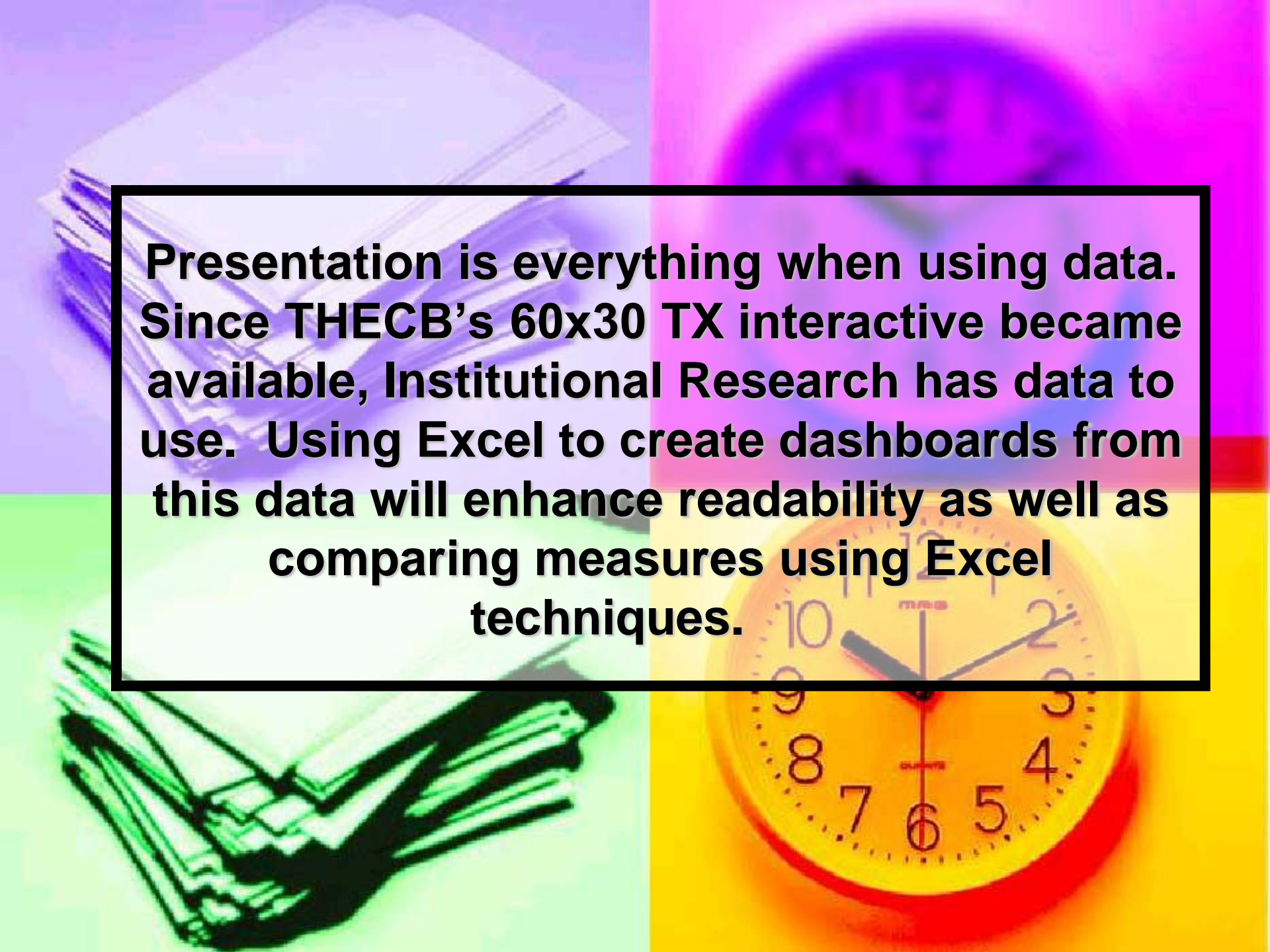
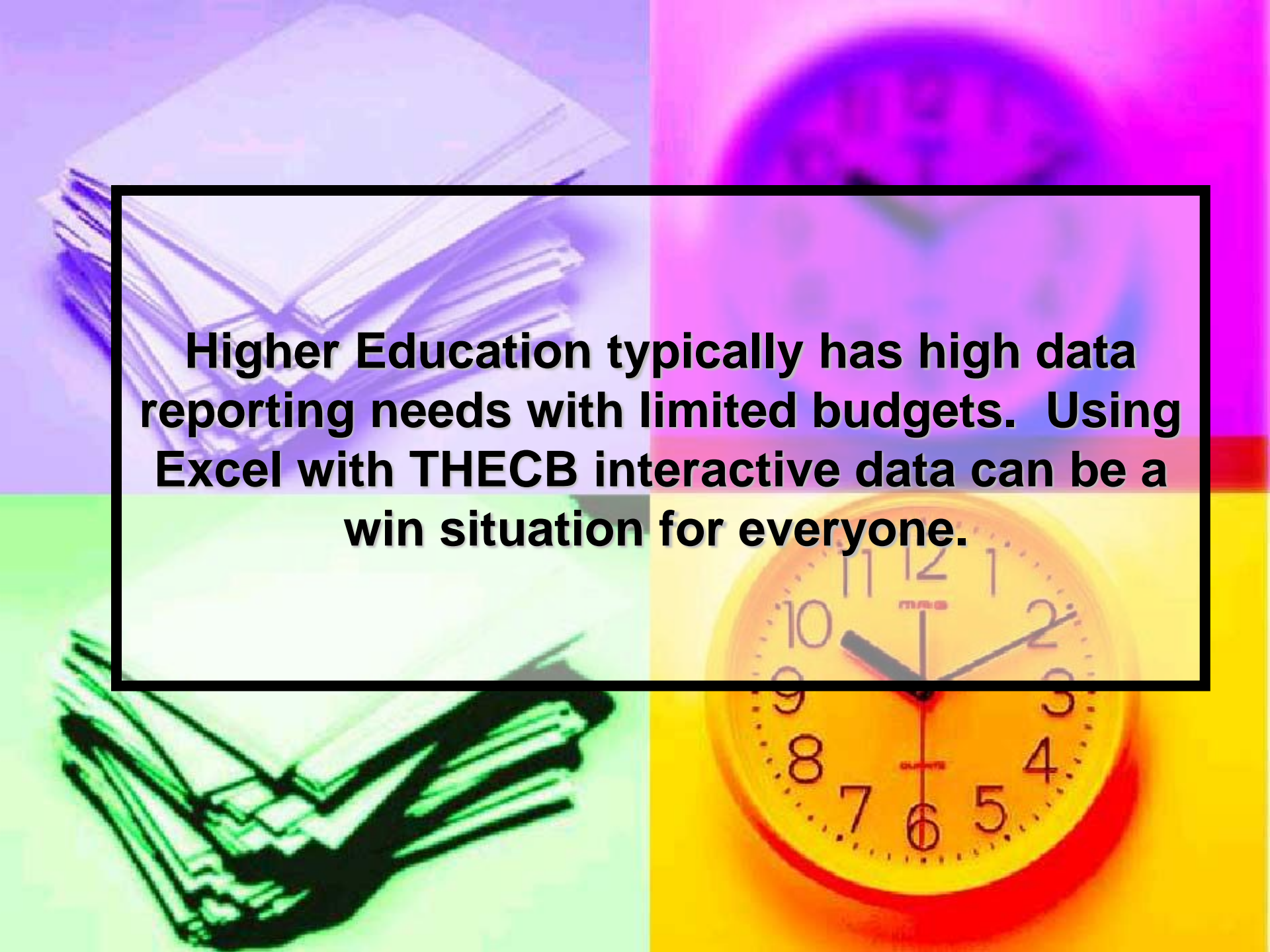


The background is a collage of three images. The top-left image shows a stack of papers on a purple background. The top-right image shows a clock face on a pink background. The bottom-left image shows a hand holding a stack of papers on a green background. The bottom-right image shows a clock face on a yellow background.

How to Create an Interactive Dashboard using EXCEL

The background is a collage of three images: a stack of papers in the top left, a clock in the top right, and a calculator in the bottom left. The text is centered in a white box with a black border.

Presentation is everything when using data. Since THECB's 60x30 TX interactive became available, Institutional Research has data to use. Using Excel to create dashboards from this data will enhance readability as well as comparing measures using Excel techniques.


The background is a collage of three images. The top-left image shows a stack of papers or documents. The top-right image shows a clock face. The bottom-left image shows a stack of books. The bottom-right image shows a clock face.

Higher Education typically has high data reporting needs with limited budgets. Using Excel with THECB interactive data can be a win situation for everyone.

Dashboard using Excel

■ THECB Web site.

- <http://www.txhigheredaccountability.org/acctpublic/>
- Select Interactive (hi-lighted in red)



The screenshot shows the THECB website dashboard. The header includes the "60x30TX" logo, the text "Texas Higher Education Accountability System", and navigation links for "Home", "Resources", "THECB", "60x30TX.com", and "Interactive" (which is highlighted in red). On the left, a sidebar menu lists categories: "STATEWIDE", "PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES", "PUBLIC TWO-YEAR COLLEGES", "PUBLIC HEALTH-RELATED INSTITUTIONS", and "NON-TEXAS & CAREER INSTITUTIONS". The main content area features a large image of graduates in caps and gowns celebrating. To the right of the image is a "Need Help?" section with links to a "Quick Start Guide", an "Interactive Guide", and "News and Updates".



Dashboard using Excel

■ Interactive Reports

- <http://www.txhigheredaccountability.org/AcctPublic/InteractiveReport/ManageReports>
- Able to build custom reports from the THECB database and download data to Excel



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Interactive Reports

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1. After reading these instructions, select "Create a Report"

On the page that follows:

2. Select the desired Institution Type and Institution. You may select multiple institutions.
3. Select data you would like to include in the report.
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5. Select "View Report" to view the report.
6. Select "Create CSV" to download the report as a Comma Separated Values (.CSV) file that is editable with Excel.

