



# **From data to story: How to transform numbers into engaging content**

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“A data visualization is a display of data designed to enable analysis, exploration and discovery”






Alberto Cairo, *The Truthful Art: Data Charts and Maps for Communication*



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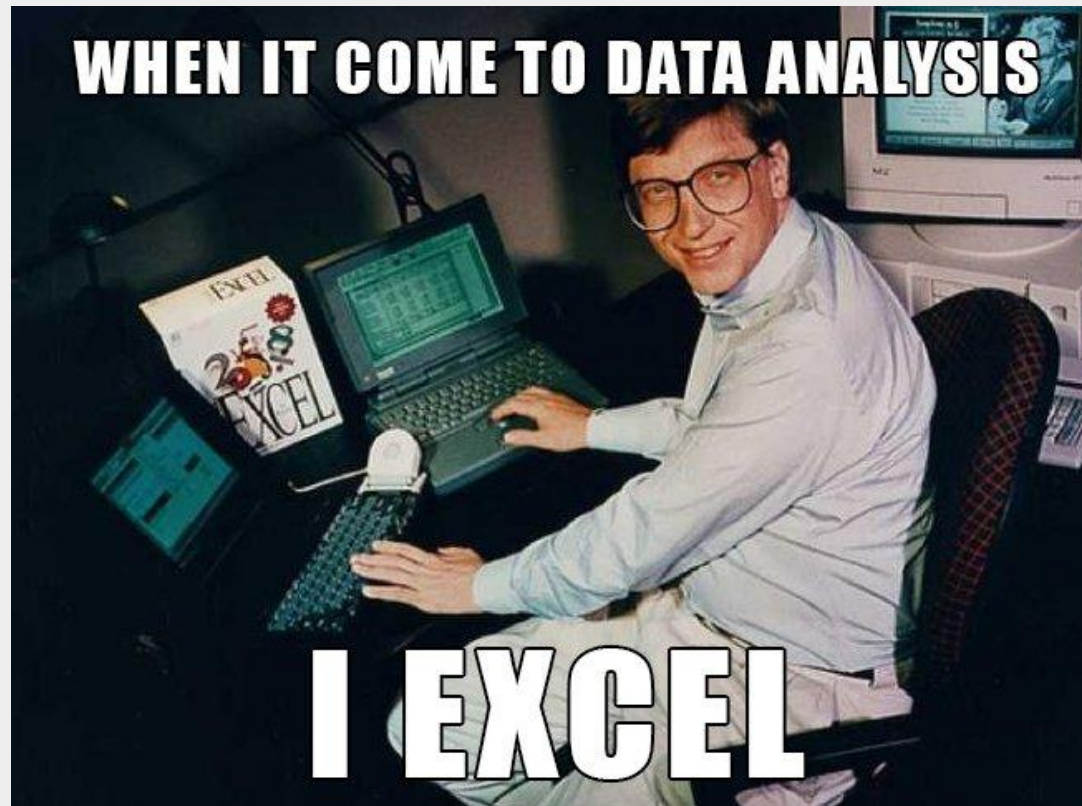
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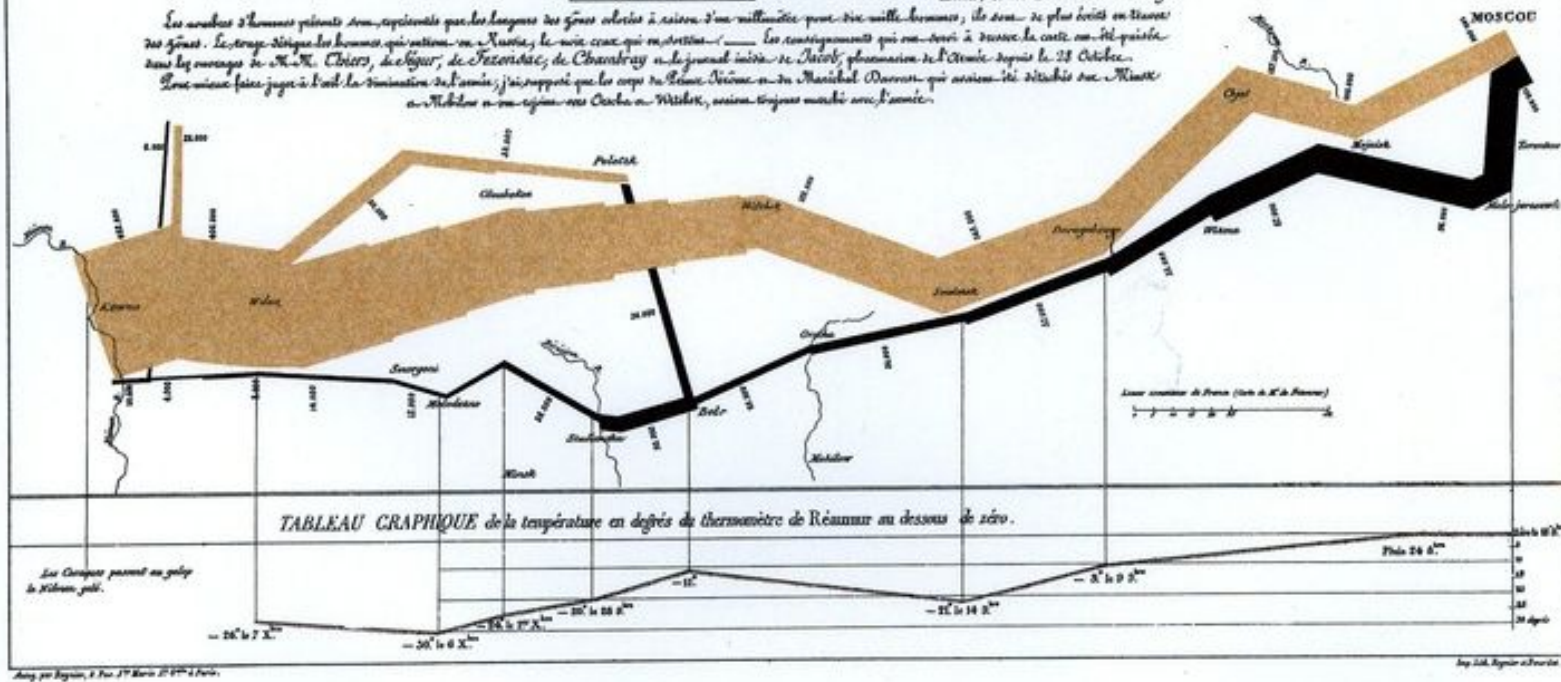
**Is data-driven  
communication  
something new?**

*Carte Figurative des petits successeurs en hommes de l'Académie Française dans la campagne de Russie 1812-1813.*

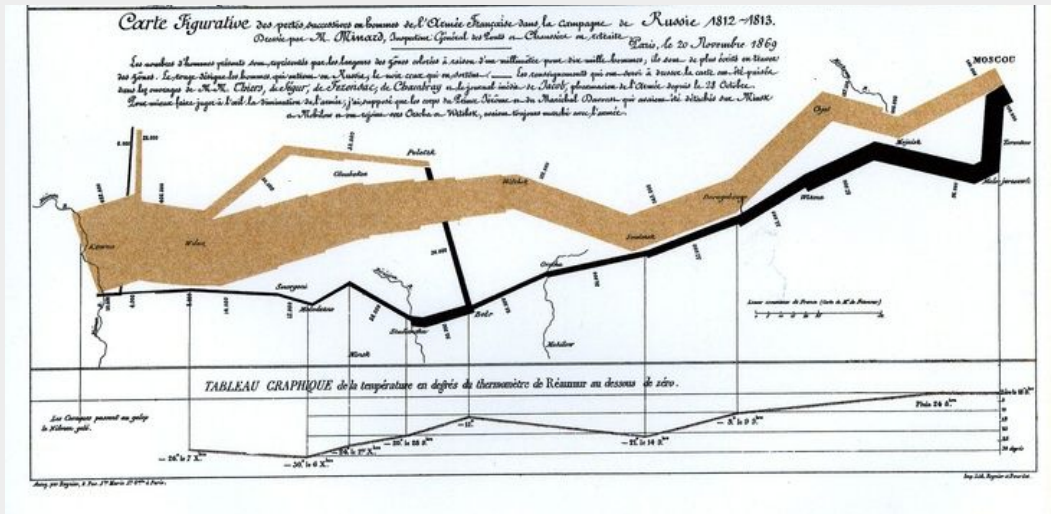
Devisé par M. Minard, Inspecteur Général des Ponts et Chaussées à Paris, le 20 Novembre 1869

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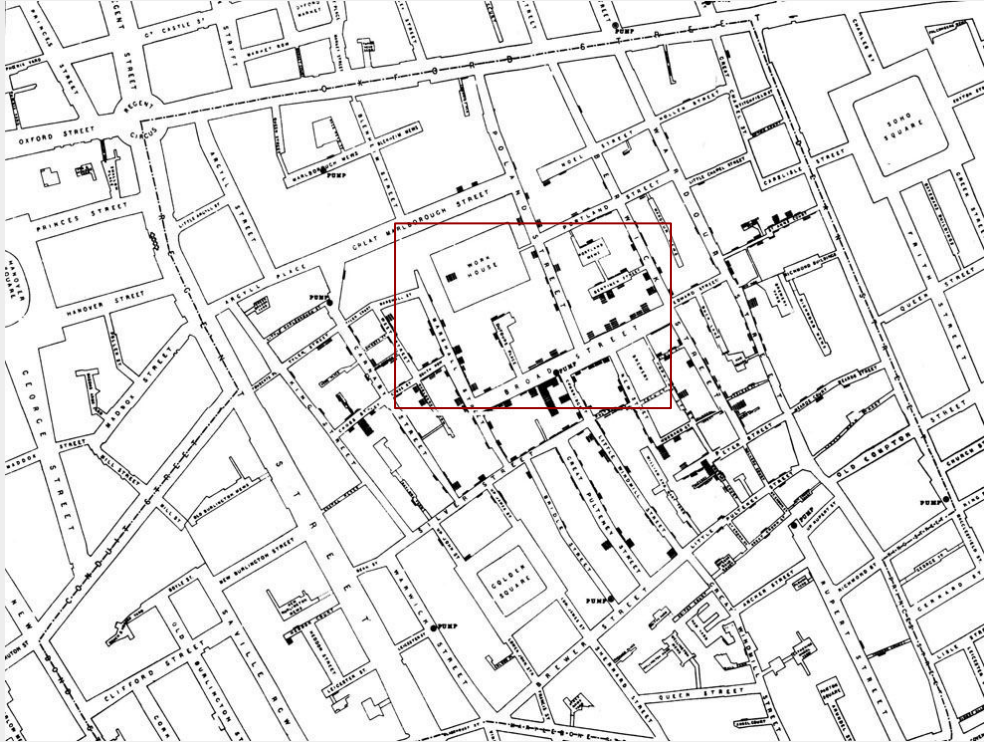
Les vieux fiers juges à l'ent la formation du comité, j'ai supposé que les corps du Saint-Nicolas ou du Maréchal Barron qui avaient été établis aux Kluskw ou Nitkow ou en ce lieu des Caches à Nitkow, avaient toujours marché avec le Comité.



## Charles Joseph Minard in 1869

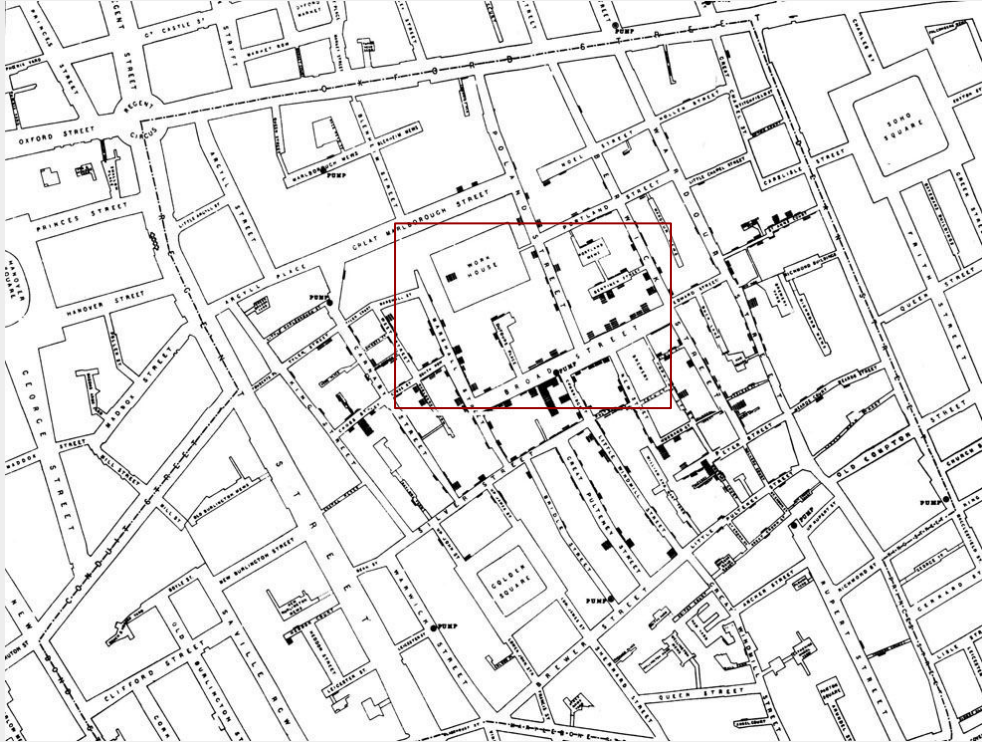


- The **size** of the army and the magnitude of human losses (out of 422,000 soldiers, only 10,000 returned)
- The army's **route**
- Extreme **temperatures**



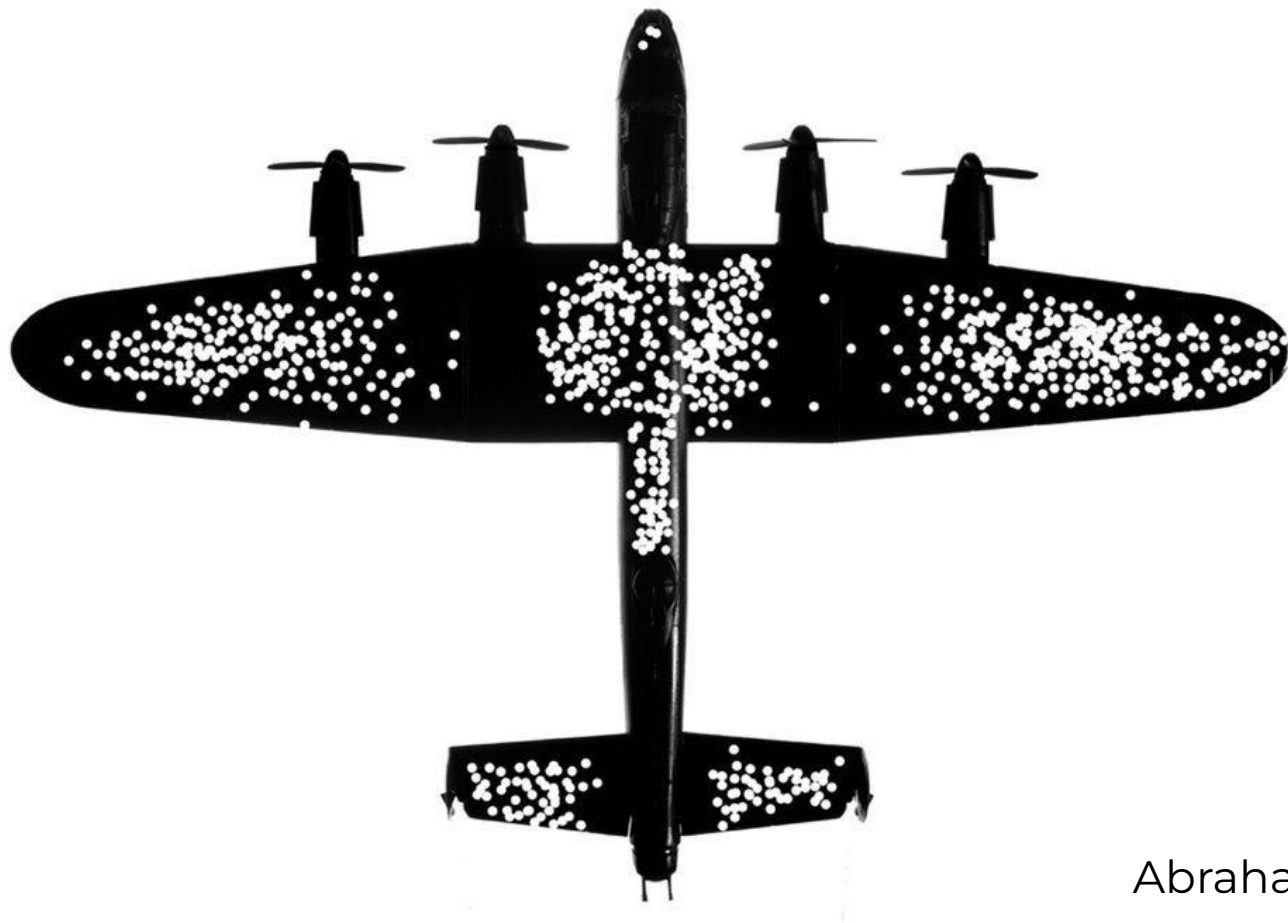
John Snow in 1854





- locations of cholera deaths
- their concentration
- patterns

And crossed them with **water sources** in these areas.



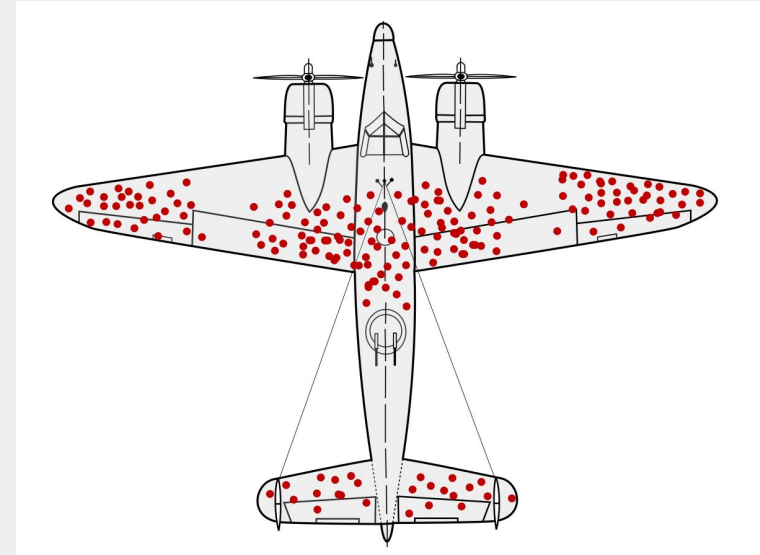
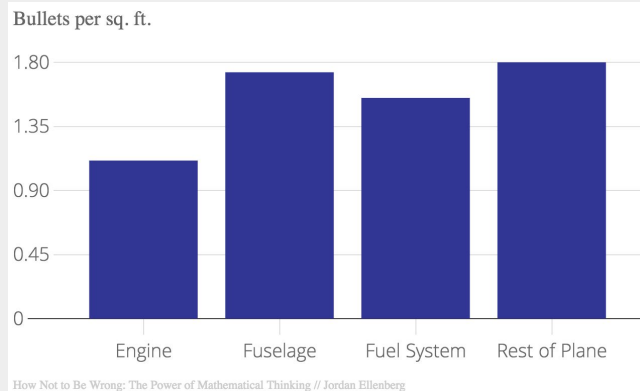
Abraham Wald



## Survivorship bias in data analysis.

The real issue was the planes that did not return, likely hit in areas where damage was fatal: the engine.

The problem? Missing data.



# Four questions before starting

What do you want to  
communicate?

Who is your audience?

What data is available?

What is the best way to  
visualize it?

