ggplot2 ecosystem & designing visualizations

Lecture 10

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The wider ggplot2 ecosystem

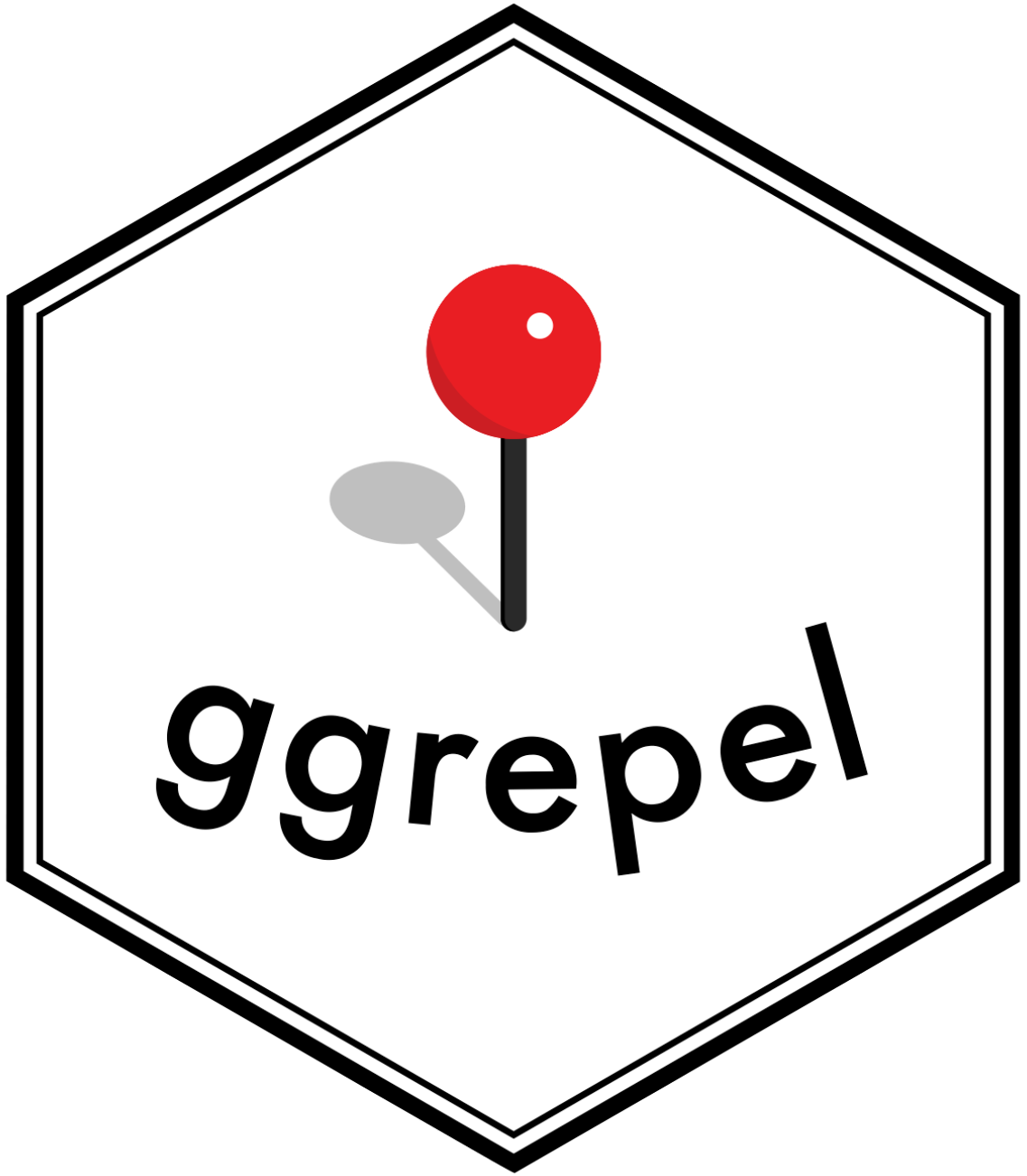
ggthemes

ggplot2 themes

```
g = ggplot( palmerpenguins::penguins, aes(x=species, y=body_mass_g, fill=species))
    geom_boxplot()
```

ggthemes

And for those who miss Excel


ggrepel

```r
d = tibble(
  car = rownames(mtcars),
  weight = mtcars$wt,
  mpg = mtcars$mpg
) |>
  filter(weight > 2.75, weight < 3.45)
```

```r
ggplot(d, aes(x=weight, y=mpg)) +
  geom_point(color="red") +
  ggrepel::geom_text_repel(
    aes(label = car),
    nudge_x = .1, box.padding = 1, point.padding = 0.6,
    arrow = arrow(length = unit(0.02, "npc")), segment.alpha = 0.25
  )
```


PATCH
WORK

ggplot objects

```
library(patchwork)

p1 = ggplot(palmerpenguins::penguins) +
  geom_boxplot(aes(x = island, y = body_mass_g))

p2 = ggplot(palmerpenguins::penguins) +
  geom_boxplot(aes(x = species, y = body_mass_g))

p3 = ggplot(palmerpenguins::penguins) +
  geom_point(aes(x = flipper_length_mm, y = body_mass_g, colo

p4 = ggplot(palmerpenguins::penguins) +
  geom_point(aes(x = bill_length_mm, y = body_mass_g, color =
```

```
p1 + p2 + p3 + p4
```

```r
p1 + p2 + p3 + p4 + plot_layout(nrow=1)
```

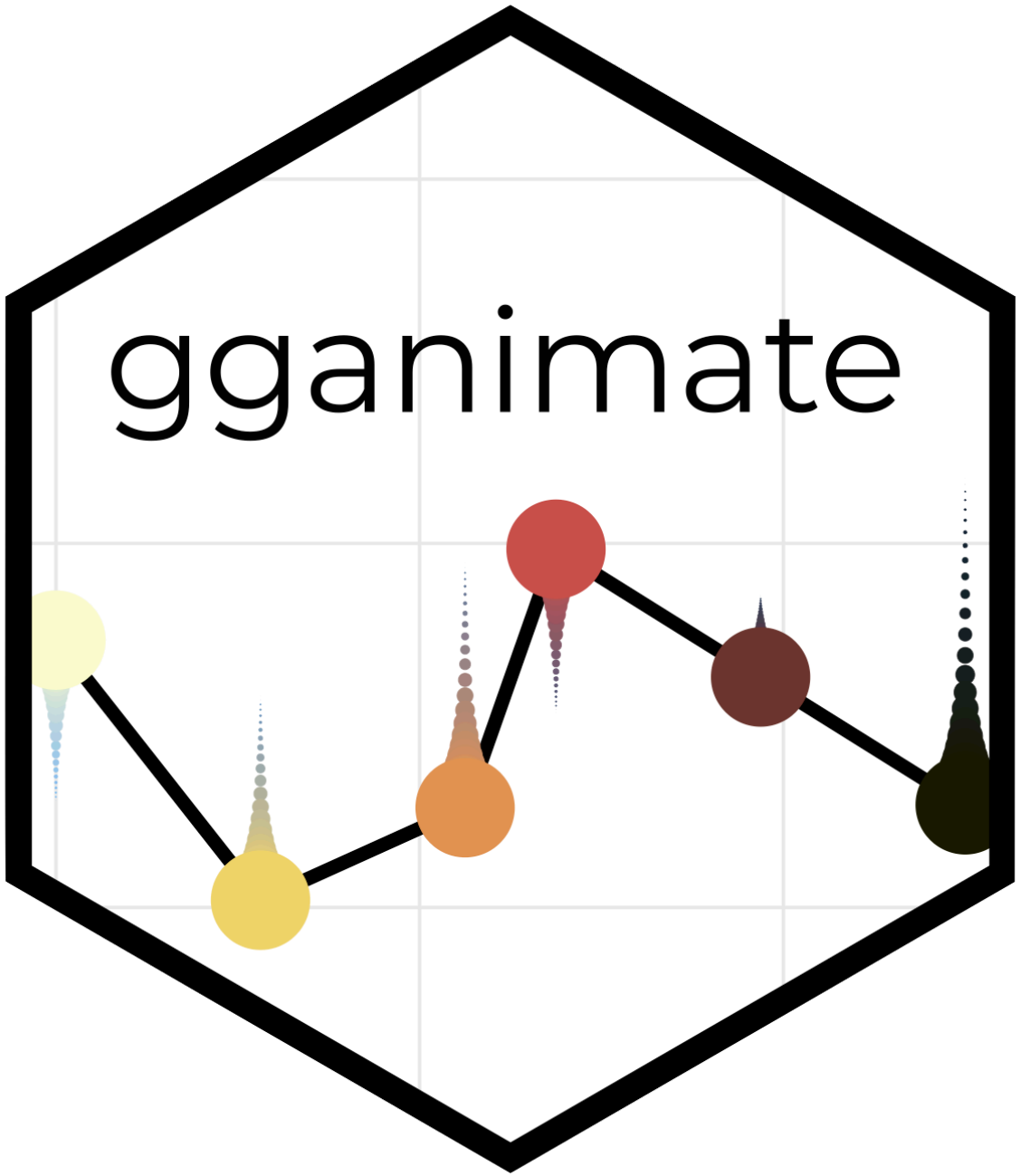
```
p1 / (p2 + p3 + p4)
```

```r
p1 + p2 + p3 + p4 +
  plot_annotation(title = "Palmer Penguins", tag_levels = c("A"))
```

```r
p1 + {
  p2 + {
    p3 + p4 + plot_layout(ncol = 1) + plot_layout(tag_level = 'new')
  }
} +
  plot_layout(ncol = 1) +
  plot_annotation(tag_levels = c("1","a"), tag_prefix = "Fig ")
```