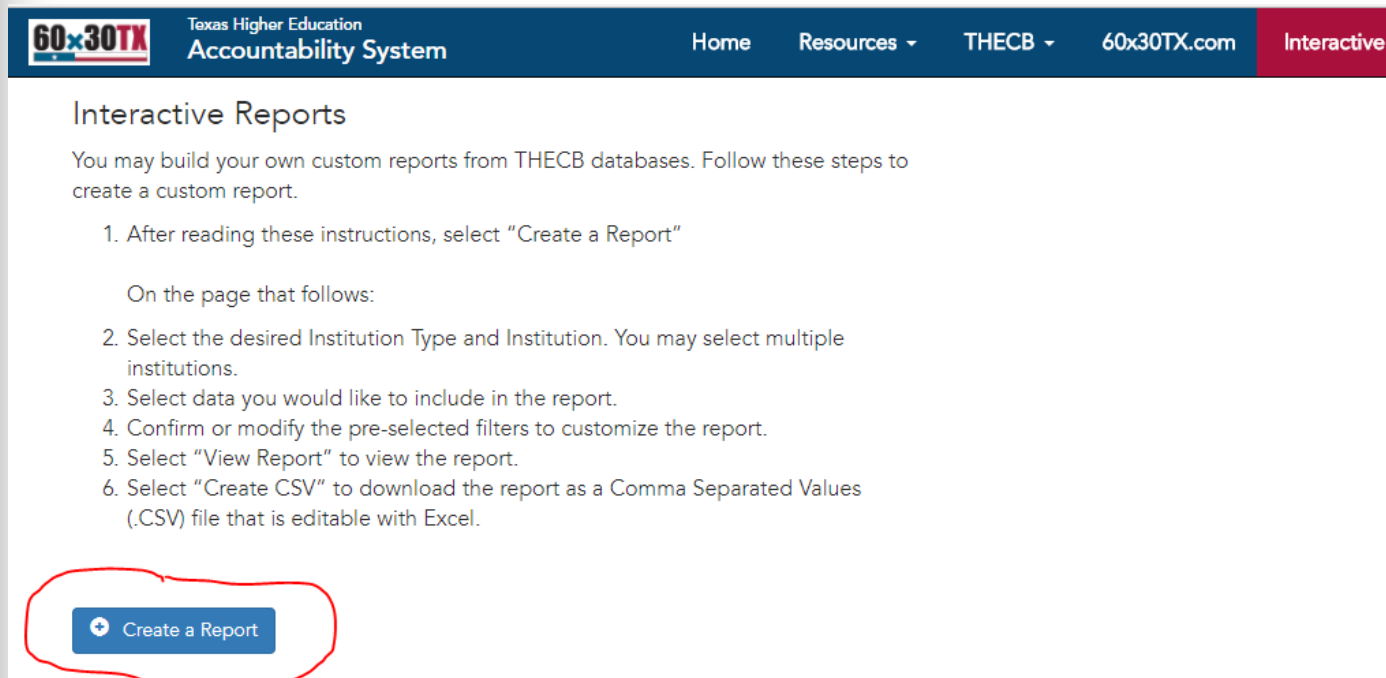
 Create a Report



Dashboard using Excel

■ Interactive Reports

- Click on Create a Report



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[+ Create a Report](#)

Dashboard using Excel

■ Interactive Reports

- Select other report criteria, I selected “Annual Unduplicated Enrollment by Gender, Ethnicity and Type Major (2-Year)”
- Click “View Report”



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Select Institution Type:

Select Institution:

What data would you like to see?

Select Year(s) to Filter

Select Gender(s) to Filter

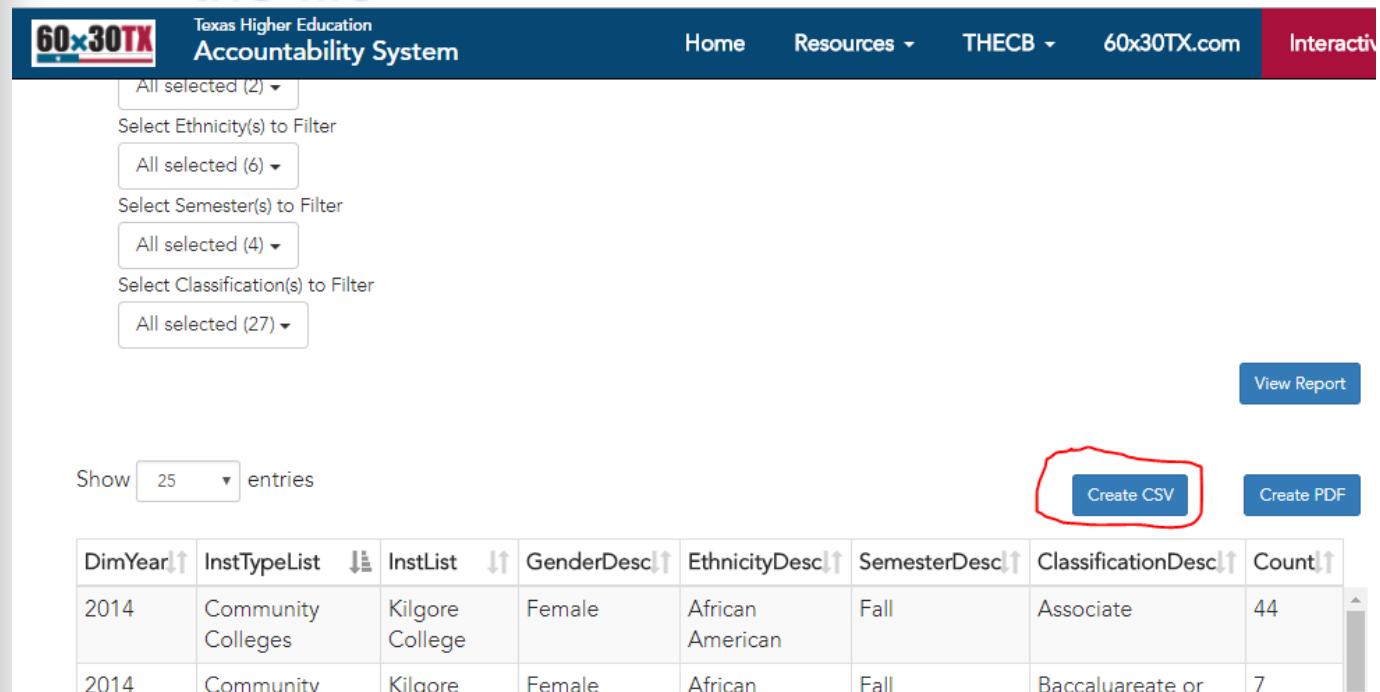
Select Ethnicity(s) to Filter

Select MajorType(s) to Filter

Dashboard using Excel

■ Interactive Reports

- Click “Create CSV” which will download the file

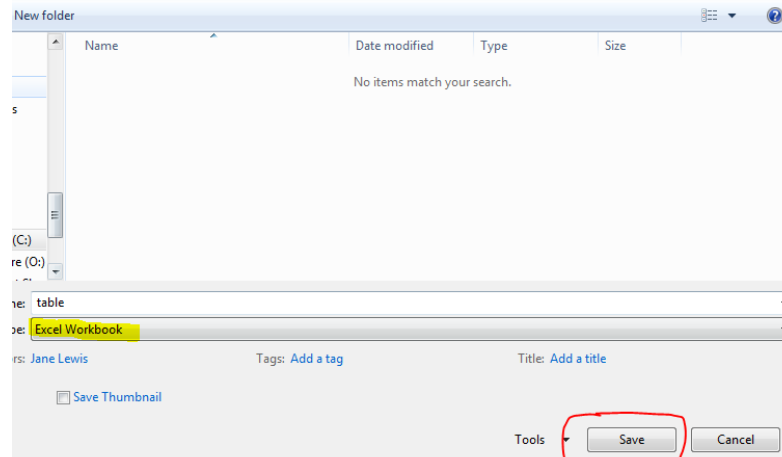


The screenshot shows the 60x30TX Texas Higher Education Accountability System dashboard. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Resources, THECB, 60x30TX.com, and an Interactive Reports section. On the left, there are four filter dropdowns: 'All selected (2)' for Ethnicity, 'All selected (6)' for Semester, 'All selected (4)' for Classification, and 'All selected (27)' for a fourth category. A 'View Report' button is located to the right of these filters. Below the filters, a 'Show 25 entries' dropdown is visible. To the right of the table, there are two buttons: 'Create CSV' (highlighted with a red circle) and 'Create PDF'. The table displays data for two years (2014) across various categories including Community Colleges, Kilgore College, Gender (Female), Ethnicity (African American), Semester (Fall), and Classification (Associate, Baccalaureate or higher).

DimYear↑	InstTypeList ↓	InstList ↓	GenderDesc↑	EthnicityDesc↑	SemesterDesc↑	ClassificationDesc↑	Count↑
2014	Community Colleges	Kilgore College	Female	African American	Fall	Associate	44
2014	Community	Kilgore	Female	African	Fall	Baccalaureate or higher	7

Dashboard using Excel

- Click to open downloaded file
 - Save file as Excel Workbook



- Delete the first row, click on the '1' , right click and click delete

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel ribbon with the 'FILE' tab selected. Below the ribbon, the first three rows of a worksheet are visible. The first row is highlighted in yellow. The second row contains the text 'DimYear' in column A and 'InstTypeList' in column B. The third row contains the text '2014' in column A and 'Community Colleges' in column B.

	A	B
1	Annual Unduplicated Enrollment by Gender	Ethnicity and Type Major (2-Year)
2	DimYear	InstTypeList
3	2014	Community Colleges

