

# 2020 Research Boot Camp Series

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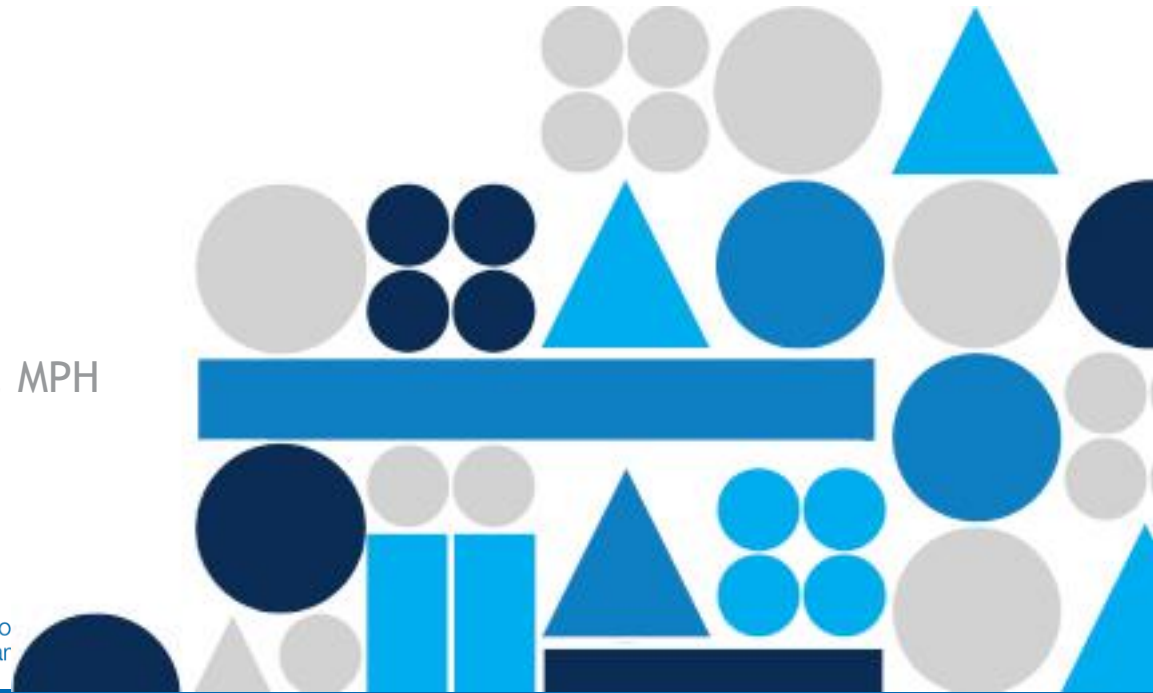
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# Day 3:

## Data Analysis and Results

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# Steps to Complete a Scholarly Project



STUDY DESIGNS



PROTOCOL AND  
IRB APPLICATION



DATA  
COLLECTION



DATA ENTRY &  
CLEANING



ANALYZE &  
INTERPRETATION  
OF RESULTS



PUBLICATIONS

**When it comes to your manuscript,  
we are here for you!**

# Manuscript Phase

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In the analysis/publication phase:

- Talk with your biostatisticians about the most appropriate statistical analysis and data interpretation
- We value your input and always welcome questions!

# Tables & Figures

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- Tables and figures should be self-explanatory
- Avoid crowdedness and use clear symbols
- Consult biostatistician to create tables and figures
- Use other published papers as a guide

# Methods & Results

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- Rely on your biostatistician for assistance with these sections
- Takes biostatistician time to write up
- We'll need your input for clinically meaningful results
- Always ask questions!



# Questions?

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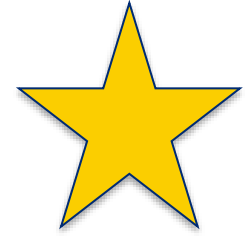
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# Getting Data Ready for your Statistician





# Using REDCap?

# Using REDCap Effectively

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- Dirty data can still come out of REDCap
- Show us (ROCS) your anticipated REDCap database along with your protocol/aims **BEFORE collecting data**
- Involving us at this step will save time when analysis comes and potentially find missing variables.

## Add New Field

Field Type: ---- Select a Type of Field ----

- Select a Type of Field ----
- Text Box (Short Text, Number, Date/Time, ...)
- Notes Box (Paragraph Text)
- Calculated Field
- Multiple Choice - Drop-down List (Single Answer)
- Multiple Choice - Radio Buttons (Single Answer)
- Checkboxes (Multiple Answers)
- Yes - No
- True - False
- Signature (draw signature with mouse or finger)
- File Upload (for users to upload files)
- Slider / Visual Analog Scale
- Descriptive Text (with optional Image/Video/Audio/File Attachment)
- Begin New Section (with optional text)

# Using REDCap: Continuous Variables

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- Validate fields to what you are measuring
- Leave Missing Values Blank

# Using REDCap: Continuous Variables

example REDCap | REDCap

https://redcap.ucdenver.edu/redcap\_v11.1.8/Design/online\_designer.php?pid=22780&page=

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Project Home Project Setup University of Colorado

### Add New Field

Field Type: Text Box (Short Text, Number, Date/Time, ...)

Field Label ☐ Use the Rich Text Editor ?

Systolic BP

Action Tags / Field Annotation (optional)

Learn about [@ Action Tags](#) or [using Field Annotation](#)

Datetime w/ seconds (D-M-Y H:M:S)  
Datetime w/ seconds (M-D-Y H:M:S)  
Datetime w/ seconds (Y-M-D H:M:S)  
Email  
Integer  
Letters only  
Number  
Number (1 decimal place)  
Number (2 decimal places)  
Phone (North America)  
Postal Code (Canada)  
---- None ----  
-- select ontology service --

Required?\* ☒ No ☐ Yes  
\* Prompt if field is blank

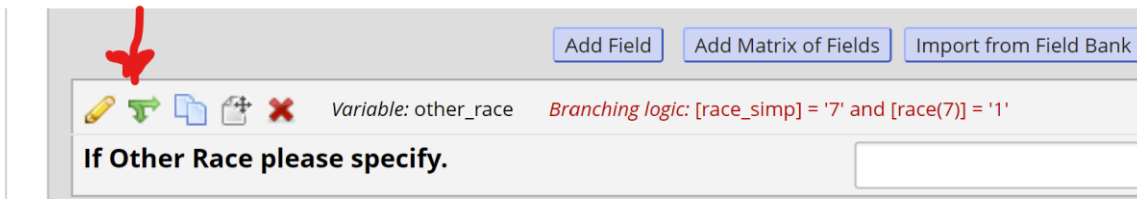
Identifier? ☒ No ☐ Yes  
Does the field contain identifying information (e.g., name, SSN, address)?