GGally

```r
GGally::ggpairs(palmerpenguins::penguins)
```


gganimate

More extensions

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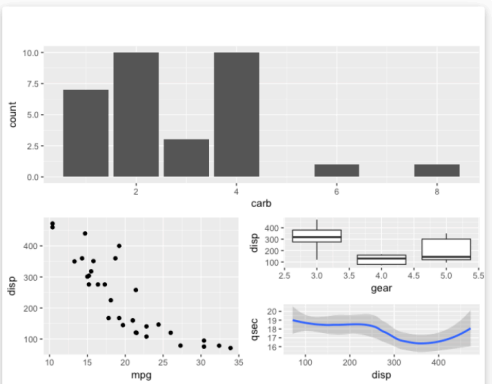
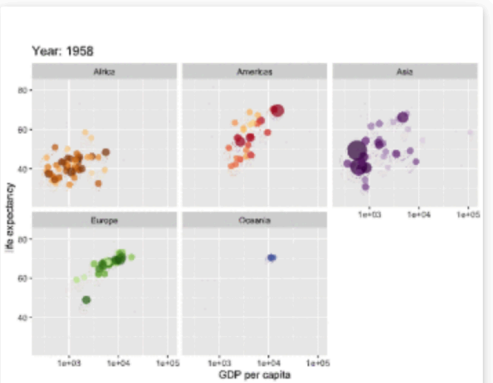


patchwork Star 1932

Easy composition of ggplot plots using arithmetic operators

- author: thomasp85
- tags: visualization, composition
- js libraries:



gganimate Star 1709

A Grammar of Animated Graphics.

- author: thomasp85
- tags: visualization, general
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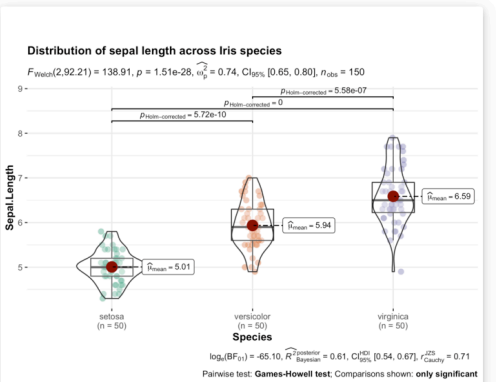

ggstatsplot Star 1283

'ggstatsplot' provides a collection of functions to enhance 'ggplot2' plots with results from statistical tests.

- author: IndrajeetPatil
- tags: visualization, statistics
- js libraries:

Why do we visualize?

Asncombe's Quartet

```
1 datasets::anscombe |> as_tibble()
```

Tidy anscombe

```
(tidy_anscombe = datasets::anscombe |>
  pivot_longer(everything(), names_sep = 1, names_to = c("var", "gro
  pivot_wider(id_cols = group, names_from = var,
              values_from = value, values_fn = list(value = list))
  unnest(cols = c(x,y)))
```

```r
tidy_anscombe |>
  group_by(group) |>
  summarize(
    mean_x = mean(x), mean_y = mean(y),
    sd_x = sd(x), sd_y = sd(y),
    cor = cor(x,y), .groups = "drop"
  )
```

```r
ggplot(tidy_anscombe, aes(x = x, y = y, color = as.factor(gr
  geom_point(size=2) +
  facet_wrap(~group) +
  geom_smooth(method="lm", se=FALSE, fullrange=TRUE, formula
  guides(color="none")
```

DatasauRus

```
ggplot(datasauRus::datasaurus_dozen, aes(x = x, y = y)
) +
  geom_point() +
  facet_wrap(~dataset, ncol=5)
```


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Simpson's Paradox

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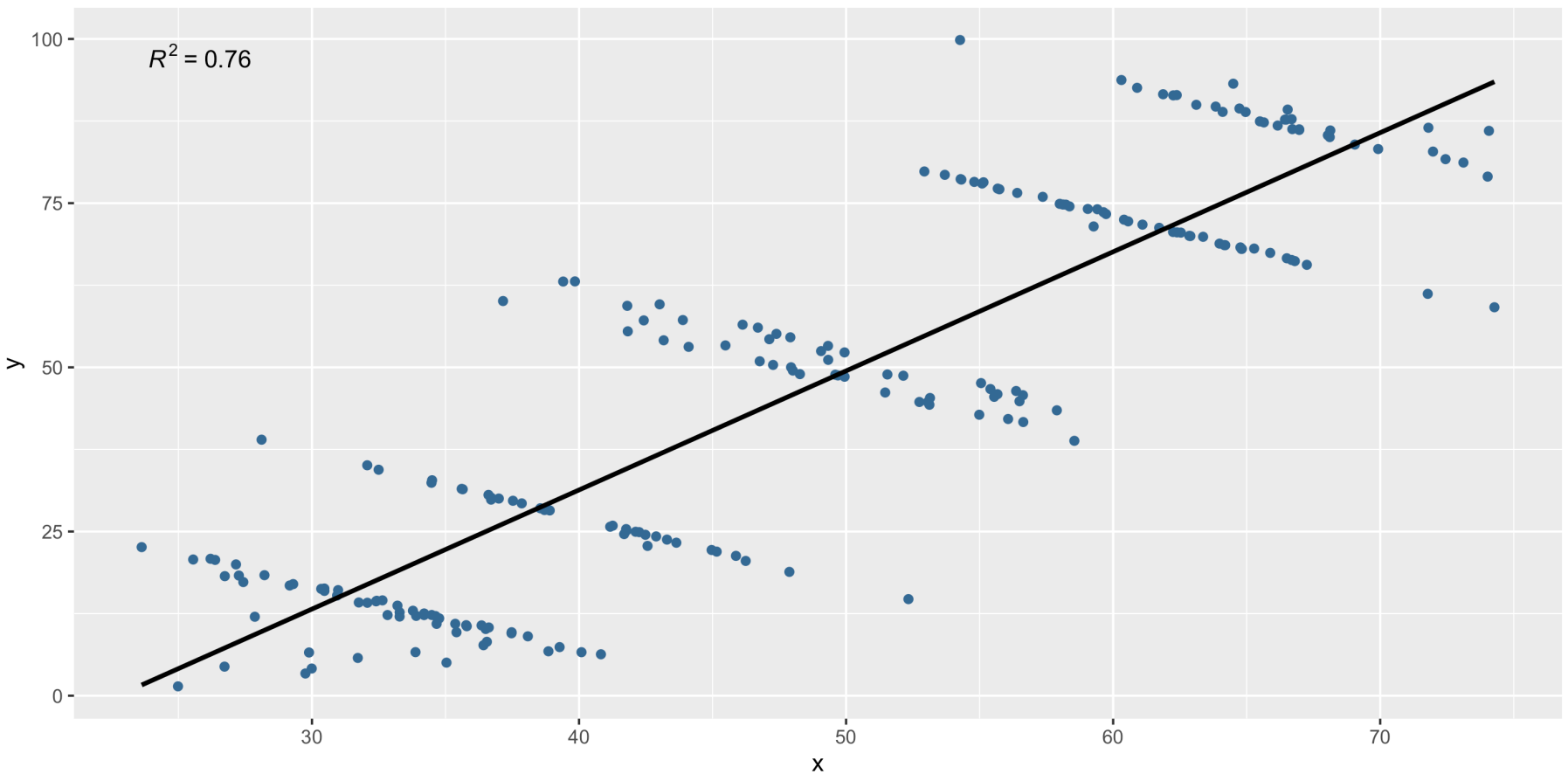

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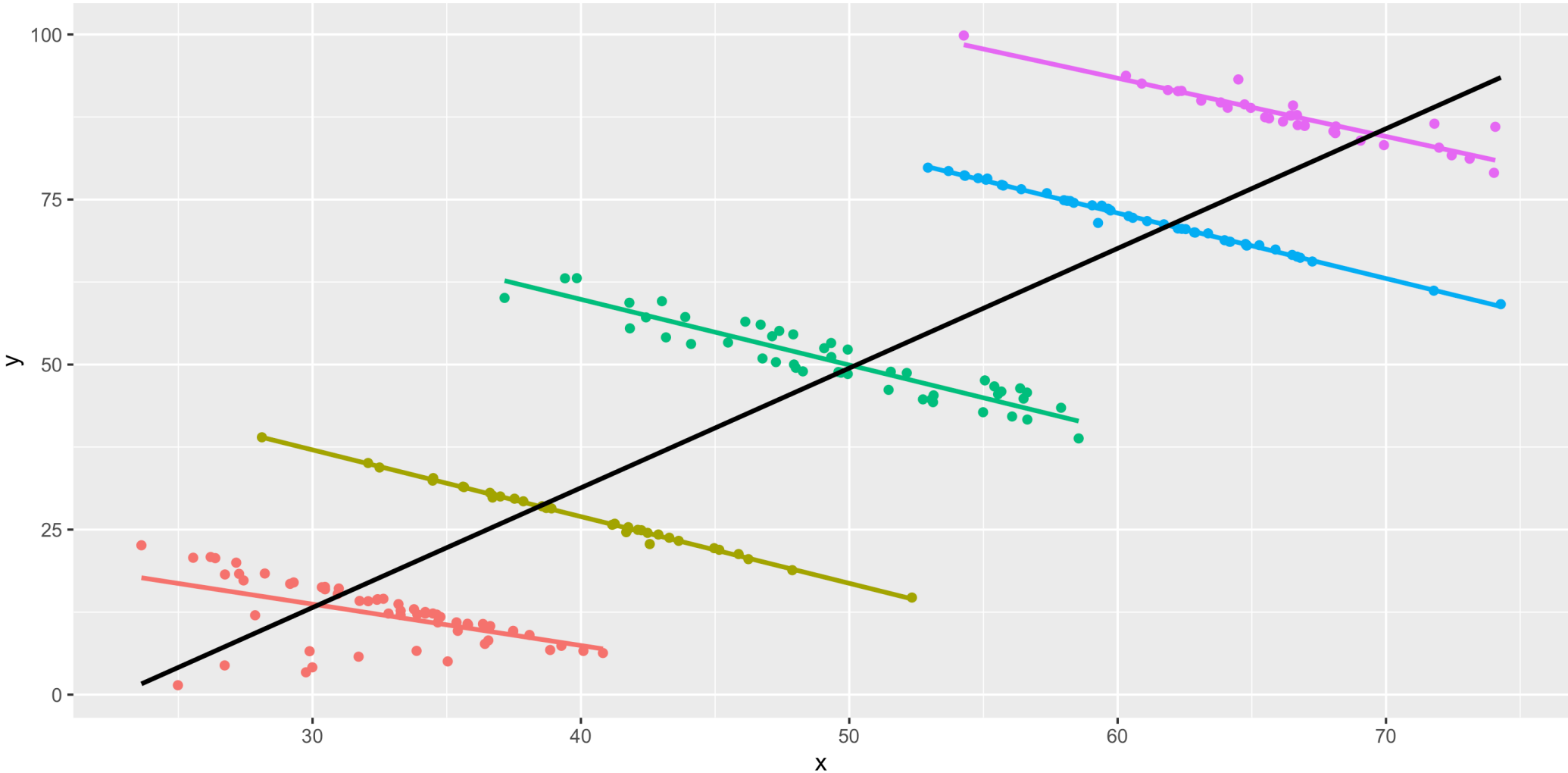

