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## Why Data Viz Matters For All Data Professionals



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# Agenda

In this session we will cover

- Why data visualization is important
- Why *good* data visualization is important
- Optimize your data viz for human consumption

# Data Viz Matters

The greatest value of a picture is when it forces us to notice what we never expected to see. - John Tukey

Data Visualization can change lives and businesses by enabling data-driven decisions.

# Snow Cholera Map



<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c7/Snow-cholera-map.jpg>

# Rosling GapMinder



Visualization from Gapminder World, powered by Trendalyzer from [www.gapminder.org](http://www.gapminder.org).



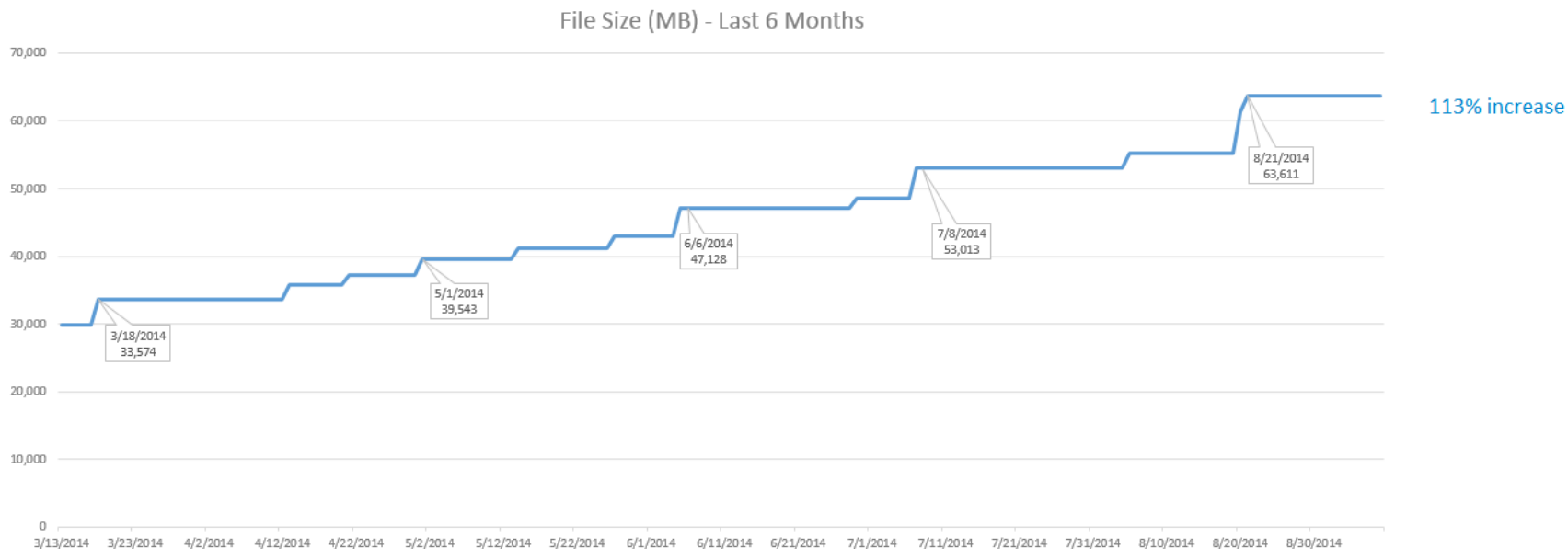
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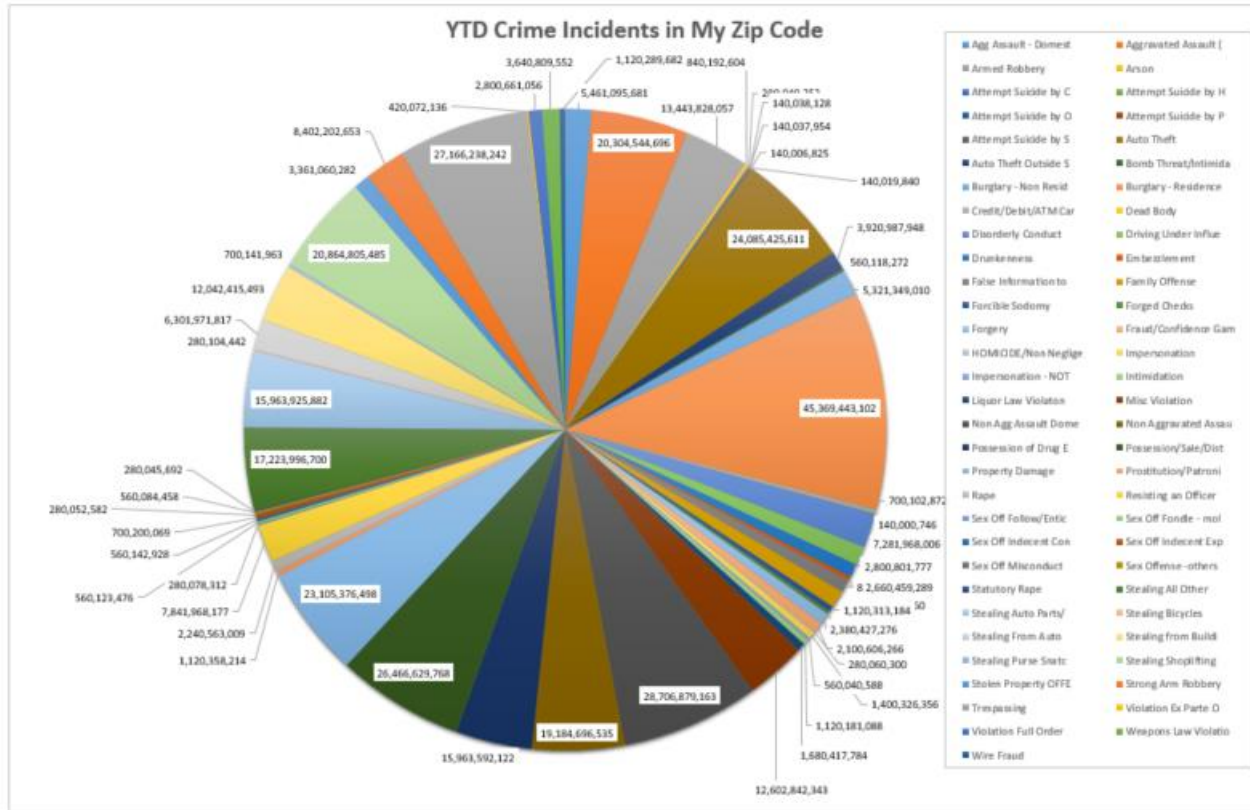
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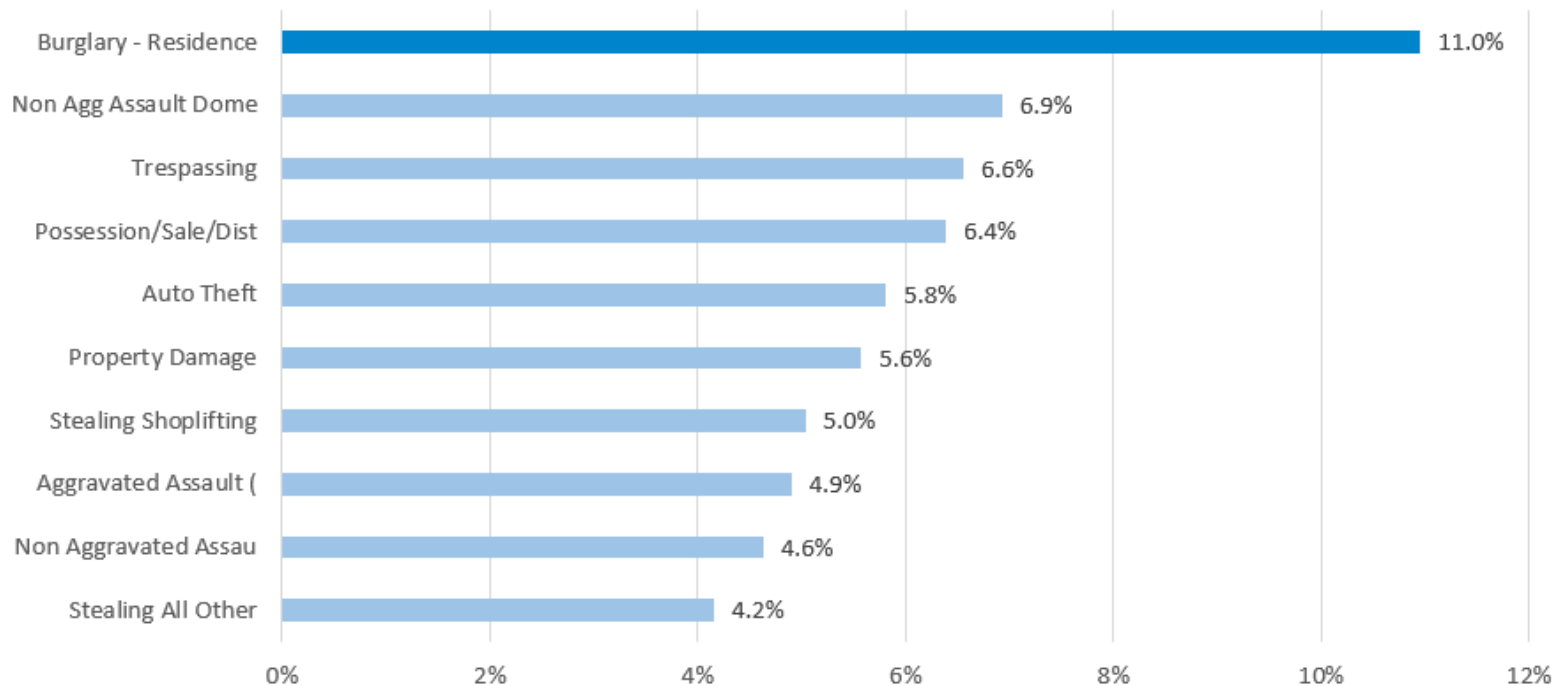