Custom Alignment Right / Vertical (RV)  
Align the position of the field on the page



# Using REDCap: Categorical Variables

- No free text responses. Use Checkboxes or Multiple choice
- Can use branching logic for “Other” or “Explain” free text availability
- Do you need to allow multiple responses to be selected? If not DO NOT USE checkboxes



The screenshot shows the REDCap interface for adding a new field. A red arrow points to the 'Add Field' button. Below the buttons, the variable name 'other\_race' is shown, along with branching logic: '[race\_simp] = '7' and [race(7)] = '1''. The field type is set to 'If Other Race please specify.' with a corresponding text input box.

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- Select a Type of Field ----
- Text Box (Short Text, Number, Date/Time, ...)
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- Calculated Field
- Multiple Choice - Drop-down List (Single Answer)
- Multiple Choice - Radio Buttons (Single Answer)
- Checkboxes (Multiple Answers)
- Yes - No
- True - False
- Signature (draw signature with mouse or finger)
- File Upload (for users to upload files)
- Slider / Visual Analog Scale
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- Begin New Section (with optional text)

# Using REDCap: Categorical Variables

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- Data looks very different coming into our software depending on if you select Checkbox or Multiple Choice.
- Checkbox option does not need “More than one” as an option

     Variable: race

**Race**

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ More than one Race
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Add Field

Add Matrix of Fields

Import from Field Bank

     Variable: race\_simp

**Race**

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- ☐ Asian
- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ More than one Race
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Unknown

reset

# REDCap: Different Outputs for Variable Types





record_id	sex	age_years	hispanic	race__1	race__2	race__3	race__4	race__5	race__6	race__7	race__8	race_simp	other_race	injury_type
1		12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3		gsw
2	0	15	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6		gun shot
3		14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		stab
4	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	anything can	Stab Wound
5	1	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4		blunt truama
6	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8		Other

# REDCap : Missing Data

## Record Status Dashboard (all records)

Displayed below is a table listing all existing records/responses and their status for every data collection instrument (and if longitudinal, for every event). You may click any of the colored buttons in the table to open a new tab/window in your browser to view that record on that particular data collection instrument. Please note that if your form-level user privileges are restricted for certain data collection instruments, you will only be able to view those instruments, and if you belong to a Data Access Group, you will only be able to view records that belong to your group.

### Legend for status icons:

-  Incomplete  Incomplete (no data saved) ?
-  Unverified
-  Complete

Dashboard displayed: [Default dashboard] v


[Create custom dashboard](#)

Displaying record Page 1 of 1: "1" through "4" v of 4 records

ALL (4) v records per page

[+ Add new record](#)

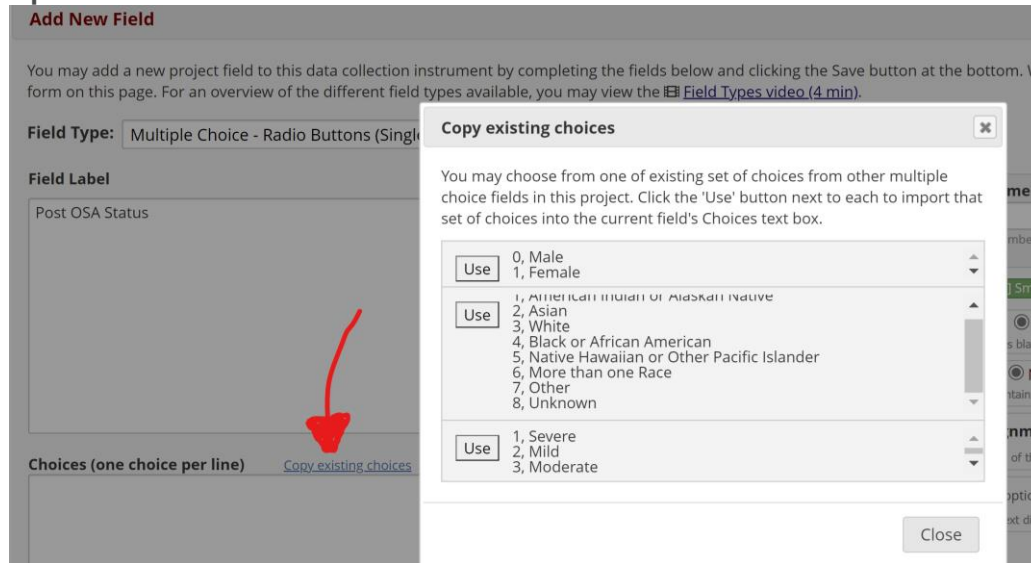
Displaying: Instrument status only | [Lock status only](#) | [All status types](#)

Record ID	Baseline Info
1	
2	
3	
4	

- Is a missing value category going to be informative to the outcome or can it be left as blank?
- For retrospective data that may be being collected over time use the “Complete” question on each form to determine if missing values are truly missing or not yet collected instead of a “Not collected/Unknown” category

# REDCap Categorical Variables

- Try to keep number of choices consistent, especially if you are asking the same questions pre and post treatment



The screenshot shows the 'Add New Field' form in REDCap. The 'Field Type' is set to 'Multiple Choice - Radio Buttons (Single)'. The 'Field Label' is 'Post OSA Status'. A red arrow points to the 'Copy existing choices' link under the 'Choices (one choice per line)' section. A dialog box titled 'Copy existing choices' is open, showing a list of existing choice sets with 'Use' buttons next to them. The list includes:

- 0, Male  
1, Female
- 1, American Indian or Alaska Native  
2, Asian  
3, White  
4, Black or African American  
5, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
6, More than one Race  
7, Other  
8, Unknown
- 1, Severe  
2, Mild  
3, Moderate

The dialog box also contains the text: 'You may choose from one of existing set of choices from other multiple choice fields in this project. Click the 'Use' button next to each to import that set of choices into the current field's Choices text box.'