Designing effective visualizations

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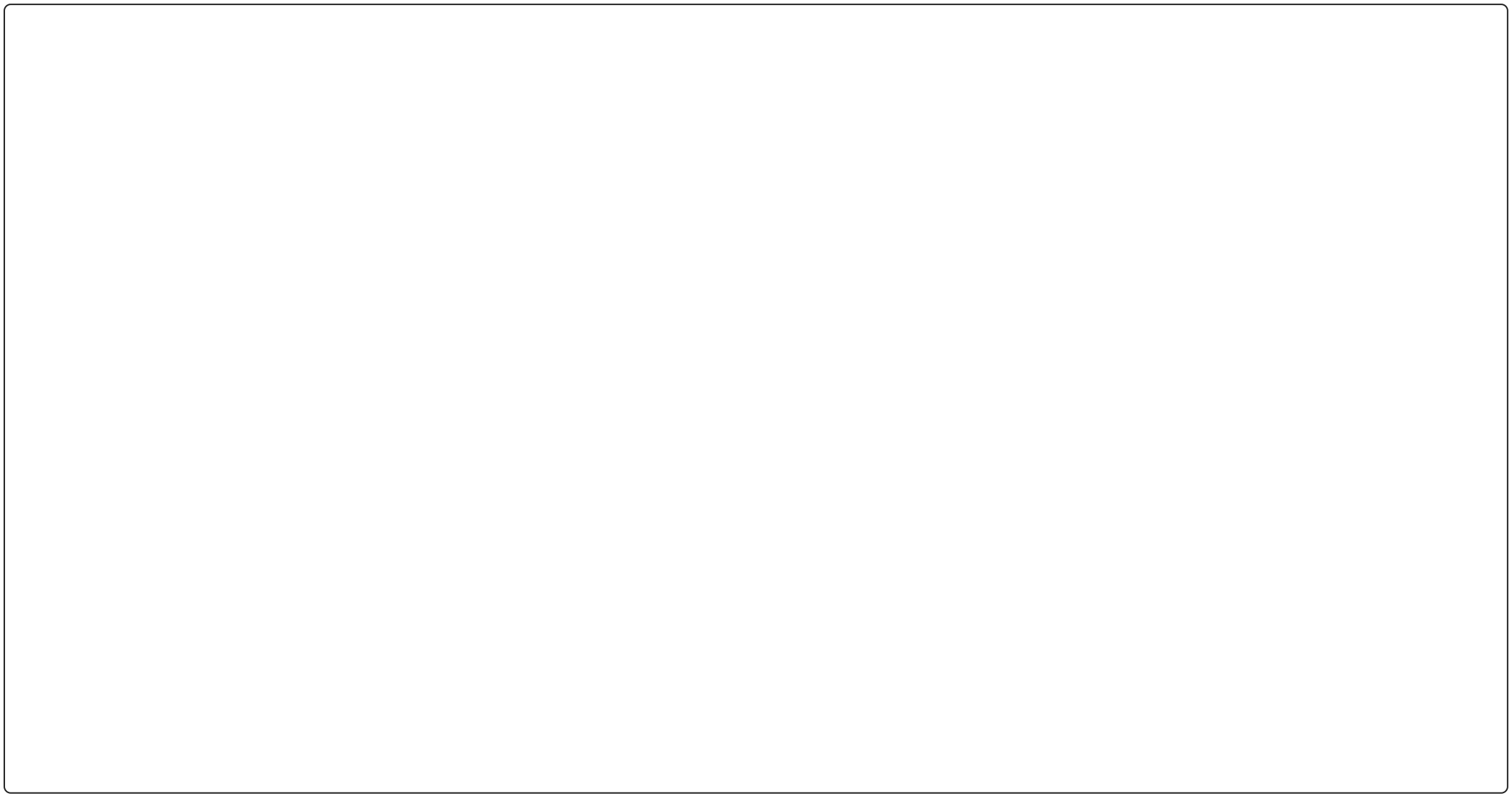

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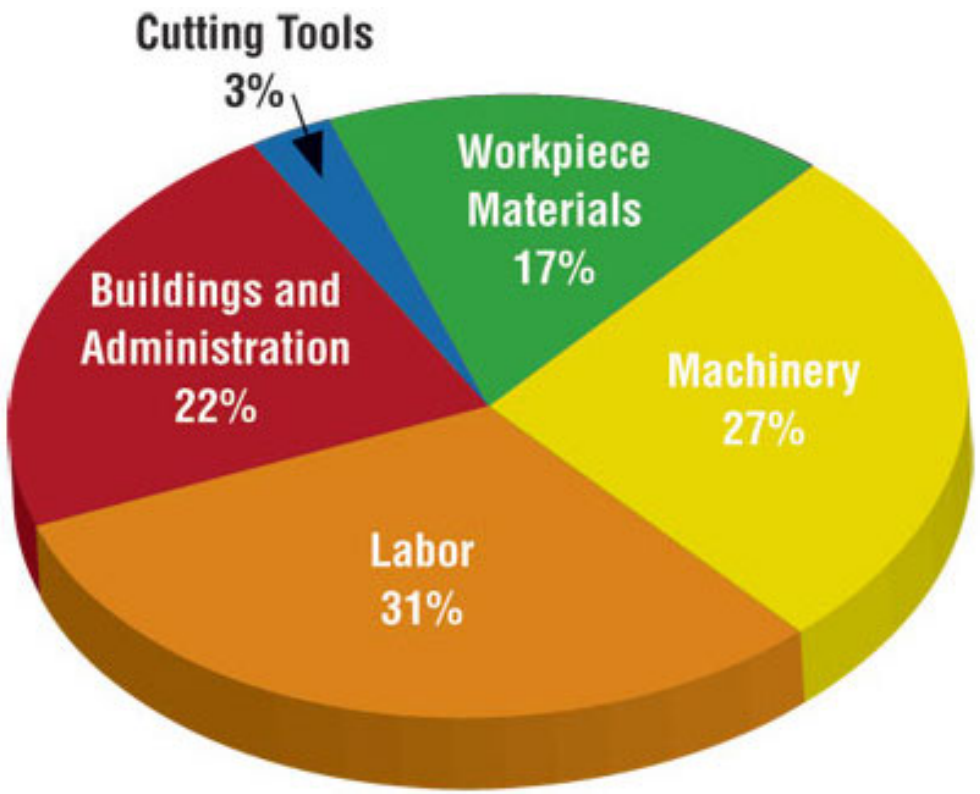
gapminder.org/dollar-street

Keep it simple



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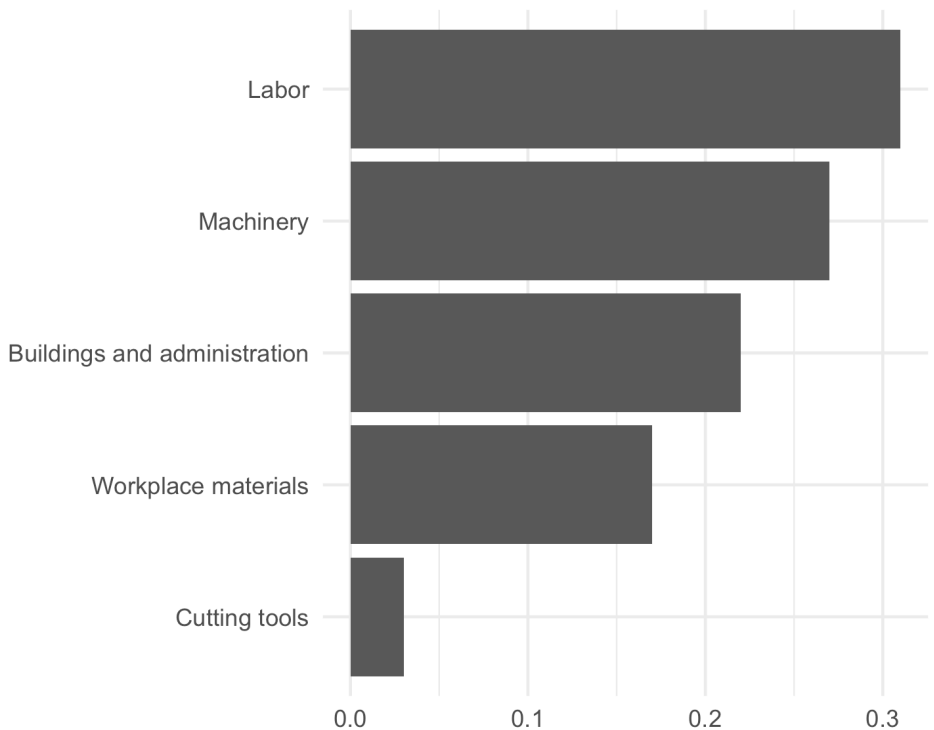

