

# Lecture 2

## Exploratory Data Analysis I

Readings: IntroStat Chapters 2-3; OpenIntro Chapter 2

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## 1 Summarizing Categorical Data

## 2 Summarizing Numerical Data

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# Summarizing Categorical Variables

## Example: Sport Injuries

The paper *“Profile of sport/leisure injuries treated at emergency rooms of urban hospitals.”* by Pelletier et al. 1991 examined the nature and number of sport/leisure injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms in a large metropolitan city. They classified non-contact sports injuries by sport, resulting in the following data set:

Sport
Soccer
Basketball
Others
Basketball
Touch Football
Others
Touch Football
Volleyball
Baseball/softball
⋮

**Question:** How to summarize this data set?

- A **frequency table** for **categorical data** is a table that displays the possible categories along with the associated **frequencies** or **relative frequencies**
- The **frequency** for a particular category is the number of times the category appears in the data set
- The **relative frequency** for a particular category is the fraction or proportion of the time that the category appears in the data set.

# Frequencies and Relative Frequencies

```
> table(sport)
sport
Baseball/softball      Basketball      Bicycling      Jogging/running
           11              19              11              11
      Others      Soccer      Touch Football      Volleyball
           47              24              38              17

> table(sport) / dim(sport)[1]
sport
Baseball/softball      Basketball      Bicycling      Jogging/running
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      Others      Soccer      Touch Football      Volleyball
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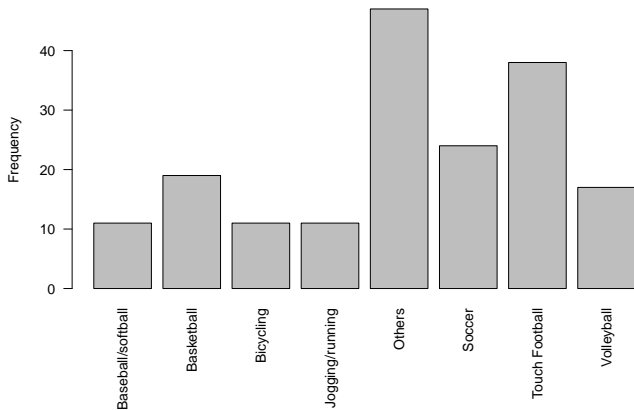
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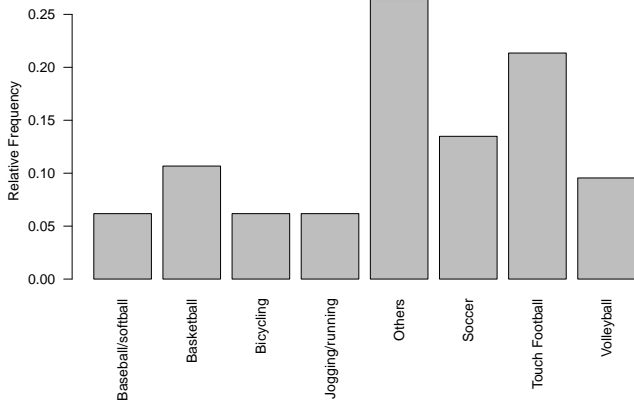
How could we visualize these information?

⇒ Making a [bar chart](#) and/or a [pie chart](#)

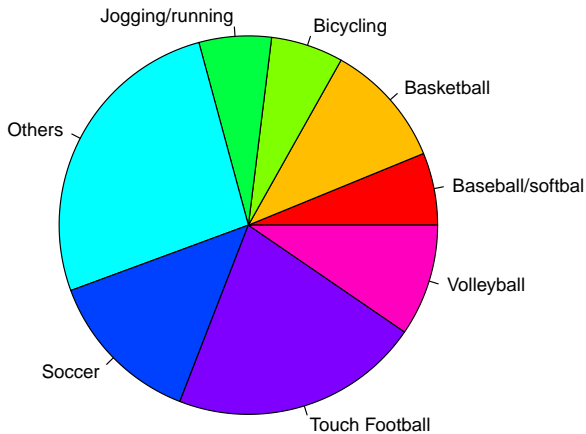
A **bar chart** draws a bar with a height proportional to the count in the table:



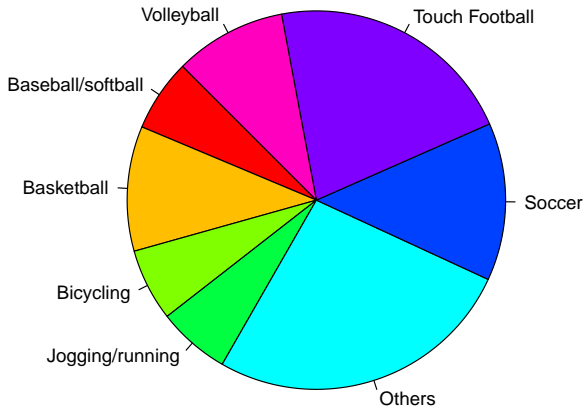
## Bar Charts cont'd



# Pie Charts

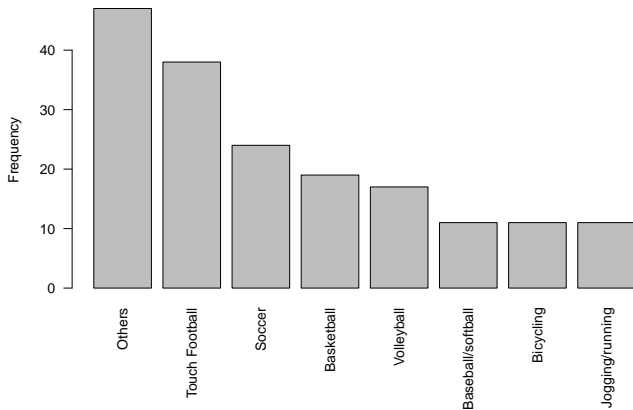


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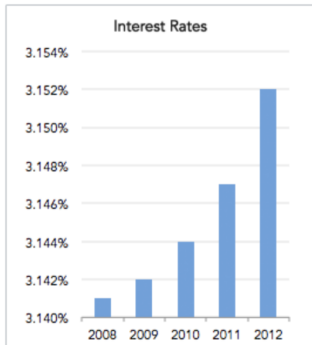
