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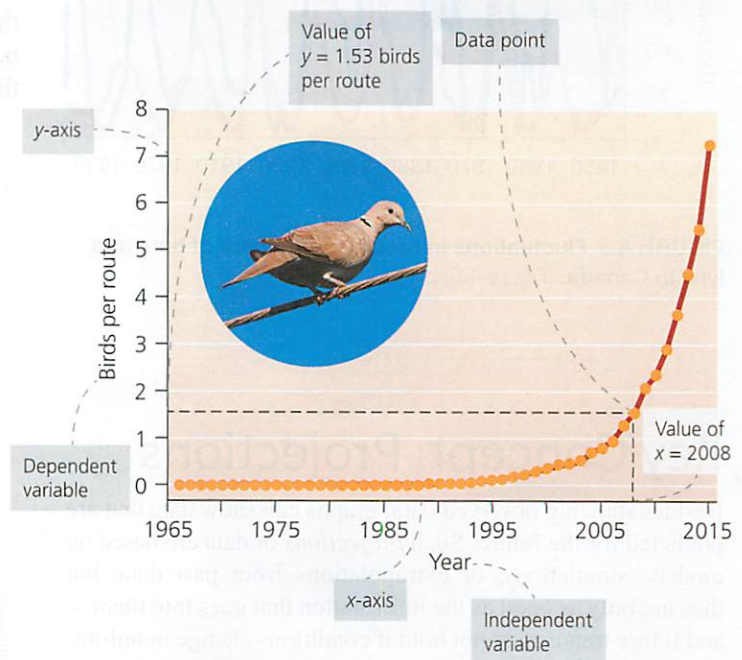


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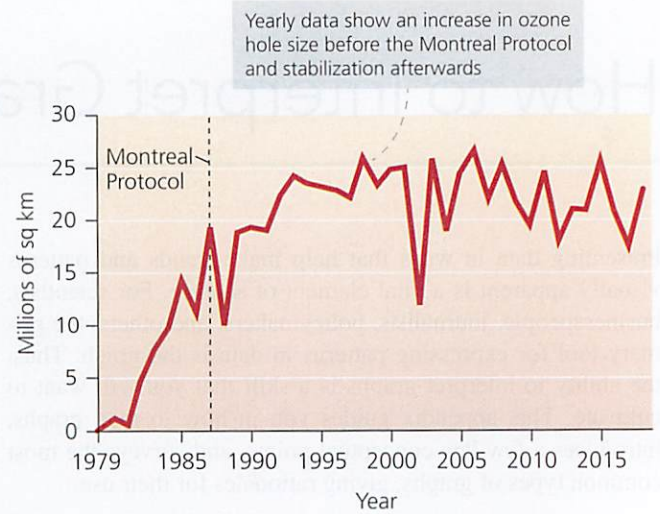


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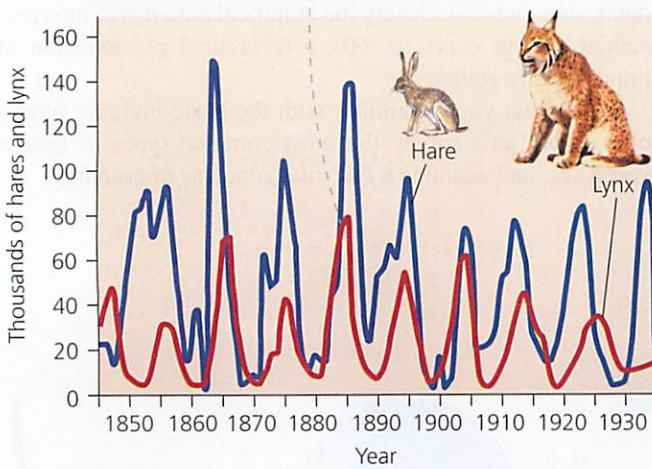