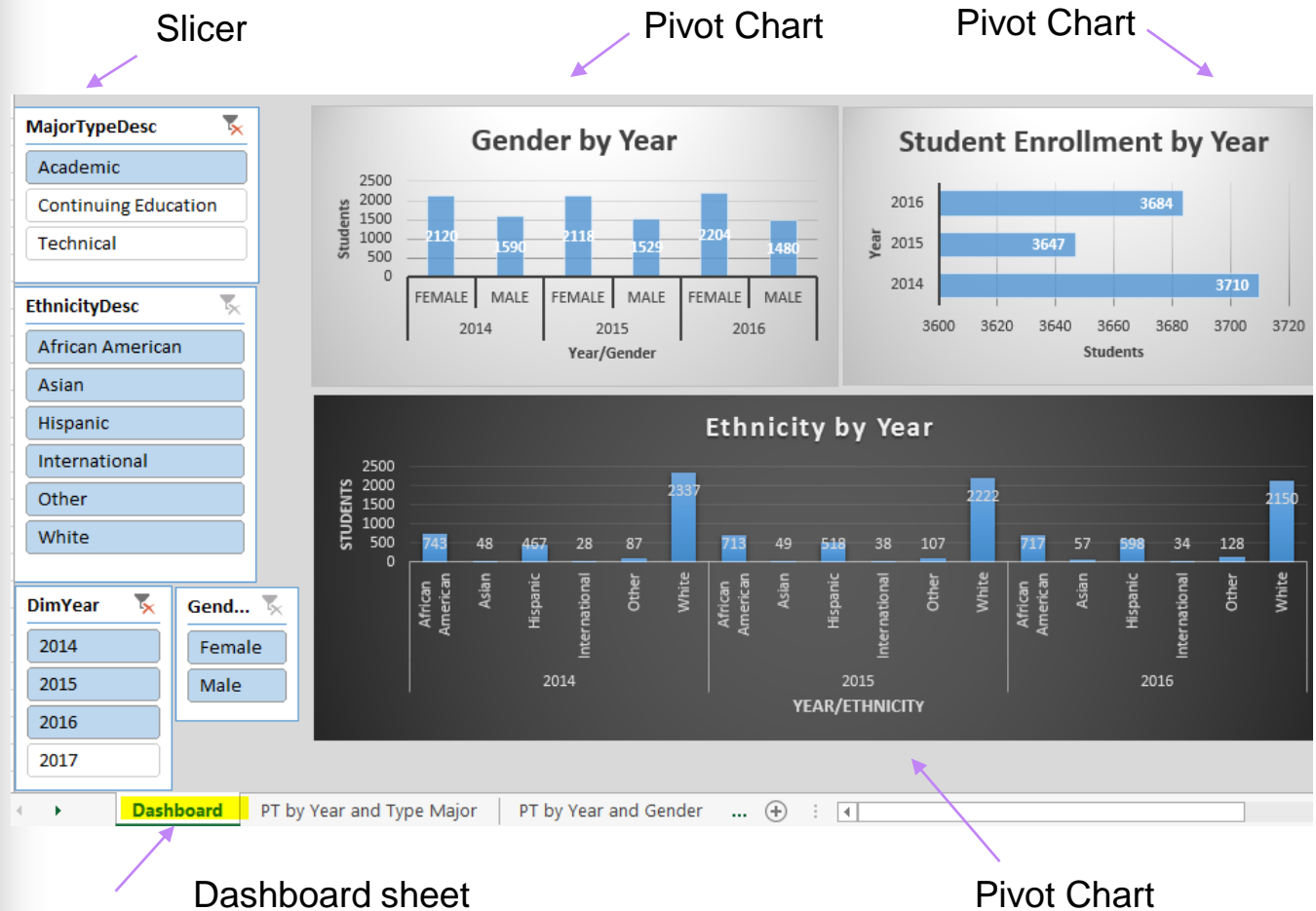


Dashboard using Excel

- After you have downloaded the THECB data and saved as an Excel workbook, we will:
 - Create a table, pivot tables and pivot charts.
 - Copy Pivot charts to a sheet we will name “Dashboard”
 - Add slicers to the Pivot charts on the “Dashboard” sheet. Slicers are *visual filters*. Using a slicer, you can filter your data by clicking on the data you want
- Let's Begin

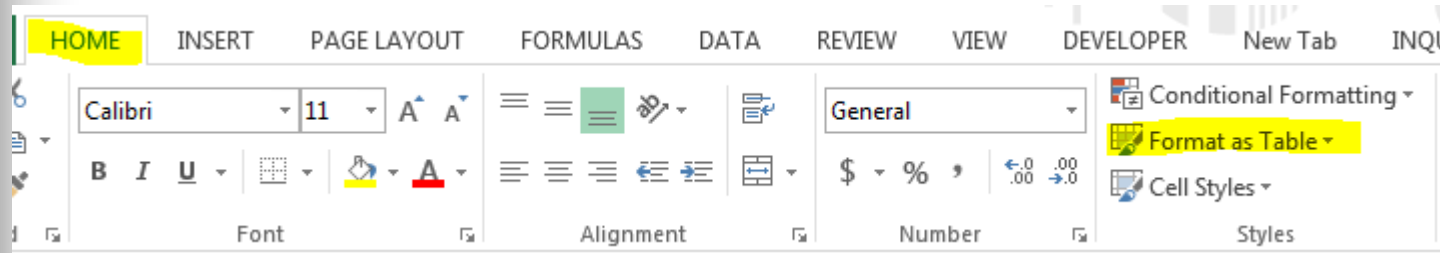
Dashboard using Excel

■ This is my Dashboard

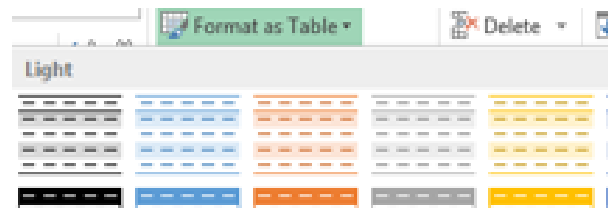


Format Data as Table

- Click on a cell within your EXCEL spreadsheet
- Click the HOME tab, arrow beside “Format Data as Table”

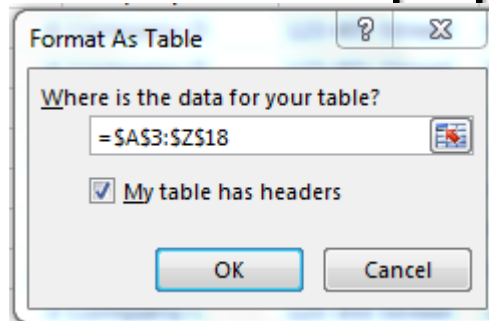


- Select your color scheme

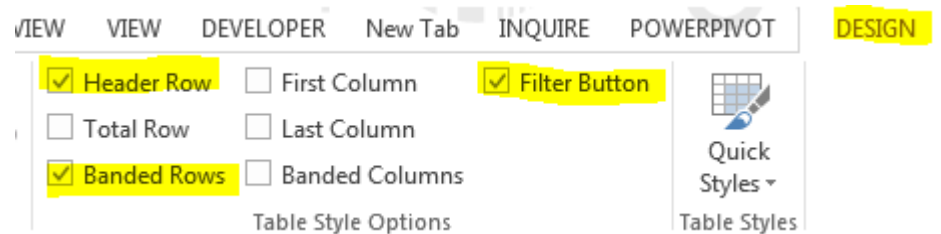


Format Data as Table

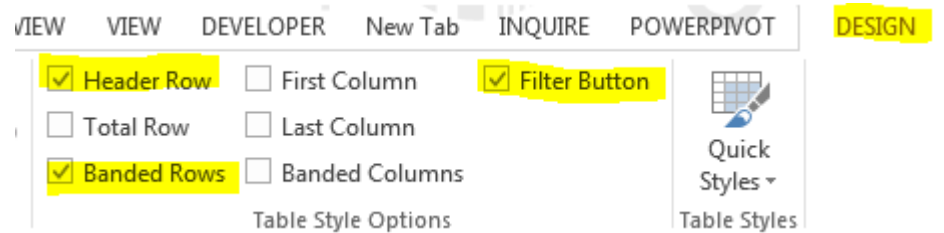
- Click OK on the pop up box



- An EXCEL table has been created
- A Design tab will be displayed that shows attributes checked for the table

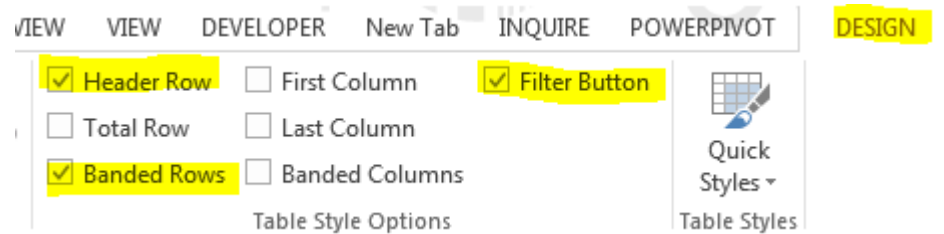


Format Data as Table

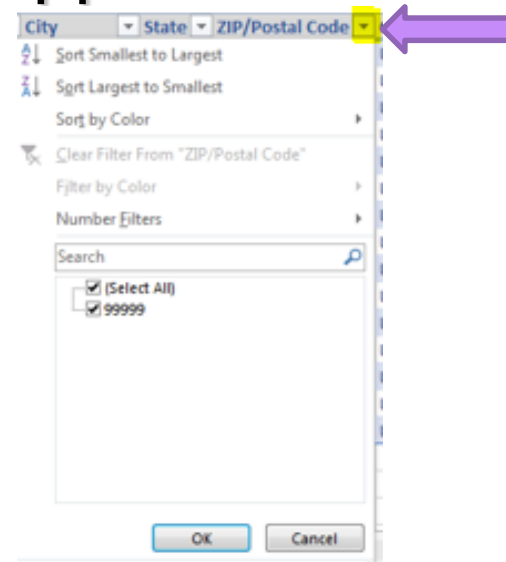


- **Header Row** – Column headers remain visible as you scroll down in your spreadsheet
- **Banded Rows** – Shading alternate rows in a large spreadsheet to better distinguish the data

Format Data as Table



- **Filter Button** – Allows you to view specific rows in an Excel spreadsheet, while hiding the other rows. A drop down menu appears in each cell of a header row



Create a Calculated Column


- By entering a formula in one cell in a table column, you can create a calculated column in which that formula is instantly applied to all other cells in that table column
- By typing in the column **immediately to the right of the table**, Excel will automatically extend the table for you. Place your cursor in the active cell after the last column in the table

H	I
Count	
44	



Create a Calculated Column

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Count	
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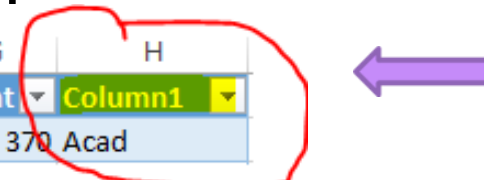


- For this example, we are going to use the MID formula to obtain the course subject. In the active cell after the last column in the table, type =mid(Column name, starting position, length)

F	G	H	I	J
MajorTypeDesc	Count			
Academic	370	=mid([@MajorTypeDesc]1,4)		

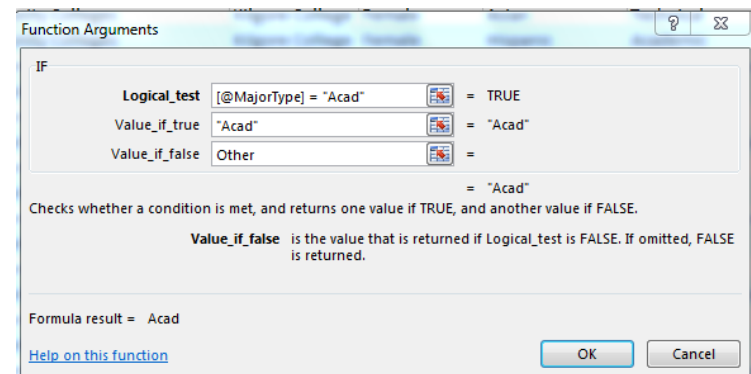
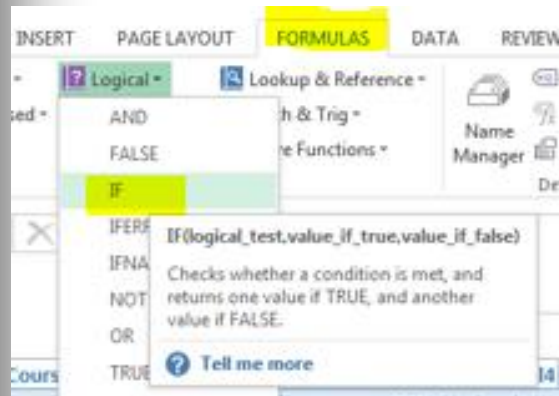
- Press enter and a new column is created. Change the column heading to “Major Type” instead of Column1