# INTERVIEW THE DATA

Before starting to create any visualization, we must **understand the data**. To do so, we can ask a series of questions such as:

- Are there any outliers or anomalies in the data?
- What are the distributions of numerical variables?
- How do different variables relate to each other (correlations, groupings)?
- Are there missing values, and how should they be handled?
- Are there any trends or patterns or seasonality in the data?
- What insights do we expect to uncover through visualization?

# INTERVIEW THE DATA

Example

**Annual temperature  
data by country from  
1800 to 2022**

What has been the **average** temperature from 1800 to today? Has it increased?

In which country has the temperature **varied** the most?

What **periods** have been critical?

Is there any **correlation** between the highest increases and, for example, industrial production? Car usage? The health of the population?

# A GOOD DATA ANALYSIS **INCLUDES**

- Not only the information you have but also the **information you're missing** and how it affects your conclusions.  
For example, always measuring the price of a café menu and saying it hasn't changed without considering whether the portions have been reduced.
- Mitigation of **biases**
- Choosing **representative** examples, not exceptional ones

# Why data storytelling matters

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Data can be hidden not only in your results but also in the very **purpose** of your project.

Its value doesn't lie in the data itself, but in the **insights** gained through the process of working with it.

# Common challenges in communicating data-driven stories

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## **Communication & Accessibility**

- Most users receive the information on their phones
- Data weight

# **The psychology of visuals:**

## **How to improve graphics for the user**

Simplicity

Proximity

Similarity / Equivalence

Order

Graphic design composition

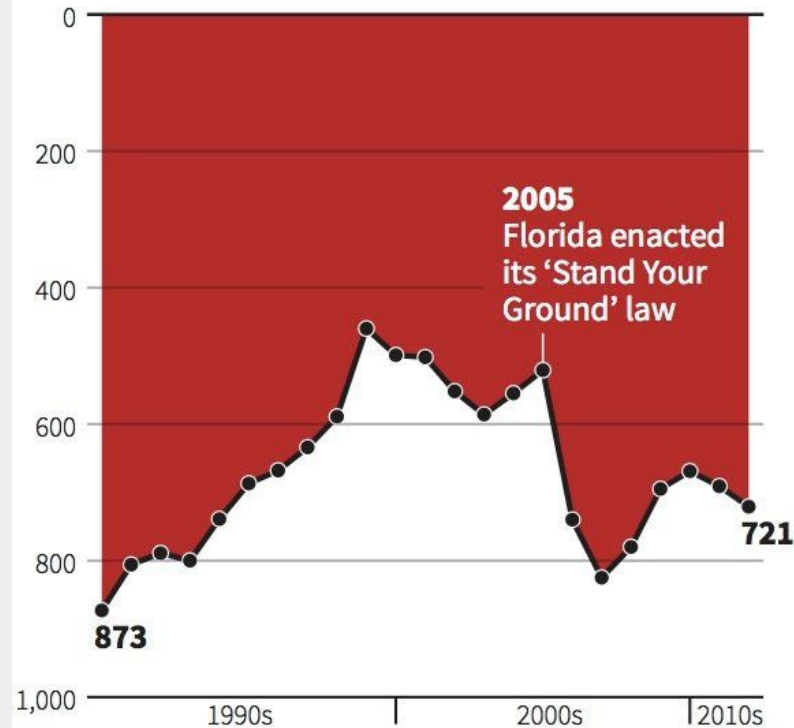
Readability and Usability



# **Effective vs ineffective infographics**

# Gun deaths in Florida

Number of murders committed using firearms



Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

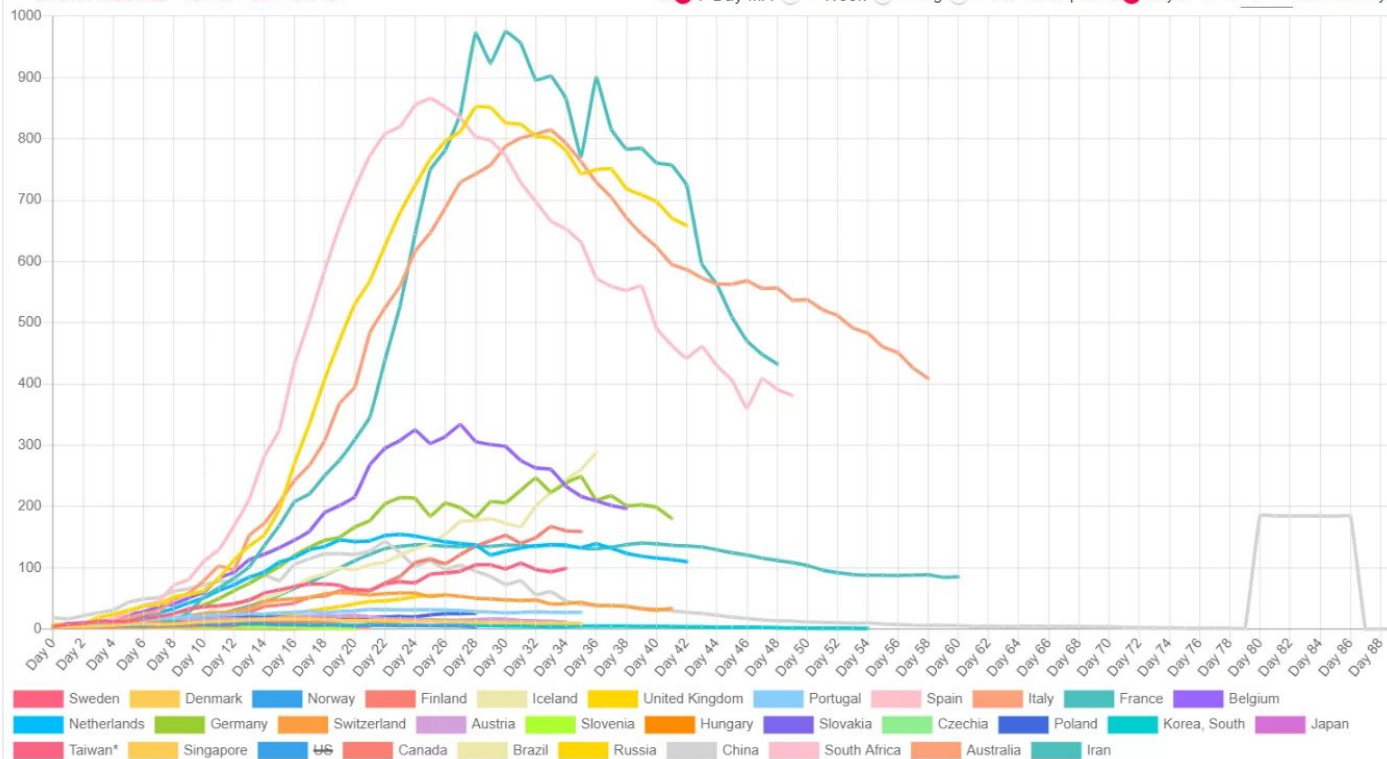
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# COVID-19 new deaths per day

SHOW / HIDE ALL TOP 10 BOTTOM 10

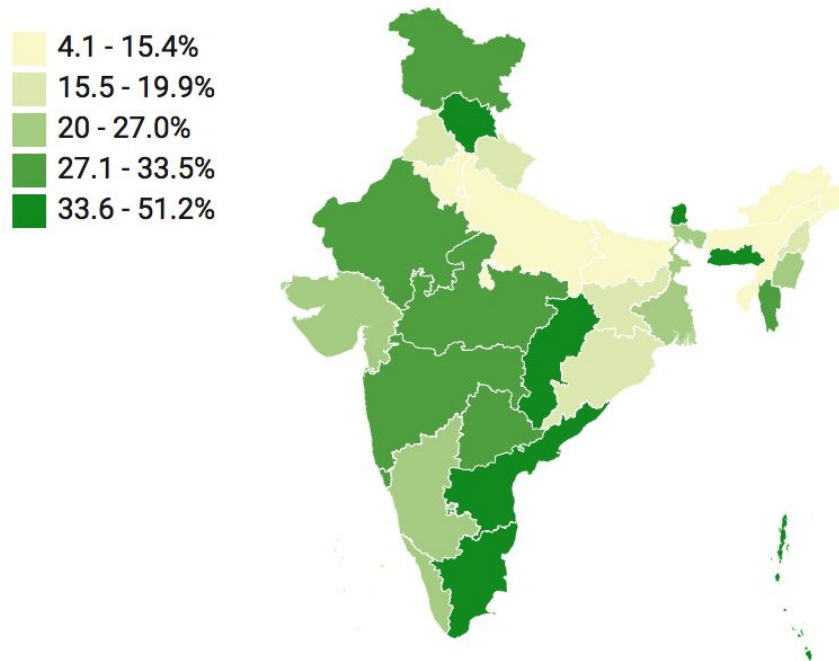
7-Day MA Week Log Per 1M Capita Day 0 since 3 deaths a day



ADD DATASETS

# The Hindi belt scores low, while the south does better

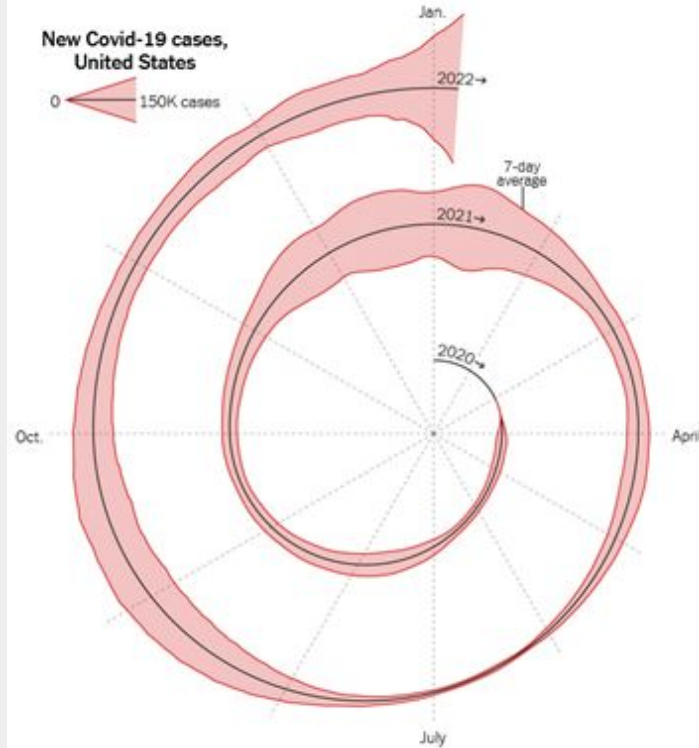
Female labour force participation rate (%)



Source: NSSO • [Get the data](#) • Created with [Datawrapper](#)

# Here's When We Expect Omicron to Peak

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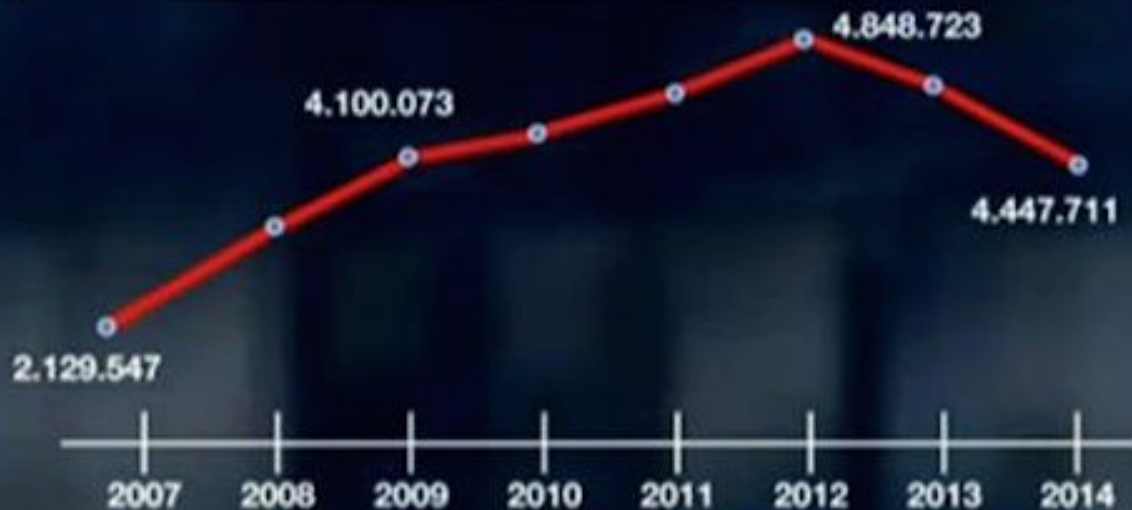


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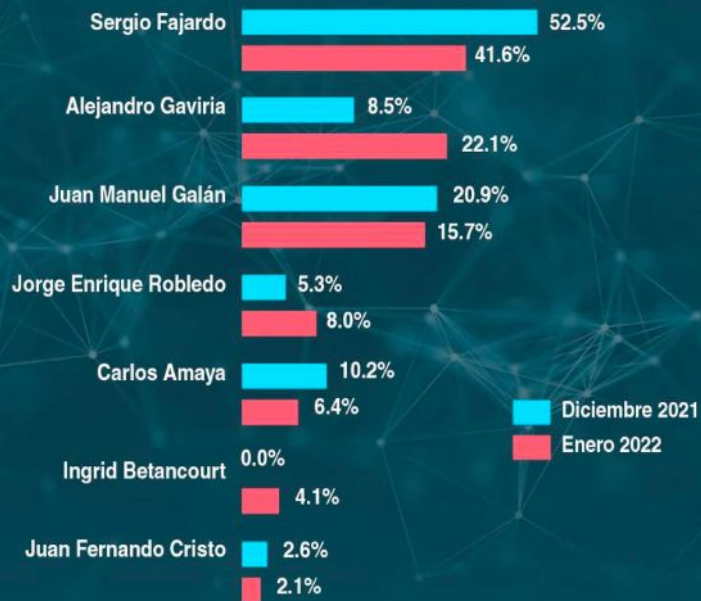
## REGISTRO DESEMPLEO



**Fuente:**  
Ministerio de empleo  
y Seguridad Social

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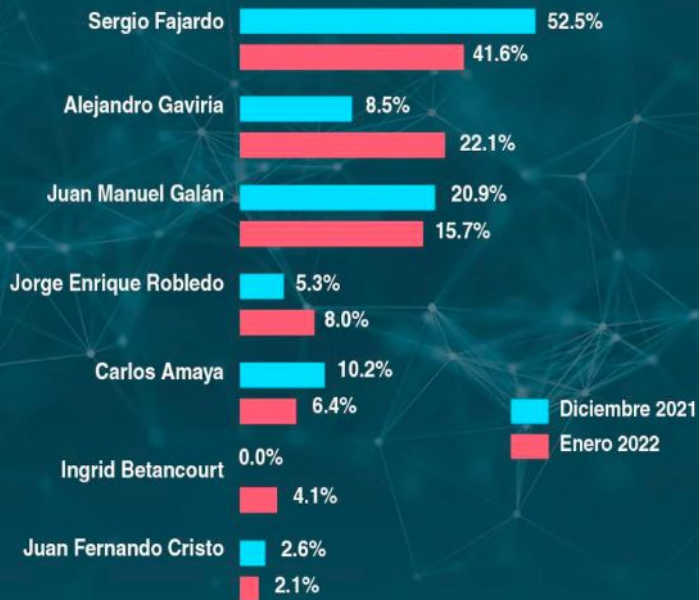
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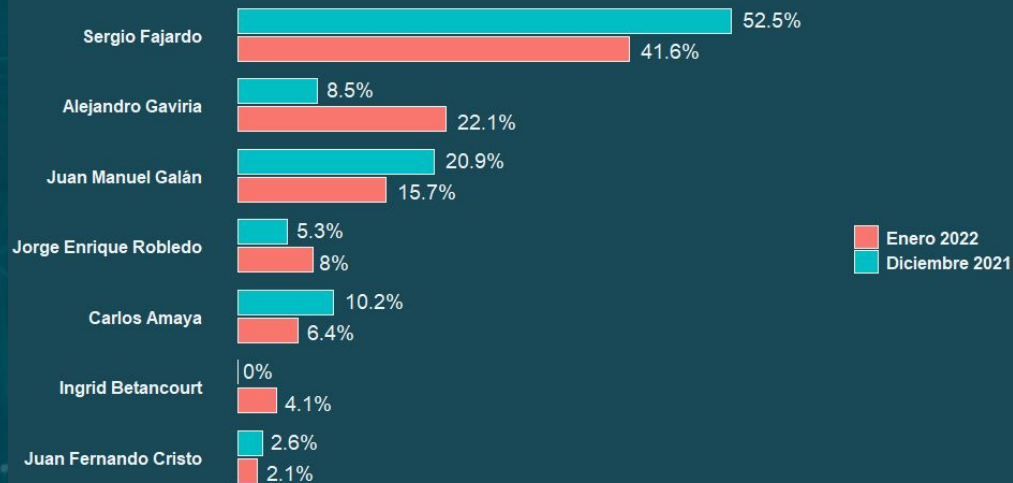


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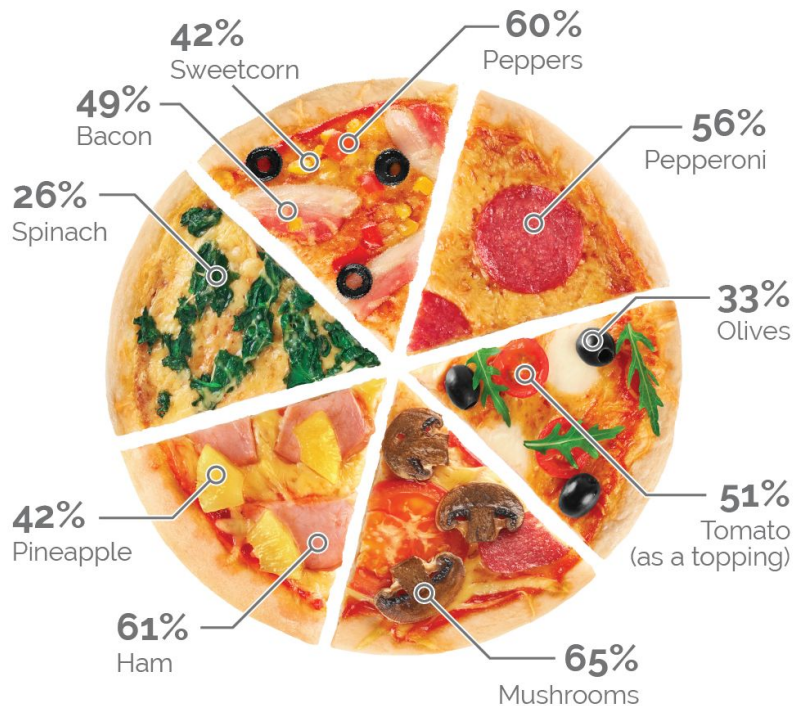
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## Mushroom is the UK's most liked pizza topping

Generally speaking, which of the following toppings do you like on a pizza? Select as many as you like



Other items not depicted include: onions (62%), chicken (56%), beef (36%), chillies (31%), jalapeños (30%), pork (25%), tuna (22%), anchovies (18%). 2% of people say they only like Margherita pizzas



Thu 10th

## How to win an Oscar

We analyse the characters played by every winner of an "actor/actress in a leading role" Oscar to see which parts will most reliably lead to glory

Research: David Shaw  
Illustration: Christian Tate

### Facial hair?



Best decade for face fuzz: 1970s

### Vicars v tarts\*



\*Characters who are prostitutes or escorts

### Fighting chance?



Zero chance of winning as a sportsman or woman, unless they are a boxer

•Dead certs: Winning roles which match all top categories

•Long shots: Winning roles which match only one of the top categories - every winner matches at least one of the top categories

## Actor in a leading role



## PLAY A FICTIONAL CHARACTER

### HISTORIC CHARACTER

## WHO IS NORTH AMERICAN

### BRITISH OR IRISH EUROPEAN

## FROM THE PRESENT DAY

### RECENT PAST

### DISTANT PAST

### WHO WORKS AS A

### SOLDIER/LAWMAN/MONARCH/POLITICIAN

### CREATIVE/INDUSTRY TYPE

### PERFORMER

### OTHER

### WHO PARTICIPATES IN

### NO SEXUAL SCENES

### SEX SCENES

### AND WHO, IN THE END,

### DOESN'T DIE ON SCREEN

### DIES ON SCREEN

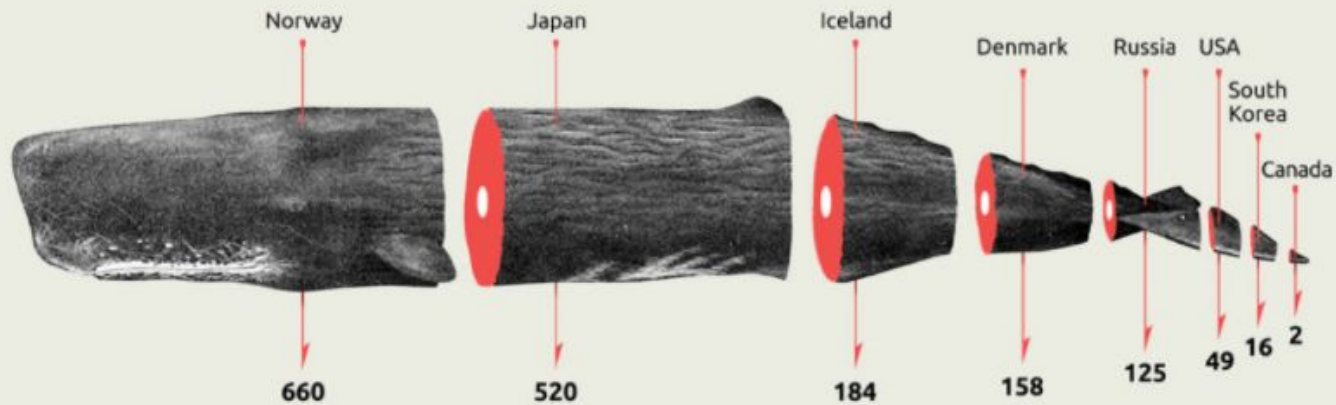
## Actress in a leading role



Pay attention to the  
axes

Be careful with the  
colors

Avoid overloading:  
make it simple



THESE ARE THE NUMBERS OF TOTAL CATCHES BY COUNTRY FOR THE YEAR 2015.