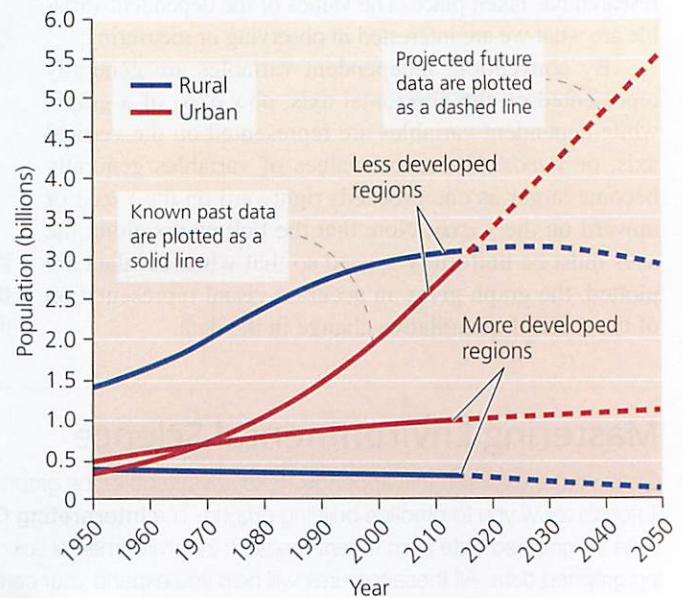
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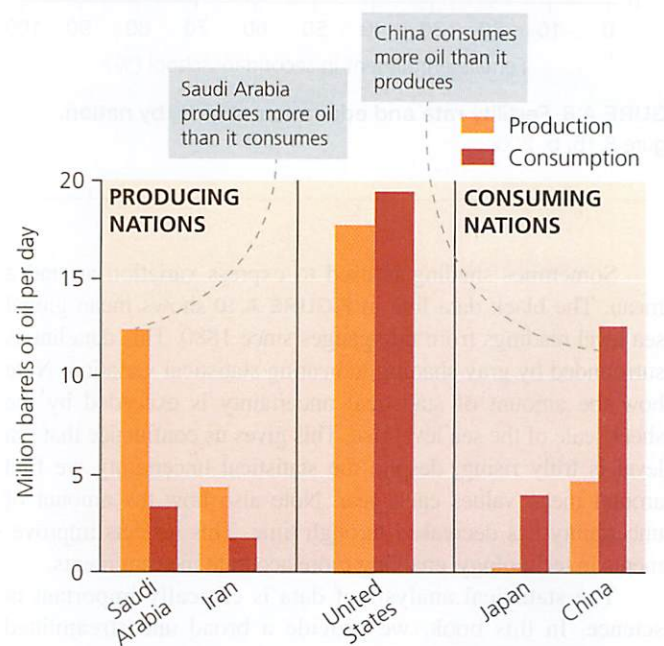


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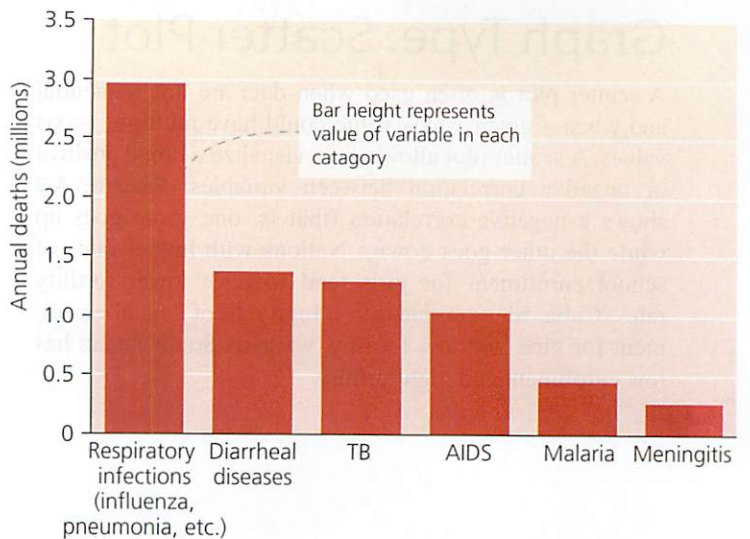


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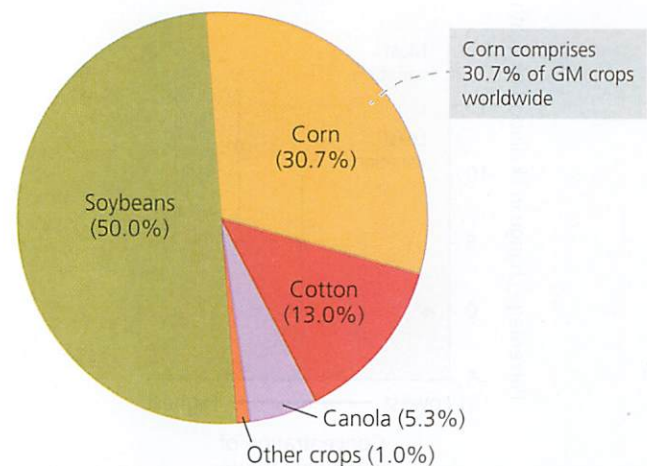


