

# Histograms

A **histogram** is a bar graph used to display the frequency of data divided into equal intervals, called **bins**. The bars must be of equal width and should touch, but not overlap. The height of each bar gives the frequency of the data.

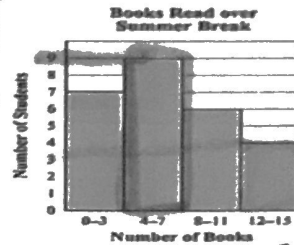
An example of a histogram is below:

How many students read 4-7 books? - 9 students

How many more students read 4-7 books than 12-15 books?  

$$9 - 3 = 6$$

# of students



**Advantages of Histograms:**

Good for determining the shape of data  
 Convenient for representing large quantities of data

# of books

**Disadvantages of Histograms:**

Cannot read exact values because data is grouped into categories  
 More difficult to compare two data sets because measures of center and spread cannot be determined

range

median

| TYPE                                   | DESCRIPTION  | PICTURE |
|--|--|---------|
| <b>SYMMETRIC</b>                       | When graphed, a vertical line drawn at the center will form mirror images.<br><br>This shape is referred to as the bell shaped curve or normal curve<br><br>The median will be in or close to the center of the number line.   |         |
| <b>SKEWED LEFT</b><br>(NEGATIVE SKEW)  | Fewer data points are found to the left of the graph (towards the smaller data values). The "tail" of the graph is to the left.<br><br>The median will be shifted right and the "tail" on the left. Typically, the mean is less than or to the left of the median.     |         |
| <b>SKEWED RIGHT</b><br>(POSITIVE SKEW) | Fewer data points are found to the right of the graph (towards the bigger data values). The "tail" of the graph is to the right.<br><br>The median will be shifted left and the "tail" on the right. Typically the mean is greater than or to the right of the median. |         |
| <b>UNIFORM</b>                         | The data is spread equally (or very close to equally) across the range.<br><br>Uniform distributions are a type of symmetric distributions.<br><br>The median will be in or close to the center of the number line.  |         |

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A business magazine surveyed its readers about their commute times.

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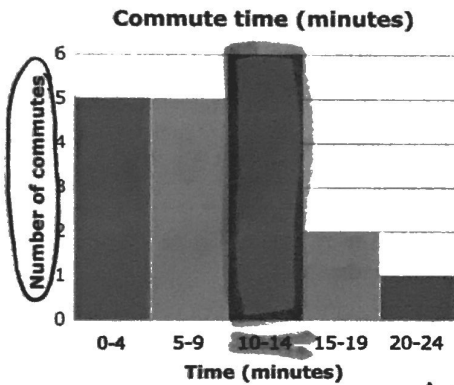
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*highest bar?*

Which range has the most commutes?

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 0-4 minutes          | 5-9 minutes   |
| <b>10-14 minutes</b> | 15-19 minutes |

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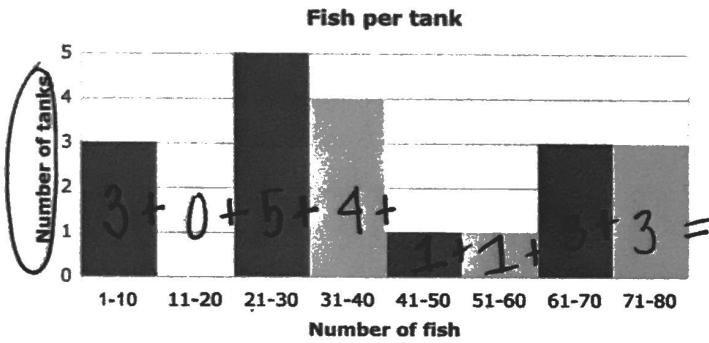
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A pet store owner had his staff count the number of fish in each tank.



$3 + 0 + 5 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 3 = 20$

tanks

How many tanks are there in all?

20 tanks

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A researcher recorded the number of cows on each farm in the county.

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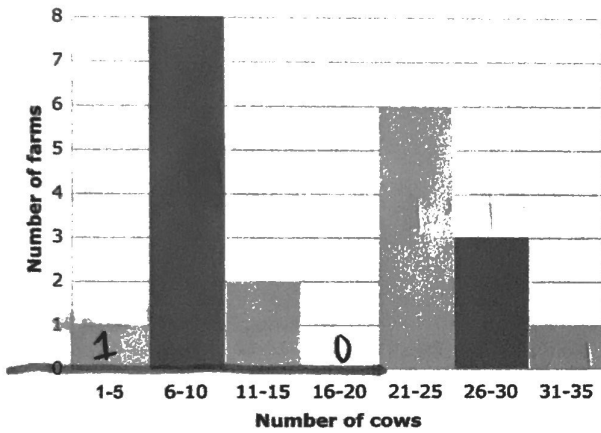
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Cows per farm



Are there more farms that have 1-5 cows or farms that have 16-20 cows?



