## Visualization Assessment Rubric

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OBJECTIVES	Outstanding (4)	Effective (3)	Adequate (2)	Ineffective (1)
Clearly defined topic that	Visualization has a concise	Topic is well defined but	Topic is somewhat	Poorly defined topic that
answers a specific question	and clearly defined topic that	visualization addresses	defined, and the	addresses too many
or facilitates decision	addresses one question.	too many questions to	visualization addresses	questions to be useful.
making.		be useful.	multiple questions.	
Applies appropriate graphic	All of the graphic variable	Most of the graphic	Only a few of the graphic	None of the graphic
variable types for the data	types used are well-suited for	variable types used are	variable types used are	variable types used are
type and scale.	the type and scale of the data	well suited for the type	well suited for the type	suited for the type and
	they represent.	and scale of the data	and scale of the data	scale of the data they
		they represent.	they represent.	represent.
Legends should describe and	Legend describes every	Legend describes most	Legend describes only a	Either there is no legend,
explain every graphic	graphic variable type present	of the graphic variable	few of the graphic	or it does not describe
variable type employed.	in the visualization.	types present in the	variable types present in	any of the graphic
		visualization.	the visualization.	variable types present in
				the visualization.
Everything in the	Visualization contains no	Visualization has very	Visualization some color,	Visualization is
visualization conveys some	color, symbolism, or text that	little color, symbolism,	symbolism, or text that	overwhelmed by
information to the viewer.	is irrelevant to the question	or text that is irrelevant	is irrelevant to the	symbolism, text, and
	the visualization seeks to	to the question the	question the	color that are irrelevant
	answer.	visualization seeks to	visualization seeks to	to the question the
		answer.	address.	visualization seeks to
				answer.
Visualization makes	Fewer than 8 colors used in	Fewer than 12 colors are	Fewer than 12 colors are	More than 12 colors are
appropriate use of color.	visualization, uses color value	used, but similar colors	used, and some similar	used. Similar colors are
	for quantitative data	are not adjacent.	colors are adjacent.	adjacent. Color hue and
	variables, and color hue for			value are applied to the
	qualitative data variables.			wrong data types.

