Data Stories in Visual Form.

[ICPSR Biennial Meeting.](#)

# Tableau Demo

# Learning More

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- [LinkedIn Learning](#) – Offers Tableau minicourses for Carleton Students
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Thank you!