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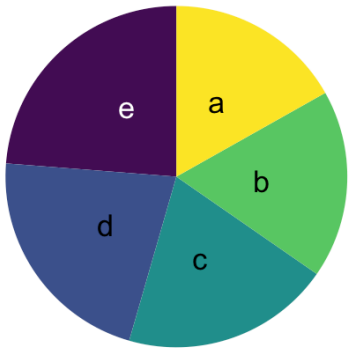
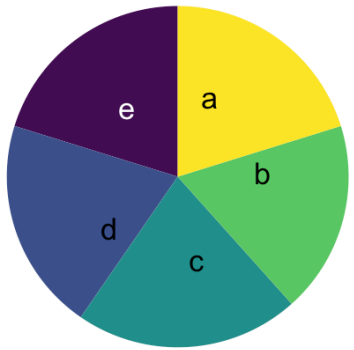
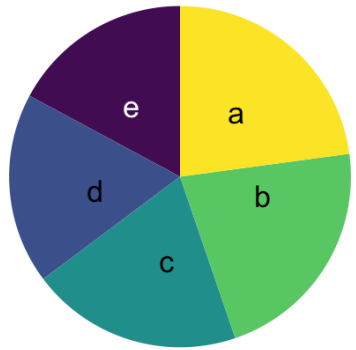
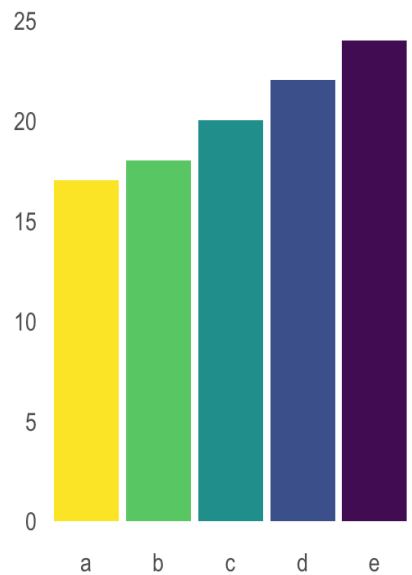
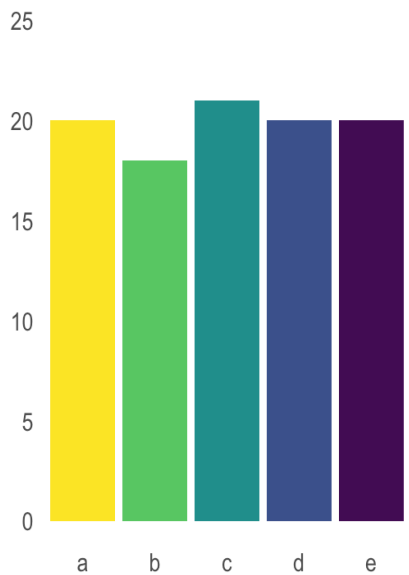
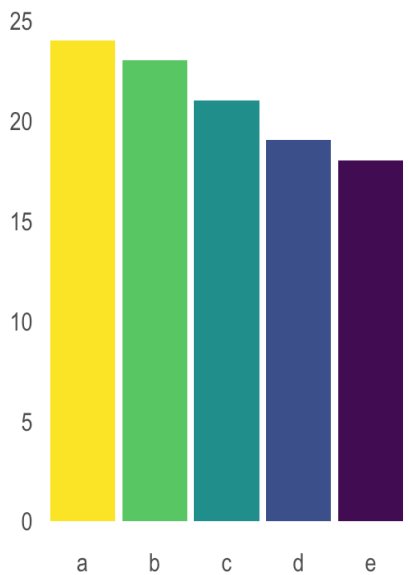