# WHO'S YOUR FATHER?

These were the most searched STAR WARS characters during **2017** according to Google.

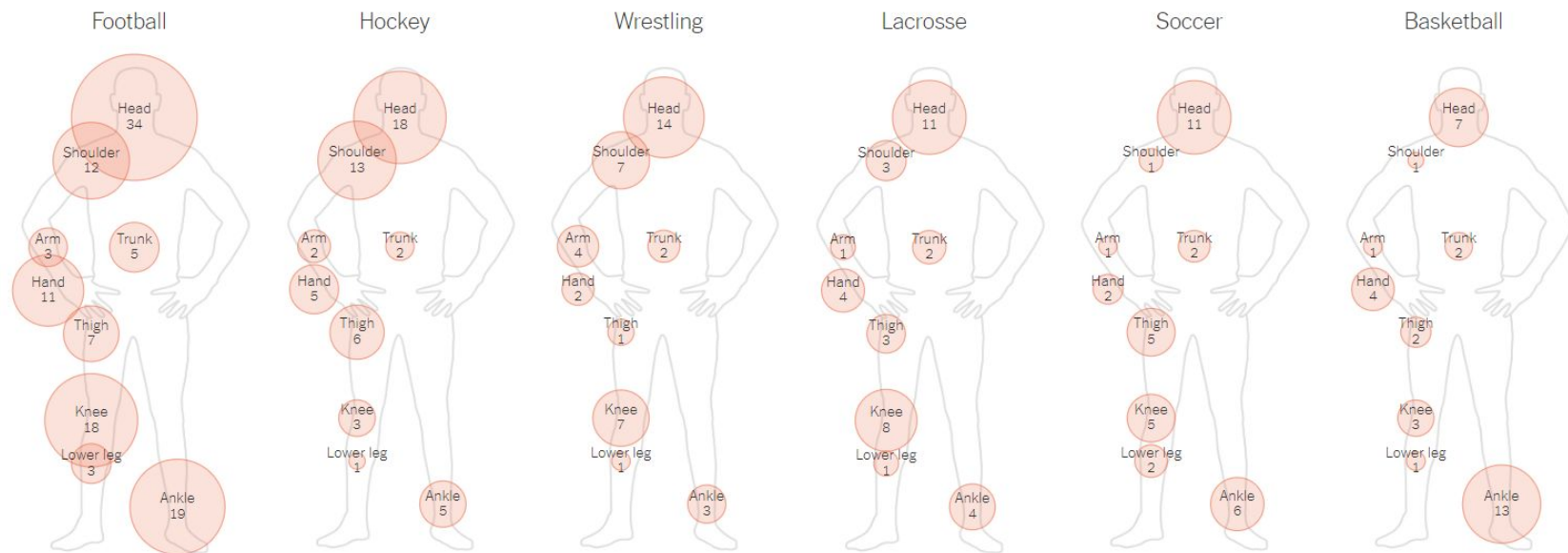


## Homicides by race



## Common injuries for boys among popular high school sports

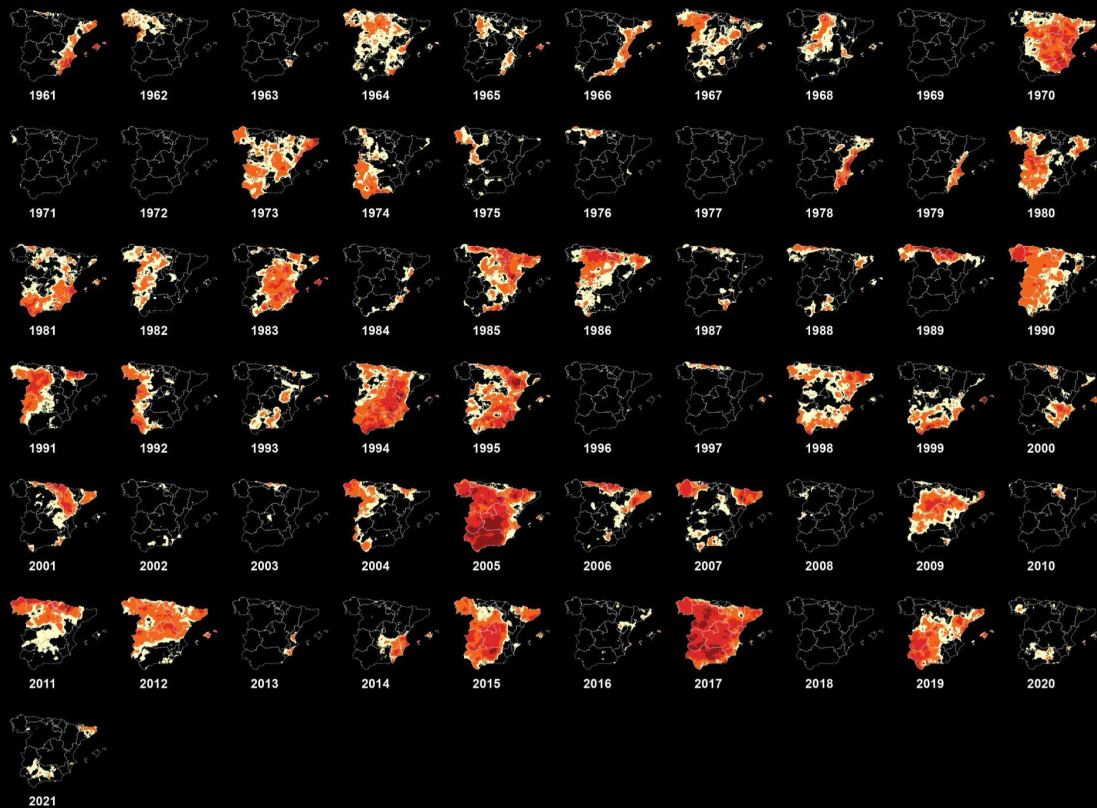
Injuries per 10,000 competition plays





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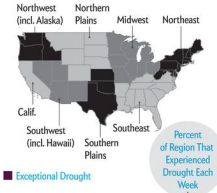


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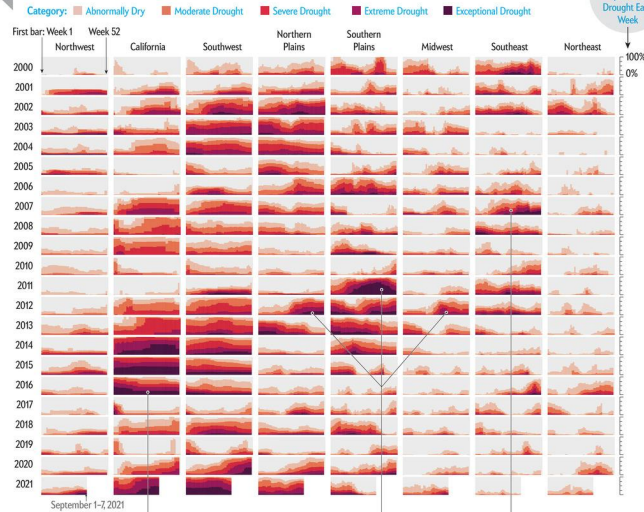
# Escalating Drought

Climate change is intensifying periods of extreme dryness, particularly in the U.S. West

For more than 20 years the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) has been monitoring dozens of indices of drought around the country, including satellite measurements of evaporation and color in vegetation, soil-moisture sensors, rainfall estimates, and river and streamflow levels. Although the agency's weekly assessments have identified periods of exceptional drought before, lately dryness has been ramping up. "The changing climate is definitely contributing to more natural disasters, drought being one of them," says Brian Fuchs, a climatologist who oversees the weekly report at the NDMC. "We're seeing more frequent and high-intensity episodes. This year some of these areas in the West have been in drought more than they have been without drought."



Drought Extent and Intensity by Region over Time



California experienced its hottest drought in recorded history from 2012 to 2016. A warming climate makes the atmosphere thirstier, which increases evaporation and boosts drought.

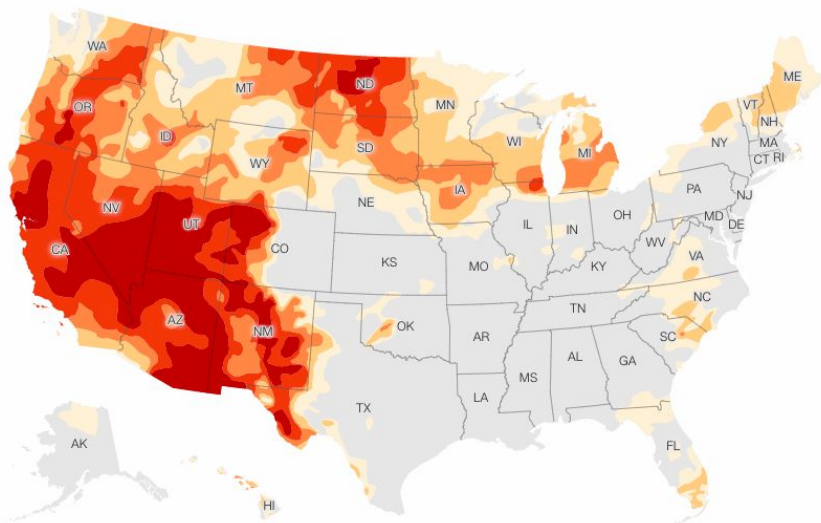
A drought that originated in the Southern Plains in 2011 eventually spread to the Midwest and Northern Plains when the moisture coming in from the Gulf of Mexico was absorbed by the parched South before it could reach the North.

The Southeast's driest year to date was 2007, when only 31.85 inches of rain fell in Atlanta, 62 percent of its average yearly rainfall.

Source: U.S. Drought Monitor, jointly produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

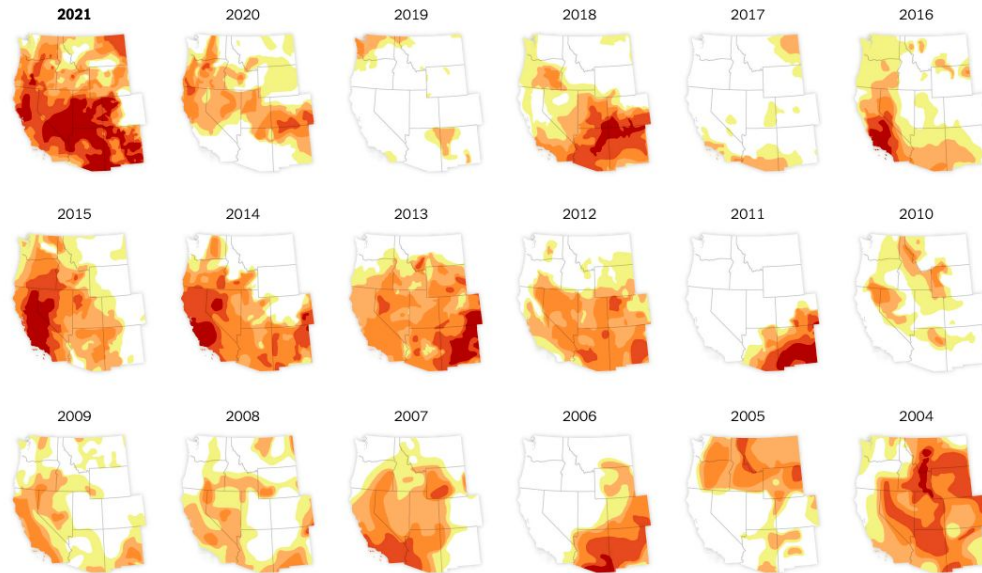
## Current drought

Abnormally dry Moderate drought Severe drought Extreme drought Exceptional drought



## Early June Drought Conditions in the West

EXCEPTIONAL DROUGHT EXTREME SEVERE MODERATE ABNORMALLY DRY



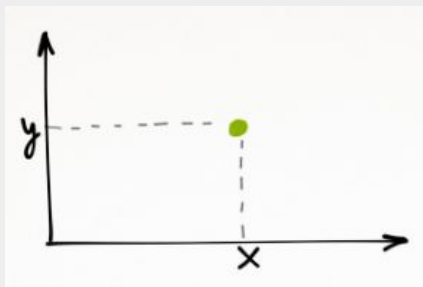
# Basics of data visualization

10 tips to improve  
your graphics

# 1- Visual encoding

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Position



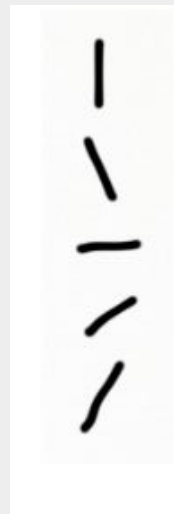
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Form



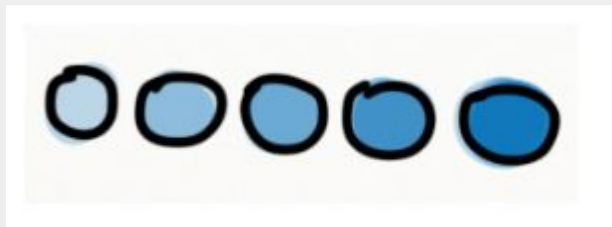
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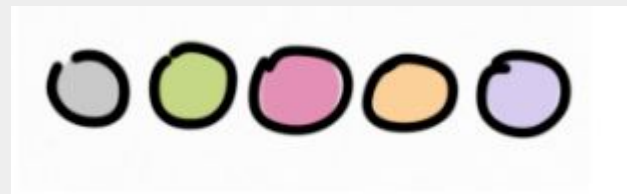
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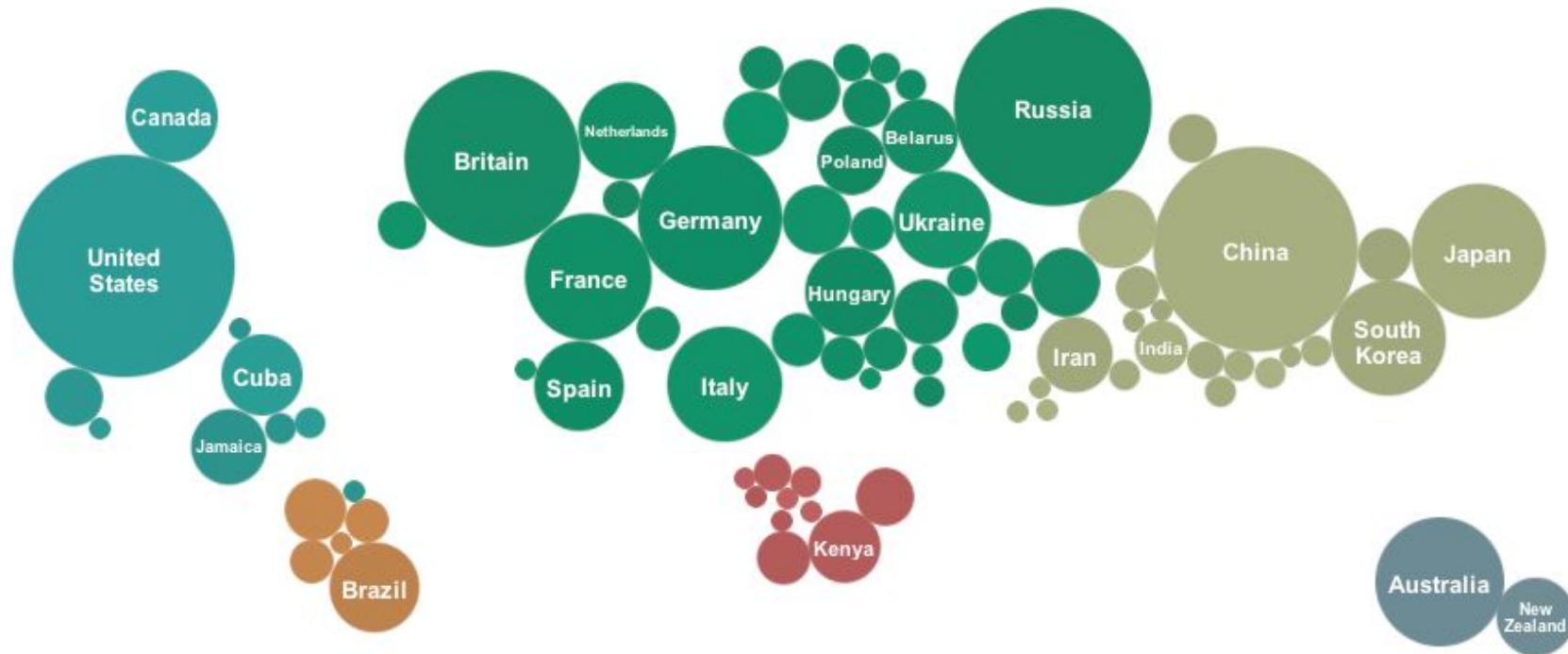


Tone



1896 1900 1904 1908 1912 1920 1924 1928 1932 1936 1948 1952 1956 1960 1964 1968 1972 1976 1980 1984 1988 1992 1996 2000 2004 2008 2012