Discussion: Which one you prefer to visualize categorical variables. Why?

# A Good Bar Chart



# A (Potential) Misleading Bar Chart

## Same Data, Different Y-Axis





## Example: O'Hare Airport Flight Data



	carrier	origin
1	UA	EWR
2	AA	LGA
3	AA	LGA
4	AA	LGA
5	UA	LGA
6	UA	EWR

In this example, we have two categorical variables, `carrier` and `origin`, respectively. How to summarize/visualize this dataset?

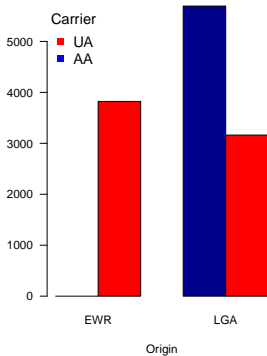
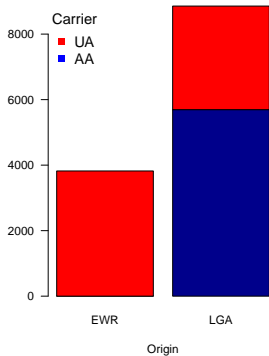
## ORD Flight Data Cont'd

	EWR	LGA
AA	0	5694
UA	3822	3162

	EWR	LGA
AA	0.00	0.45
UA	0.30	0.25

Summarizing  
Categorical Data

Summarizing  
Numerical Data



# Summarizing Numerical Variables

## Example: Murder arrests (per 100,000) in US States in 1973

**Data:** 13.2, 10.0, 8.1, 8.8, 9.0, 7.9, 3.3, 5.9,  
15.4, 17.4, 5.3, 2.6, 10.4, 7.2, 2.2, 6.0,  
9.7, 15.4, 2.1, 11.3, 4.4, 12.1, 2.7, 16.1,  
9.0, 6.0, 4.3, 12.2, 2.1, 7.4, 11.4, 11.1,  
13.0, 0.8, 7.3, 6.6, 4.9, 6.3, 3.4, 14.4, 3.8,  
13.2, 12.7, 3.2, 2.2, 8.5, 4.0, 5.7, 2.6, 6.8.

**Question:** How to graphically summarize this data set?

# Stem-and-Leaf Plot

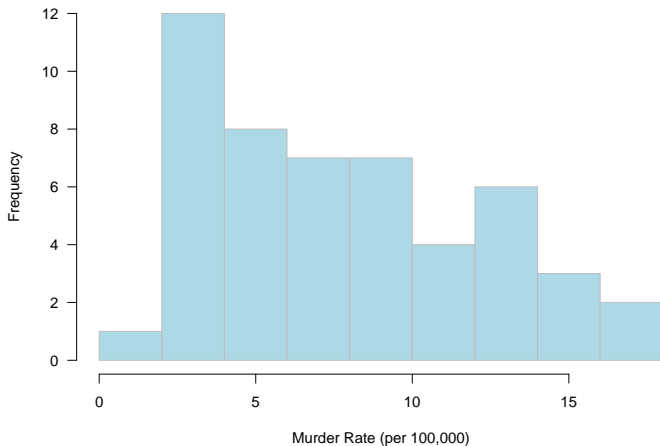
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0 | 8
1 |
2 | 1122667
3 | 2348
4 | 0349
5 | 379
6 | 00368
7 | 2349
8 | 158
9 | 007
10 | 04
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12 | 127
13 | 022
14 | 4
15 | 44
16 | 1
17 | 4
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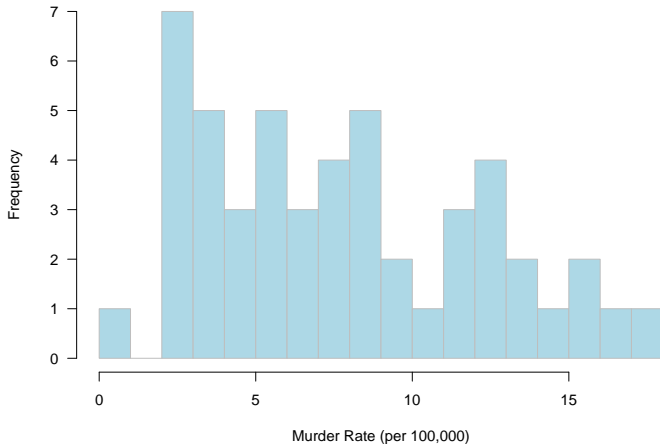
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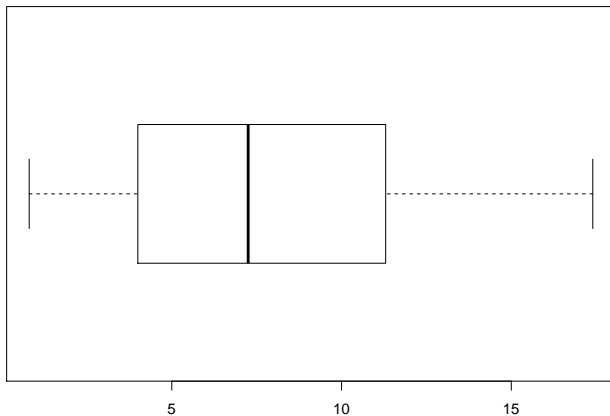


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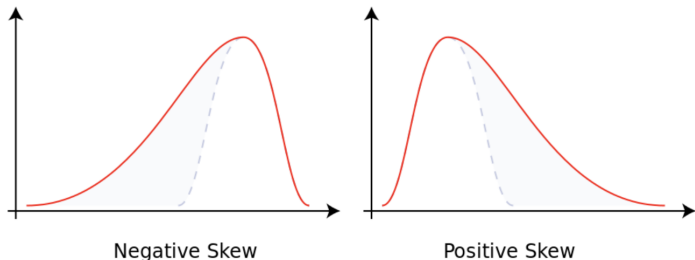
# Box-and-Whisker Plot

**Murder Rate (per 100,000)**





## Shape of Distributions



**Source:** [Skewness - Wikipedia](#)

In the rest of the class, we will talk about how to summarize a numerical variable in terms of its **center** and **spread**

- A **measure of center** attempts to report a “typical” value for the variable
- When a measure of center is calculated with **sample data** it is a **statistic**
- When a measure of center is calculated with popular (e.g., census data) it is a **parameter**
- **Measures:** Mean, Median, Mode