F	G	H
MajorTypeDesc	Count	Column1
Academic	370	Acad



Create a Calculated Column

- Creating columns expands the available data for Pivot Tables and Pivot Charts
- Using the Formula Tab, If option, add a column for Web Courses



MajorTypeDesc	Count	MajorType	MajorType2
Academic	370	Acad	Acad
Continuing Education	616	Cont	Other
Technical	658	Tech	Other



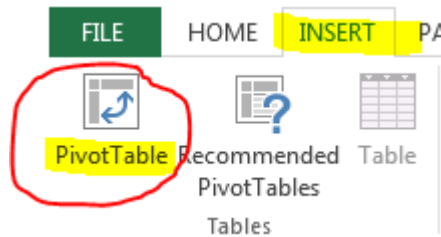


Pivot Table

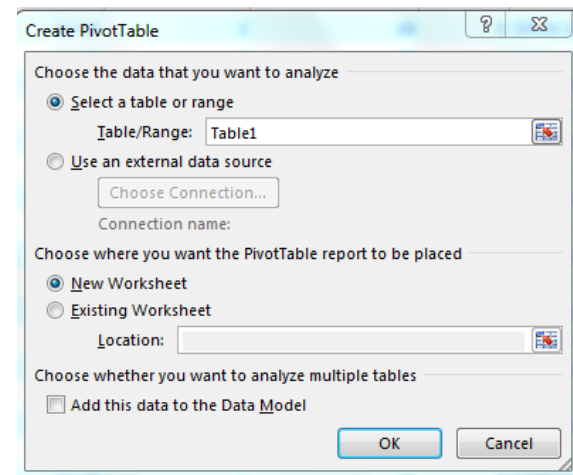
- A **pivot table** is a program tool that allows you to reorganize and summarize selected columns and rows of data in a spreadsheet **table** to obtain a desired report. A **pivot table** doesn't actually change the spreadsheet or database itself

Pivot Table

- To begin, Click in Column A, Row 2 (A2) in the Excel Spreadsheet to make the cell active
- From the Insert tab, select Pivot Table

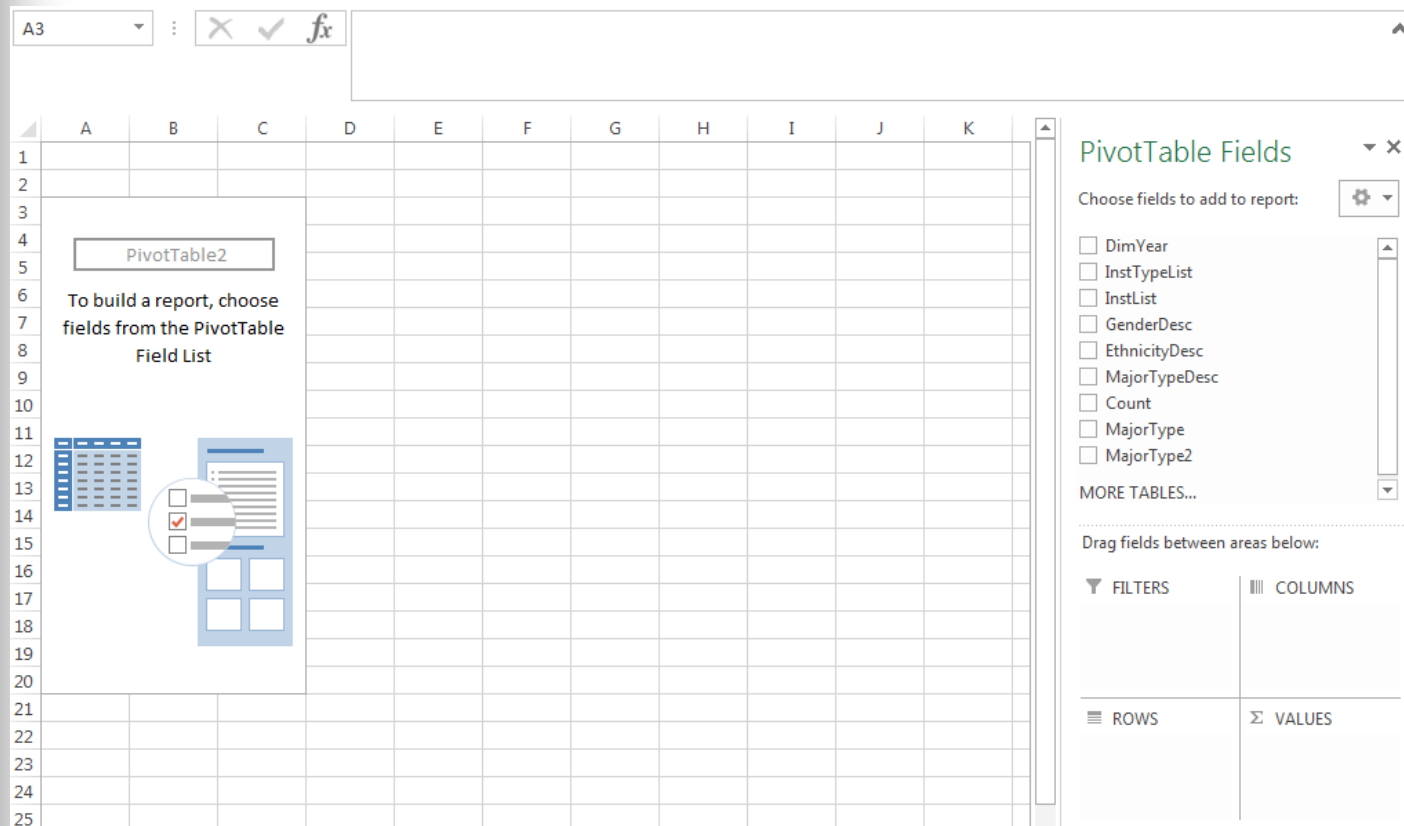


- The Create PivotTable dialog box will appear, click OK



Pivot Table

- A blank PivotTable and Field List will appear on a new worksheet



The screenshot displays a Microsoft Excel worksheet with a blank grid. In the top-left corner of the grid, a PivotTable is created, labeled 'PivotTable2'. A tooltip is visible over the PivotTable, stating: 'To build a report, choose fields from the PivotTable Field List'. To the right of the worksheet, the 'PivotTable Fields' task pane is open. It contains a list of fields to add to the report: DimYear, InstTypeList, InstList, GenderDesc, EthnicityDesc, MajorTypeDesc, Count, MajorType, and MajorType2. Below this list, there are sections for 'Drag fields between areas below:' with four designated areas: FILTERS, COLUMNS, ROWS, and VALUES. The worksheet's formula bar at the top shows 'A3' and the function key 'fx'.

Pivot Table

- Drag or check data boxes to create a pivot table by DimYear, Gender Desc, **(Rows)** and count **(Values)**, Major Type Desc (Filters)

PivotTable Fields

Choose fields to add to report:

- ☒ DimYear
- ☐ InstTypeList
- ☐ InstList
- ☒ GenderDesc
- ☐ EthnicityDesc
- ☒ MajorTypeDesc
- ☒ Count
- ☐ MajorType
- ☐ MajorType2

MORE TABLES...

Drag fields between areas below:

FILTERS	COLUMNS
MajorTypeD...	

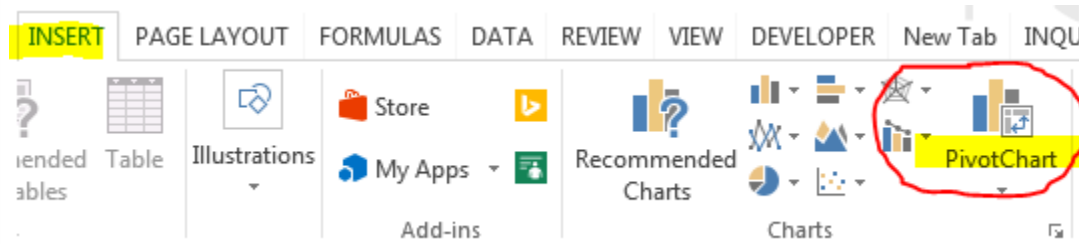
ROWS	VALUES
DimYear	Sum of Count
GenderDesc	

Pivot Table

MajorTypeDesc	Academic
Row Labels	Sum of Count
2014	3710
Female	2120
Male	1590
2015	3647
Female	2118
Male	1529
2016	3684
Female	2204
Male	1480
2017	4758
Female	2864
Male	1894
Grand Total	15799

Pivot Chart

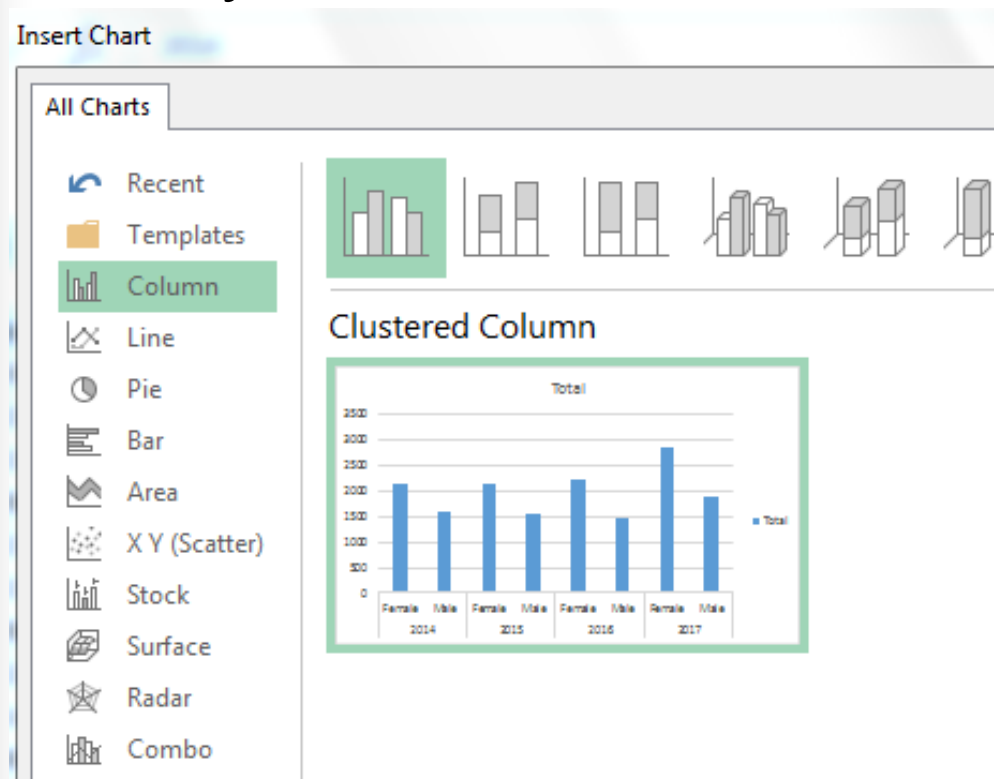
- To begin, click inside the pivot table on a data field. From the Insert tab, click Pivot Chart