# REDCap

- Longitudinal Data?
- Does everyone have the same follow up visit times or is it variable?
- Ask us what would be best for your collection type!!

[Project Home](#) [Project Setup](#) [Other Functionality](#) [Project Revision History](#)

Project status: Development Completed steps 0 of 7

Not started  
[I'm done!](#)

**Main project settings**

Enable Use surveys in this project? [?](#)

Enable Use longitudinal data collection with defined events? [?](#)

[VIDEO: How to create and manage a survey](#)

[I'm done!](#) [Modify project title, purpose, etc.](#)

Not started  
[I'm done!](#)

**Design your data collection instruments**

Add or edit fields on your data collection instruments. This may be done by either using the Online Designer (online method) or by uploading a Data Dictionary (offline method). Quick links: [Download PDF of all instruments](#) OR [Download the current Data Dictionary](#)

Go to [Online Designer](#) or [Data Dictionary](#) Explore the [REDCap Instrument Library](#)

Have you checked the [Check For Identifiers](#) page to ensure all identifier fields have been tagged?

Learn how to use [Smart Variables](#) [Piping](#) [@ Action Tags](#) [Field Embedding](#) [Special Functions](#)

Optional  
[I'm done!](#)

**Enable optional modules and customizations**

Enable Repeatable instruments [?](#)

Disable Auto-numbering for records [?](#)

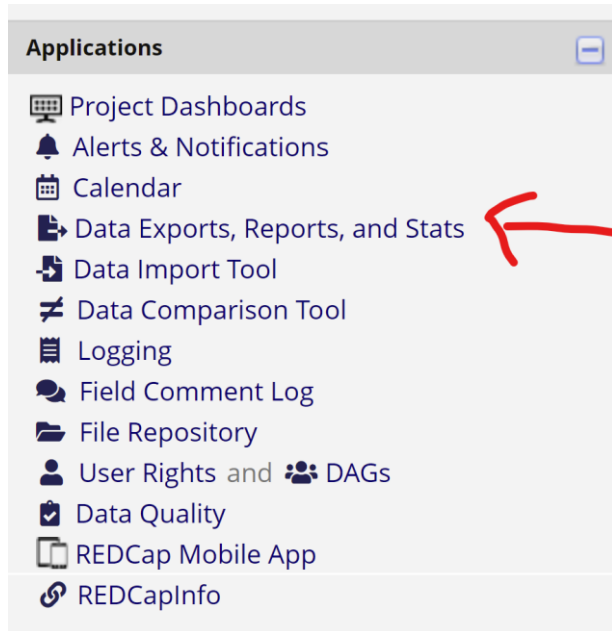
Enable Scheduling module (longitudinal only) [?](#)

Enable Randomization module [?](#)

Enable Designate an email field for communications (including survey invitations and alerts) [?](#)



# Use REDCap to check your data!



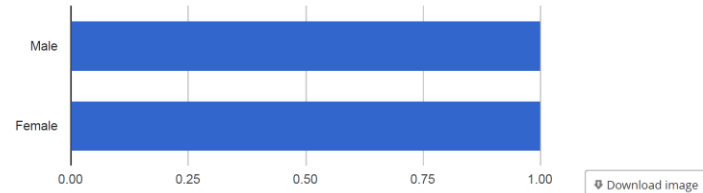
## Data Exports, Reports, and Stats

### All data (all records and fields)

#### Sex (sex)

Total Count (N)	Missing*	Unique
2	2 (50.0%)	2

Counts/frequency: Male (1, 50.0%), Female (1, 50.0%)



#### Age at Surgery (years) (age\_years)

Total Count (N)	Missing*	Unique	Min	Max	Mean	StDev	Sum	Percentile						
								0.05	0.10	0.25	0.50 Median	0.75	0.90	0.95
4	0 (0.0%)	4	11	15	13	1.83	52	11.15	11.30	11.75	13	14.25	14.70	14.85

Lowest values: 11, 12, 14, 15

# Data already in Excel?

# First Step: Data Validation

**Data Validation**

Pick from a list of rules to limit the type of data that can be entered in a cell.

For example, you can provide a list of values, like 1, 2, and 3, or only allow numbers greater than 1000 as valid entries.

[Tell me more](#)

**Data Validation...**

- Circle Invalid Data
- Clear Validation Circles

**Data Validation**

Settings Input Message Error Alert

Validation criteria

Allow:

Whole number ☒ Ignore blank

Data:

between

Minimum:

3

Maximum:

5

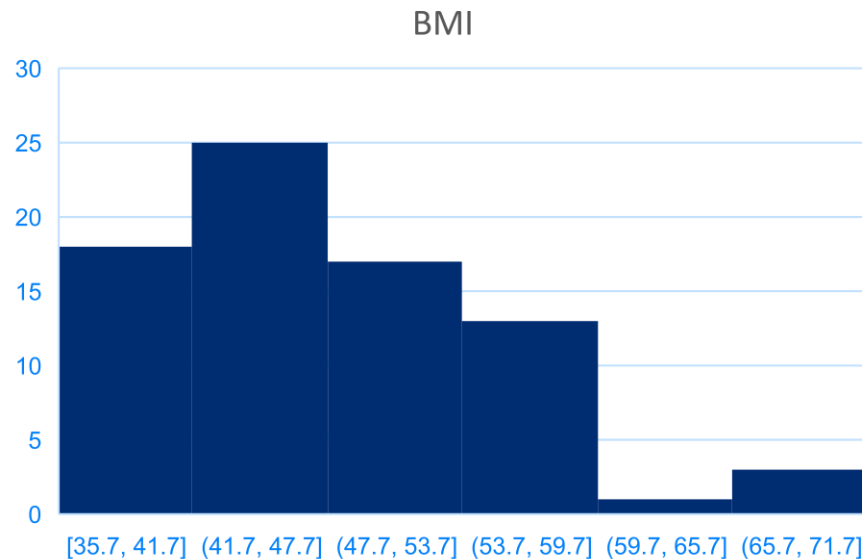
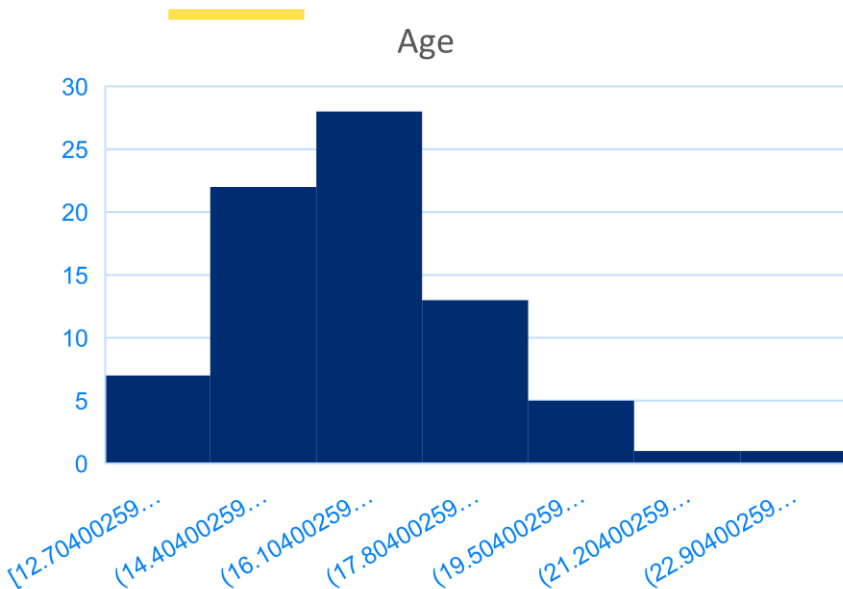
☐ Apply these changes to all other cells with the same settings

Clear All OK Cancel

Note: need to click after creating validation to see issues!

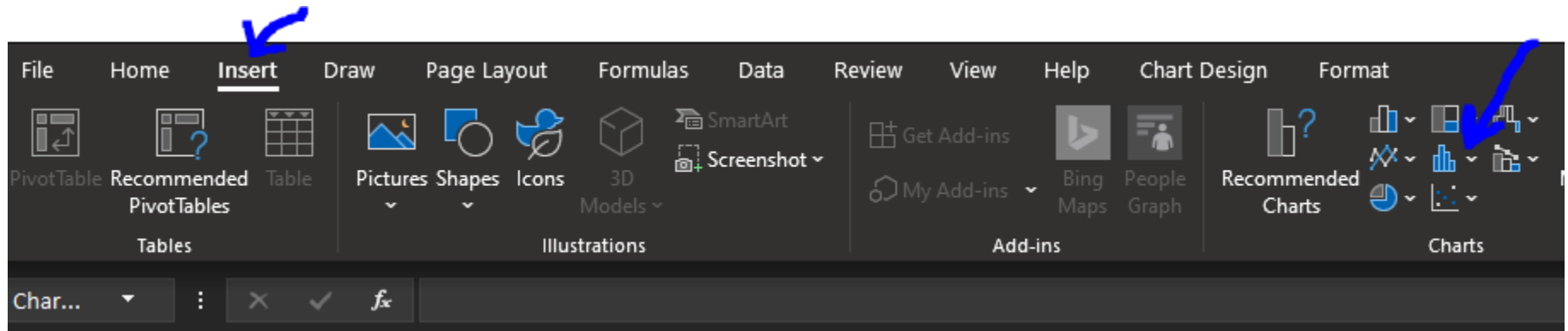
Variable Name	Description	Levels/Categories
record_id	record_id	
pid	pid	
hispanic	hispanic	1 = yes, 2 = no
race	race	3 = black, 4 = white, 5 = other
sex	sex	1 = male, 2 = female
dob	date of birth	
date_appt_1	date of first appt	
age	age at surgery	
insur_type	insurance type	1 = public, 2 = private, 3 = none

# Plot your data!



# How to make figures in case you need it:

- Highlight cell contents of the variable that you'd like to graph:



# When you can do things on your own

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- ✓ For data cleaning and data validation
- ✓ Check for missing data
- ✓ Basic summary statistics only (no statistical testing)
- ✓ When sample size is very large
- ✓ When all data variables are normally distributed. Plot your data!
- ✓ When all categorical variables have >5 individuals in all categories

# When you can do things on your own

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✓ For data cleaning and data validation

✓  
✓  
✓  
✓  
✓  
✓

 **Otherwise:**   
**CONSULT A BIOSTATISTICIAN**

# Presenting your data: Table 1





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Clinical  
Epidemiology**

Journal of Clinical Epidemiology 114 (2019) 125–132

**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

## Who is in this study, anyway? Guidelines for a useful Table 1

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# Components of a Table 1.

		Columns	Rows	Cells	
Analysis-specific considerations		Basic Table 1 considerations			
		Total column (EV) Stratify by exposure (RCT/cohort/cross-sectional) or disease (case-control) (IV)  Stratify controls by exposure (case-control) (IV)  Consider column describing target population (EV)	Include rows for all variables included in final model (IV)  Summarize variables as analyzed, rather than as-collected (IV)  Consider including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- sampling variables and possible confounders (IV)</li><li>- possible effect modifiers (EV)</li></ul>	Show n (%) for categorical variables (IV, EV)  Show mean (SD) for continuous variables, but consider median (min/max or lower/upper quartile) for skewed data (IV, EV)  Reduce visual clutter; round percentages to whole numbers	
		Missing data	Show columns for complete and partial cases, or one imputed dataset (IV)	Include row for outcome variable (IV)	
		Sample weights		Include row showing distribution and range of sample weights (IV, EV)	Show unweighted n, weighted % (IV, EV)
		Clustered data	Show separate table for clusters and individuals (EV)	Include a row for n per cluster and sampling fraction (EV)	
Interest in effect modification or interaction	Stratify by exposure and modifier (IV)	Show distribution of exposure and modifier in total column (EV)			

Abbreviations: (IV) denotes shows internal validity, (EV) denotes shows external validity, and (IV, EV) denotes shows both internal and external validity; RCT denotes randomized controlled trial; SD denotes standard deviation.