- The **population mean**, denoted by  $\mu_X$ , is the sum of all the population values ( $\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$ ) divided by the size of the population ( $N$ ). That is,

$$\mu_X = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N X_i}{N}$$

- The **sample mean**, denoted by  $\bar{X}$  is the sum of all the sample values ( $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ ) divided by the sample size ( $n$ ). That is,

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}$$

The **median** is the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a data sample

**How to compute the median:** Order the  $n$  observations in a data set from smallest to largest, then

$$\text{Median} = \begin{cases} \text{the single middle value,} & n \text{ odd} \\ \text{the average of the middle two values,} & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

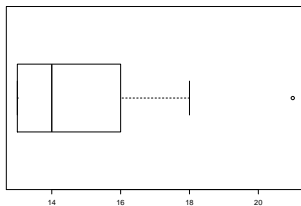
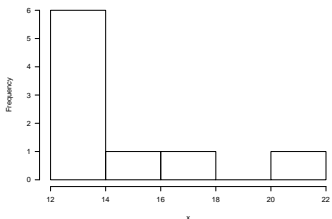
The **mode** is the value of the observation that appears most frequently

**How to compute the mode(s):** Order the observations in a data set from smallest to largest, then find the number that is repeated more often than any other

## Example

Suppose we have the following list of values: 13, 18, 13, 14, 13, 16, 14, 21, 13

- Plot this “data set” and describe the shape of the distribution



## Example cont'd

Suppose we have the following list of values: 13, 18, 13, 14, 13, 16, 14, 21, 13

- Find the sample mean

$$\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^9 \frac{13 + 18 + 13 + 14 + 13 + 16 + 14 + 21 + 13}{9} = 15$$

- Find the sample median
  - ① Order the data first: 13, 13, 13, 13, 14, 14, 16, 18, 21

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## Example: Resistant (Robust) Statistics

Suppose we have the following list of values: 13, 18, 13, 14, 13, 16, 14, 210, 13

- Find the sample mean

$$\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^9 \frac{13 + 18 + 13 + 14 + 13 + 16 + 14 + 210 + 13}{9} = 36$$

- Find the sample median
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What is the take-home message?



## Summary

In this lecture, we learned

- Summarizing Categorical Data
- Summarizing the Central Tendency of Numerical Data

In next lecture we will learn

- How to summarize the spread of numerical data
- How to construct a boxplot
- How to visualize numerical + categorical variables and numerical + numerical variables