- Along with your Pivot Table, you have a Pivot Chart

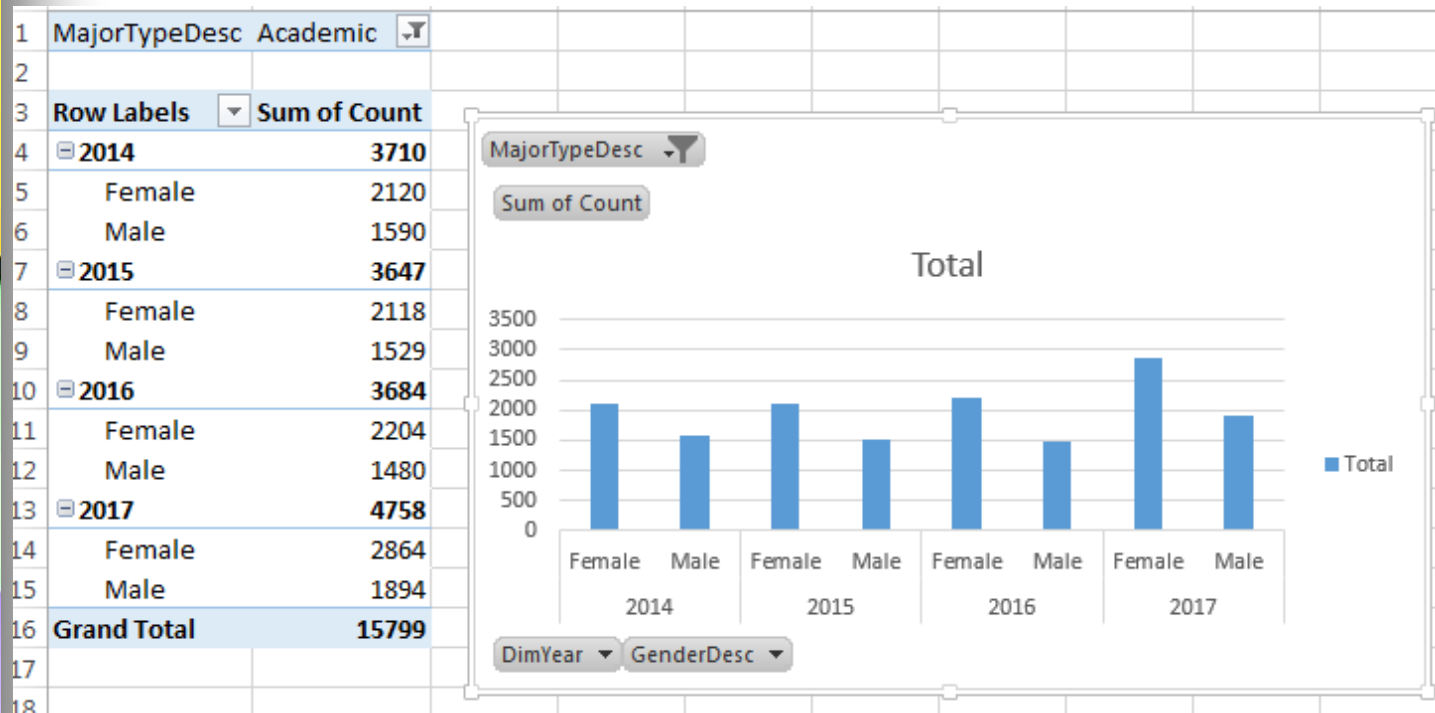
Pivot Chart

- A chart is displayed, but you can click on different charts to see which chart best illustrates your data. Click OK once you like a chart



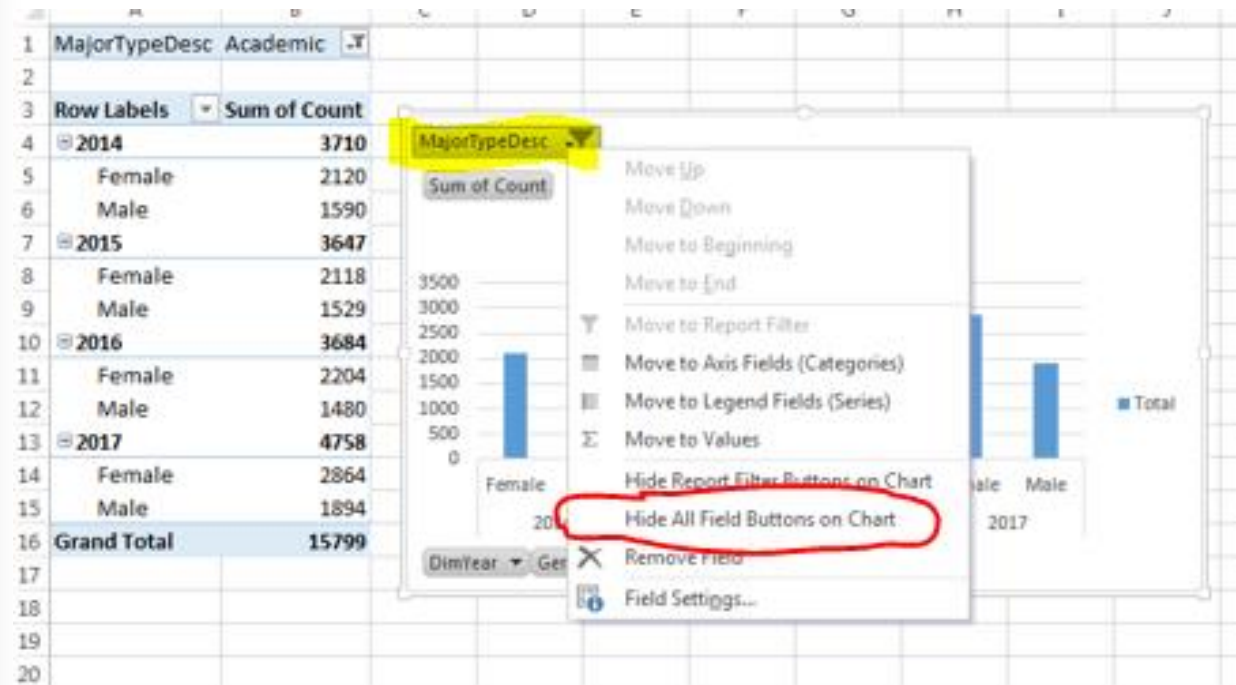
Pivot Chart

- The pivot table and pivot chart are shown together.



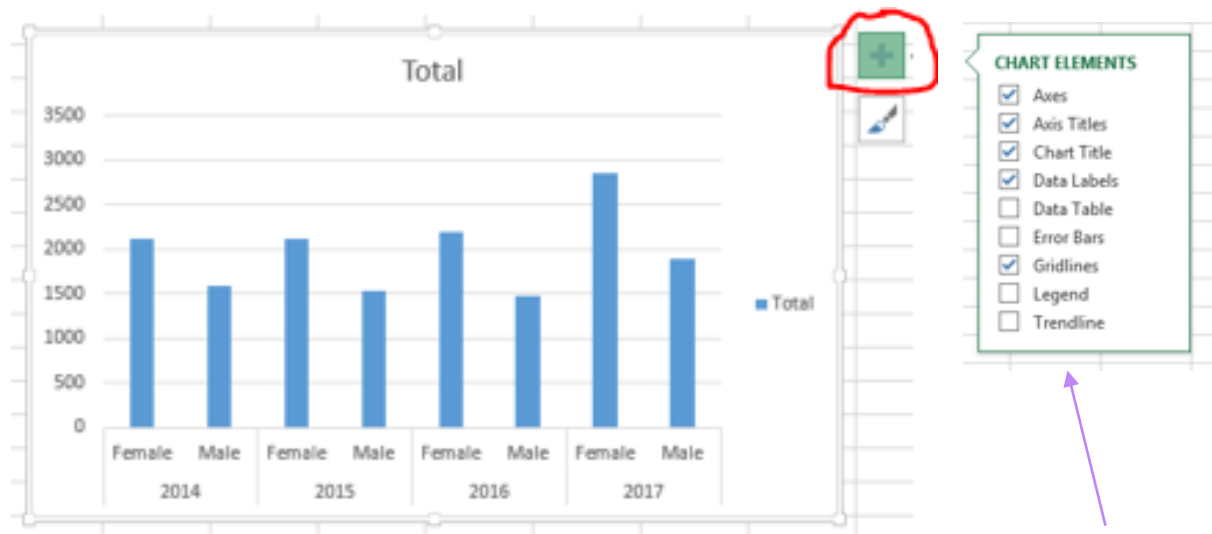
Customize Pivot Chart

- Hide filled buttons, right click on highlighted button and select “Hide all field buttons on chart”



Customize Pivot Chart

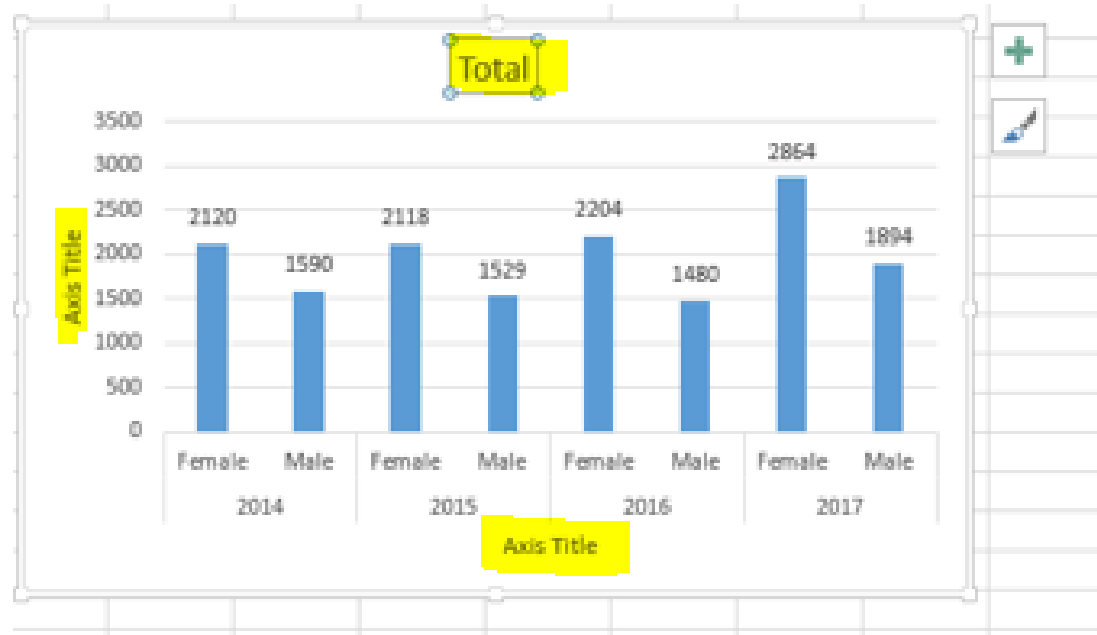
- Click inside of chart and the “+” will appear, click the “+” and see chart elements