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Most Common Crimes in My Neighborhood - % of Total Crimes

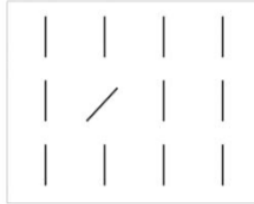


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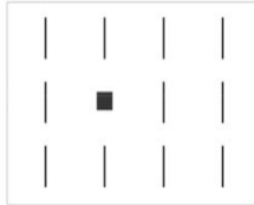
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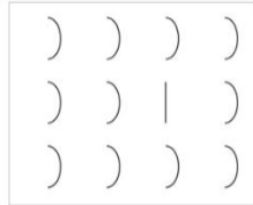
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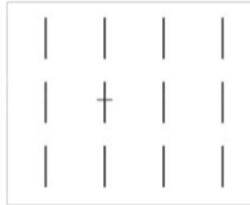
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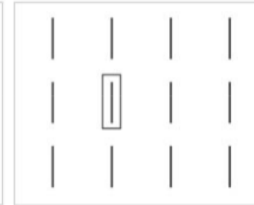
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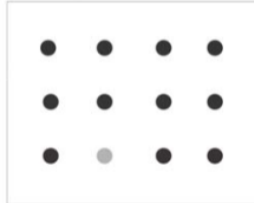


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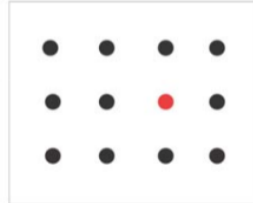


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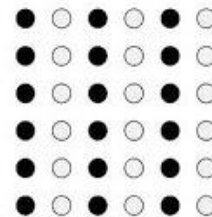
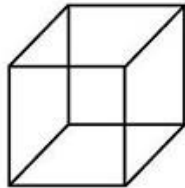
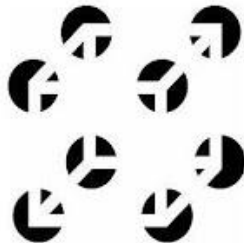
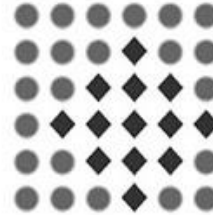
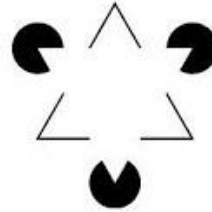
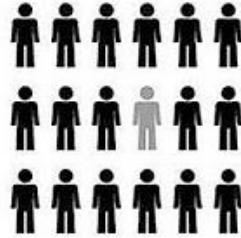
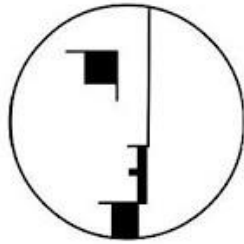