FIGURE A.7 Genetically modified crops grown worldwide, by type. (Figure 10.19a, p. 258)

Graph Type: Scatter Plot

A scatter plot is often used when data are not sequential and when a given x -axis value could have multiple y -axis values. A scatter plot allows us to visualize a broad positive or negative correlation between variables. **FIGURE A.8** shows a negative correlation (that is, one value goes up while the other goes down): Nations with higher rates of school enrollment for girls tend to have lower fertility rates. Cuba, for example, has a high rate of school enrollment for girls and low fertility, whereas South Sudan has low enrollment and high fertility.

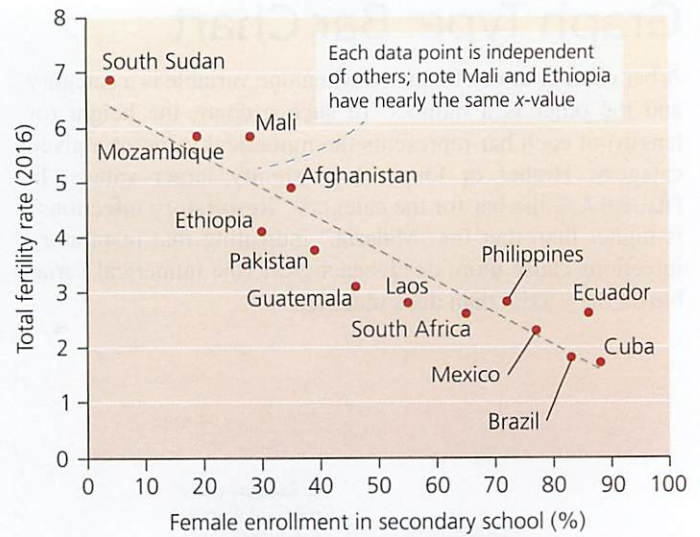


FIGURE A.8 Fertility rate and education of girls, by nation. (Figure 8.15, p. 206)

Key Concept: Statistical Uncertainty

Most data sets involve some degree of uncertainty. When a graphed value represents the *mean* (average) of many measurements, the researcher may want to use mathematical techniques to show the degree to which the raw data vary around this mean. Results from such statistical analyses may be expressed in a number of ways, and the two graphs in this section show methods used in this book.

In a bar chart or scatter plot (**FIGURE A.9**), thin black lines called *error bars* may be shown extending above and/or below each mean data value. In this example of likelihood of death from air pollution, error bars show the most variation at the highest measured concentration of pollutants and no variation at the lowest measured concentration.

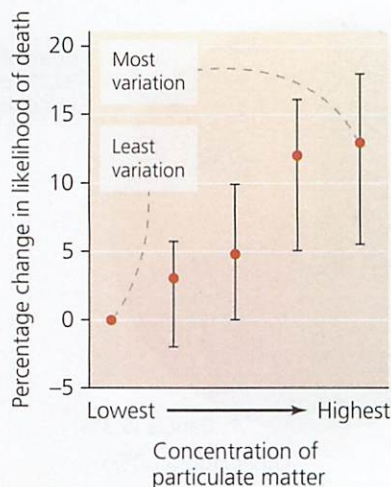


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Sometimes shading is used to express variation around a mean. The black data line in **FIGURE A.10** shows mean global sea level readings from tide gauges since 1880. This data line is surrounded by gray shading indicating statistical variation. Note how the amount of statistical uncertainty is exceeded by the sheer scale of the sea level rise. This gives us confidence that sea level is truly rising, despite the statistical uncertainty we find around mean values each year. Note also how the amount of uncertainty has decreased through time. This reflects improvements in technology, enabling more accurate measurements.

The statistical analysis of data is critically important in science. In this book, we provide a broad and streamlined introduction to many topics, so we often omit error bars from our graphs and leave out details of statistical significance from our discussions. Bear in mind that this is for clarity of presentation only; the research we discuss analyzes its data in far more depth than any textbook could possibly cover.