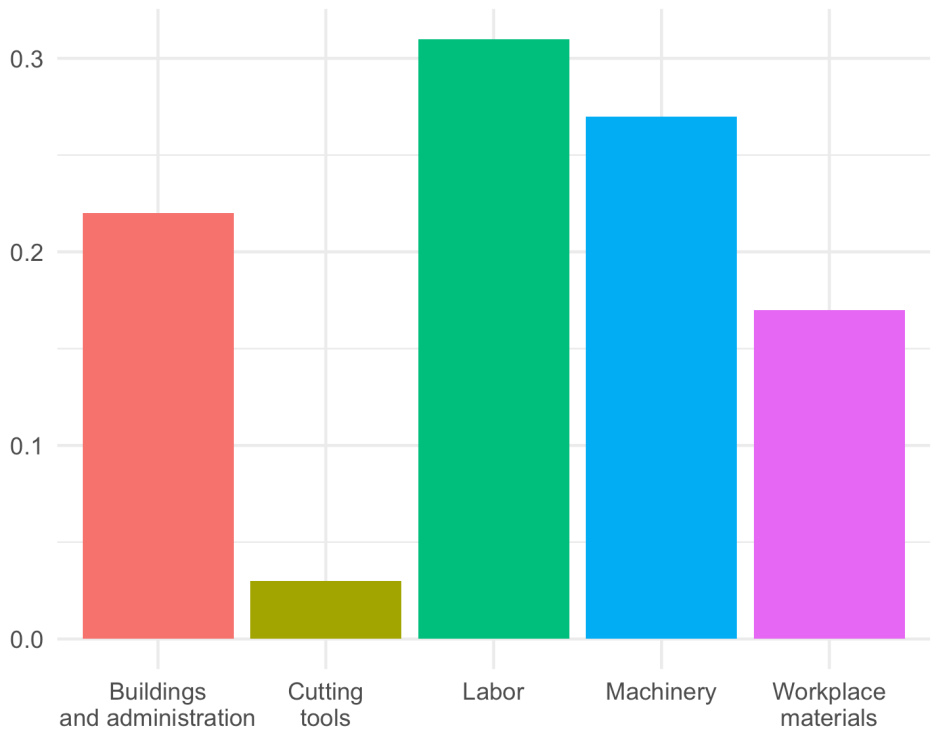


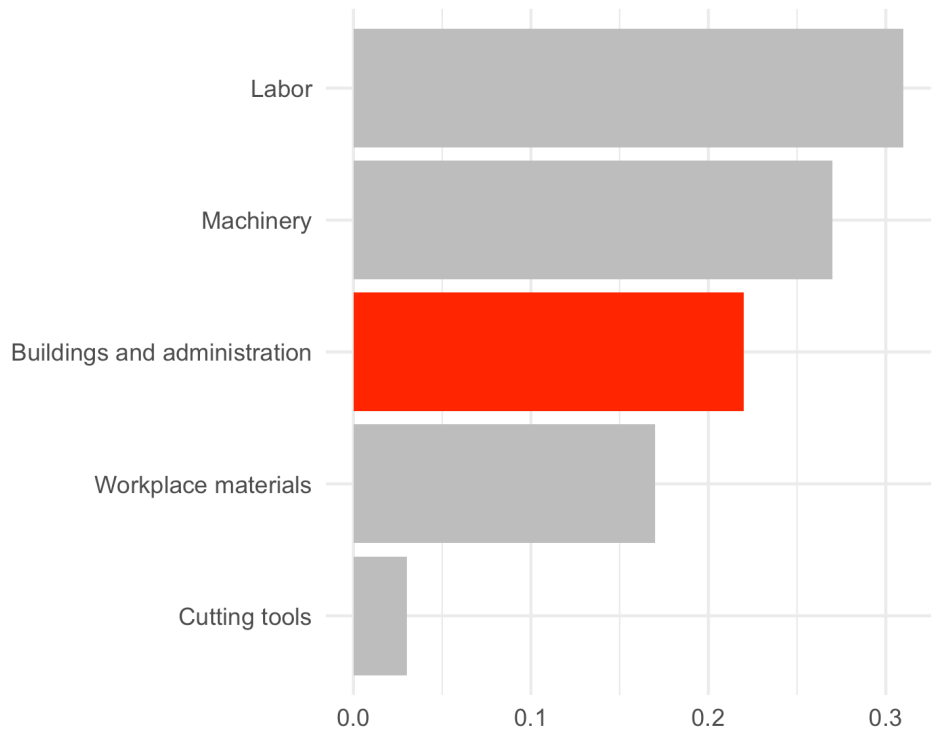




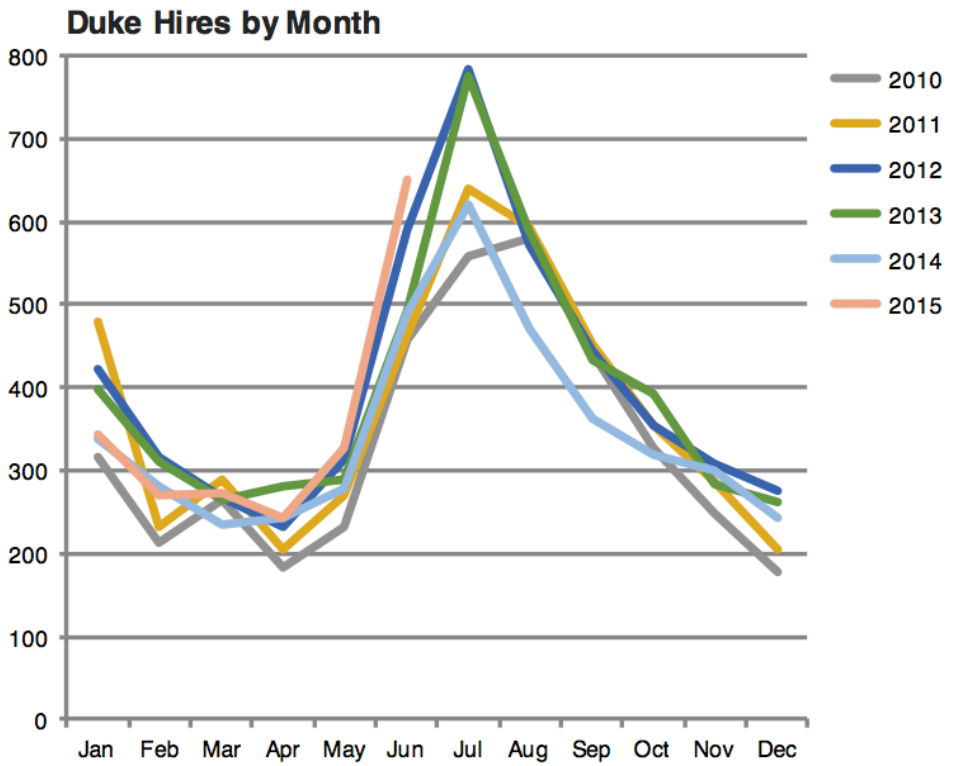


Use color to draw attention





Tell a story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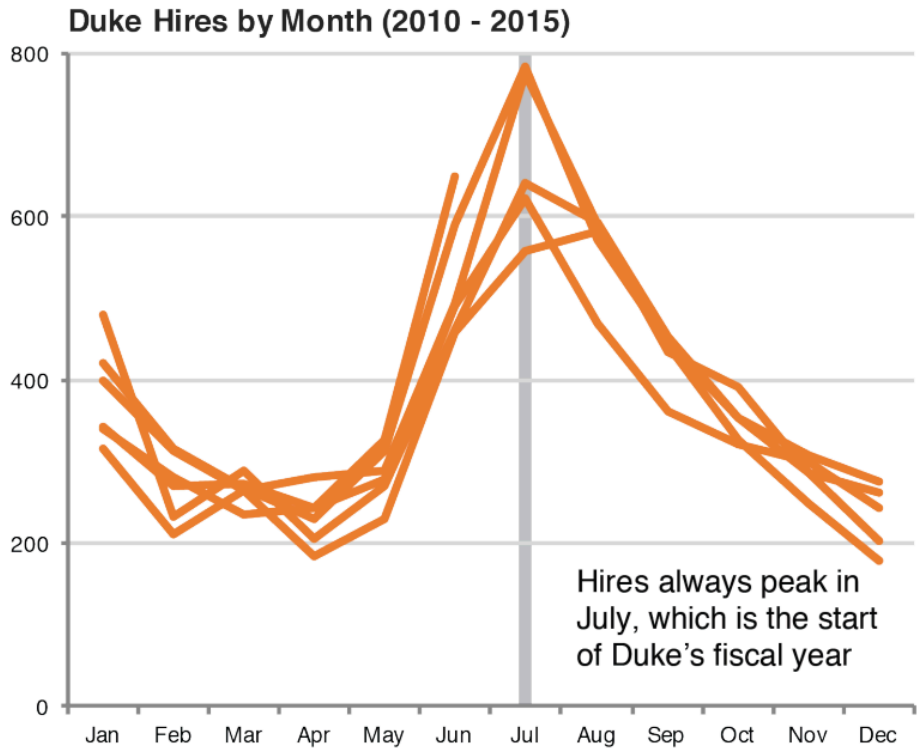
Duke Hires by Month (2010 - 2015)
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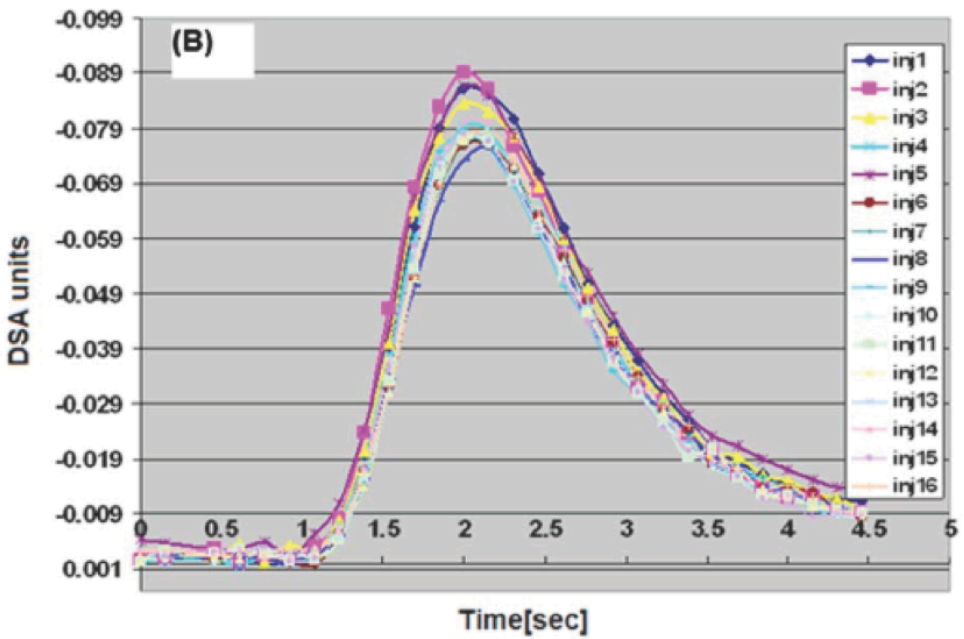
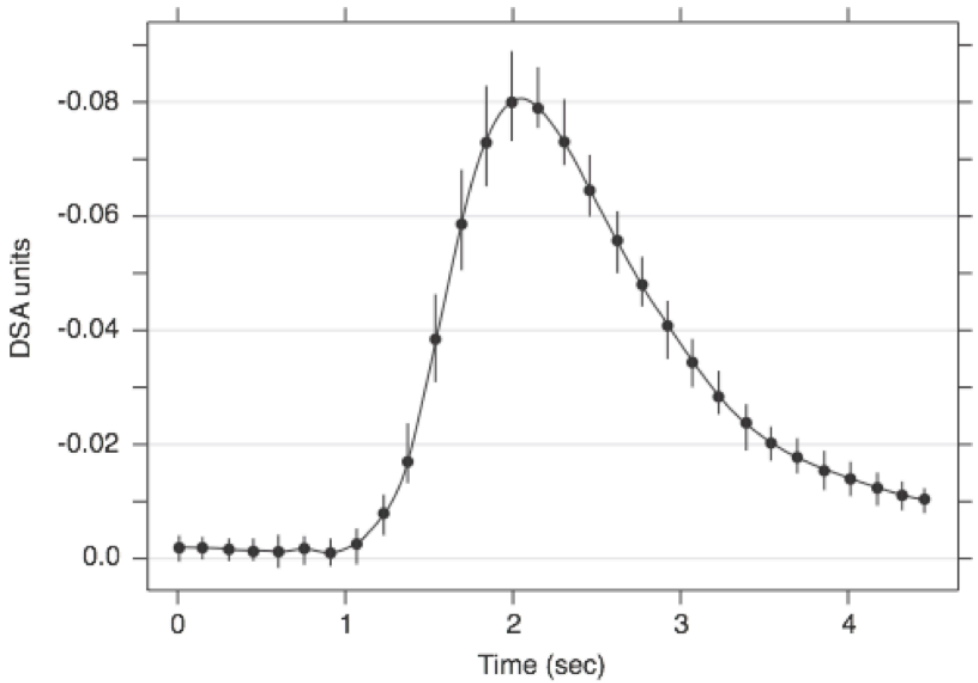
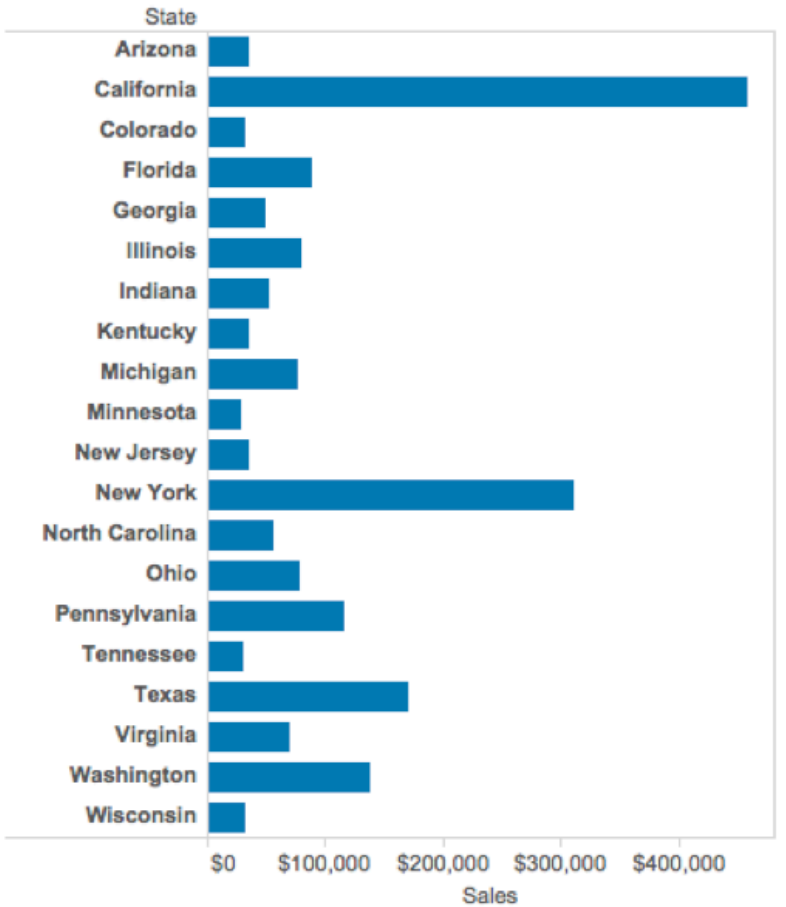
Hires always peak in July, which is the start of Duke's fiscal year