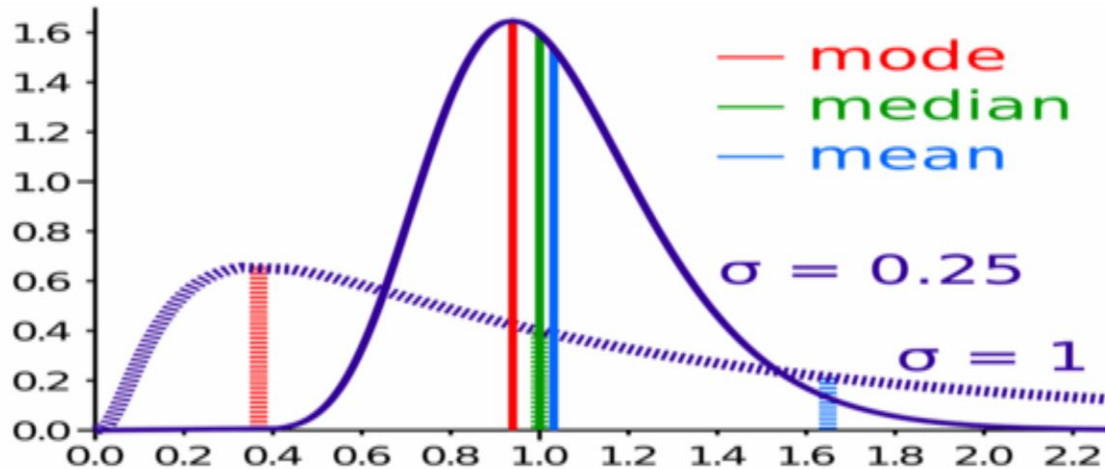
# Example of a good Table one


**Table 1. Demographics of patients stratified by preoperative diagnosis of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)**

Note: Data shown mean $\pm$ sd, median [Q1,Q3], or n(%) dependent on distribution. P-value indicates difference between those with OSA and no OSA.

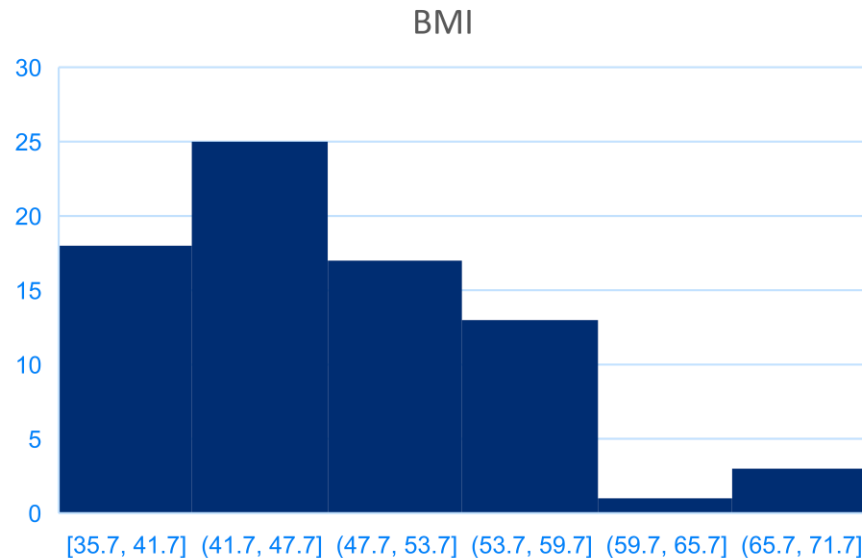
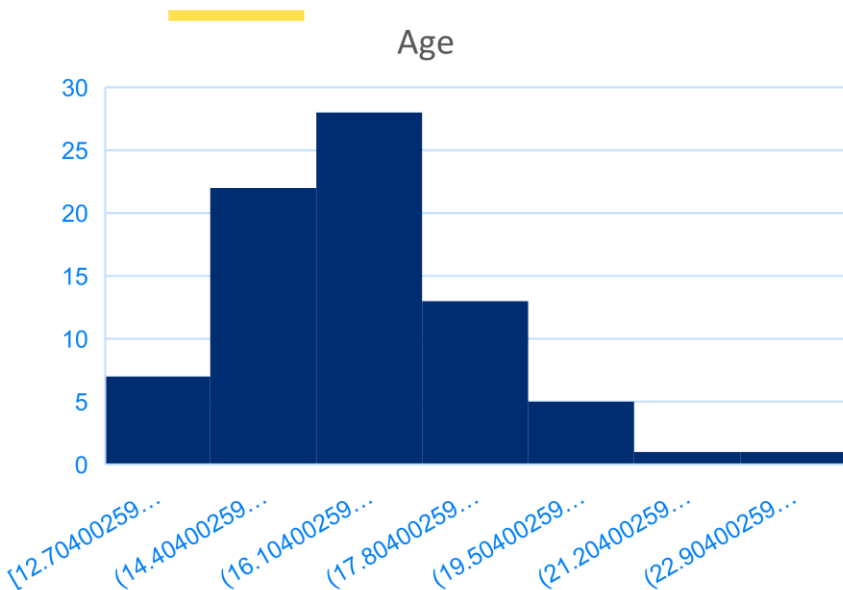
	All (n=77)	OSA (n=41)	No OSA (n=36)	p-value !
Age (years)	16.9 $\pm$ 2.0	17.3 $\pm$ 2.1	16.4 $\pm$ 1.8	0.05
Sex				0.01
Females	53 (69%)	23 (56%)	30 (83%)	
Males	24 (31%)	18 (44%)	6 (17%)	
Hispanic	38 (49%)	20 (49%)	18 (50%)	0.91
Race				0.06
White	36 (47%)	17 (41%)	19 (53%)	
Black	13 (17%)	11 (27%)	2 (5%)	
Other	3 (4%)	2 (5%)	1 (3%)	
Missing	25 (32%)	11 (27%)	14 (39%)	
Insurance				0.49
Public	52 (68%)	30 (73%)	22 (61%)	
Private	22 (29%)	10 (24%)	12 (33%)	
None	3 (4%)	1 (2%)	2 (6%)	
BMI (median [Q1,Q3])	47.0 [42.3, 52.8]	47.7 [43.2, 55.1]	46.5 [42.1, 52.5]	<0.001

# Mean (SD) or Median [IQR]: Check the Distribution of the data!



Comparison of mean, median and mode of two log-normal distributions with different skewness. 

