Getting More From Your Data





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How do you currently use Data?

~ What data do you collect? How and where?

~ How do you use the data that you have access to?



Share your responses in the Chat window

Data is Trending!

~ Increased focus on data and harnessing the power of data.

~ Increased emphasis on making data-informed

decisions, program improvements.

Data is not a new concept. What has changed?

Focus on Data

- Beyond accountability, should be for opportunities for inquiry, learning, and program improvement
- ~ For discovery of gaps in services
- ~ Beyond testing, towards gathering qualitative data to capture more information

Data Discomfort?

~ Who owns our data?

~ How are they using it?



















Increased need for Data Literacy

Data literacy -> Ability to derive meaningful information from data. It is critical to data exploration and discovery.

- ~ Focus on data quality
- ~ Privacy concerns
- ~ Data fluency



Putting your Data to Work

- ~ What questions do you need answered?
- ~ Are you collecting the right data for it? Is someone else collecting that data?
- ~ Who is collecting the data and who has access to this data?
- ~ How are you storing the data?



Using Data for Program Improvement

~ How is your program and services influencing student outcomes?

~ Who is participating in your programming? Who is being left out?

Data Sources - External and Internal

- ~ Labor market data
- ~ Community data
- ~ Local employers
- ~ Workforce Investment

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~ Other?

- ~ Enrollment data
- ~ Attendance
- ~ Completion
- ~ Learning Gains
- ~ NRS data
- ~ Other?

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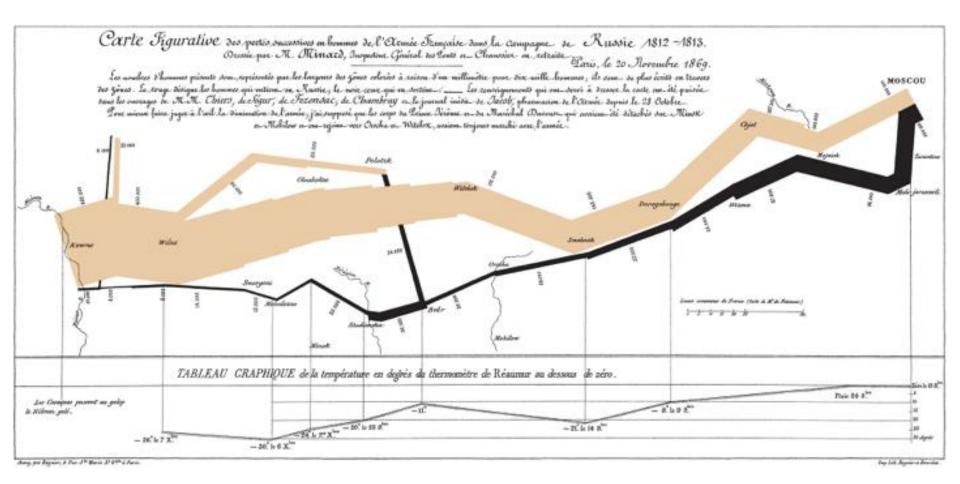
Technology and computing has transformed how we view data and has led to a Big Data moment.

Data is only as good as your ability to understand and

communicate it.



Data Visualization



Developing Data dashboards

The following data tools have dashboard capabilities.

~ Excel

~ Salesforce

~ Google Sheets



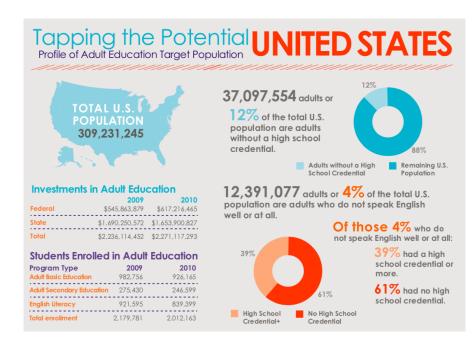
Using Data to tell a story

The following solutions offer helpful templates to design infographics and display data in a meaningful way.

~ Piktochart

~ Canva

~ Tableau



Putting it all together

- ~ Data is a tool at your disposal
- ~ Know the limitations of data
- ~ Data can be biased
- ~ Programs need to employ a data-led approach to teaching and program improvement

How would you use this data discussion in your program or classroom? What resources will you need?



Thanks!

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