The Effects of Using Big Data Sets in an Introductory Statistics Class

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GAISE Recommendations

- Emphasize statistical literacy and develop statistical thinking.
- 2. Use real data.
- 3. Stress conceptual understanding, rather than mere knowledge of procedures.
- 4. Foster active learning in the classroom.
- Use technology for developing concepts and analyzing data.

Data

- 1. http://www.Data.gov.
- 2. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/.
- 3. http://www.census.gov/data.html.
- 4. http://open-data.europa.eu/en/data/.
- 5. http://data.gov.uk/.
- 6. https://www.healthdata.gov/.
- 7. http://www.hscic.gov.uk/home.
- 8. http://aws.amazon.com/datasets.
- 9. http://www.inside-r.org/howto/finding-data-internet.

Internet Research Data

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Importing Database

.xls or .csv are the easiest to import into most software packages.

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Code Book for Data

Code books are usually linked on the same page as the data set.

PEW INTERNET PROJECT ASK IF HAVE CELL PHONE (PIALQL1=1 or SAMPLE=2): PSRAI Omnibus October Week 1 (October 3-6, 2013) Do you ever use the mobile appicalled "SNAP-CHAT" that is used to take and share Revised: October 1, 2013 photos and videos, or do you not use that app? ASK ALL: Yes EMINUSE Do you use the internet or email, at least occasionally? {PIAL trend} No (DO NOT READ) Not sure/Don't know Yes (DO NOT READ) Refused No (DO NOT READ) Don't know ASK IF HAVE CELL PHONE (PIALQL1=1 or SAMPLE=2): (DO NOT READ) Refused Do you ever use INSTAGRAM on your cell phone, or do you not use that app? ASK ALL: Yes INTIMOS. Do you access the internet on a cell phone, tablet or other mobile handheld device, least occasionally? {PIAL trend} (DO NOT READ) Not sure/Don't know (DO NOT READ) Refused Yes ASK ALL INSTAGRAMUSERS (PIAL7=1): (DO NOT READ) Don't know How often do you use Instagram? Would you say.... [READ] (DO NOT READ) Refused Several times a day ASK LANDLINE SAMPLE (SAMPLE=1): About once a day PIALQLI Do you have a cell phone? {PIAL trend} 3 to 5 days a week 1 to 2 days a week Yes Every few weeks (OR) Less often (DO NOT READ) Don't know (DO NOT READ) Not sure/Don't know (DO NOT READ) Refused (DO NOT READ) Refused

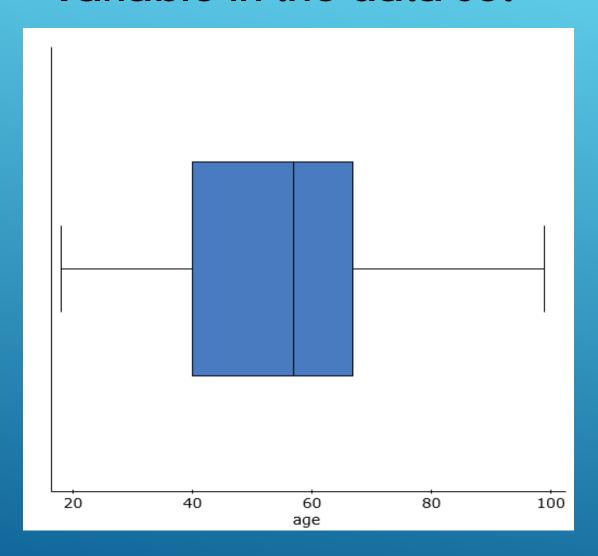
Internet Research Data Set

Variables for Potential Explorations by Students:

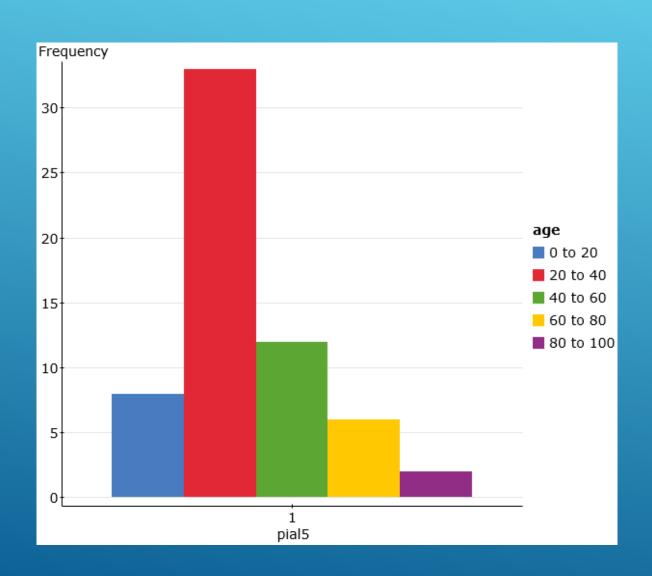
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- 2. pial1 posting of photos
- 3. pial5 Use of snapchat
- 4. pial7 Use of Instagram

While still having the variables of age, race income, etc. to group by.

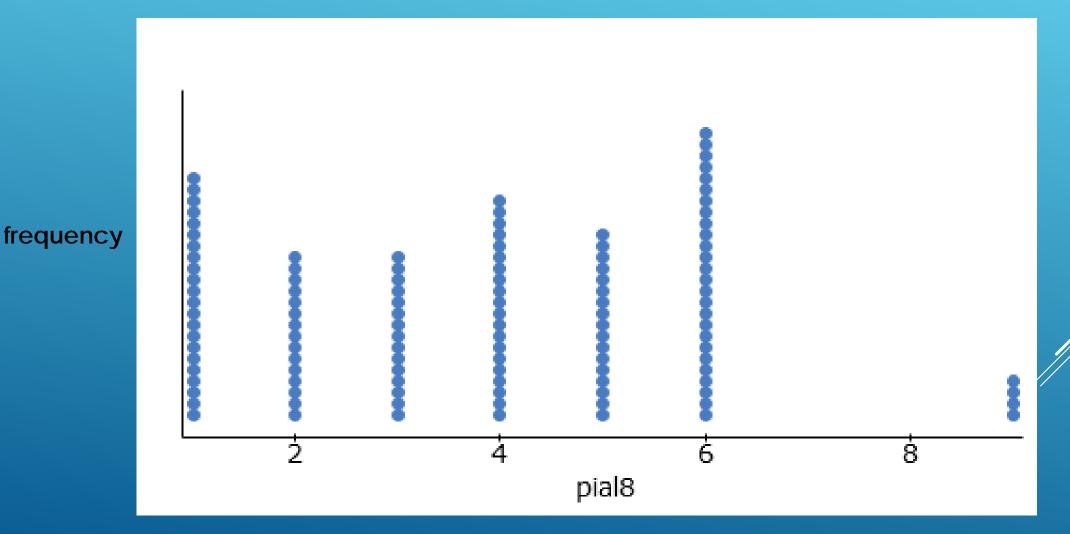
Box and Whisker Plot for the age variable in the data set



Do you ever use the mobile app called "SNAP-CHAT" that is used to take and share photos and videos? (pial5). Those who responded 1 for "Yes" by age group



DOT PLOT OF HOW OFTEN INSTAGRAM USERS POST PHOTOS TO THE SITE (PIAL8)



Potential Value for Students

- Allows the instructor to find an interesting data set the students will enjoy exploring.
- Great exposure to the data sets they will see in the real worlds of business, industry, healthcare, etc.
- Instead of just memorizing the processes, they are applying the concepts to real world data and situations.
- 4. Students enjoyed the computer lab interactive set up during class, increased participation.

Thank You

Any Questions?

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