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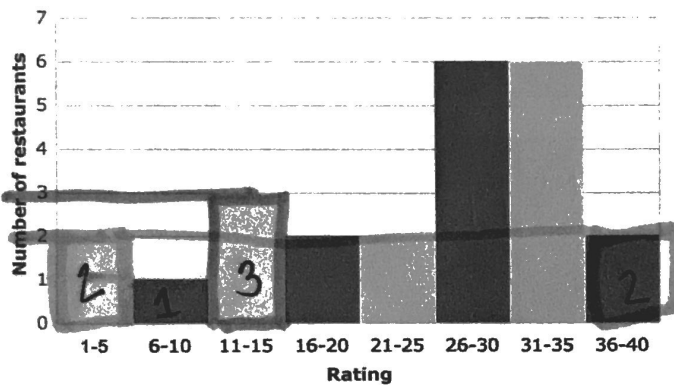
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A food magazine published a listing of local restaurant ratings.

Restaurant ratings



least

Which rating range was achieved by the least restaurants?

- 1-5 points
- 6-10 points
- 11-15 points
- 36-40 points

2

1

3

2

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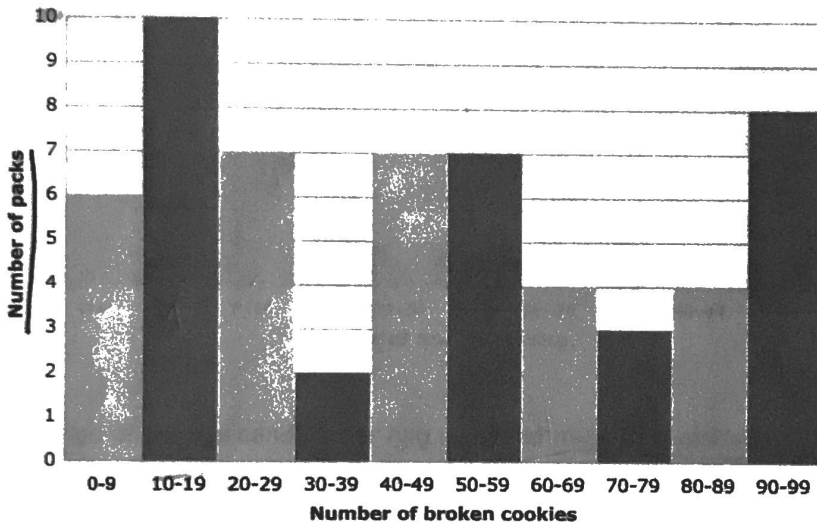
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A cookie factory monitored the number of broken cookies per pack yesterday.

Broken cookies per pack



How many packs had between 10 and 19 broken cookies?

10 packs

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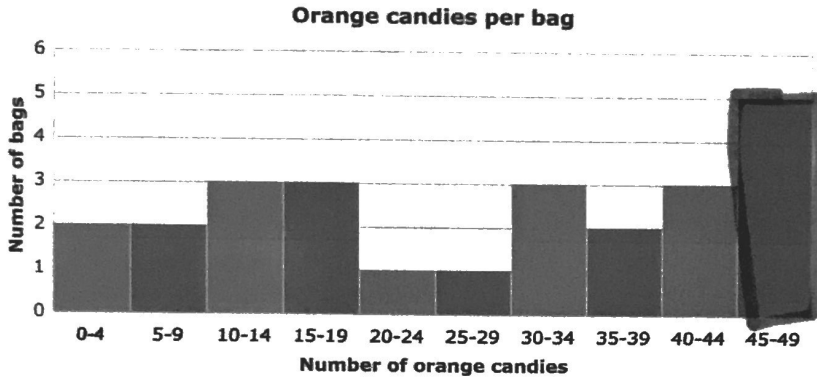
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A candy dispenser put various numbers of orange candies into bags.



Which range of orange candies per bag occurred most frequently?

often - highest bar?

15-19 orange candies

25-29 orange candies

40-44 orange candies

45-49 orange candies

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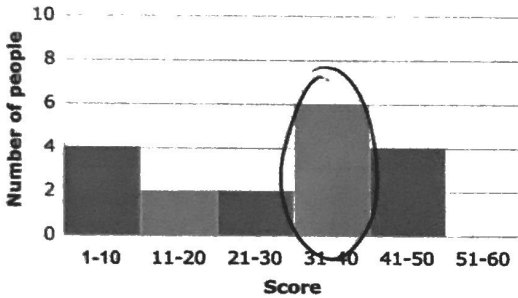
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The staff of a game show tracked the performance of all the contestants during the past season.