See Chart elements clicked

Customize Pivot Chart

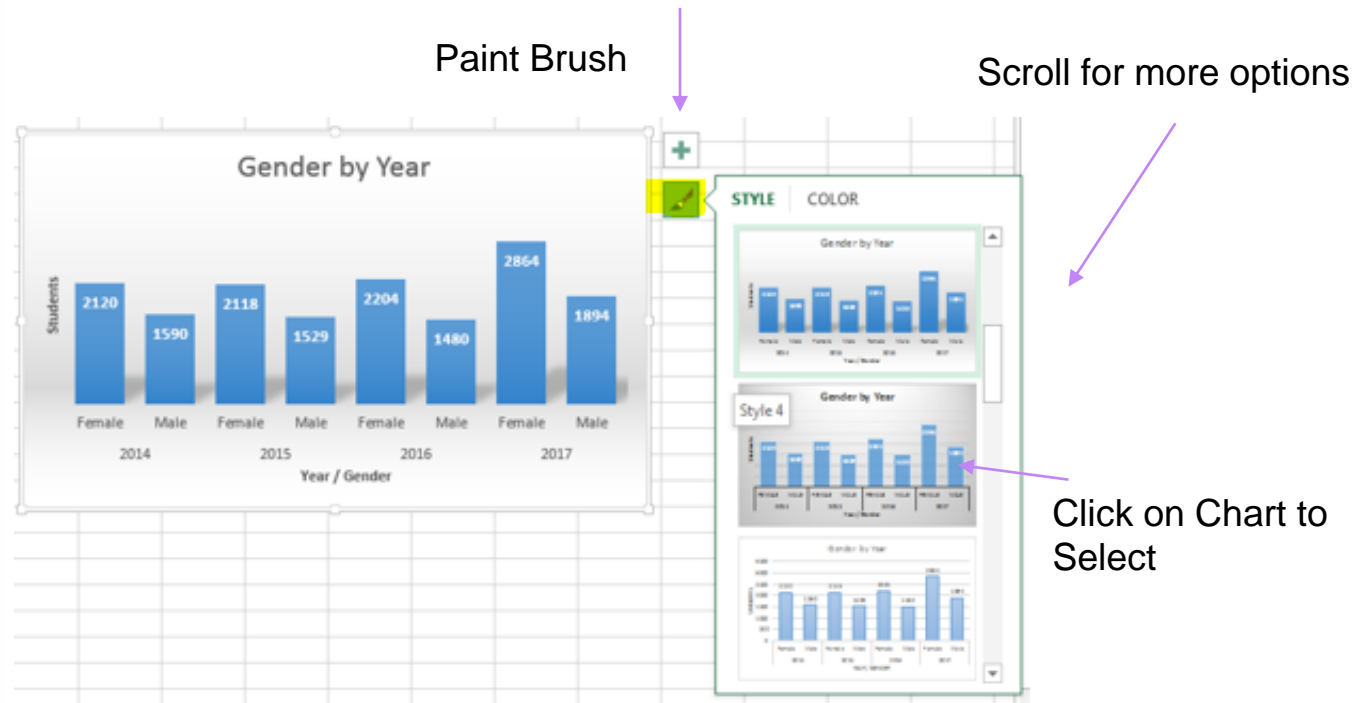
- Change Chart and Axis Titles
 - Click on the title and change
 - Do the same with each Axis



Customize Pivot Chart

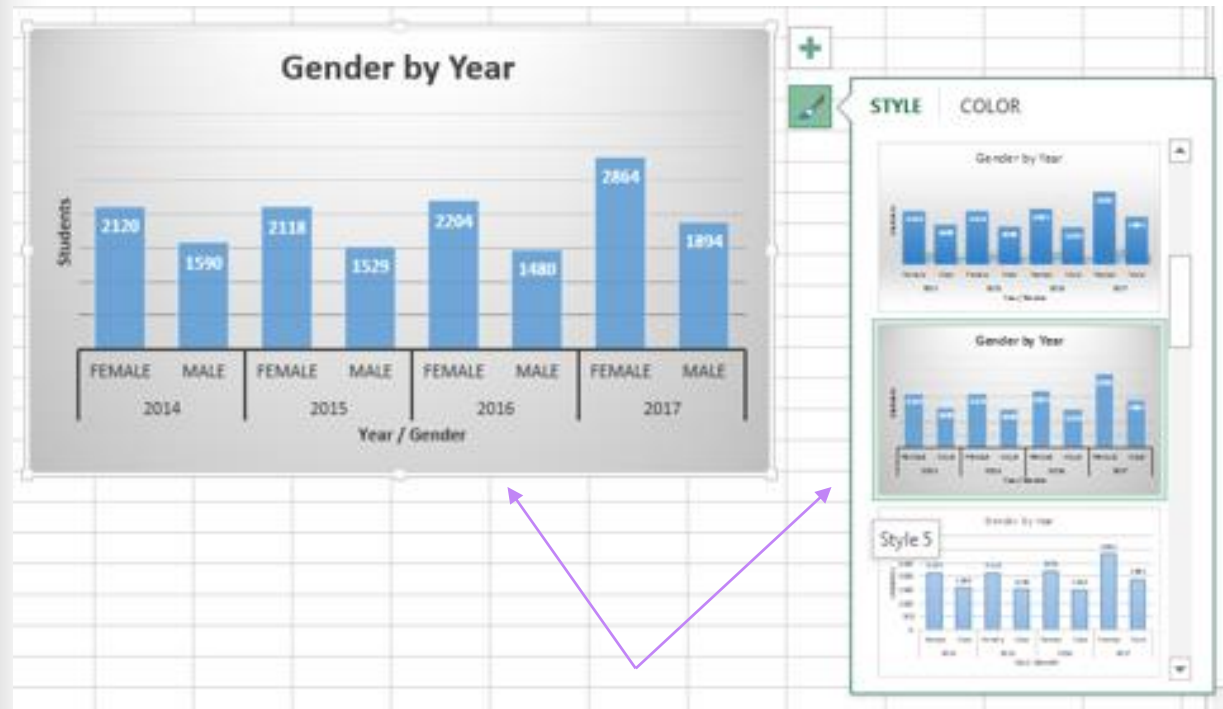
■ Alternative Chart styles

- Click paint brush and alternative styles will be displayed. Use the right scroll bar to see different choices. Click on a chart style