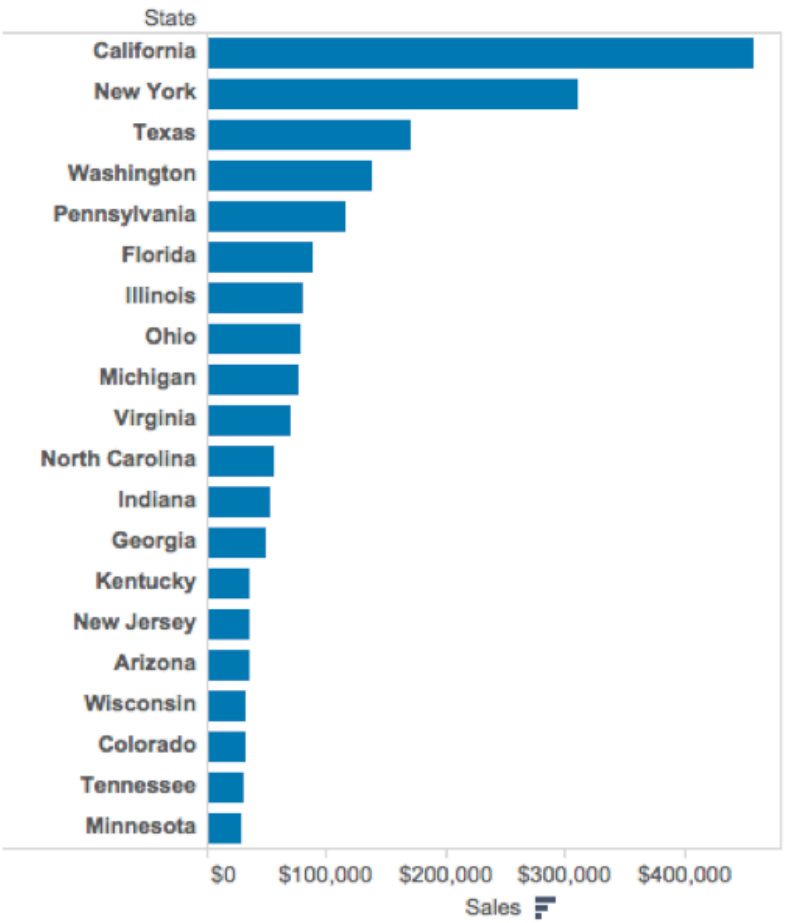
Leave out non-story details





Ordering matter





Clearly indicate missing data

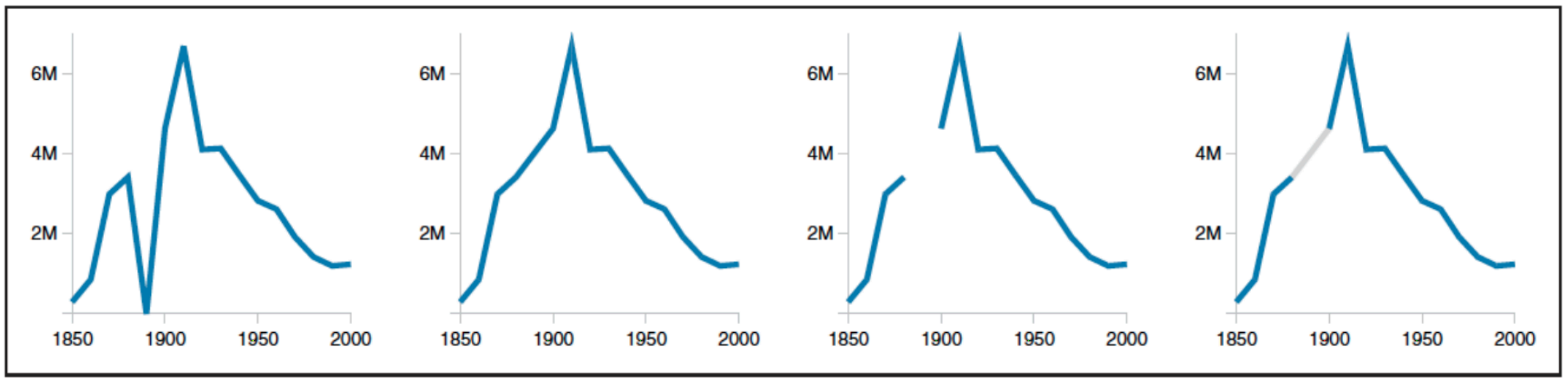
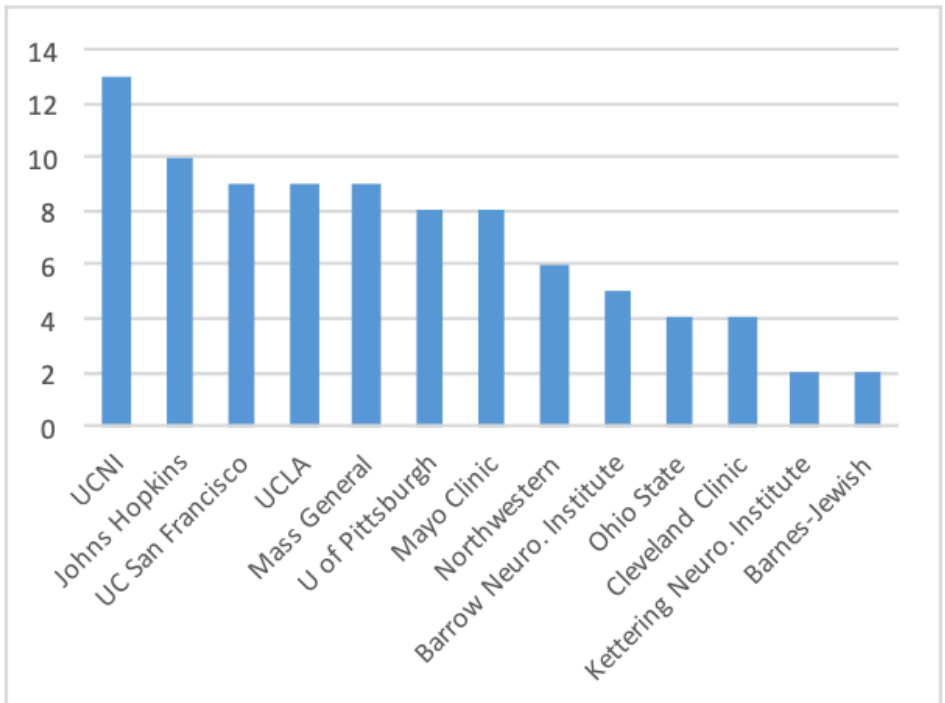
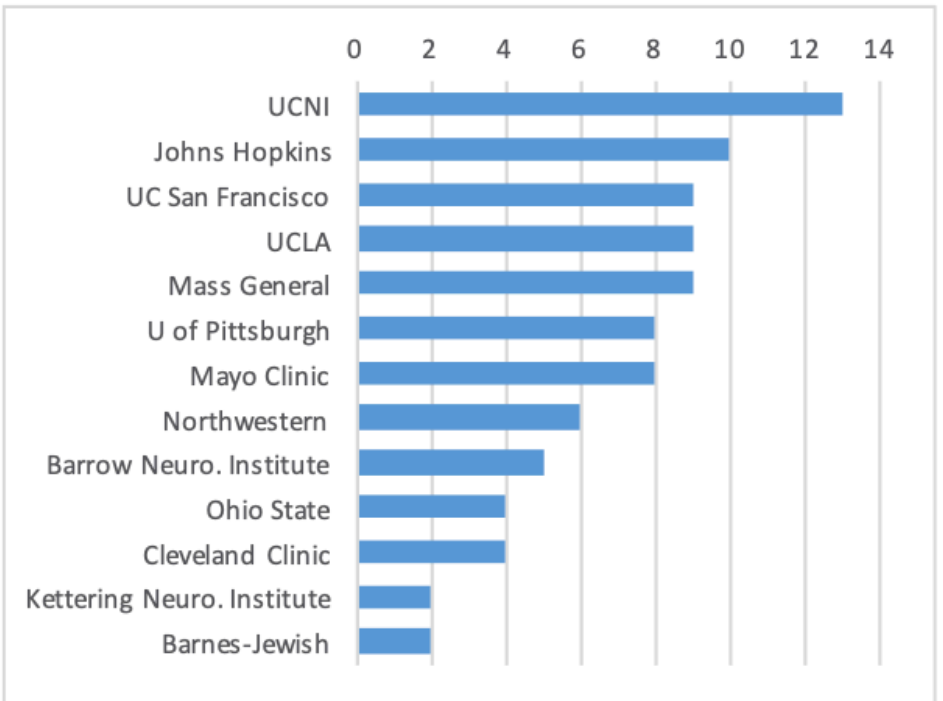


Figure 4. Alternative representations of missing data in a line chart. The data are U.S. census counts of people working as 'Farm Laborers'; values from 1890 are missing due to records being burned in a fire. (a) Missing data is treated as a zero value. (b) Missing data is ignored, resulting in a line segment that interpolates the missing value. (c) Missing data is omitted from the chart. (d) Missing data is explicitly interpolated and rendered in gray.