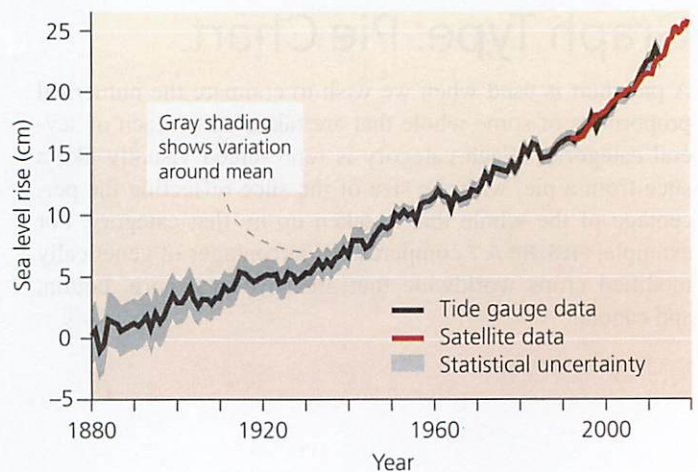


FIGURE A.10 Change in global sea level, measured since 1880. (Figure 18.19, p. 502)

Metric System

MEASUREMENT	UNIT AND ABBREVIATION	METRIC EQUIVALENT	METRIC TO ENGLISH CONVERSION FACTOR	ENGLISH TO METRIC CONVERSION FACTOR
Length	1 kilometer (km)	= 1000 (10^3) meters	1 km = 0.62 mile	1 mile = 1.61 km
	1 meter (m)	= 100 (10^2) centimeters	1 m = 1.09 yards = 3.28 feet = 39.37 inches	1 yard = 0.914 m 1 foot = 0.305 m = 30.5 cm
	1 centimeter (cm)	= 10 millimeters = 0.01 (10^{-2}) meter	1 cm = 0.394 inch	1 inch = 2.54 cm
	1 millimeter (mm)	= 0.01 (10^{-2}) centimeter	1 mm = 0.039 inch	
Area	1 square meter (m ²)	= 10,000 square centimeters	1 m ² = 1.196 square yards = 10.764 square feet	1 square yard = 0.8361 m ² 1 square foot = 0.0929 m ²
	1 hectare (ha)	= 10,000 square meters	1 ha = 2.47 acres	1 acre = 0.405 hectare
	1 square kilometer (km ²)	= 1,000,000 square meters	1 km ² = 0.386 square mile	1 square mile = 2.59 km ²
Mass	1 metric ton (t)	= 1000 kilograms	1 t = 1.103 tons	1 ton = 0.907 t
	1 kilogram (kg)	= 1000 grams	1 kg = 2.205 pounds	1 pound (lb) = 0.4536 kg
	1 gram (g)	= 1000 milligrams	1 g = 0.0353 ounce	1 ounce = 28.35 g
	1 milligram (mg)	= 0.001 gram		
Volume (solids)	1 cubic meter (m ³)	= 1,000,000 cubic centimeters	1 m ³ = 1.3080 cubic yards	1 cubic yard = 0.7646 m ³
	1 cubic centimeter (cm ³ or cc)	= 0.000001 cubic meter	1 cm ³ = 0.0610 cubic inch	1 cubic inch = 16.387 cm ³
	1 cubic millimeter (mm ³)	= 0.001 cubic centimeter		
Volume (liquids and gases)	1 kiloliter (kl or kL)	= 1000 liters	1 kL = 264.17 gallons	1 gallon = 3.785 L
	1 liter (l or L)	= 1000 milliliters	1 L = 0.264 gallon = 1.057 quarts	1 quart = 0.946 L = 946 ml
	1 milliliter (ml or mL)	= 0.001 liter = 1 cubic centimeter	1 ml = 0.034 fluid ounce = approx. 1/5 teaspoon	1 fluid ounce = 29.57 ml 1 teaspoon = approx. 5 ml
Temperature	Degrees Celsius (°C)		$^{\circ}\text{C} = \frac{5}{9} (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32)$	$^{\circ}\text{F} = \frac{9}{5} (^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$
Energy and Power	1 gigawatt (GW)	= 1,000,000,000 (10^9) watts		
	1 megawatt (MW)	= 1,000,000 (10^6) watts		
	1 kilowatt (kW)	= 1000 (10^3) watts		
	1 watt (W)	= 0.001 kilowatt = 1 joule/second		
	1 kilowatt-hour (kWh)	= 3,600,000 joules = 3412 BTU = 860,400 calories		
	1 calorie (cal)	= The amount of energy needed to raise the temperature of 1 gram (1 cm ³) of water by 1 degree Celsius		
	1 joule	= 0.239 cal = 2.778×10^{-7} kilowatt-hours		
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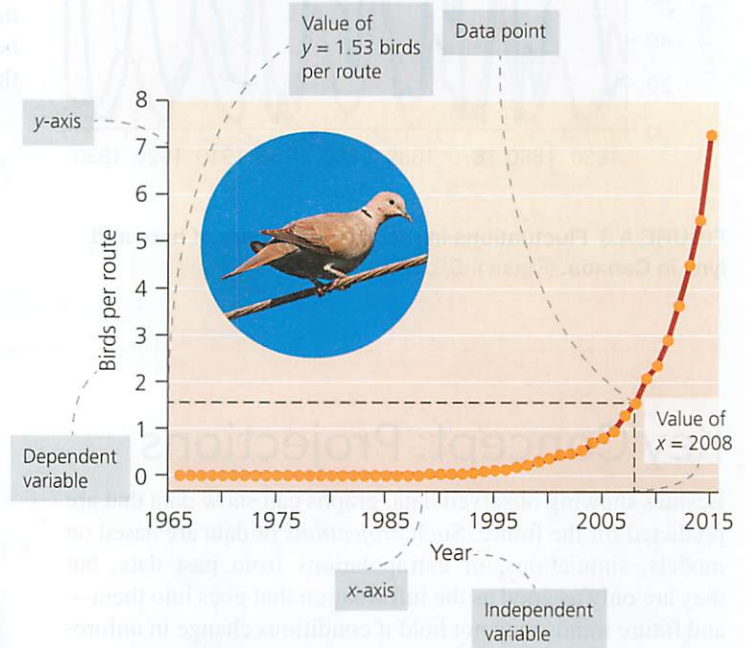