Customize Pivot Chart

- Alternative Chart styles
 - See the Chart Selected

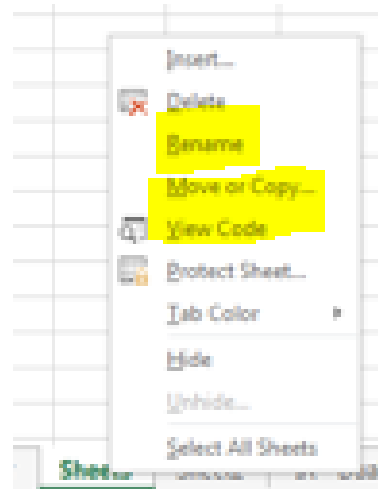


Create Dashboard

- Add a new blank sheet clicking the “+” along the bottom of the workbook

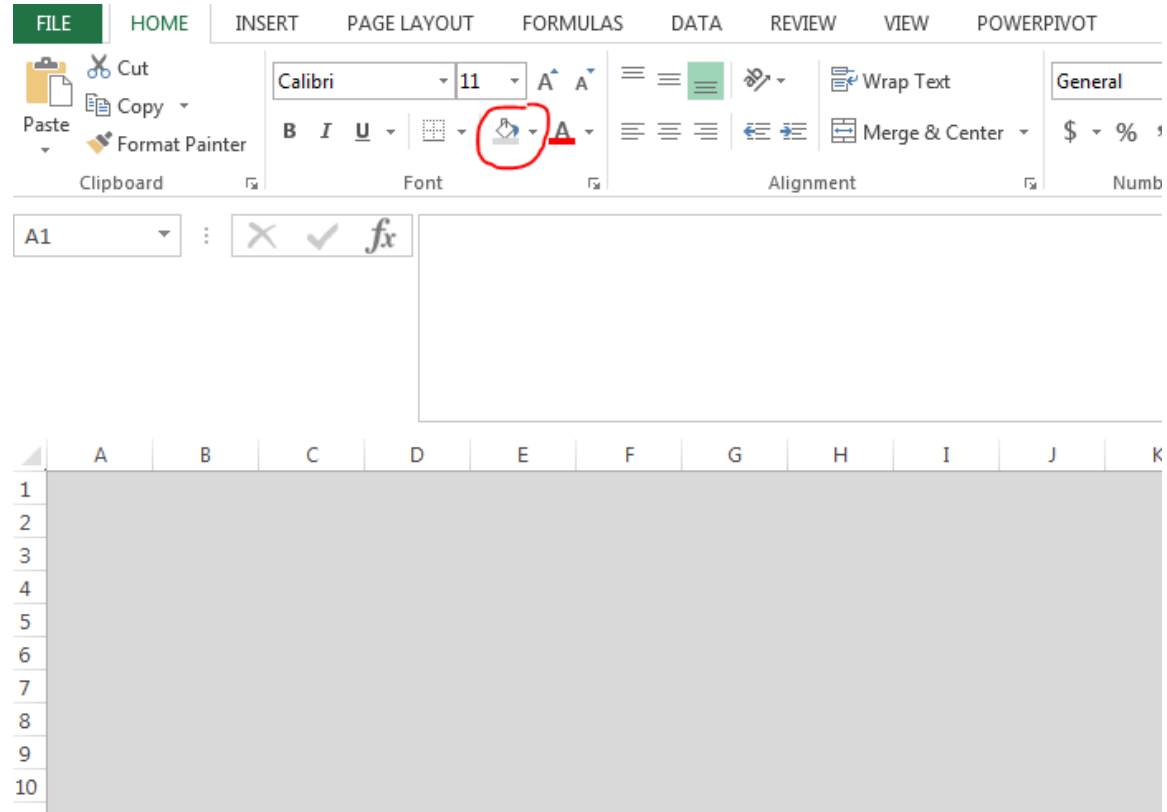


- Right click on tab and rename to “Dashboard”
- Move the sheet to be the first



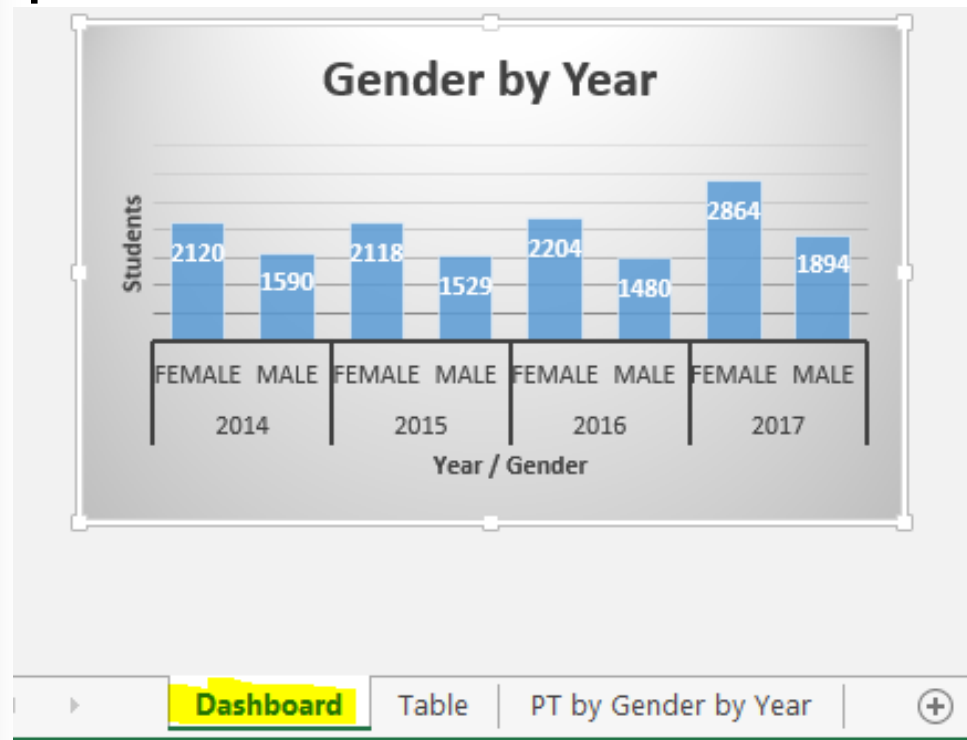
Create Dashboard

- On the Dashboard sheet, select a background fill color for the entire sheet you can view



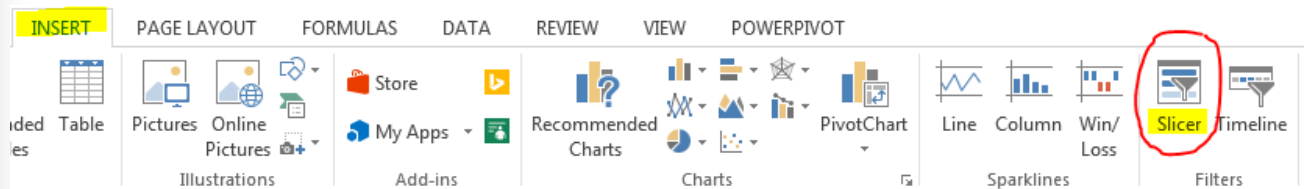
Create Dashboard

- Copy pivot chart to the Dashboard sheet. I use Ctrl + V to paste. Slicers do not always recognize other ways to paste



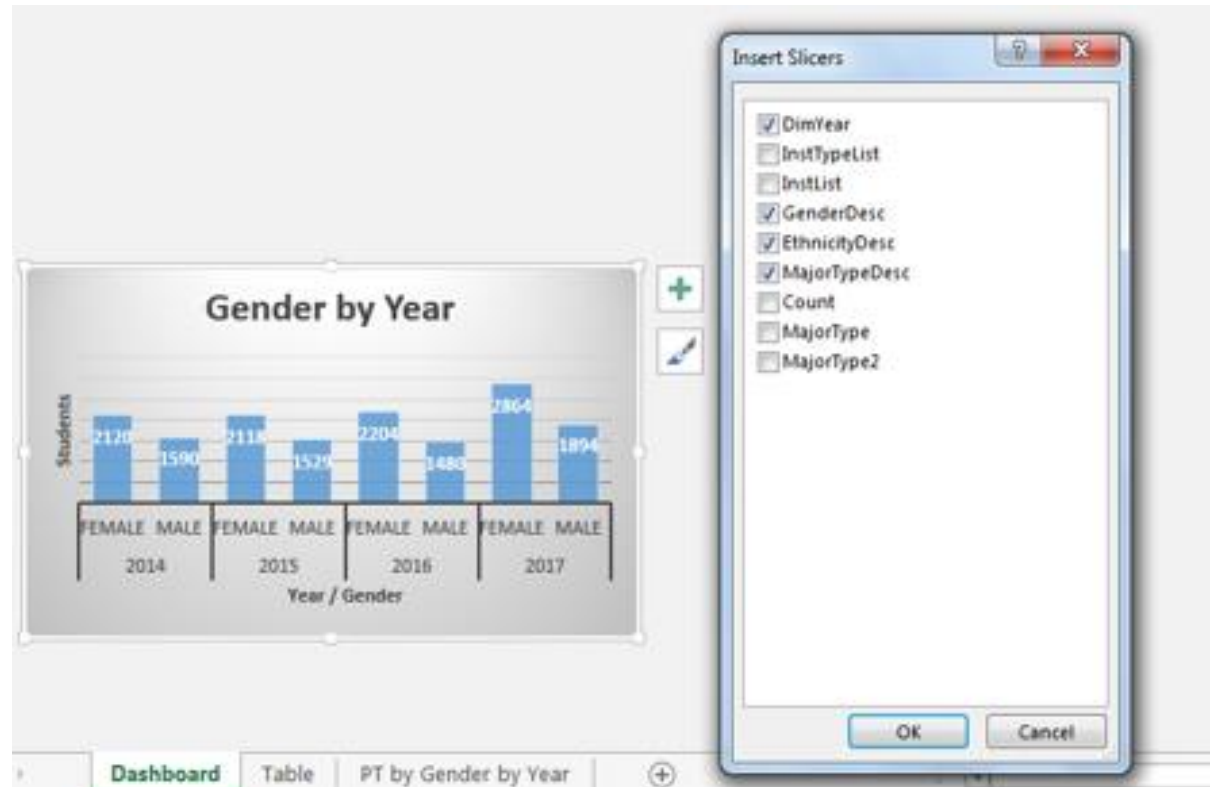
Create Dashboard

- Add slicers to the dashboard. Slicers which are visual filters
 - Click on one of the pivot charts on the dashboard
 - Select the slicer option from the insert tab



Create Dashboard

- Data columns from the THECB table sheet are available to use as slicers

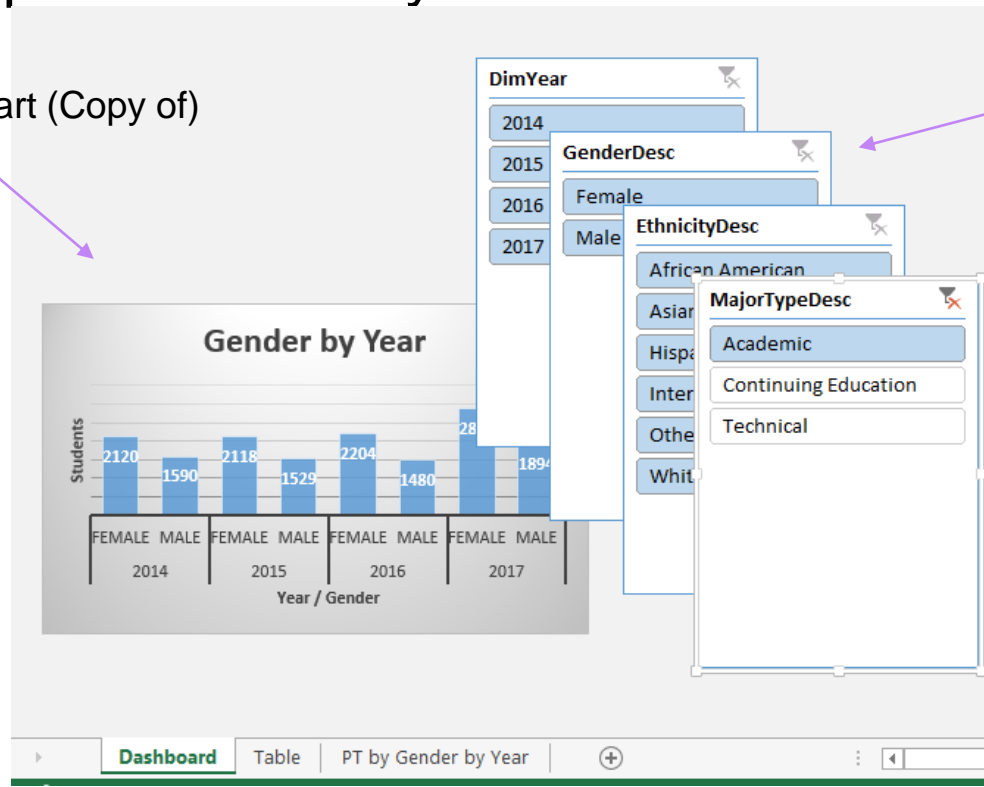


Create Dashboard

- Move and re-size slicers and/or pivot charts
 - Initially Slicers are connected to only 1 pivot chart on your dashboard