## 2012 London



Encoding: color, size and position

## 2- The art of standing out

### Títulos de Grand Slam ganados según la edad

Los diez jugadores que más títulos acumulan de la historia

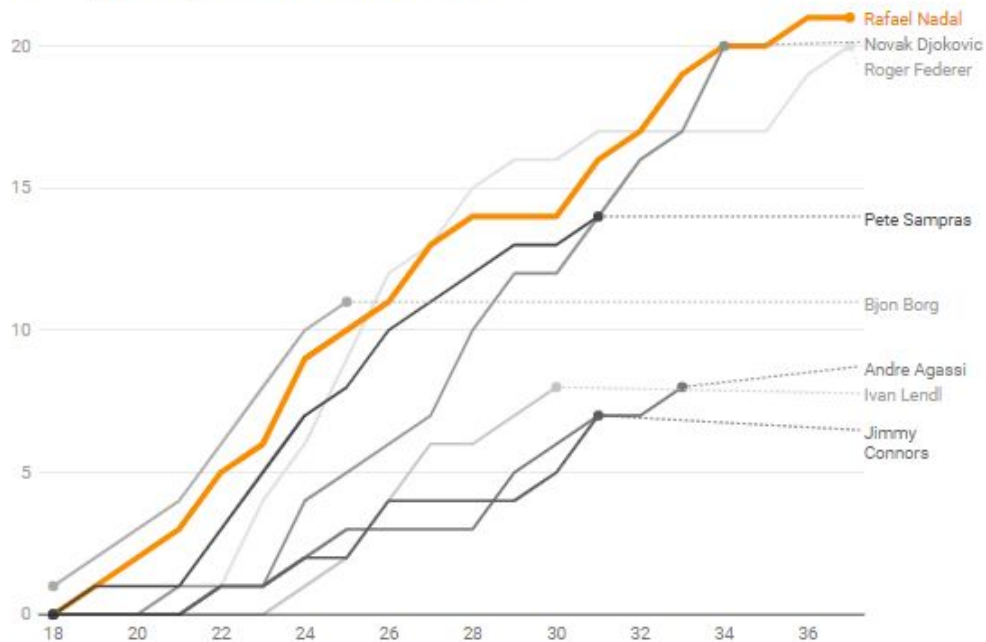
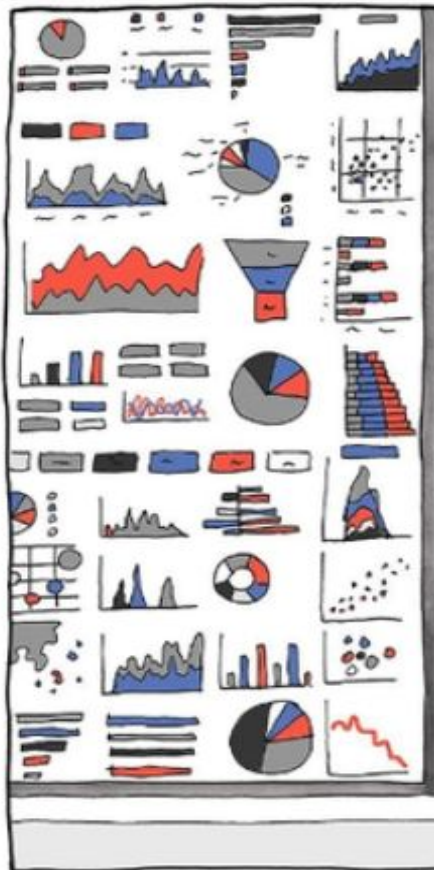


Gráfico: Newtral.es • Fuente: ESPN Deportes • [Descargar los datos](#) • [Insertar](#) • Creado con [Datawrapper](#)

- What do you want to communicate?
- Focus on key ideas
- One graphic, one idea





OUR NEW  
DASHBOARD  
HAS ALL OF  
THE DIFFERENT  
KPI'S WE CAN  
TRACK NOW.



WHAT'S  
THAT KPI  
TRENDING  
TO ZERO?



IT MEASURES  
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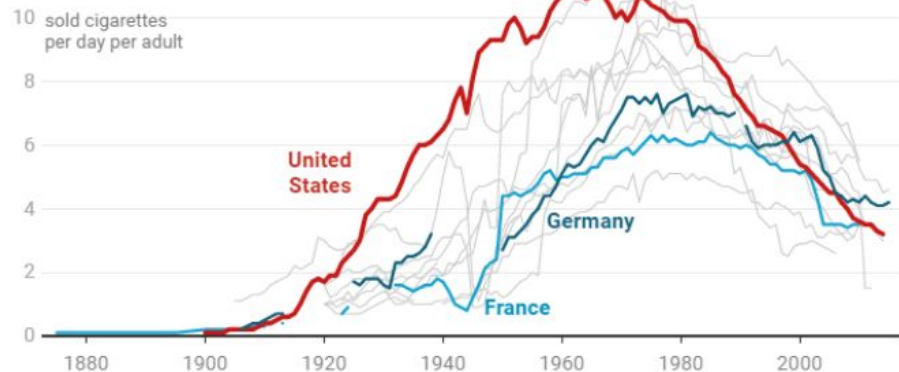
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FISH  
BURNÉ

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### 3- Use colors

#### The rise and fall of cigarette consumption in developed countries

Sales of cigarettes per adult per day, in selected countries. Figures include manufactured cigarettes, as well as an estimated number of hand-rolled cigarettes, per adult (ages 15+) per day.



Source: National statistics, via Our World in Data • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

- General rule: no more than 7 colors in a chart
- Gray, your best friend
- Use intuitive colors
- Use color palettes, they work

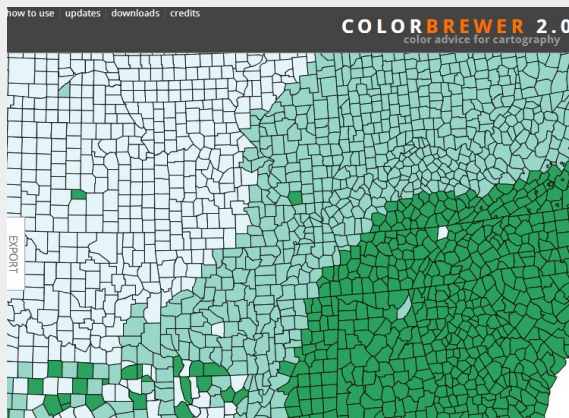
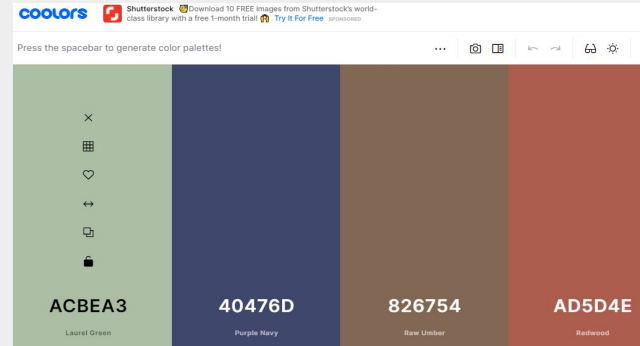
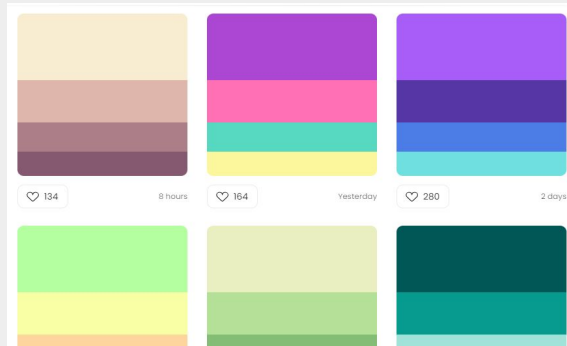
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## 4- Respect the hierarchy

# Hierarchy

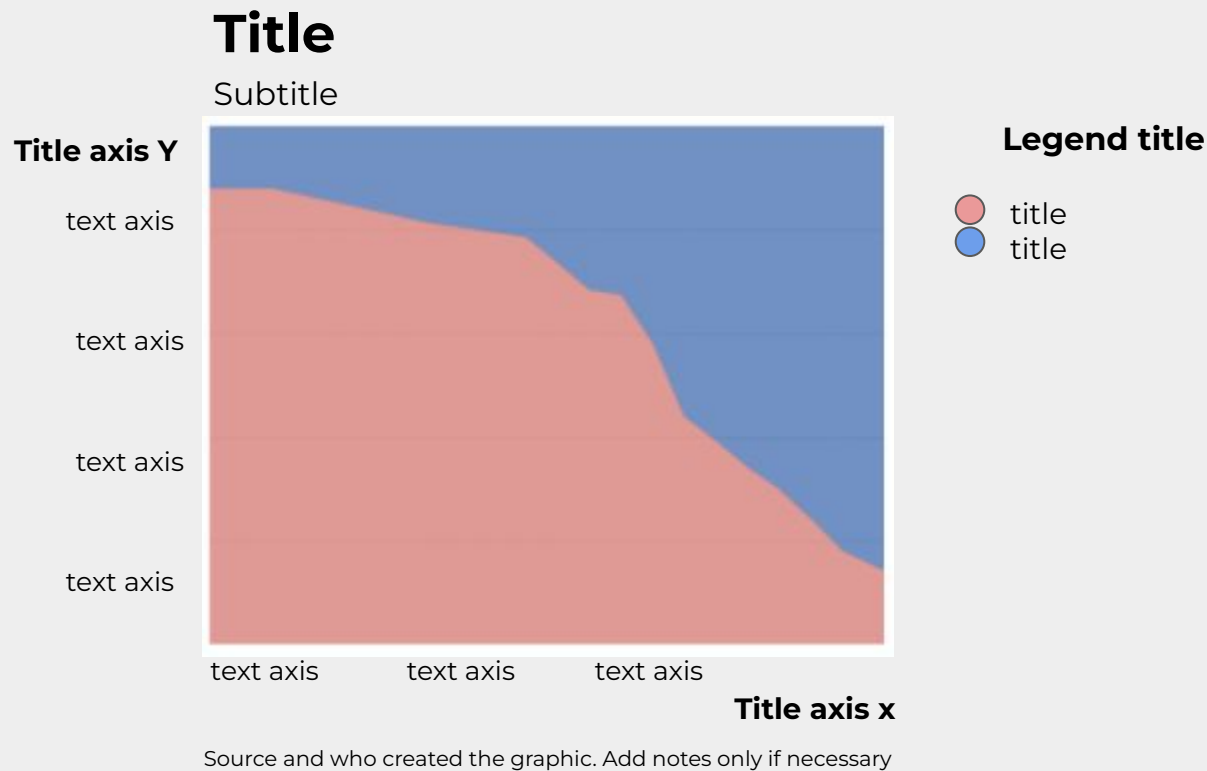
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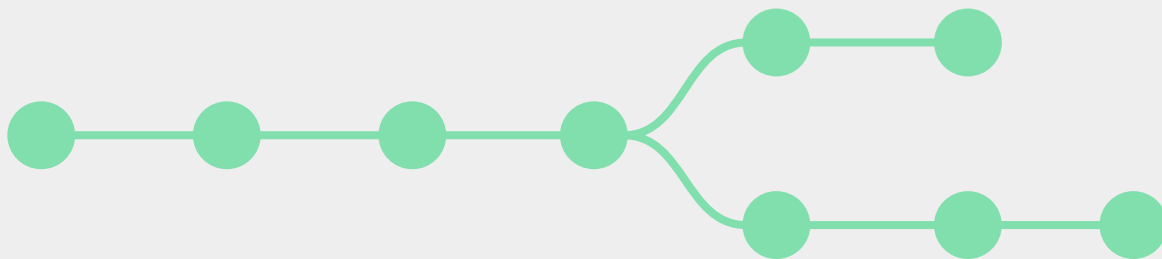
And this is the smaller of the small.

Usually, the size of the axis text, annotations and footer.

## 5- Don't forget anything in your graphic



## 6- Simplify



*"Think about subway maps, which are abstracted from the complex shape of the city and are focused on the rider's goal: to get from one place to the next"*

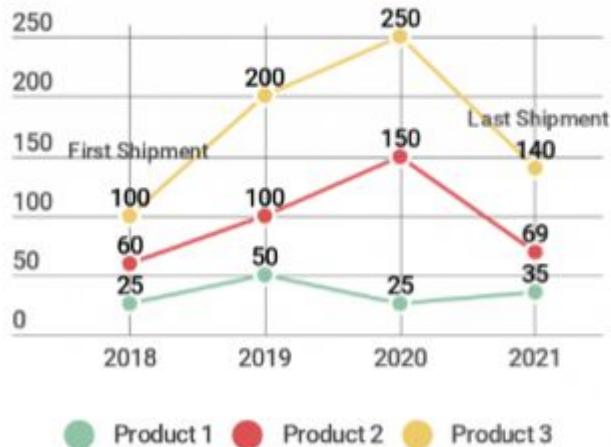
Visualizing Data by Ben Fry

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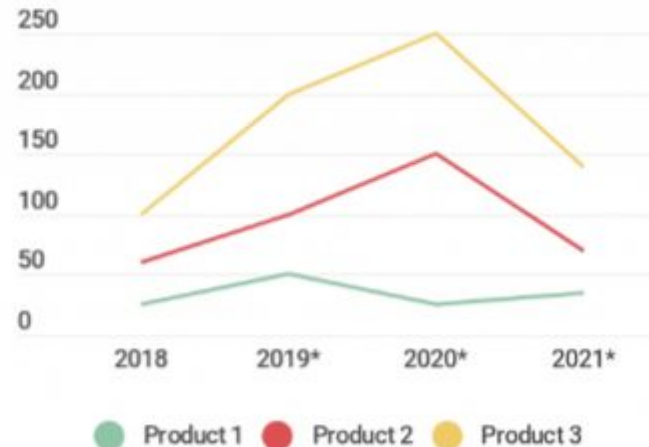


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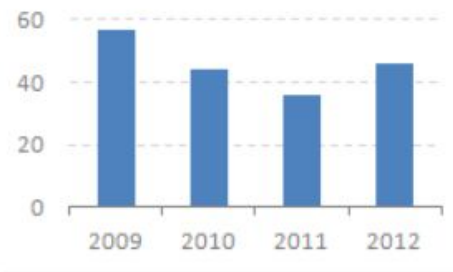
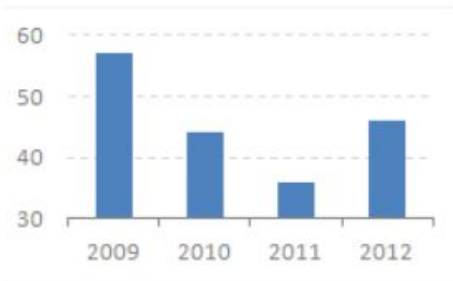
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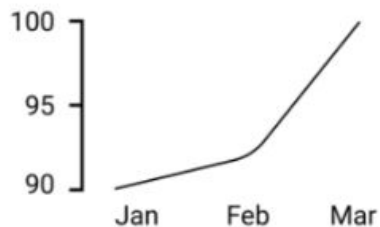
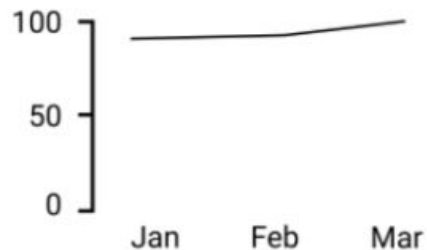
## 7- Start your axis in 0

In bar and column charts

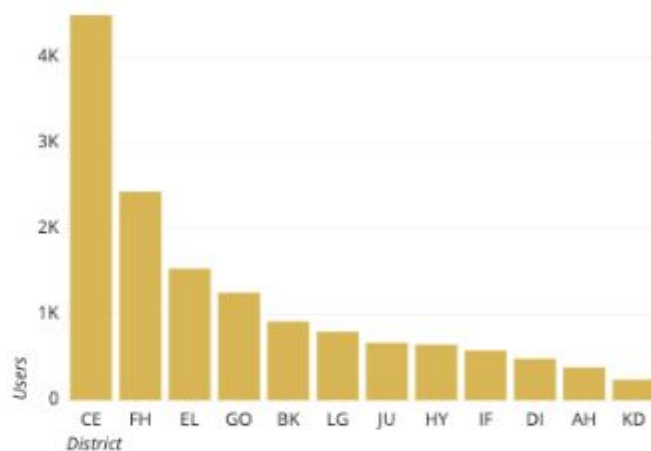
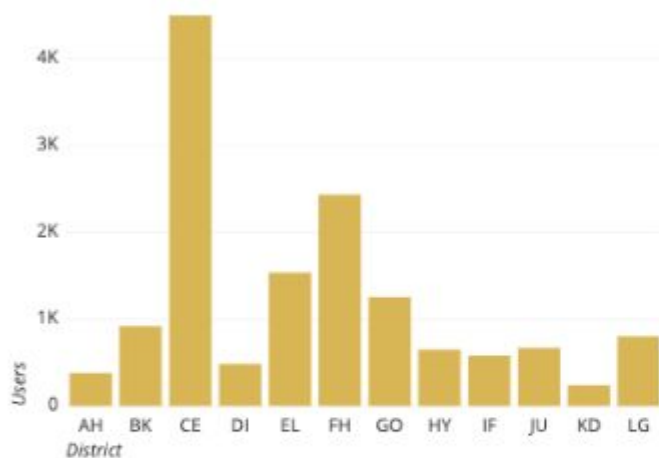


Medium Infogram

But it's okay not to do it on line charts



## 8- Order (when you can)

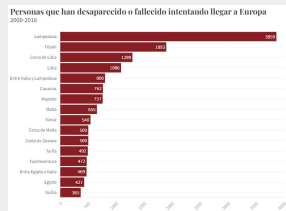


## 8- Try to get the elements aligned

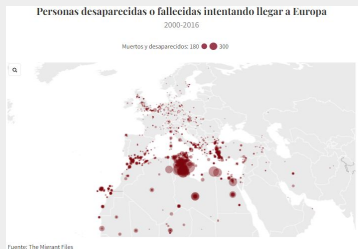
# The Migrants Files



From 2000 to 2016, at least 34,861 people disappeared or lost their lives trying to reach Europe.



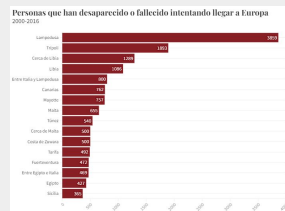
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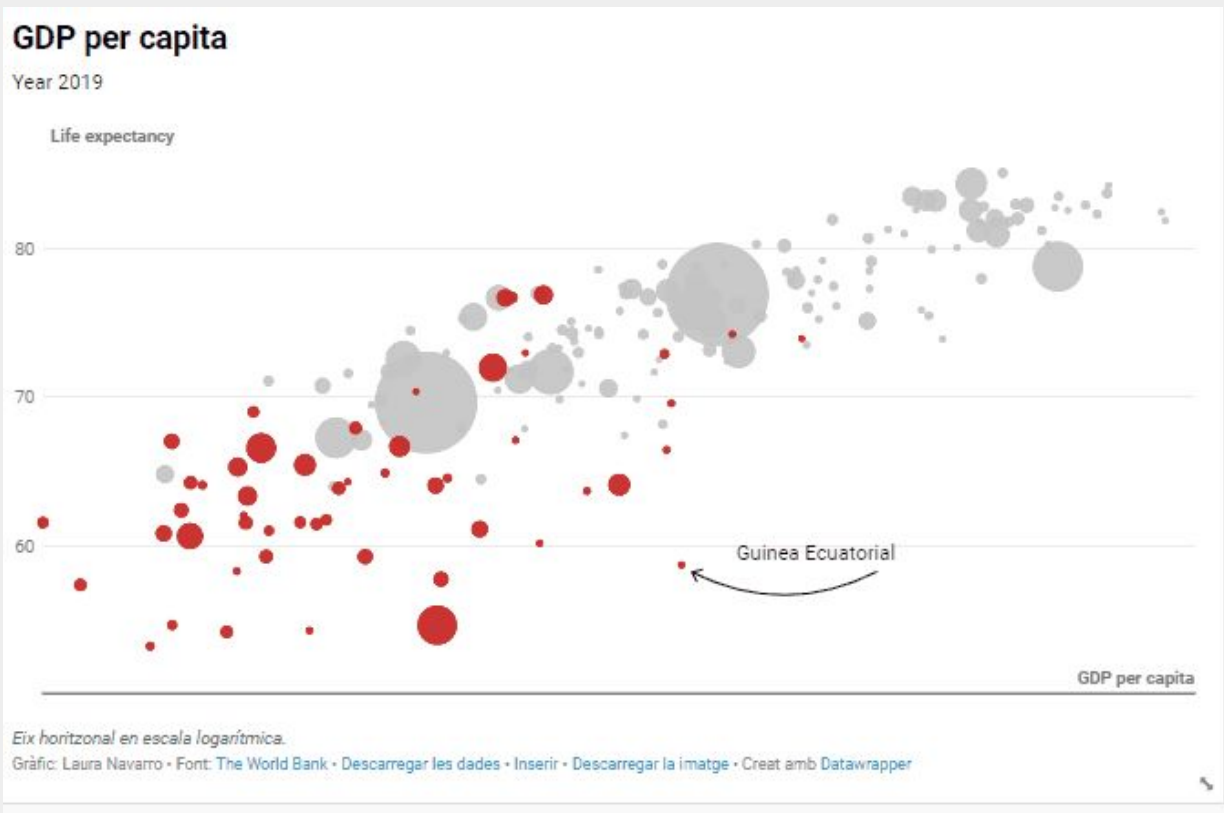


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# 10- Mobile first!