Game show scores



Which score range was achieved by the most people?

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A high school basketball coach counted the number of points his team scored each game.

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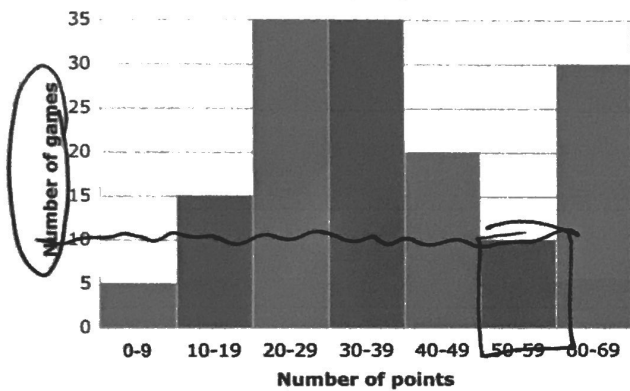
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Points per game



range

How many games had between 50 and 59 points?

10 games

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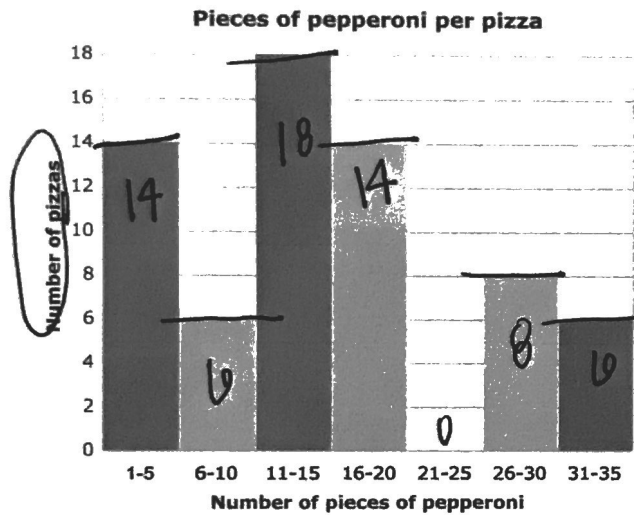
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Belle counted the number of pieces of pepperoni on each pizza she made.



$14 + 6 + 18 + 14 + 0 + 8 + 6 =$

How many pizzas were there in all?

60 pizzas

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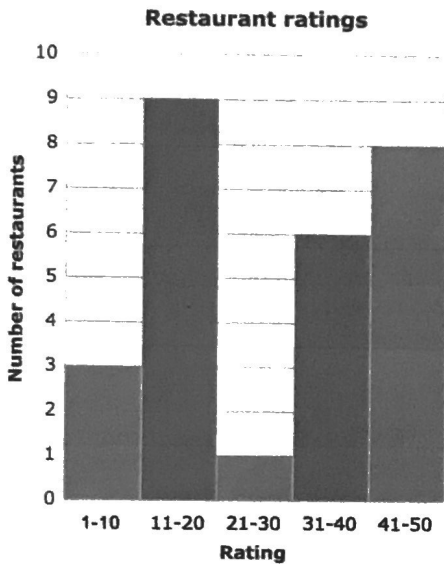
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A food magazine published a listing of local restaurant ratings.



*lowest bar?*

Which rating range was achieved by the fewest restaurants?

9                      1                      6                      8

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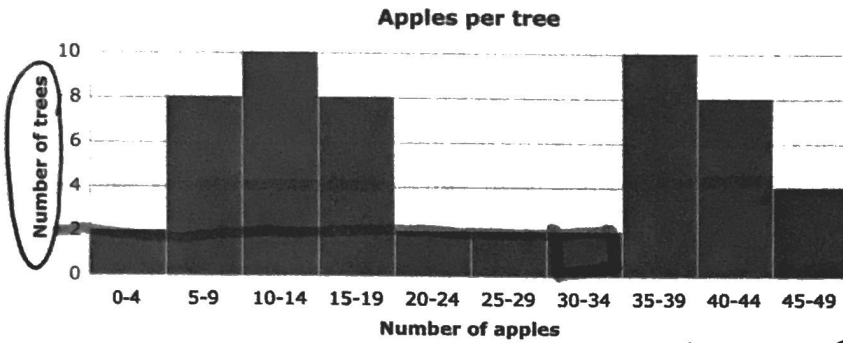
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A farmer counted the number of apples on each tree in his orchard.



Are there more trees that have 30-34 apples or trees that have 45-49 apples?

30-34 apples      45-49 apples

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