Reduce cognitive load





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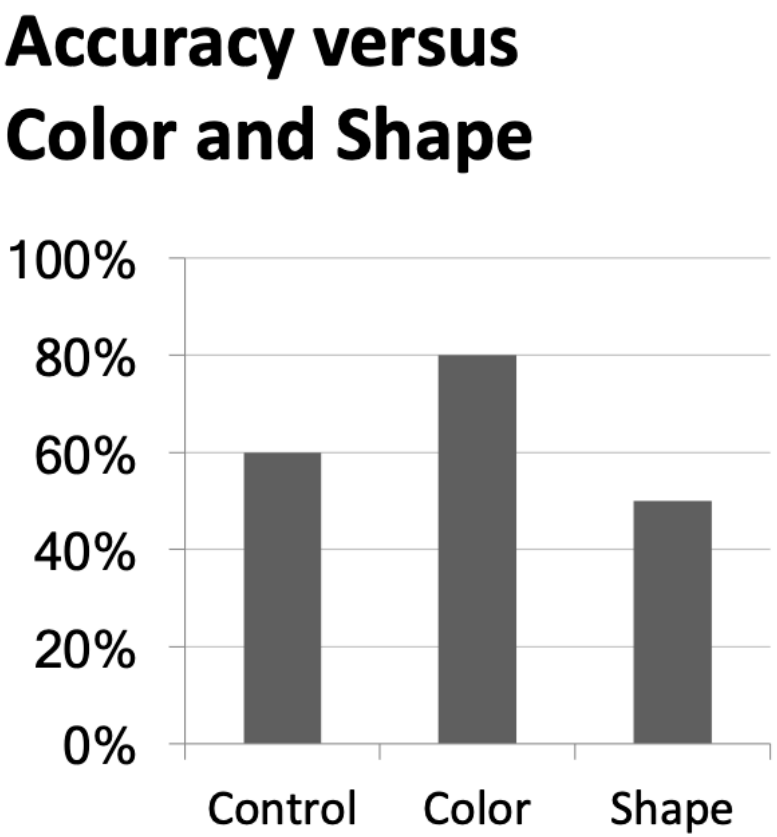
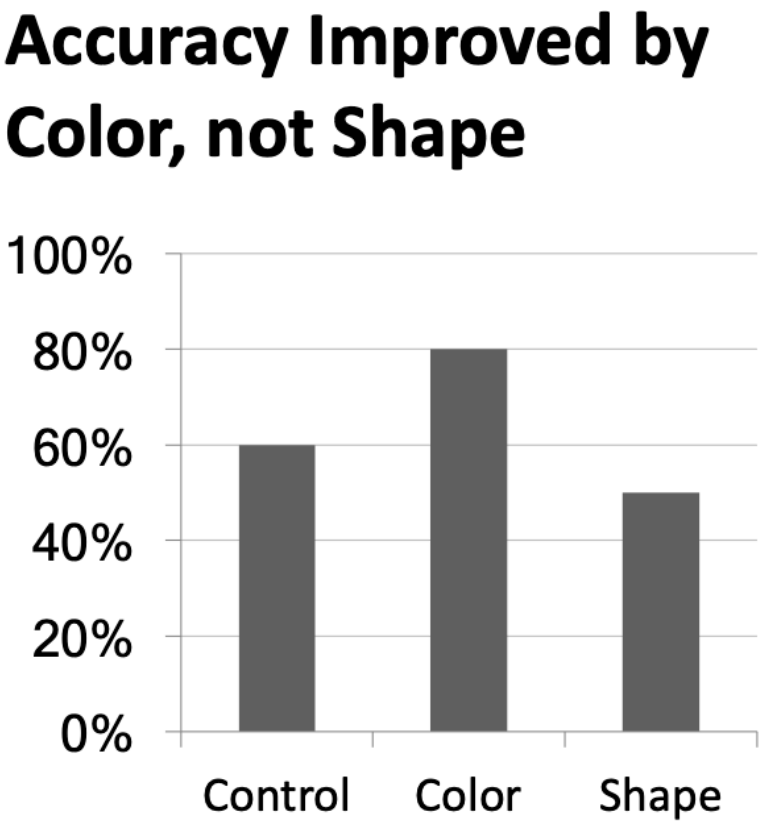
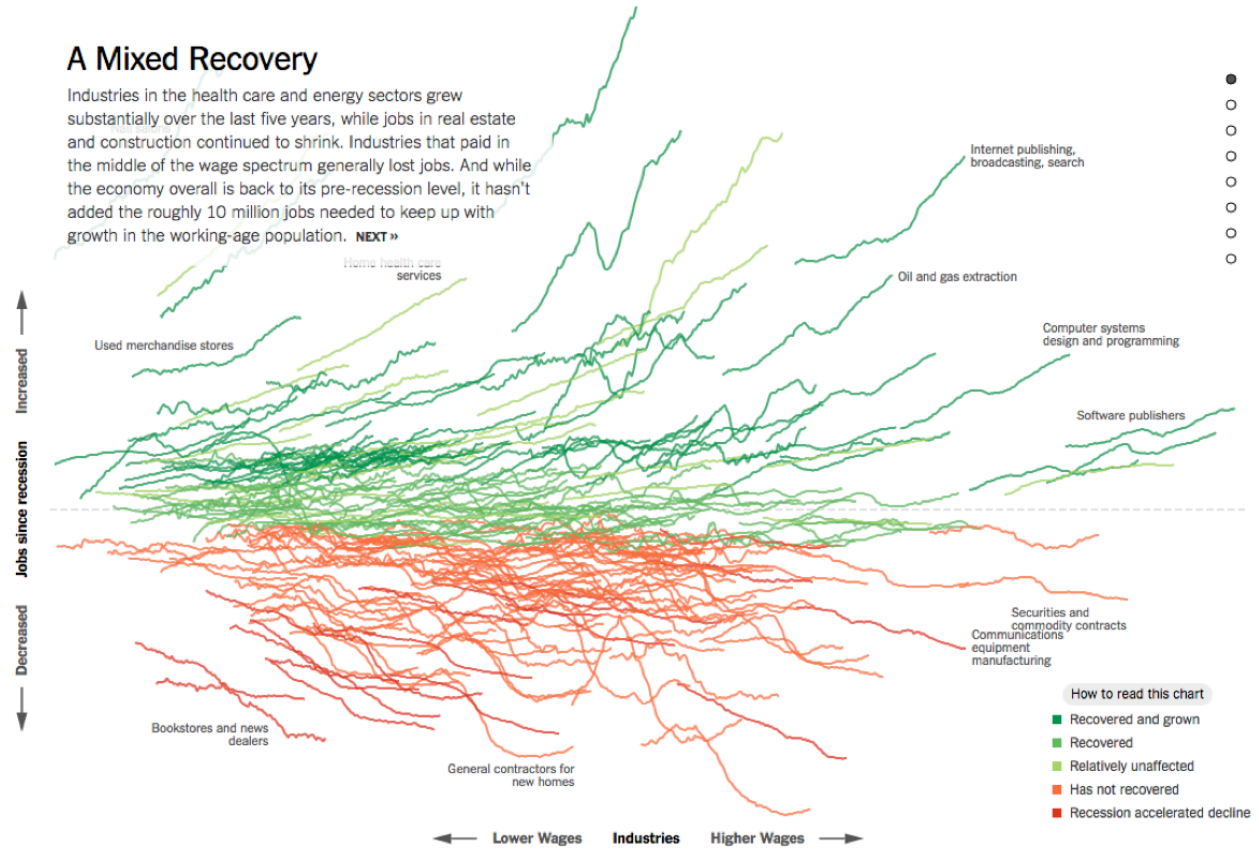




Annotate figures

All of the data doesn't tell a story



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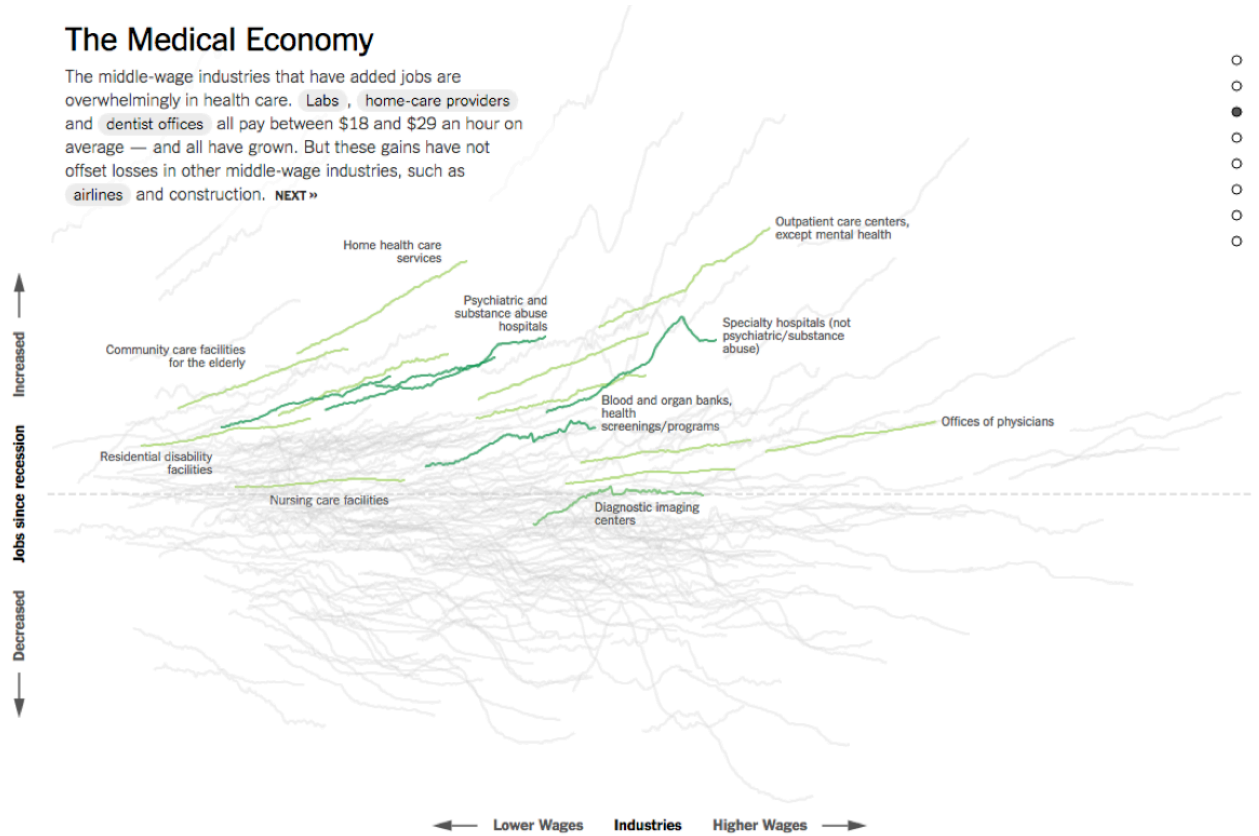