# Plot your data!



# Calculating Summary Statistics in Excel

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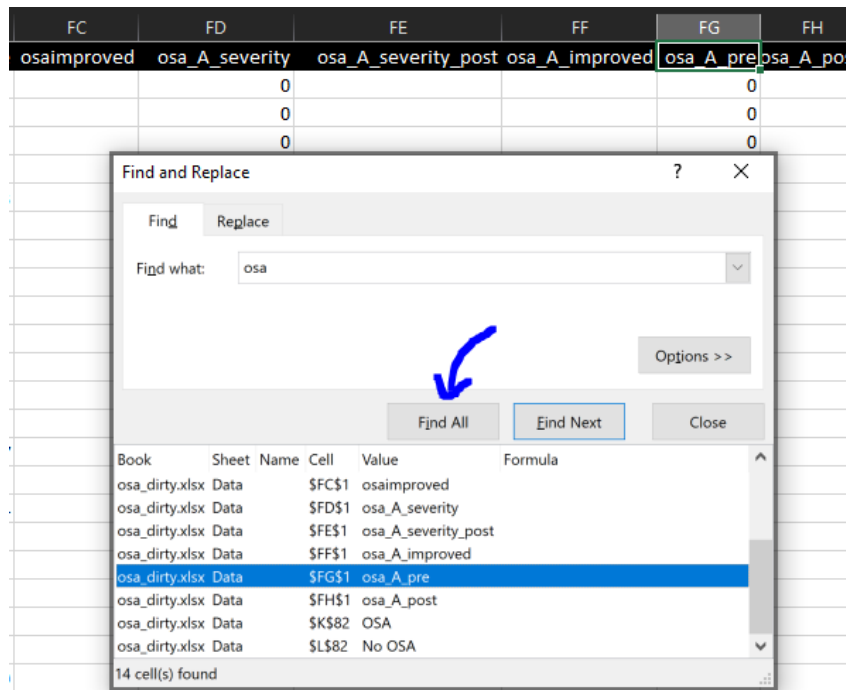
- SUM, AVERAGE, MAX, MIN, MODE, MEDIAN, COUNT, STDEV are some of the main functions
- These are used as functions in a cell using =funct(cell #'s)
- Stratification by exposure or disease status by adding “IFS” to end of summary measure

- A few good references:

- <https://www.online-tech-tips.com/ms-office-tips/excel-average-median-mode-formulas/>
- <https://www.techrepublic.com/blog/10-things/10-tips-for-summarizing-excel-data/>

# Finding variables of interest

Using ctrl+F or 'Find & Select' in large databases along with 'Find All' option



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
record_id	pid	hispanic	race	sex	dob	date_appt_1	age

## Summary Statistics: The basics

1	age	insur_type	aphics_complete	osa_A_pre
19	20.101713	1	2	1
19	16.227575	2	2	1
		All	sd %	OS
	total N		77	
	Age (years)	= AVERAGE(H2:H78)		
	Sex	AVERAGE(number1, [number2], ..		
	Females			

Helpful Tip:  
Always press 'Enter'  
before clicking out of an  
equation cell to avoid  
affecting cell contents!



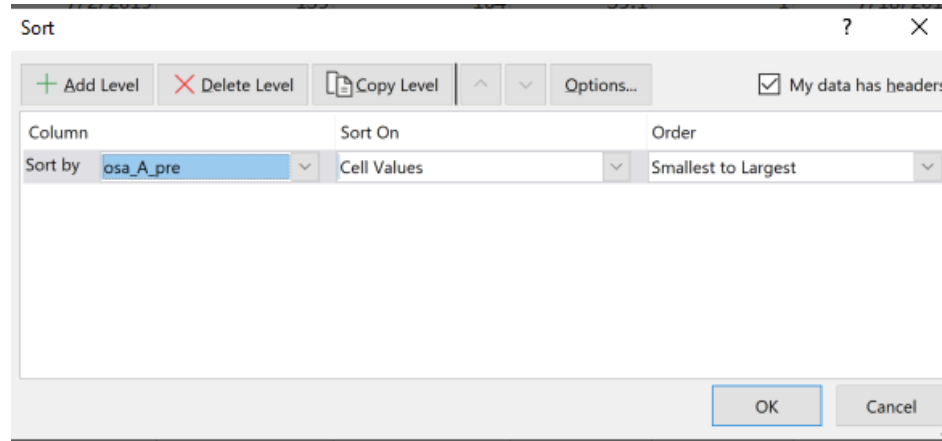
# Summary Statistics Stratified: Averages

=AVERAGEIF(K2:K78,1,H2:H78)							
E	AVERAGEIF(range, criteria, [average_range])			H	I	J	K
sex	dob	date_appt_1	age	insur_type	aphics_complete	osa_A	pre
0	7/6/2001	6/29/2017	15.981163	3	2	0	
0	1/3/2001	8/17/2017	16.618981	2	2	0	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Stratification criteria comes first, then the value you want to summarize

# Summary Statistics Stratified

- Some summary statistics (i.e. sd) do not have “IFS” options - sort on stratifying variable for future summaries
- Home -> ‘Sort & Filter’ -> ‘Custom Sort’



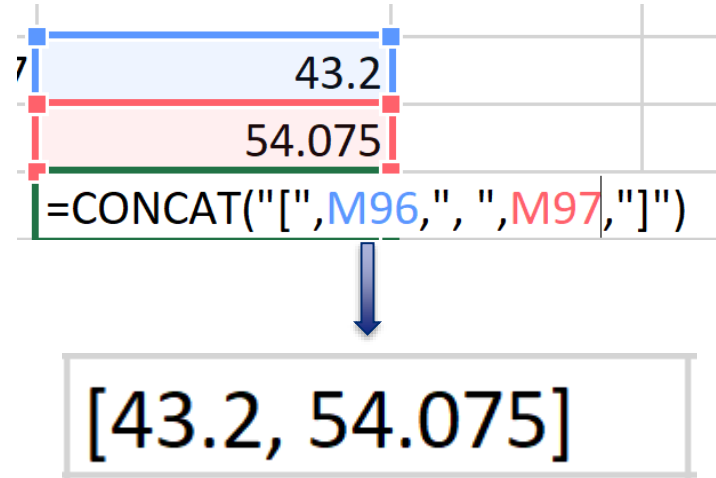
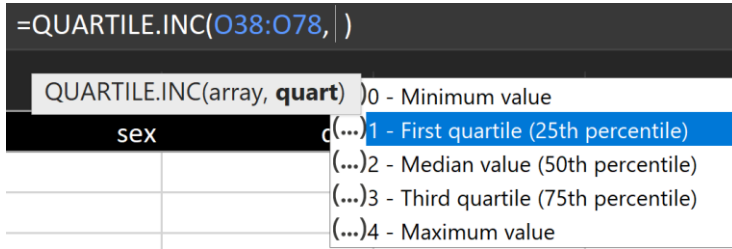
# Summary Statistics Stratified: Standard Deviation

