Bar Chart

Example

A bar chart is a chart used to compare grouped data. The bars span horizontally across the y-axis and display their values along the x-axis, as seen in the example above.

Spreadsheet Format

Each row represents one category on the x-axis. Learn more about using spreadsheets with Visuals at Use Spreadsheet Data.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3 (and beyond...)
Data Type	plain text or numbers	number	number
Contents	The category of the data point on the y-axis. **Note:** • These will next to each set of bars	The value of the data point on the x-axis. This forms the column.	An additional x-axis value for the category in the x-axis.This creates a data set with an extra column. **Note:** • You can have as many additional columns as you want to create new data sets. For example, if you were creating a column chart of Olympic medals per country, and had "USA" and "France" in Column 1, you could create three additional columns for "Bronze", "Silver", and "Gold" medal breakdowns.
Data Label	The title of the x-axis **Note:** • This will appear next to the individual categories on the y-axis	The bar's group **Note:** • This determines the color of the bar; bars in the same group will share a color • This labels the group (and group color) in the legend	The bar's group **Note:** • This determines the color of the bar; bars in the same group will share a color • This labels the group (and group color) in the legend
Required	x	x	

Your spreadsheet might look like this:

Country	Gold Medals	Silver Medals	Bronze Medals
United States	321	22	78
Soviet Union	211	41	35

Customization Options

Learn about options at Common Customization Options.