Internet traffic from  
mobile phones

**2022**  
56,4%

**2013**  
16,2%

Source: Statcounter

## BONUS- Make it unforgettable!



**What type of graphic  
shall I use?**

Comparison

Distribution

Relationship

Composition

Maps

# Dataviz project



ALL FAMILY ▾ INPUT ▾ FUNCTION ▾ SHAPE ▾ Q ⓘ

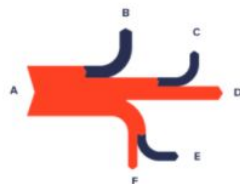
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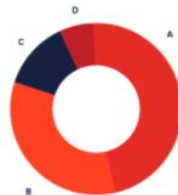
Alluvial Diagram



Sankey Diagram



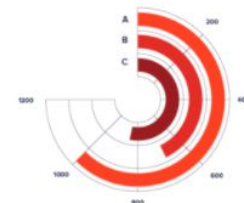
Donut Chart



Line Graph



Radial Bar Chart



Polar Area Chart



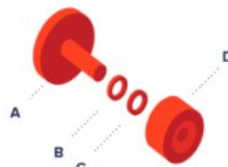
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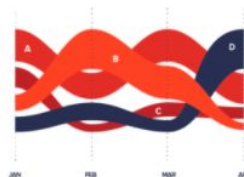
Radial Histogram



Exploded View Drawing



Sorted Stream Graph



Flow Map



Sunburst Diagram



Treemap



Pictorial Stacked Chart



Arc Diagram





## The Data Visualization Catalog

RAWGraphs

Text visualization

### 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



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.

Numeric

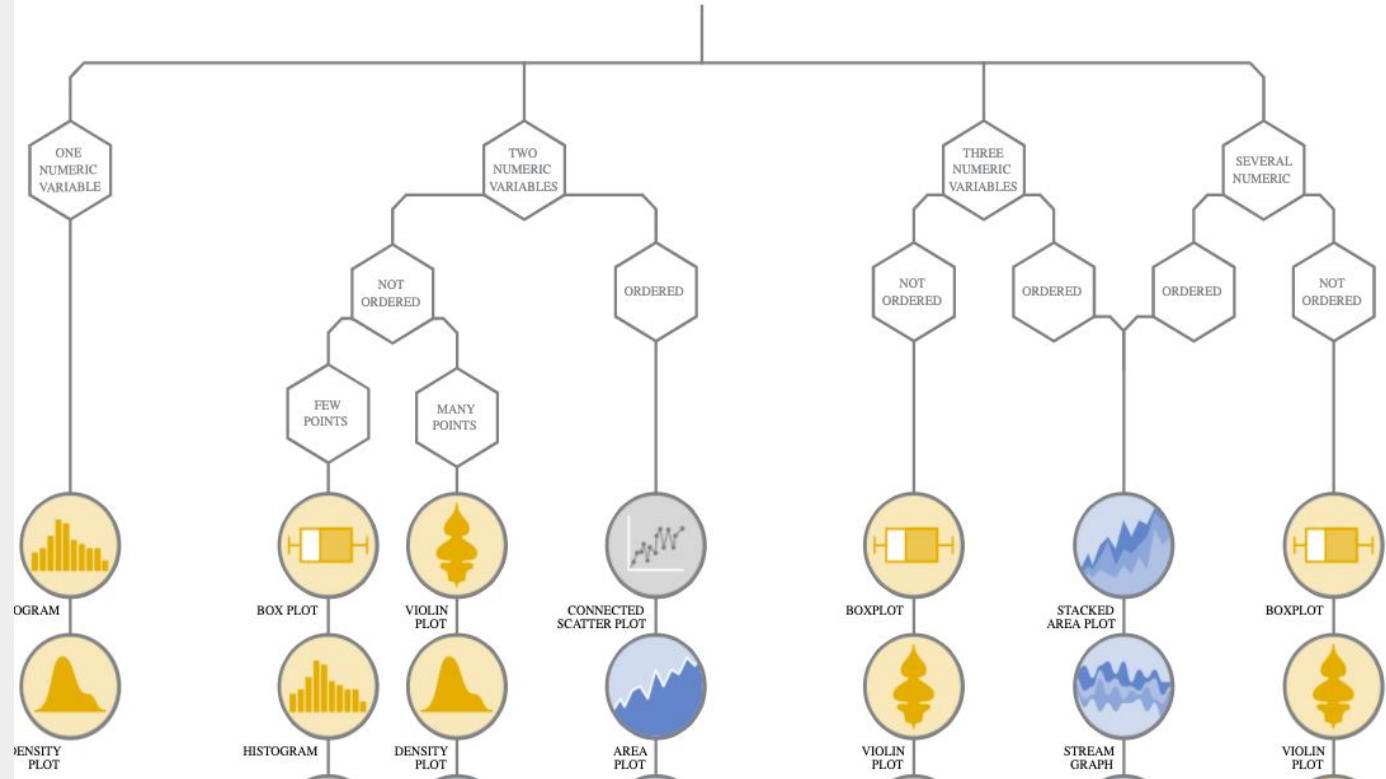
Categoric

Num & Cat

Maps

Network

Time series



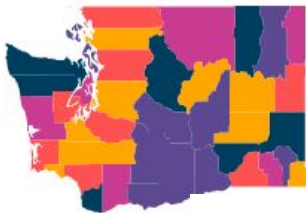
From Data to Viz

# Data Color Picker

## Viz Palette

## Color Brewer

### IN CONTEXT



### HOW TO USE

Use the palette chooser to create a series of colors useful for many data visualizations, like pie charts.

Note: there are two other modes besides palette and [divergent scales](#) as well.

Creating visually equidistant palettes is basic, but **hugely important** for data visualizations. Why? Because it's harder to (a) tell them apart in the key. I'm sure we've all looked at charts where data colors are so similar.

### VIZ PALETTE

By: Elijah Meeks & Susie Lu

#### PICK

Use Chroma.js

Use ColorGorical

Use ColorBrewer

#### EDIT

7 Colors

Add

☒ #hex ☐ rgb

☐ hsl

#### GET

- 1 #ff7700
- 2 #ff14ae
- 3 #fa8775
- 4 #eab994
- 5 #cd34b5
- 6 #9d02d7
- 7 #0000ff

☒ String quotes  
☐ Object with metadata  
["#ff7700",  
"#ff14ae",  
"#fa8775",  
"#eab994",  
"#cd34b5",  
"#9d02d7",  
"#0000ff"]

Number of data classes: 3

Nature of your data:  
☒ sequential ☐ qualitative ☐ quantitative

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COLORBREW 2.0  
color advice for cartography



### COLORS IN ACTION

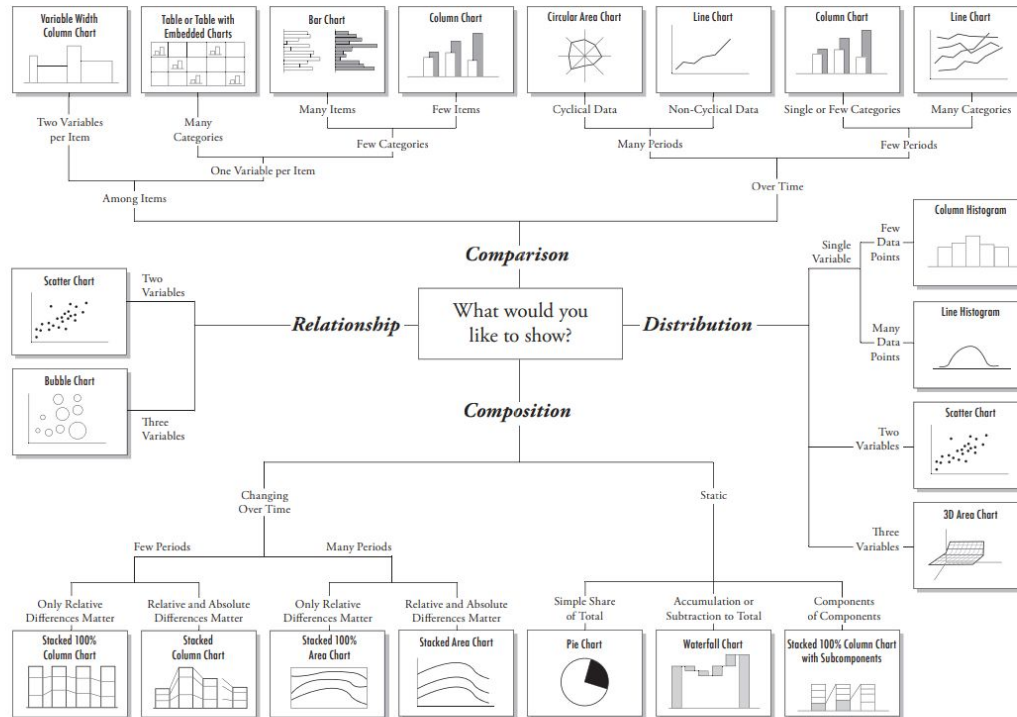
Color Population:

No Color Deficiency - 96%	Deuteranomaly - 2.7%	Protanomaly - 0.66%	Protanopia - 0.59%
Deuteranopia - 0.56%	Greyscale		



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## Chart Suggestions—A Thought-Starter



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## BEFORE CONTINUING, ASK THESE QUESTIONS

- Does the visualization **answer** what I want to convey?
- Is the **purpose** of what is shown clear?
- Can it be **understood** in less than 30 seconds without effort?
- Does it include guides or instructions on how to **interpret** it?

# Turning data into stories

## **What comes first?**

The idea of what you want to communicate and then search  
and find the data

Explore datasets and then get an idea

# What can I do with a raw dataset?

Explore and analyze your data


Interrogate and question the data



# Analyzing my data

The data (hundreds, thousands or even millions of rows) by itself does not tell us anything interesting.

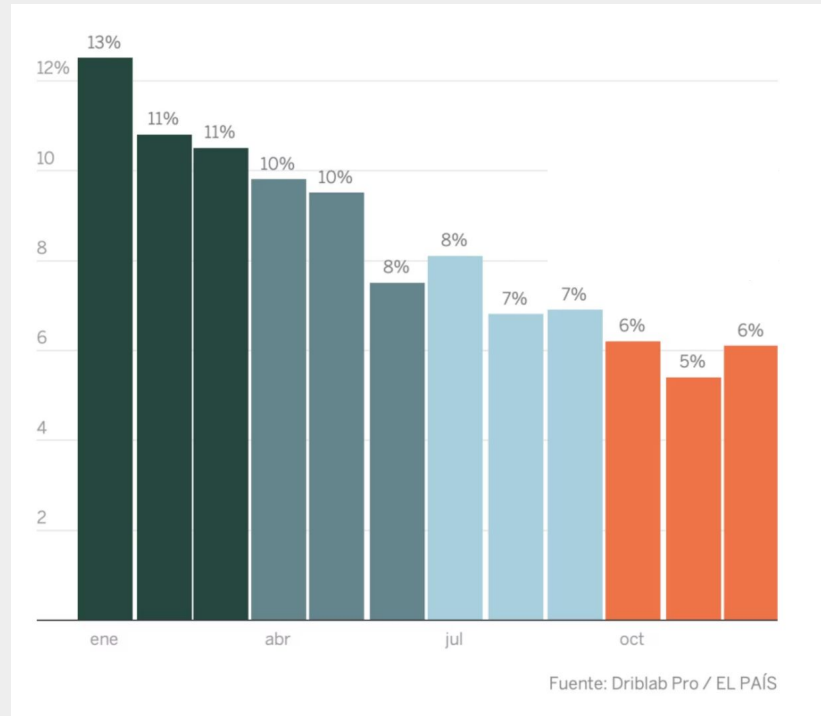
A short **Exploratory Data Analysis** (EDA) of our variables can give us much more information than we think



Mean, median, max, min, standard deviation

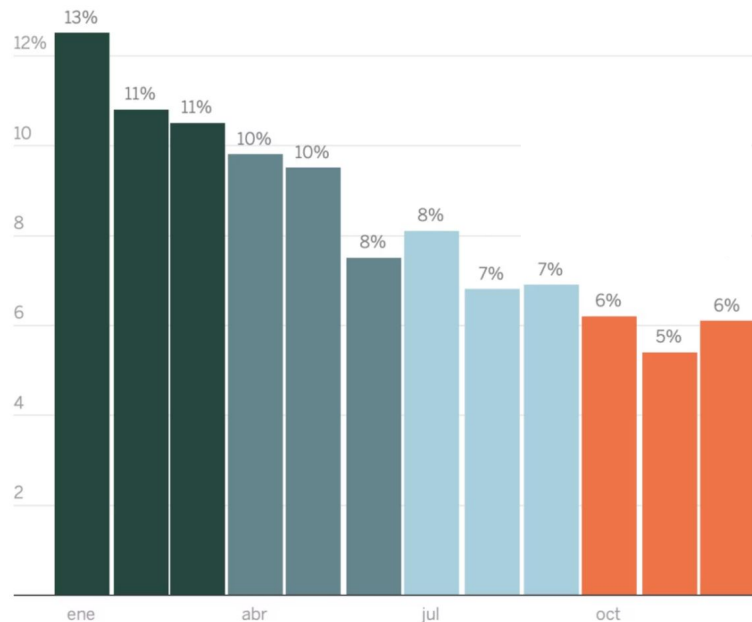
# Questioning and investigating serves to create stories

Birth months of professional footballers



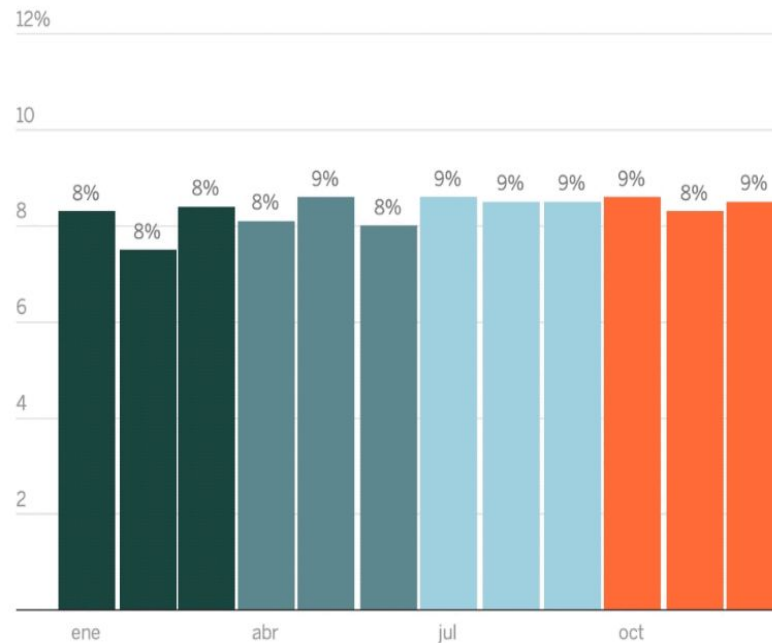
# Questioning and investigating serves to create stories

Birth months of professional footballers



Fuente: Driblab Pro / EL PAÍS

General birth month



# “13% of professional footballers are born in January”

Title based on one data

It has no story behind

We must **go further**:  
this information is only  
the beginning

## **What is the story behind this title?**

“13% of professional footballers are born in January”

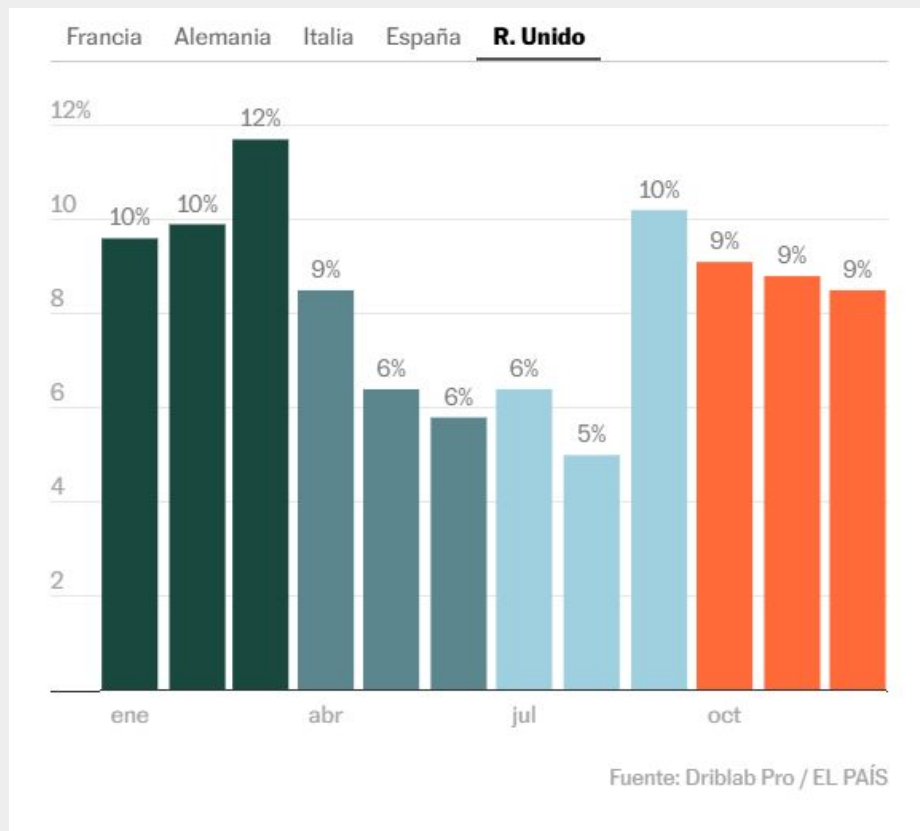
## **“13% of professional footballers are born in January”**

January boys and girls are the oldest  
in their teams

15% older, possibly stronger and  
more skilled

You're more likely to be one of the  
best, you'll start more games, and  
your coaches will pay more attention  
to you

# Data does not always behave the same way



# What do you want people to remember?

“13% of professional footballers are born in January”

The effect that being born in one month or another has on your professional future.