=STDEV(H38:H78)							
E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
sex	dob	date_appt_1	age	insur_type	aphics_complete	osa_A_pre	
0	3/28/2004	6/27/2019	15.24729	1	2	0	
1	4/28/2002	7/18/2019	17.221435	1	2	0	
0	3/24/2006	7/25/2019	13.336231	2	2	0	
1	5/4/2001	6/8/2017	16.096155	1	2	1	
1	10/15/1999	6/15/2017	17.667714	1	2	1	

- Remember the Custom Sort from before!!

# Median and IQR

- Use median [Q1, Q3] when data is skewed
- IQR or [Q1, Q3] = range of data between 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Percentiles
- Median does not have IFS option (need to sort prior like sd)



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
record_id	pid	hispanic	race	sex	dob	date_appt_1	age

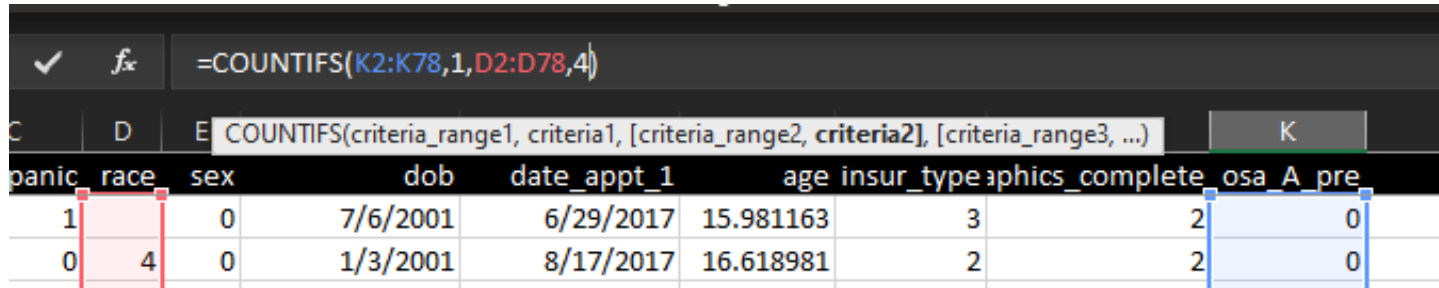
## Categorical Variables

H	I	J	K
age	insur_type	aphics_complete	osa_A_pre
.101713	1	2	1
.227575	2	2	1
		All	sd %
total N	= COUNT(K2:K78)		
Age (years)	16.91028854		
Sex			

	All	sd %
total N	77	
Age (years)	16.91028854	
Sex		
Females		
Males		
Hispanic		
Race		
White	=COUNTIF(D2:D78,4)	
Black	COUNTIF(range, criteria)	
Other	3	
Missing	=COUNTIF(D3:D78,"")	

← Check for continuous variables also!

# Summary Statistics Stratified: Counts



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with a formula bar at the top containing the formula `=COUNTIFS(K2:K78,1,D2:D78,4)`. Below the formula bar, a table is visible with columns labeled 'panic', 'race', 'sex', 'dob', 'date\_appt\_1', 'age', 'insur\_type', 'aphics\_complete', 'osa\_A', and 'pre'. The first two rows of data are highlighted in pink and blue respectively. The first row has values: 1, 4, 0, 7/6/2001, 6/29/2017, 15.981163, 3, 2, 0. The second row has values: 0, 4, 0, 1/3/2001, 8/17/2017, 16.618981, 2, 2, 0.

panic	race	sex	dob	date_appt_1	age	insur_type	aphics_complete	osa_A	pre
1	4	0	7/6/2001	6/29/2017	15.981163	3	2	0	
0	4	0	1/3/2001	8/17/2017	16.618981	2	2	0	

- Stratification criteria comes first, then the value you want to summarize

# Testing for group differences

- Test type for group differences are based on a few main things:
  - Number of groups being compared (2 vs 3+ have different tests)
  - Type of variable (categorical, continuous)
  - Are the Values Paired? (pre/post differences, matched case control studies)
  - Distribution of Variable (normally distributed, skewed)
  - Sample Size (small sample invalidate many tests)
- Formula -> more functions -> statistical
- *T.test*: for testing differences between 2 groups in normally distributed continuous variables
- *Chi.Square*: for testing group differences in **categorical variables** with sufficient cell sizes (>5 per category!!)

## CAUTION!!!:

Just because a p-value comes out does not mean you've used the correct test for your data! Check with your statistician before reporting/publishing anything!

# T-test

Function Library				Defined Names				Formula Auditi			
fx				=T.TEST(H2:H37,H38:H78, 2,							
D				E T.TEST(array1, array2, tails, type)				T.TEST performs a paired t-Test			
ace				sex				dob			
3				0				7/1/2003			
4				1				9/11/2001			
3				0				3/24/2001			
6/7/2018				16.736826				2			
6/7/2018				17.473208				1			
7/5/2018				2				2			
6/7/2018				1				1			
9/13/2018				2				1			



# Chi-Square Test

- compare number of individuals observed to number of individuals expected if summarized together (i.e. the overall proportions)

Gender			
observed	no osa	osa	total
f	30	23	53
m	6	18	24
	36	41	77
expected	no osa	osa	
f	$=L100/L102*J102$		
m	11.22077922	12.779221	



observed	no osa	osa
f	30	23
m	6	18
expected	no osa	osa
f	24.77922078	28.22077922
m	11.22077922	12.77922078
$= \text{CHISQ.TEST}(F99:G100, F103:G104)$		
CHISQ.TEST(actual_range, expected_range)		