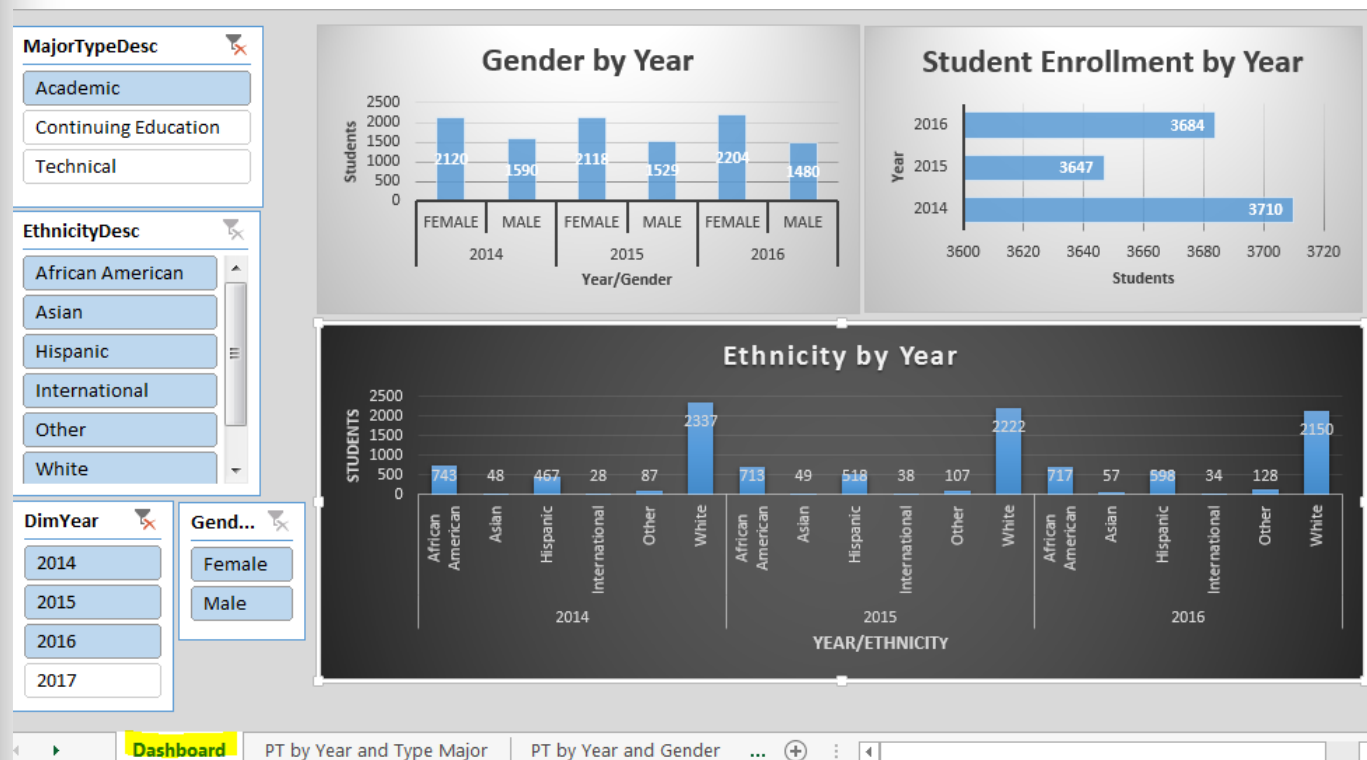
Pivot Chart (Copy of)

Slicers



Create Dashboard

- I created additional pivot tables/charts and copied these to the “Dashboard” sheet



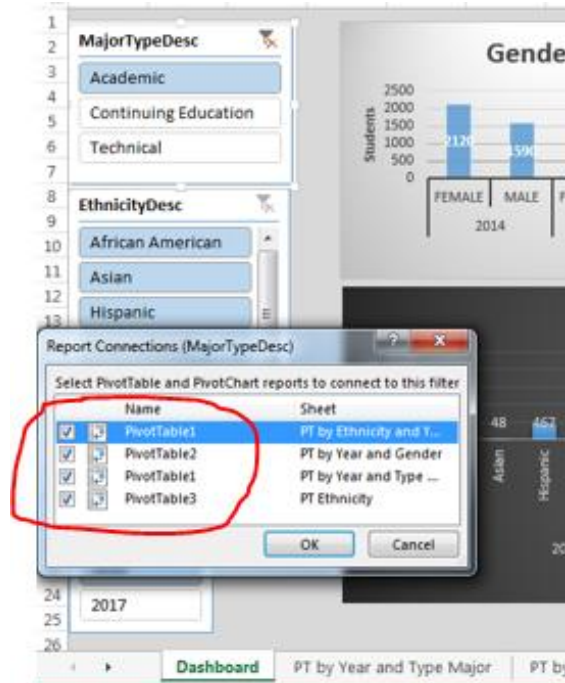
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- To connect the Slicers to each Pivot Chart
 - Right click inside each slicer, and select “Report Connections”



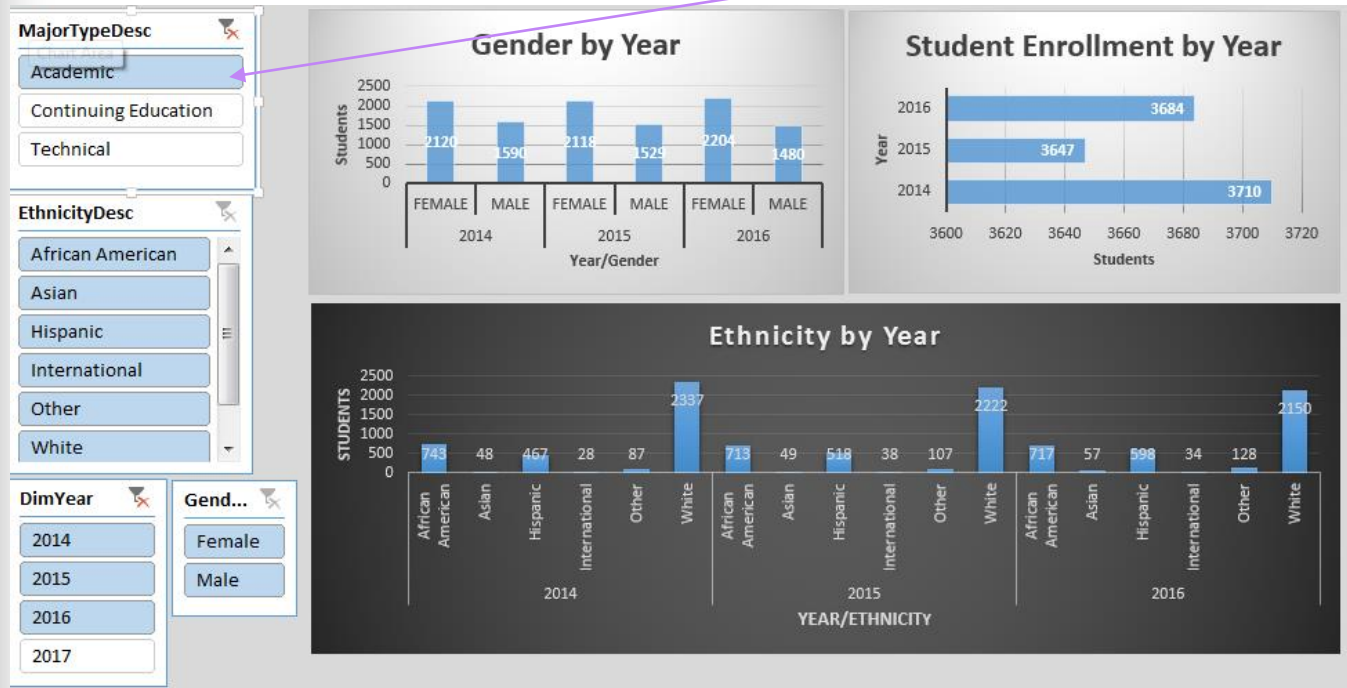
Create Dashboard

- Click to check all Pivot Tables listed which correspond to each Pivot Chart on the Dashboard sheet
 - Repeat for each slicer. In this example, I would do this 4 times once for each slicer



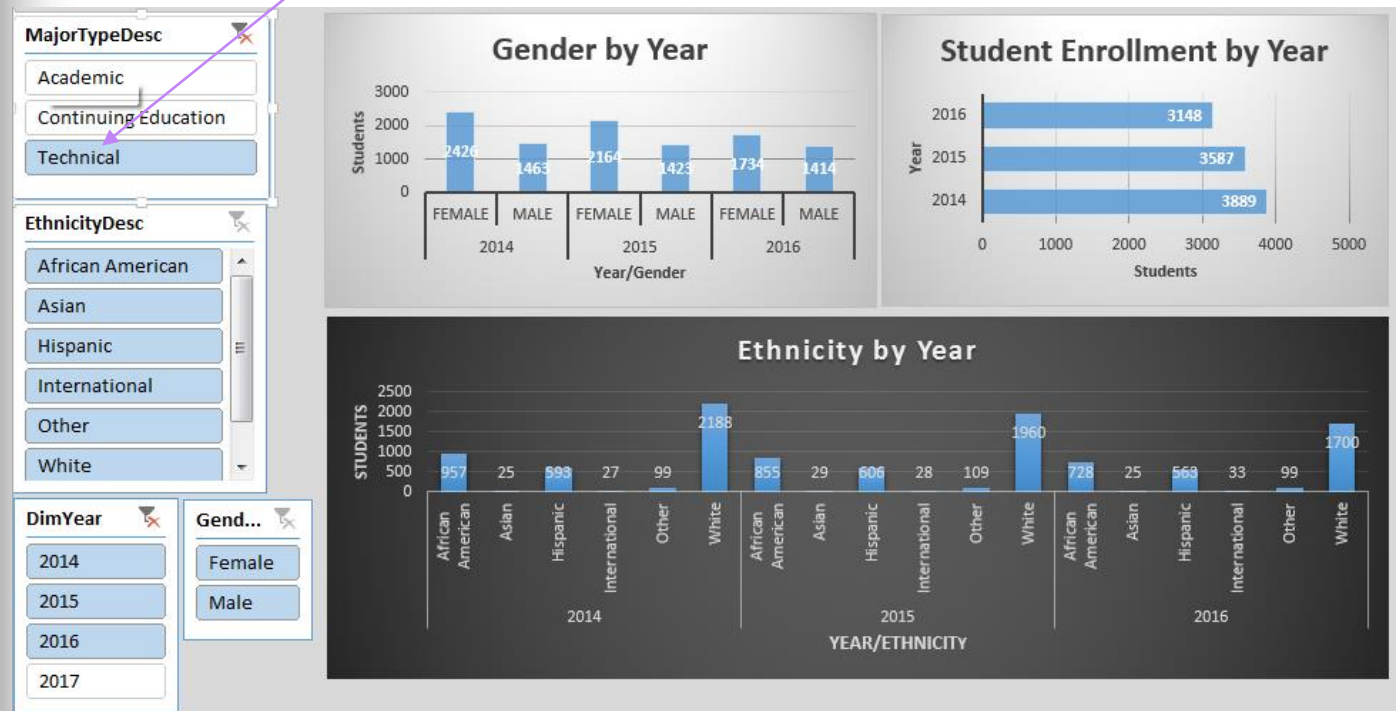
Create Dashboard

- Clicking on slicer combinations will change the 3 pivot charts
 - Slicer data which are blue are active.
 - Below I selected just the “Academic” type



Create Dashboard


- Changing to “Technical” type, the 3 pivot charts reflect just that major type
 - To select all data inside an individual slicer, hold the shift key as you select





Create Dashboard

- Selecting data from the THECB interactive option and creating a Dashboard, you can:
 - Visually analyze the data in multiple ways
 - Group data fields separately in pivot tables/charts and use slicers to connect the information
 - **Slicers** are extremely useful when you create a dashboard page and you want one click to affect multiple items on the page.



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Select Institution Type:

Select Institution:

What data would you like to see?

Conclusion



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- View the 3 videos listed below, especially part-3 which demonstrates the pivot table / pivot chart / dashboard / slicer process

<http://www.excelcampus.com/charts/pivot-tables-dashboards-part-1>

<http://www.excelcampus.com/charts/pivot-tables-dashboards-part-2>

<http://www.excelcampus.com/charts/pivot-tables-dashboards-part-3>