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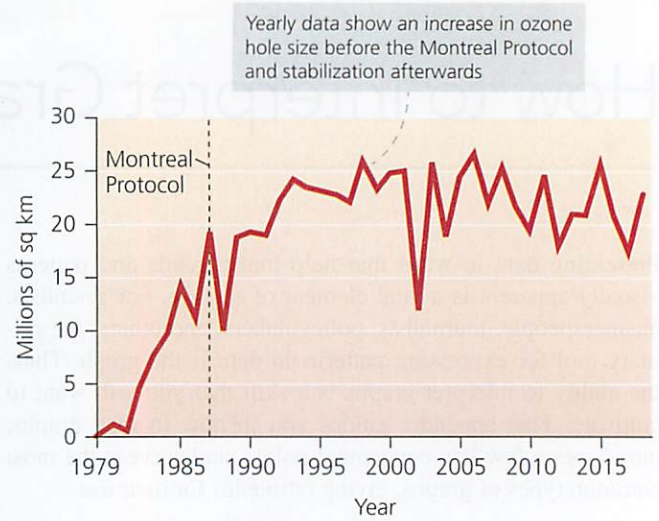


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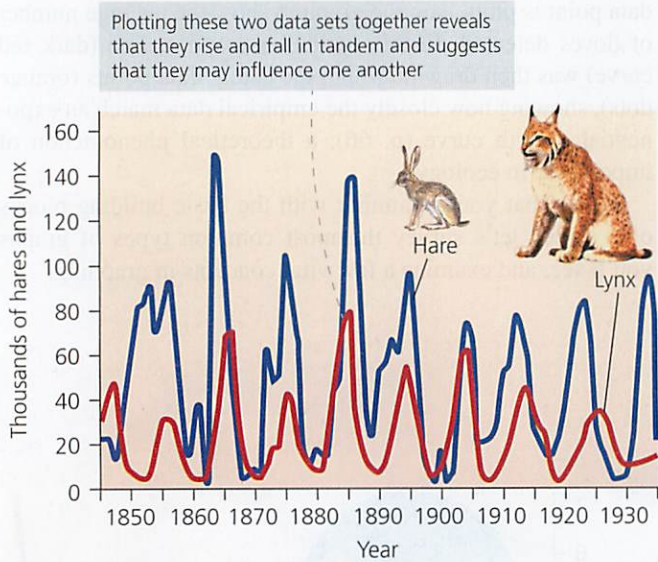