# How to **improve** your data-driven story

Personify the data

Telling the story through real people  
helps the audience remember what  
you want to convey

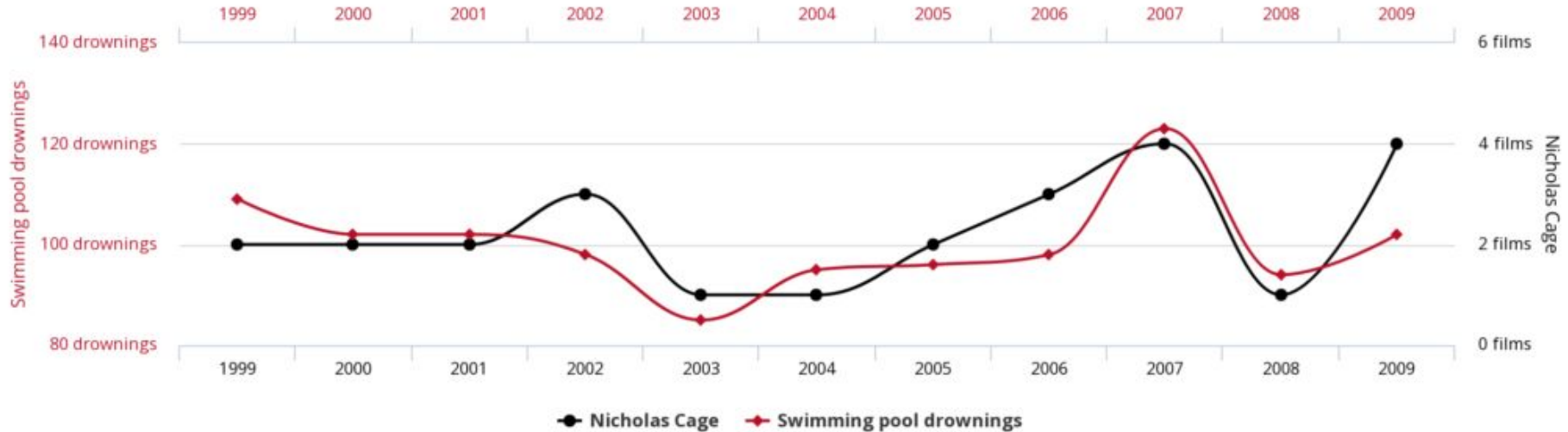
## Rules & Tips

Question things and don't take  
anything for granted

Data is rarely a coincidence

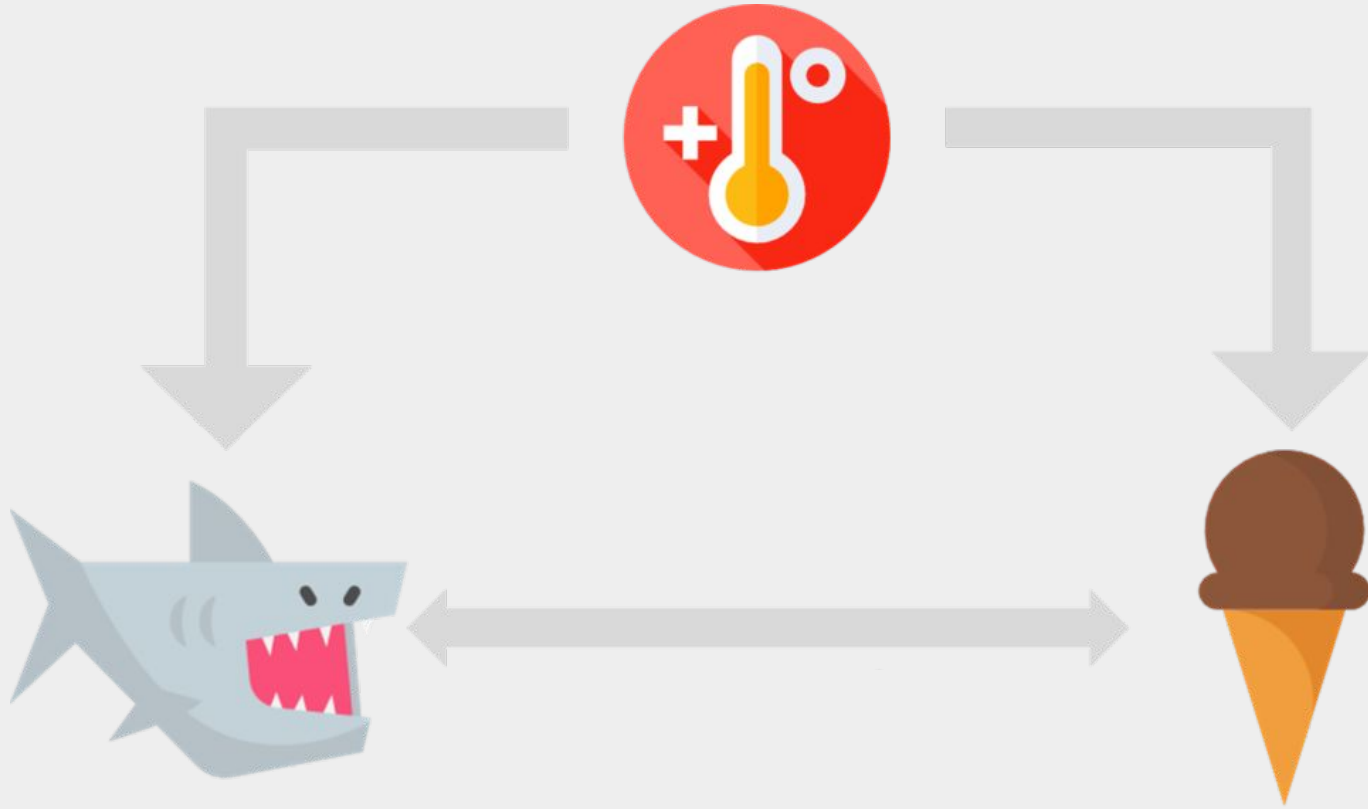
# Correlation **does not imply** causation

Number of people who drowned by falling into a pool  
correlates with  
Films Nicolas Cage appeared in

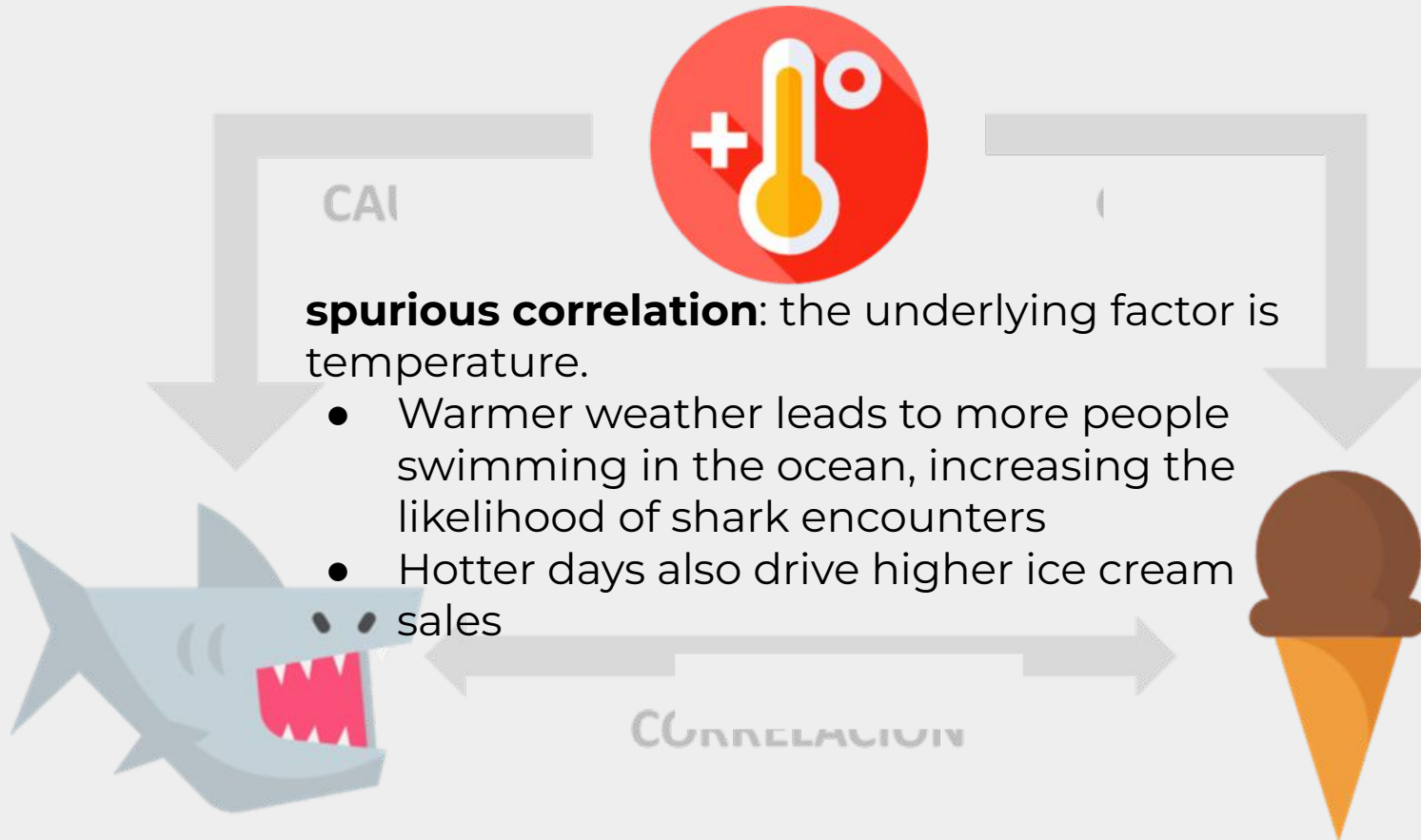


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# Improve the reader's understanding

Translate the numbers into proportions  
that are easier to understand

Use analogies to make large numbers  
easier to understand

# Translate the numbers into **proportions** that are easier to understand

NUEVO INFORME

## Casi 13 millones de personas viven en riesgo de pobreza en España

La Red de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social en el Estado Español ha publicado un nuevo informe que refleja el aumento de la pobreza infantil y la dificultad para llegar a fin de mes de la mitad de la población. Detrás de la cifras están algunos factores como la subida de la cesta de la compra o los alquileres.

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“Almost 13 million people live at risk of poverty in Spain”

## One in every four Spaniards is at risk of poverty

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# Translate the numbers into **proportions** that are easier to understand

32,8% of young people cannot afford to  
buy a house

One-third of young people cannot  
afford to buy a house

Use **analogies** to make large numbers easier  
to understand

It is estimated that there were  
between 55 and 60 million casualties in  
World War II

# Use **analogies** to make large numbers easier to understand

It is estimated that there were  
between 55 and 60 million casualties in  
World War II

It's almost the total population of  
Portugal, the Netherlands, and Poland  
combined

Use **analogies** to make large numbers easier  
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80,000 people have been affected by  
the severe wildfires in the United States

# Use **analogies** to make large numbers easier to understand

80,000 people have been affected by the severe wildfires in the United States

It's as if the Santiago Bernabéu stadium were full of those affected

# Structuring the story

Context → Problem → Data → Insight → Call to Action

# 1- Context

There is a fact that catches our attention



The global problem of plastic pollution



12 million tonnes of plastic is dumped into the ocean every year (Eunomia, 2016)

## 2- Problem

Why is this a problem? / How does the context affect it?



How does it affect marine life?



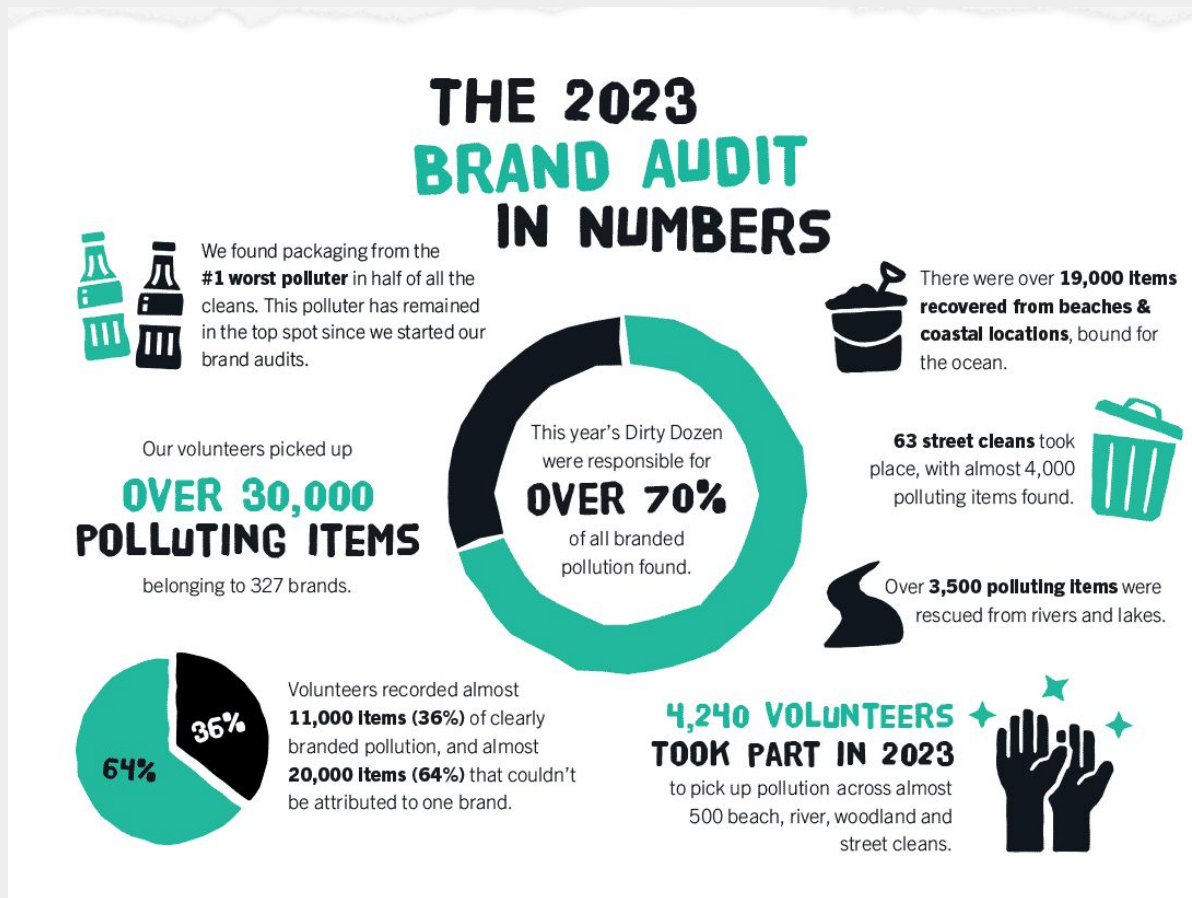
100,000 marine mammals and turtles and 1 million sea birds are killed by marine plastic pollution every year. (UK Government, 2018)



## 3- Data

The data is present throughout the entire narrative, but in this part, it takes on a special prominence

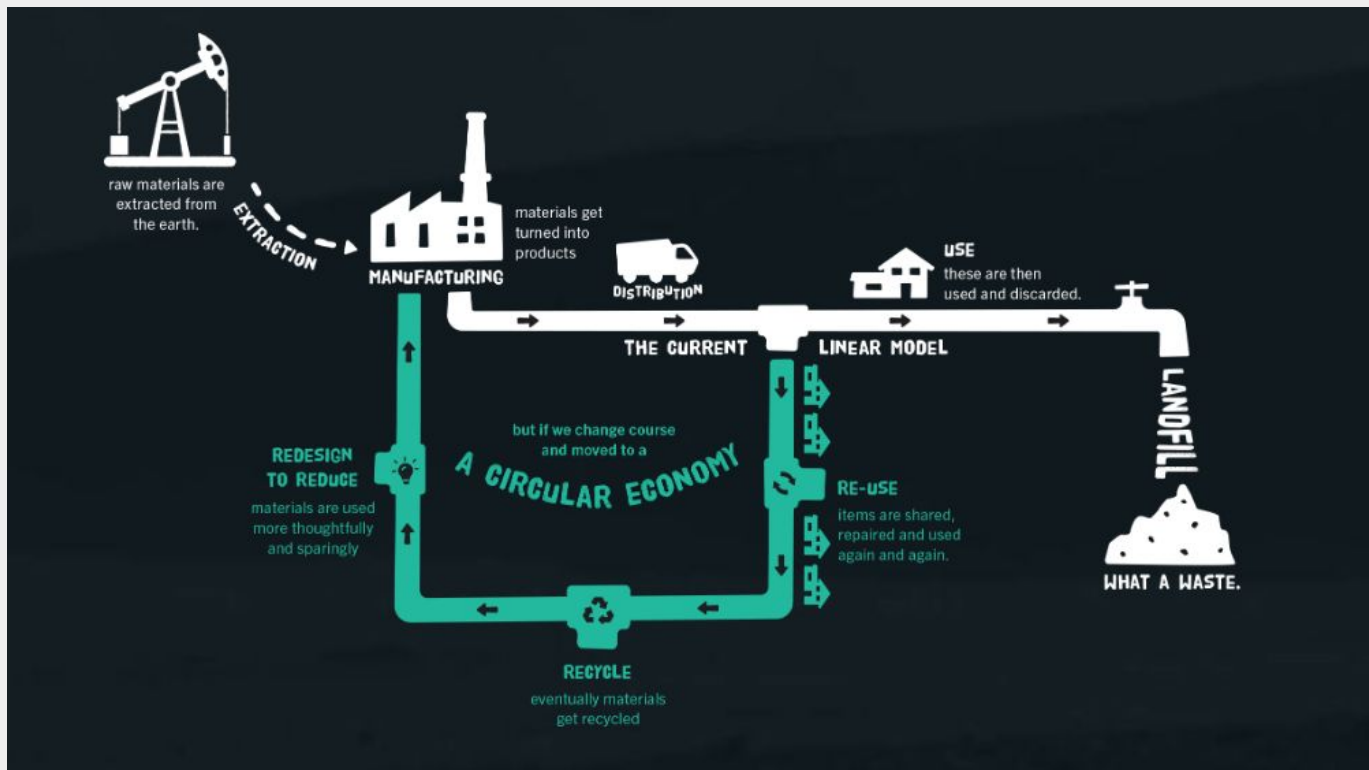
## 3- Data



### 3- Data



### 3- Data



## 4- Insight

Provide context to the data



These levels of pollution have an irreparable effect  
on marine life

## 5- Call to action

What we can do about this problem?