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2-D Position

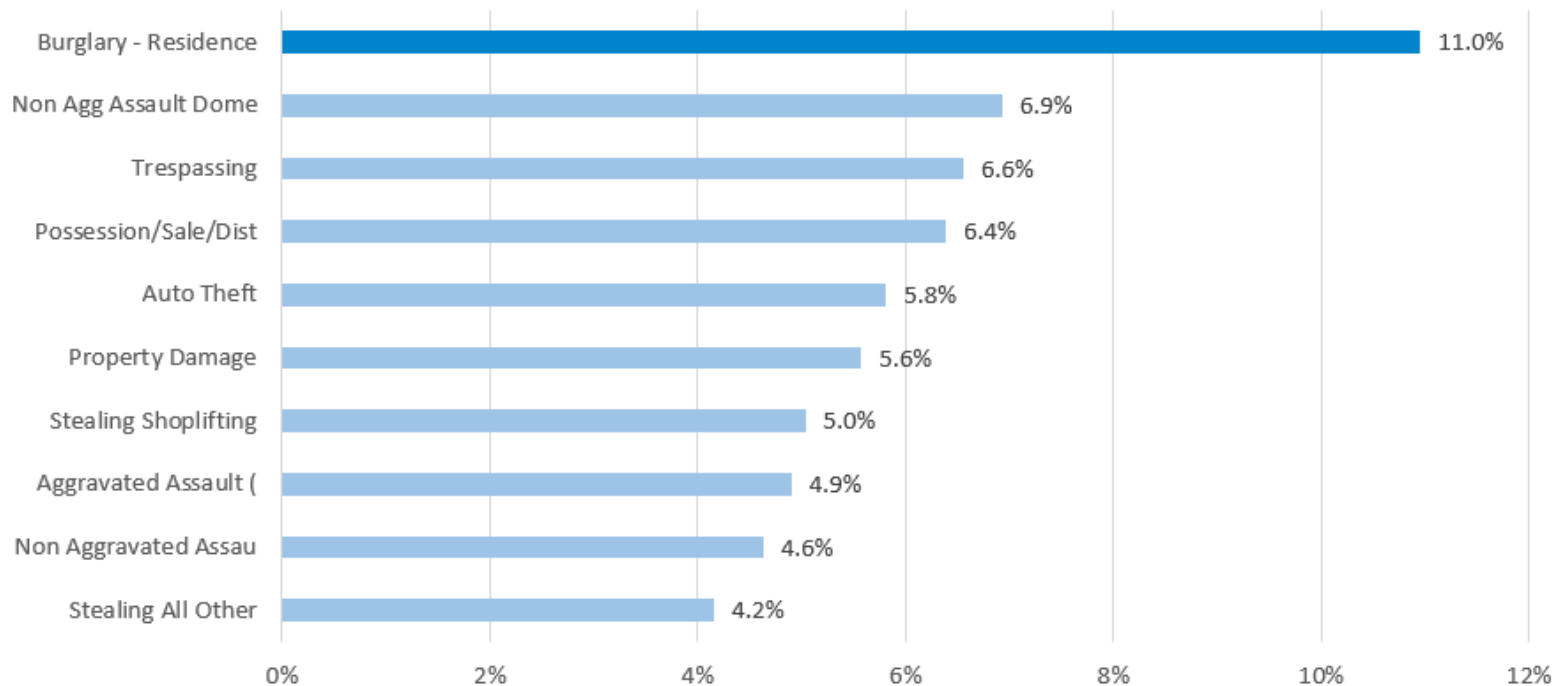


# Gestalt Principles



# Data Viz Through New Eyes

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# Summary

Optimize your data viz just as you optimize your database

“Graphical excellence is that which gives to the viewer the greatest number of ideas in the shortest time with the least ink in the smallest space.” – Edward Tufte



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