Unit 6, Lesson 10: Using Data Displays to Find Associations

Let's use data displays to find associations.

10.1: Sports and Musical Instruments

For a survey, students in a class answered these questions:

- Do you play a sport?
- Do you play a musical instrument?
- 1. Here is a two-way table that gives some results from the survey. Complete the table, assuming that all students answered both questions.

	plays instrument	does not play instrument	total
plays sport	5		16
does not play sport			
total		15	25

- 2. To the nearest percentage point, what percentage of students who play a sport *don't* play a musical instrument?
- 3. To the nearest percentage point, what percentage of students who *don't* play a sport also *don't* play a musical instrument?

10.2: Sports and Music Association

Your teacher will give you a two-way table with information about the number of people in your class who play sports or musical instruments.

1. Complete this table to make a two-way table for the data from earlier. The table will show relative frequencies by row.

	plays instrument	does not play instrument	row total
plays sport			100%
does not play sport			100%

2. Make a segmented bar graph for the table. Use one bar of the graph for each row of the table.

100 —

75 —

50 -

25 -

plays sports no sports 3. Complete the table to make a two-way table for the data from earlier. The table will show relative frequencies *by column*.

	plays instrument does not play instrumen	
plays sport		
does not play sport		
column total	100%	100%

4. Using the values in the table, make a segmented bar graph. Use one bar of the graph for each column of the table.

100		
75		
50		
25		

plays instrument no instrument

5. Based on the two-way tables and segmented bar graphs, do you think there is an association between playing a sport and playing a musical instrument? Explain how you know.

100 -

10.3: Colored Erasers

An eraser factory has five machines. One machine makes the eraser shapes. Then each shape goes through the red machine, blue machine, yellow machine, or green machine to have a side colored.

The manager notices that an uncolored side of some erasers is flawed at the end of the process and wants to know which machine needs to be fixed: the shape machine or some of the color machines. The manager collected data on the number of flawed and unflawed erasers of each color.

	unflawed	flawed	total
red	285	15	300
blue	223	17	240
yellow	120	80	200
green	195	65	260
total	823	177	1000

1. Work with a partner. Each of you should make one segmented bar graph for the data in the table. One segmented bar graph should have a bar for each *row* of the table. The other segmented bar graph should have one bar for each *column* of the table.

2. Are the flawed erasers associated with certain colors? If so, which colors? Explain your reasoning.



Are you ready for more?

Based on the federal budgets for 2009, the table shows where some of the federal money was expected to go. The values are in billions of U.S. Dollars.

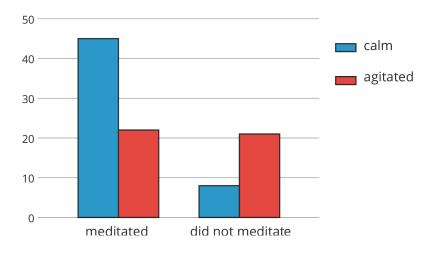
	United States	Japan	United Kingdom
defense	718.4	42.8	49.2
education	44.9	47.5	113.9

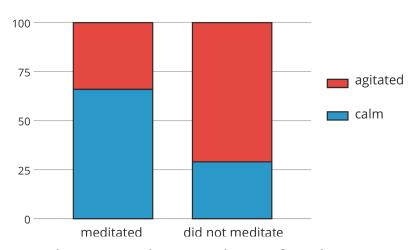
- 1. Why would a segmented bar graph be more useful than the table of data to see any associations between the country and where the money is spent?
- 2. Create a segmented bar graph that represents the data from the table.

3. Is there an association between the country's budget and their spending in these areas? Explain your reasoning.

Lesson 10 Summary

In an earlier lesson, we looked at data on meditation and state of mind in athletes.





Is there an association between meditation and state of mind?

The bar graph shows that more athletes were calm than agitated among the group that meditated, and more athletes were agitated than calm among the group that did not. We can see the proportions of calm meditators and calm non-meditators from the segmented bar graph, which shows that about 66% of athletes who meditated were calm, whereas only about 27% of those who did not meditate were calm.

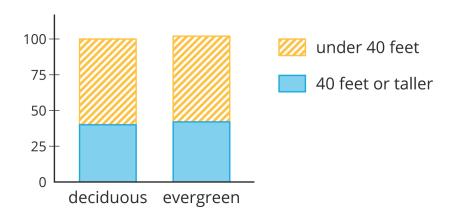
This does not necessarily mean that meditation causes calm; it could be the other way around, that calm athletes are more inclined to meditate. But it does suggest that there is an association between meditating and calmness.



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1. An ecologist is studying a forest with a mixture of tree types. Since the average tree height in the area is 40 feet, he measures the height of the tree against that. He also records the type of tree. The results are shown in the table and segmented bar graph. Is there evidence of an association between tree height and tree type? Explain your reasoning.

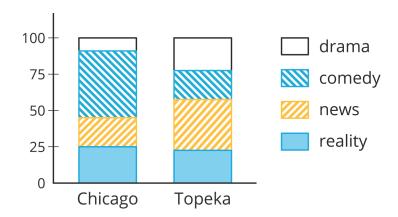
	under 40 feet	40 feet or taller	total
deciduous	45	30	75
evergreen	14	10	24
total	59	40	99



2. Workers at an advertising agency are interested in people's TV viewing habits. They take a survey of people in two cities to try to find patterns in the types of shows they watch. The results are recorded in a table and shown in a segmented bar graph. Is there evidence of different viewing habits? If so, explain.

	reality	news	comedy	drama
Chicago	50	40	90	20
Topeka	45	70	40	45





3. A scientist is interested in whether certain species of butterflies like certain types of local flowers. The scientist captures butterflies in two zones with different flower types and records the number caught. Do these data show an association between butterfly type and zone? Explain your reasoning.

	zone 1	zone 2
eastern tiger swallowtail	16	34
monarch	24	46