Reducing single-use plastic consumption by 50% could reduce plastic pollution in the oceans by 30% by 2030 (Plastic Pollution Coalition, 2023)

**It is not always possible to tell a story with  
data: success and "failure" cases**

## **Again: what comes first?**

The idea of what you want to communicate and then search  
and find the data

Explore datasets and then get an idea



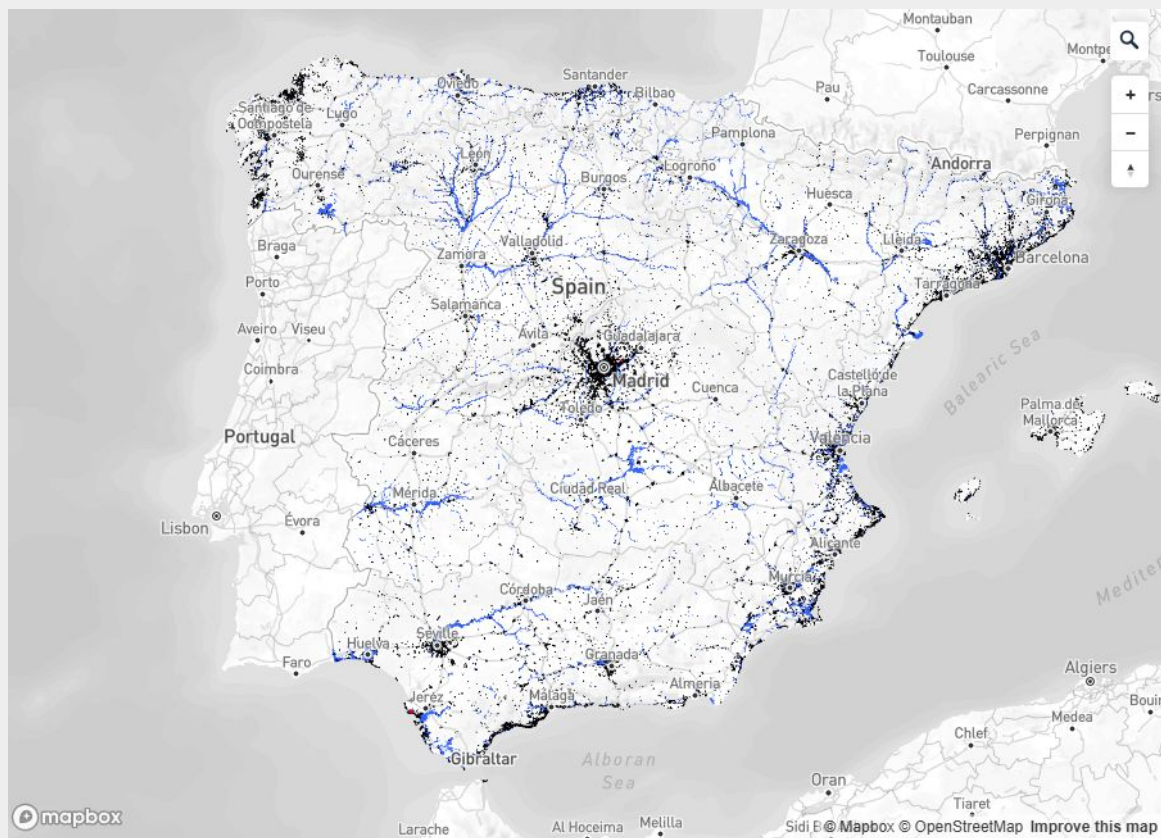






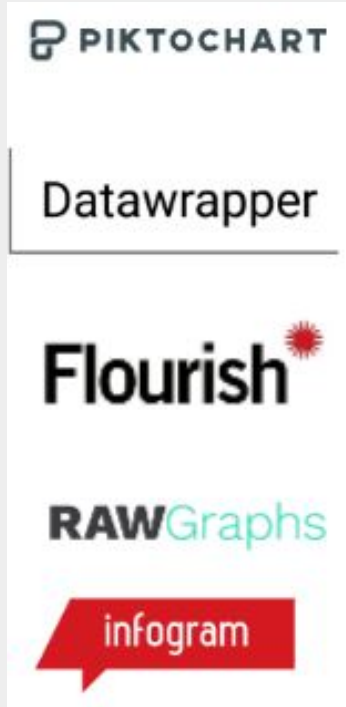


# MAP | Nearly 200,000 Buildings at Risk of Flooding, Street by Street

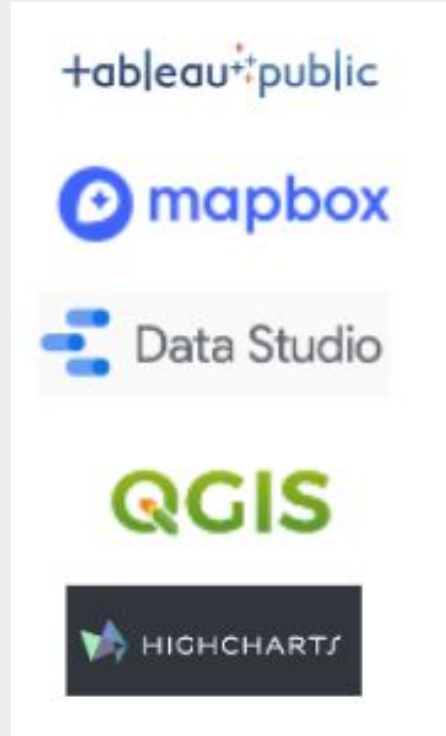


**Software:** What tool are  
we going to use?

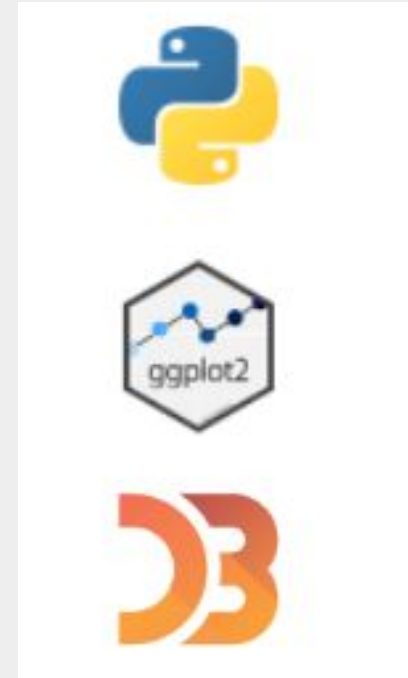
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free & easy



No coding & free &  
not so easy



Coding & free &  
difficult



# Exercise 1

## What Can Neighboring Countries Learn from Austria's Clean Air?

1. Data exploration. In groups, check the data and decide:
  - What specific data will we focus on?
  - What story do we want to tell?
  - What visuals best tell this story?
2. Data Source: Our World in Data:  
<https://ourworldindata.org/cleanest-air-lessons>
3. Visualization Tool: Datawrapper ([www.datawrapper.de](http://www.datawrapper.de))

# Exercise 1

- **What specific data will we focus on?**  
Per capita sulphur dioxide emissions
- **What story do we want to tell?**  
In the last 40 years, all Central European countries have reduced their sulphur dioxide emissions, with Austria leading the way, but none more so than Italy. Why?
- **What visuals best tell this story?**  
First: how countries have their dropped their emissions



## Per capita sulphur dioxide emissions

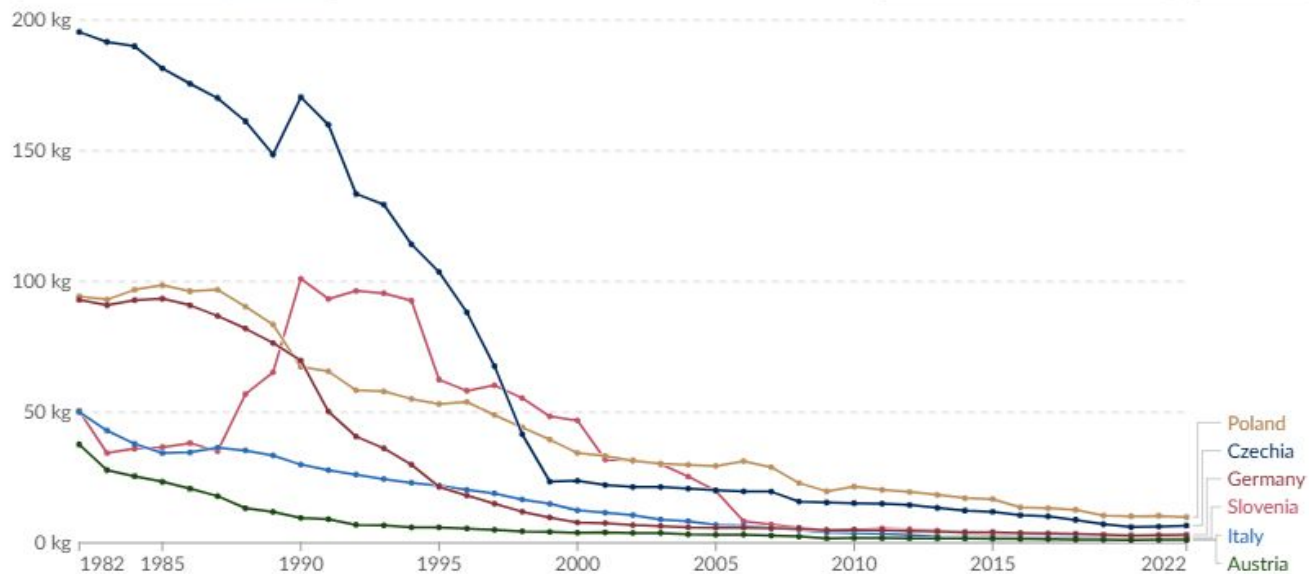
Sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) is an air pollutant formed from the burning of fuels that contain sulphur, such as coal. SO<sub>2</sub> is one of the main chemicals that forms acid rain.

Our World  
in Data

Table Map Chart

Edit countries and regions

Settings



Data source: Community Emissions Data System (CEDs) 2024. - [Learn more about this data](#)

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per-capita

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Obtener datos ▾

- De texto/CSV
- De la web
- De una tabla o rango

Fuentes recientes

- Conexiones existentes

Actualizar todo ▾

Consultas y conexiones

- Propiedades
- Vínculos de libro

Consultas & conexiones

Obtener y transformar datos

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Obtener y transformar datos Consultas & conexiones Ordenar y filtrar

A1 Entity,Year,Sulphur dioxide emissions per person

Asistente para convertir texto en columnas - paso 1 de 3

El asistente estima que sus datos son Delimitados.

Si esto es correcto, elija Siguiente, o bien elija el tipo de datos que mejor los describa.

Tipo de los datos originales

Elija el tipo de archivo que describa los datos con mayor precisión:

☒ Delimitados - Caracteres como comas o tabulaciones separan campos.

☐ De ancho fijo - Los campos están alineados en columnas con espacios entre uno y otro.

Vista previa de los datos seleccionados:

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1 Entity,Year,Sulphur dioxide emissions per person
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3 Austria,1983,27.786324
4 Austria,1984,25.512691
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6 Austria,1986,20.762287
7 Austria,1987,17.858395

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Obtener datos de texto/CSV de la web de una tabla o rango

Fuentes recientes Conexiones existentes

Actualizar todo Consultas y conexiones Propiedades Vínculos de libro

Ordenar Filtro Ordenar y filtrar

Borrar Volver a aplicar Avanzadas

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Herramientas de datos

Previsión

Esquema

A1

Entity,Year,Sulphur dioxide emissions per person

Asistente para convertir texto en columnas - paso 2 de 3

Esta pantalla le permite establecer los separadores contenidos en los datos. Se puede ver cómo cambia el texto en la vista previa.

Separadores

☒ Tabulación

☐ Punto y coma

☒ Coma

☐ Espacio

☐ Qtro:

☐ Considerar separadores consecutivos como uno solo

Calificador de texto:

Vista previa de los datos

Entity	Year	Sulphur dioxide emissions per person
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Entity,Year,Sulphur dioxide emissions per person

Asistente para convertir texto en columnas - paso 3 de 3

Esta pantalla permite seleccionar cada columna y establecer el formato de los datos.

Formato de los datos en columnas

☐ General

☒ Texto

☐ Fecha: DMA

☐ No importar columna (saltar)

'General' convierte los valores numéricos en números, los valores de fechas en fechas y todos los demás valores en texto.

Avanzadas...

Destino: \$A\$1

Vista previa de los datos

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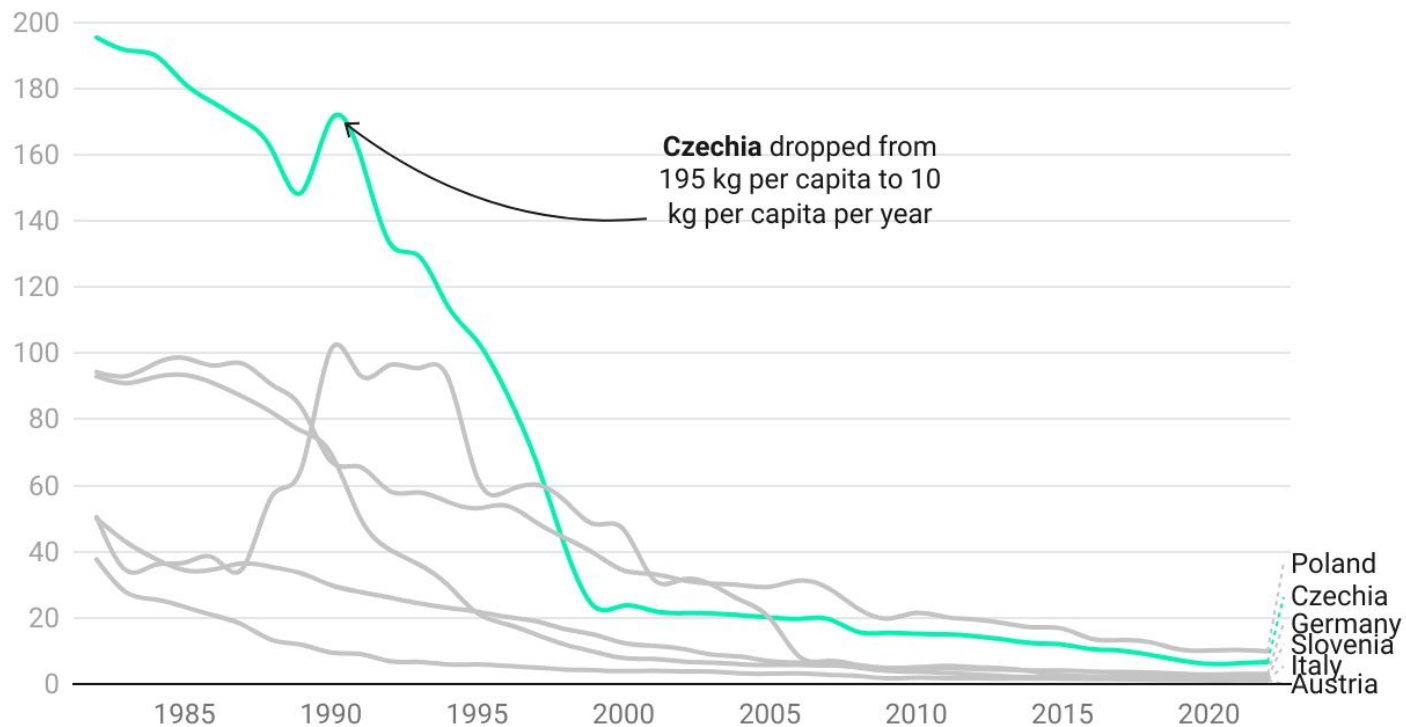
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1983	27,786324	191,58388	90,9371	42,96404	93,05011	34,402843	
1984	25,512691	189,95424	92,80326	37,877857	96,84289	36,041515	
1985	23,347214	181,50154	93,426735	34,40016	98,536255	36,654068	
1986	20,762287	175,59525	90,860565	34,640347	96,271164	38,168217	
1987	17,858395	170,12027	86,78541	36,446877	96,81427	35,073254	
1988	13,279301	161,27077	82,01866	35,366257	90,35667	56,881092	
1989	11,878865	148,5515	76,455536	33,432896	83,55885	65,27046	
1990	9,5369425	170,44785	69,75766	29,92818	67,338486	100,98106	
1991	9,093713	159,95667	50,271225	27,833607	65,65598	93,323845	
1992	6,915372	133,49191	40,70468	26,150959	58,40356	96,37974	
1993	6,685851	129,3859	36,175755	24,40642	57,908905	95,49495	



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## Per capita sulphur dioxide emissions



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# Per capita sulphur dioxide emissions

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**Czechia**

**Germany**

**Italy**

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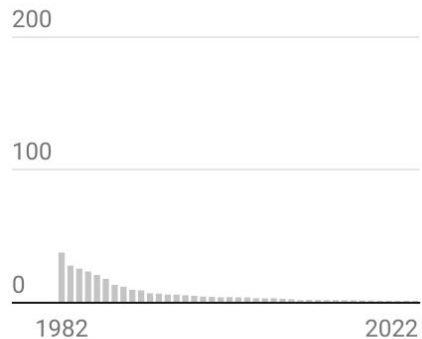
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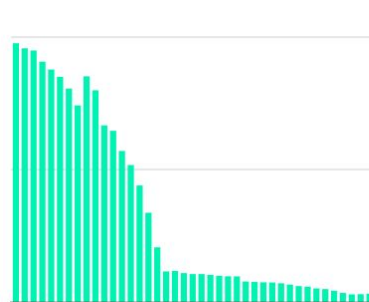
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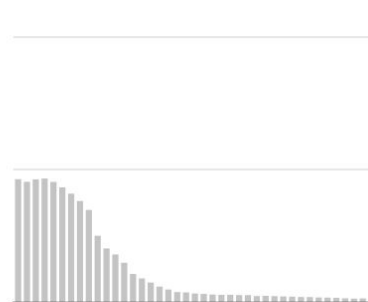
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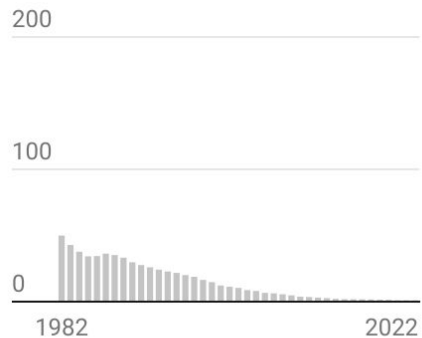
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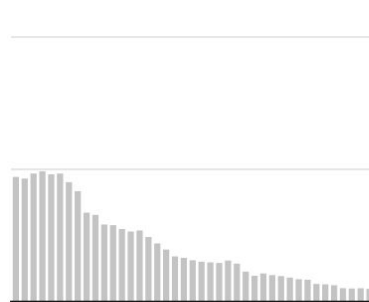
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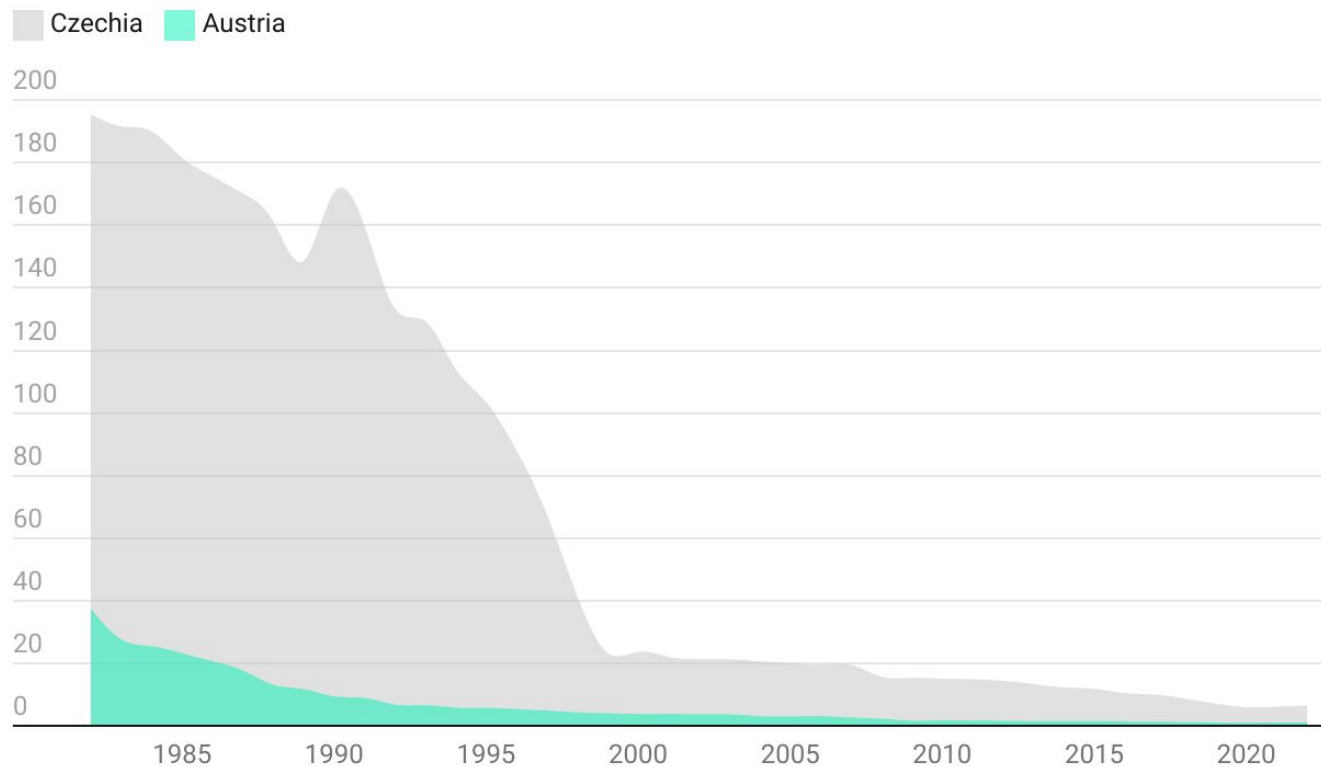


**Slovenia**



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## Per capita sulphur dioxide emissions



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What data do you  
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Any story to share?