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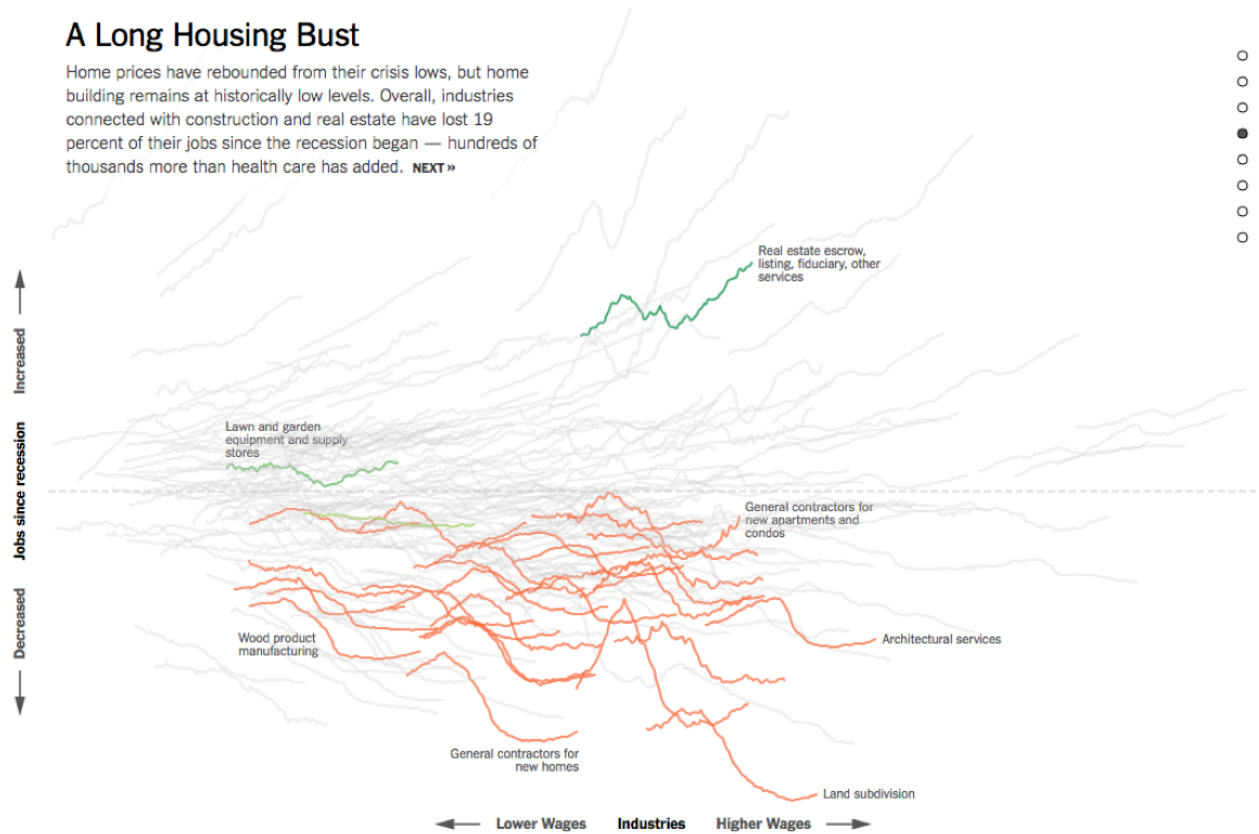
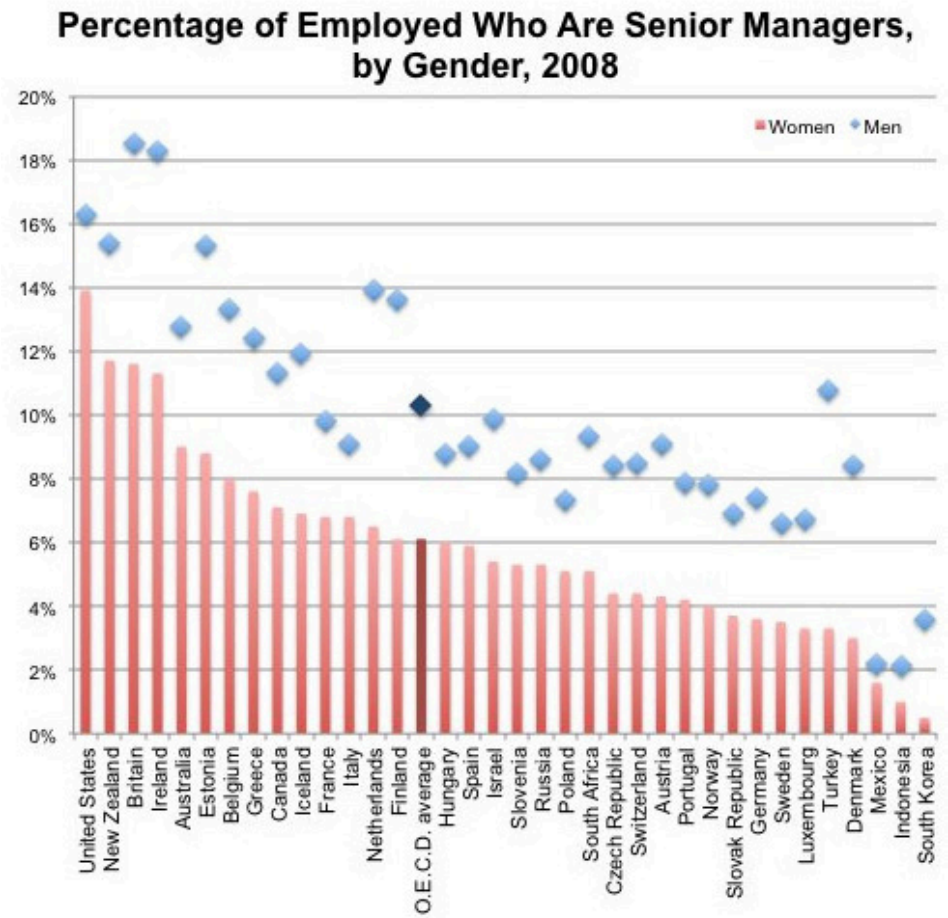


Chart Remakes / Makeovers

The Why Axis - Gender Gap



The Why Axis - BLS

Job openings in November 2012

JANUARY 11, 2013

There were 3.7 million job openings on the last business day of November 2012, unchanged from October 2012. In November 2011 there were 3.3 million job openings.

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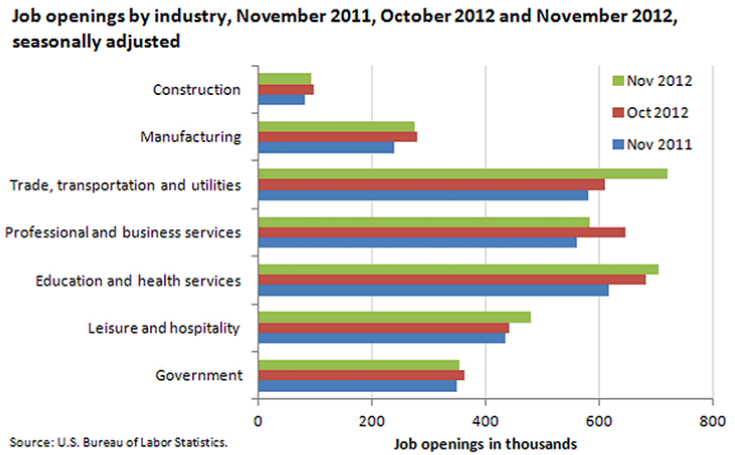

From November 2011 to November 2012, job openings increased most in retail trade (144,000, within the trade, transportation and utilities industry) and health care and social assistance (91,000, within the education and health services industry).

Government job openings increased the least, by 6,000.

These data are from the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey. Data for the most recent month are preliminary and subject to revision. For additional information, see Job Openings and Labor Turnover — November 2012" (HTML) (PDF), news release USDL-13-0015. More charts featuring data on job openings, hires, and employment separations can be found in Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey Highlights: November 2012 (PDF).

Other Resources

- Duke Library - Center for Data and Visualization Sciences - https://library.duke.edu/data/
- Tidy tuesday - https://github.com/rfordatascience/tidytuesday
- Twitter / Bluesky / Mastodon - #dataviz, #tidytuesday
- Books:
  - Wickham, Navarro, Pedersen. *ggplot2: Elegant Graphics for Data Analysis*. 3rd edition. Springer, 2021.
  - Wilke. *Fundamentals of Data Visualization*. O'Reilly Media, 2019.
  - Healy. *Data Visualization: A Practical Introduction*. Princeton University Press, 2018.
  - Tufte. *The visual display of quantitative information*. 2nd edition. Connecticut Graphics Press, 2015.

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