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m	6	18
expected	no osa	osa
f	24.77922078	28.22077922
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= CHISQ.TEST(F99:G100,F103:G104)

CHISQ.TEST(actual\_range, expected\_range)

p-value

0.010039922

	Observed	Expected
F OSA	23	28.22077922
M OSA	18	12.77922078
F No OSA	30	24.77922078
M no OSA	6	11.22077922

=CHISQ.TEST(F84:F87,G84:G87)

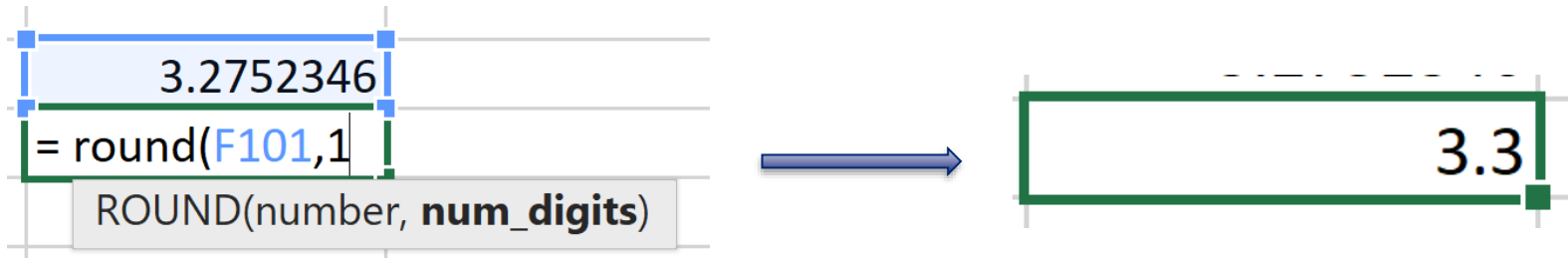
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p-value

0.084756395

# Rounding Reported Numbers

- Only need enough digits after decimal points to show magnitude of difference
- P-values 2 digits after decimal point
- Percents can be whole numbers
- Continuous values 1-3 depending on range of data



# Questions?



## Now Reproduce the Table!

1. Plot the continuous values to look for abnormal values
2. Validate the categorical variables that are in the table
3. Do the summaries of at least 1 continuous and 1 categorical variable to fill in the table

	All (n=77)	OSA (n=41)	No OSA (n=36)
<b>Age (years)</b>	16.9 ± 2.0	17.3 ± 2.1	16.4 ± 1.8
<b>Sex</b>			
<b>Females</b>	53 (69%)	23 (56%)	30 (83%)
<b>Males</b>	24 (31%)	18 (44%)	6 (17%)
<b>Hispanic</b>	38 (49%)	20 (49%)	18 (50%)
<b>Race</b>			
<b>White</b>	36 (47%)	17 (41%)	19 (53%)
<b>Black</b>	13 (17%)	11 (27%)	2 (5%)
<b>Other</b>	3 (4%)	2 (5%)	1 (3%)
<b>Missing</b>	25 (32%)	11 (27%)	14 (39%)
<b>Insurance</b>			
<b>Public</b>	52 (68%)	30 (73%)	22 (61%)
<b>Private</b>	22 (29%)	10 (24%)	12 (33%)
<b>None</b>	3 (4%)	1 (2%)	2 (6%)
<b>BMI (median [Q1,Q3])</b>	47 [42.3, 52.8]	47.7 [43.2, 55.1]	46.8 [42.1, 52.5]

# Bonus Material

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"We've got the Big Data report, we did the competitive analysis, and *nobody* thought to include cats?!"



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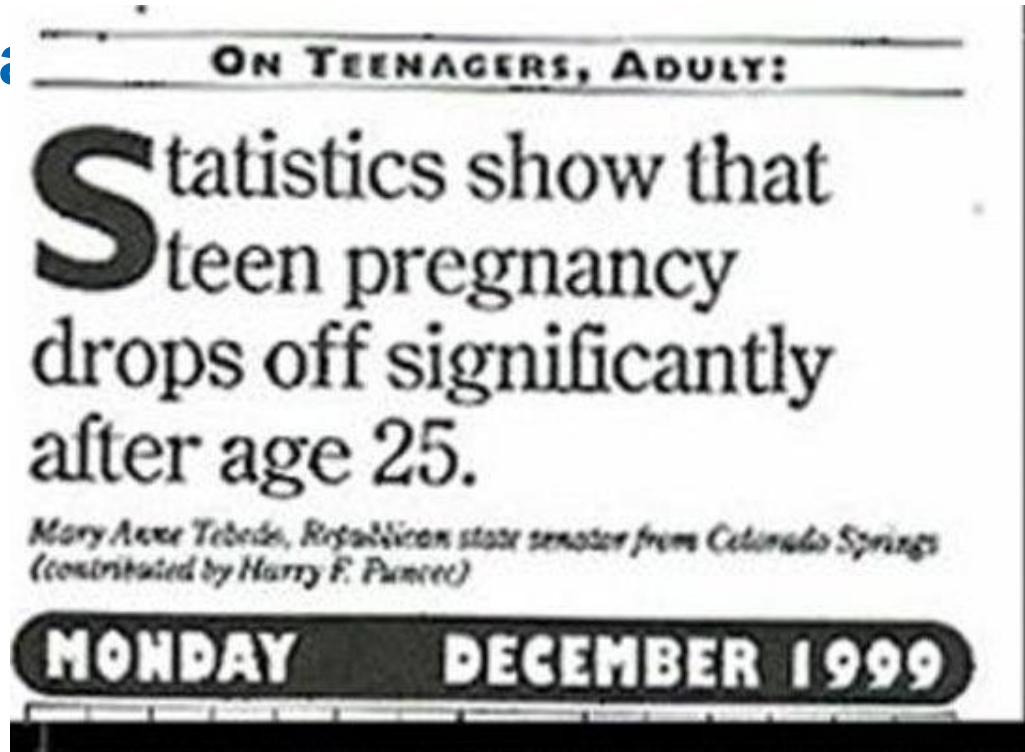
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# Thank you!