Any graphic you'd like  
to improve?

## Exercise 2

Spain and Portugal share forest fires every summer along their border. Their teams must coordinate, and Interreg has launched a new project to address this need. To explain why it's necessary, we will show the number of fires that take place in this region.

- What specific data will we focus on?
- What story do we want to tell?
- What visuals best tell this story?

Data: <https://forest-fire.emergency.copernicus.eu/apps/effis.statistics/estimates>



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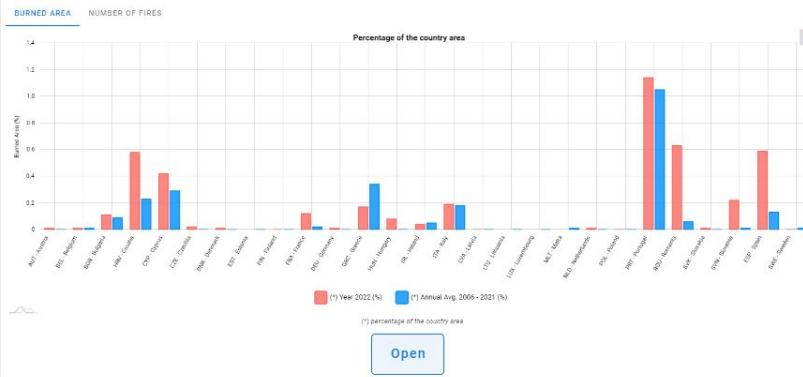
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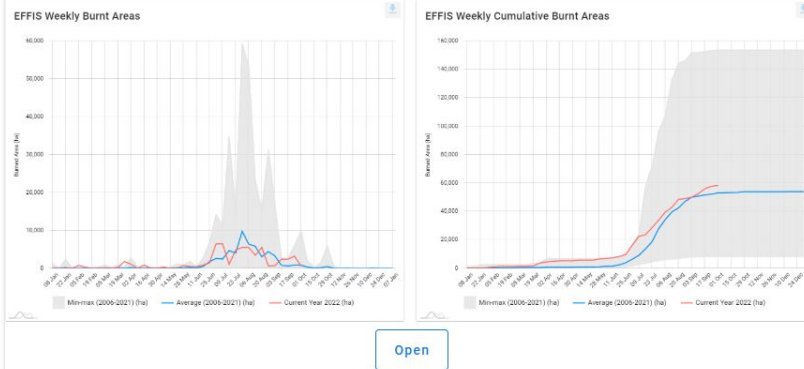
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EFFIS Estimates  
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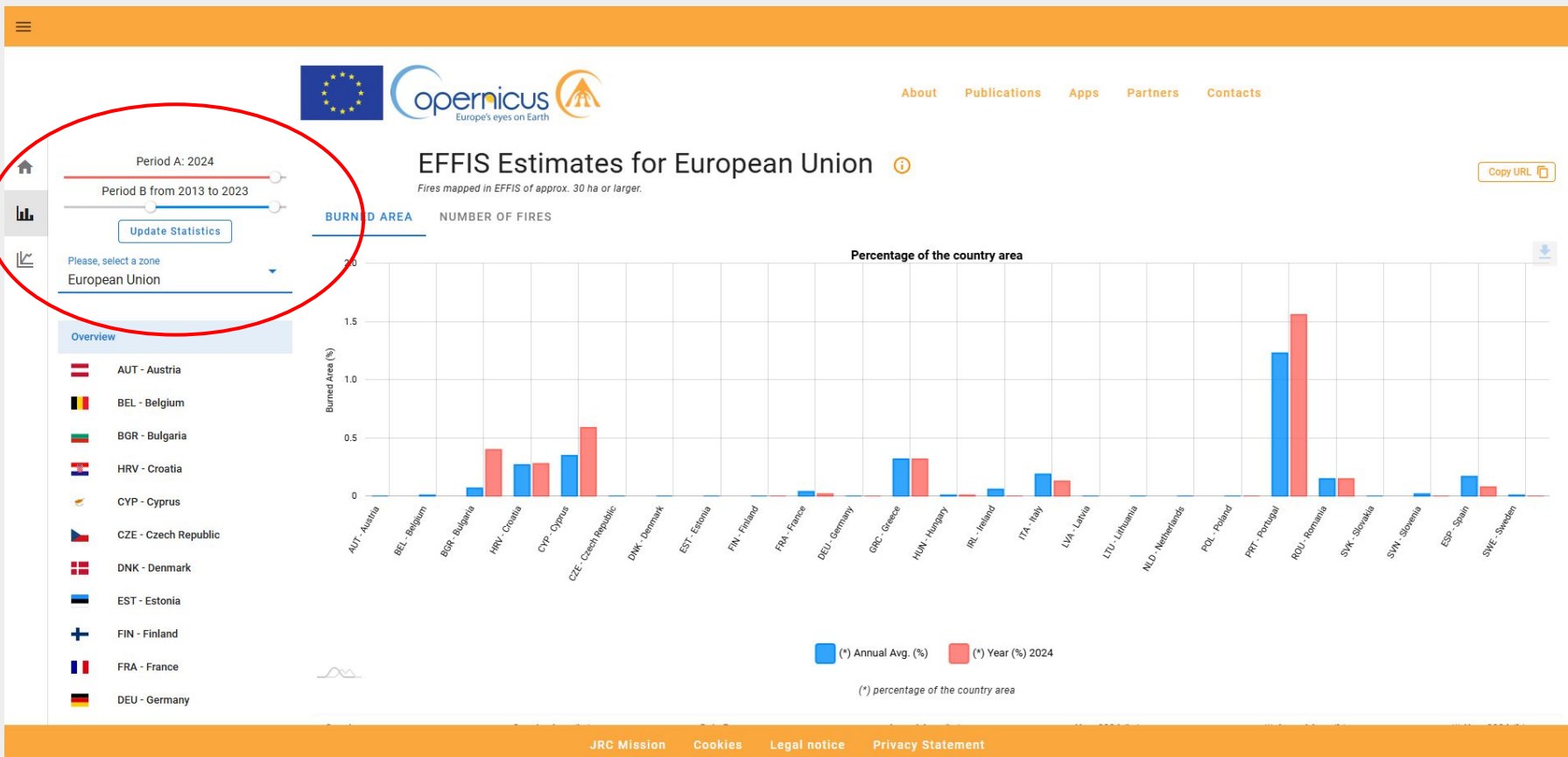


Seasonal Trend

of Burned Areas, Emissions, Number of Fires and Thermal Anomalies









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1	ISO3	Country	Country area (ha)	Date Range	Annual Avg.	Year 2024			
2	AUT	Austria	8385823	[2013 - 2023]	1.18				
3	BEL	Belgium	3070746	[2013 - 2023]	1.64				
4	BGR	Bulgaria	11158767	[2013 - 2023]	35.18	133			
5	HRV	Croatia	5707857	[2013 - 2023]	49.09	24			
6	CYP	Cyprus	571965	[2013 - 2023]	7.18	13			
7	CZE	Czech Republic	7883578	[2013 - 2023]	0.18				
8	DNK	Denmark	4314484	[2013 - 2023]	1.73				
9	EST	Estonia	4548988	[2013 - 2023]	0.91				
10	FIN	Finland	33694010	[2013 - 2023]	2.36	3			
11	FRA	France	54951621	[2013 - 2023]	122.64	156			
12	DEU	Germany	35783935	[2013 - 2023]	09.09	9			
13	GRC	Greece	13257480	[2013 - 2023]	52.73	86			
14	HUN	Hungary	9305287	[2013 - 2023]	6.27	4			
15	IRL	Ireland	7036676	[2013 - 2023]	18.82	3			
16	ITA	Italy	30075506	[2013 - 2023]	341.73	383			
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18	LTU	Lithuania	6501683	[2013 - 2023]	0.73				
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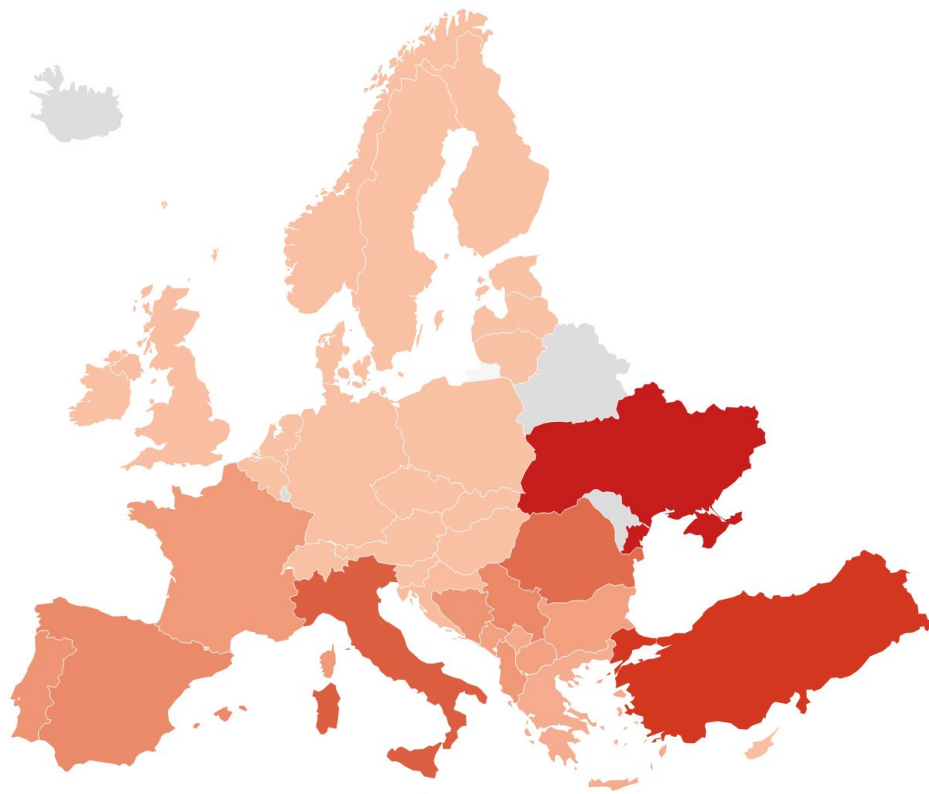


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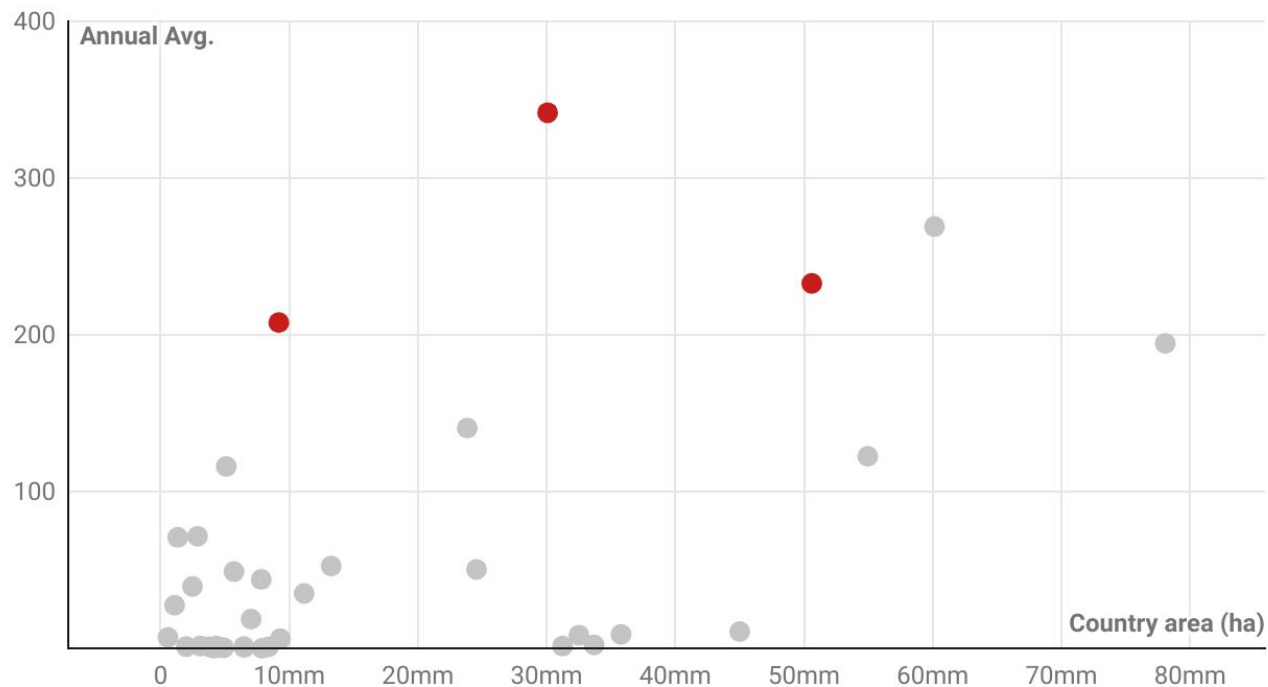
## Number of wildfires in 2024



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# Relationship between number of fires per country and its hectares

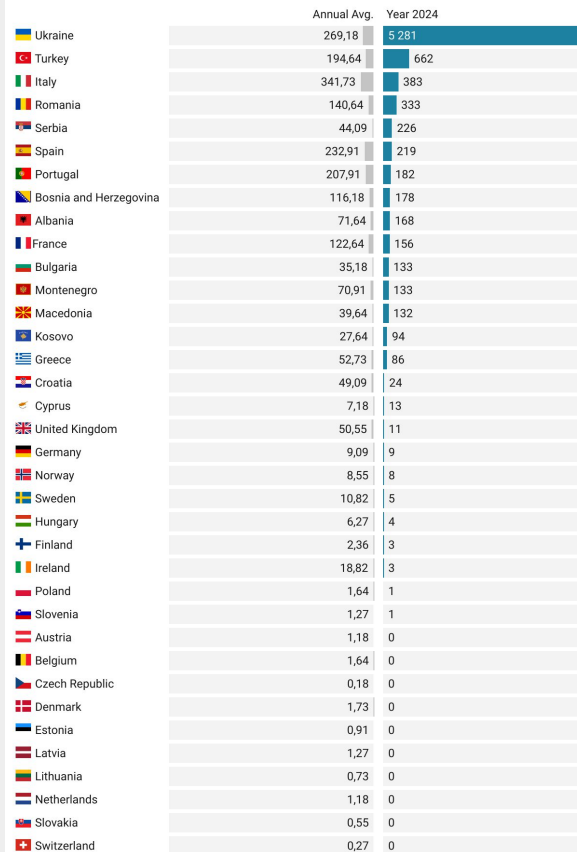
Data relating to the years 2013-2023



Fuente: European Forest Fire Information System • Creado con Datawrapper

## Fires recorded in 2024 compared to the annual average of the last decade

Data for the last decade includes data between 2013 and 2023



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import geopandas as gpd
from google.colab import files
import os
import zipfile

# Fuente de los datos: https://forest-fire.emergency.copernicus.eu/applications/data-and-services

# Cargar el ZIP.
uploaded = files.upload()

# Extraer el ZIP en una carpeta y cargarlo en una variable.
for filename in uploaded.keys():
    if filename.endswith(".zip"):
        with zipfile.ZipFile(filename, "r") as zip_ref:
            zip_ref.extractall("/content/shp")

shp_folder = "/content/shp/"
shp_files = [f for f in os.listdir(shp_folder) if f.endswith(".shp")]

if shp_files:
    shp_path = os.path.join(shp_folder, shp_files[0])
    print(f"Archivo .shp encontrado: {shp_path}")

data = gpd.read_file(shp_path)

[ ] # Ver los primeros registros del archivo.
print(data.head())

[ ] # Vemos los países que hay en la base de datos para elegir cuáles queremos filtrar.
países = data["COUNTRY"].unique()
print(países)

[ ] # Filtramos los países por su nomenclatura en la columna COUNTRY.
países_filtrados = ["PT", "ES"] ## Portugal y España.

gdf_filtrado = data[data["COUNTRY"].isin(países_filtrados)]

# Ponemos un formato de coordenadas que sirva para hacer los mapas.
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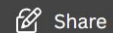






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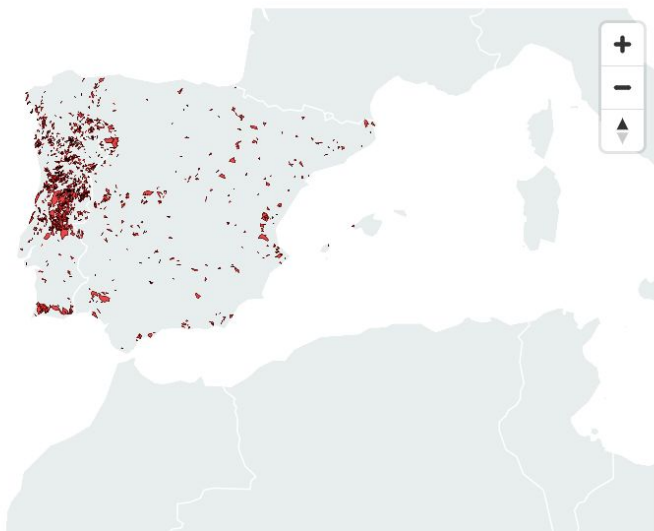
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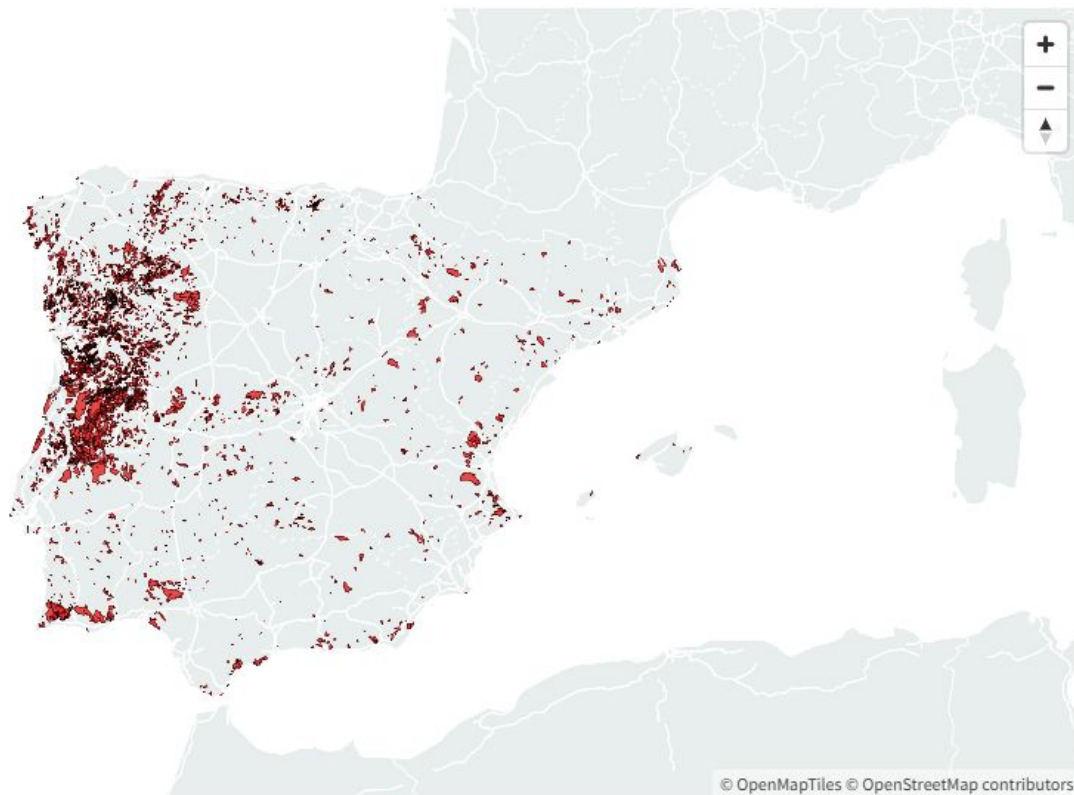
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