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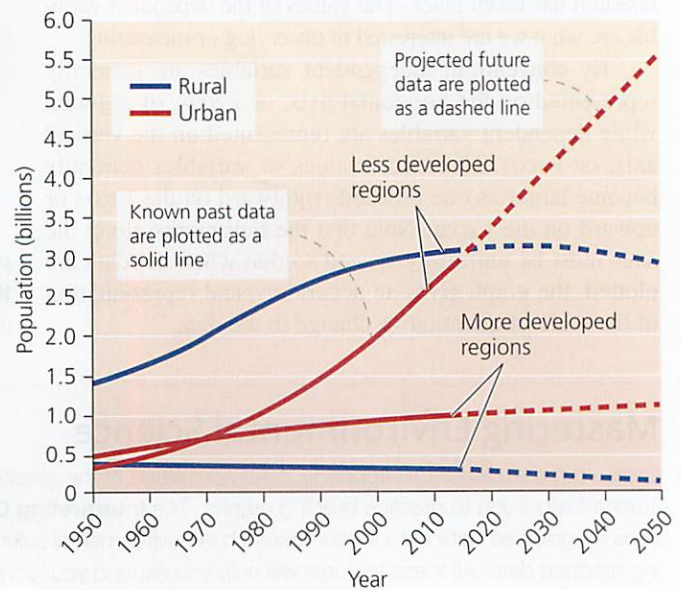


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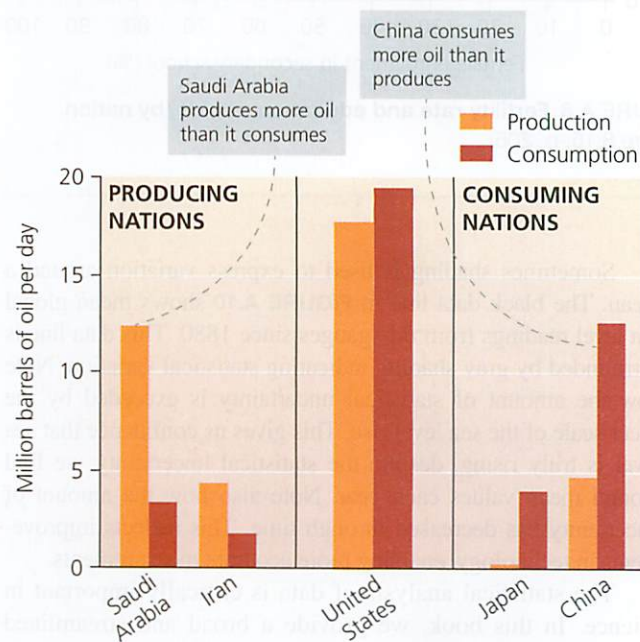


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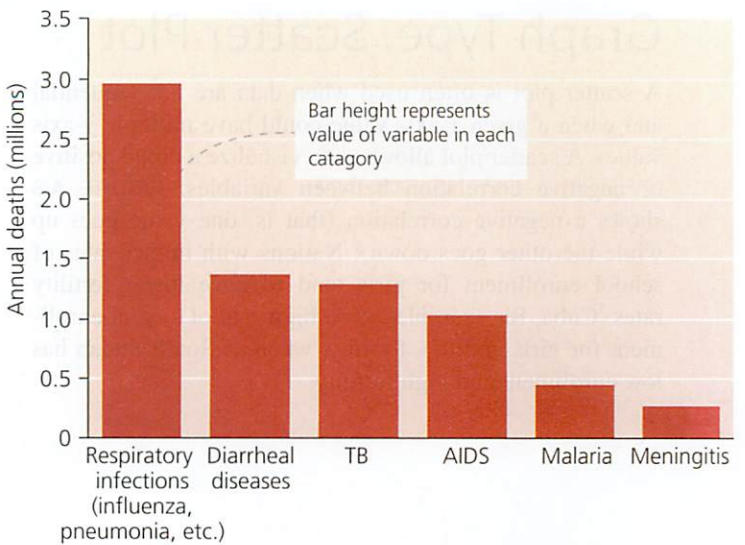


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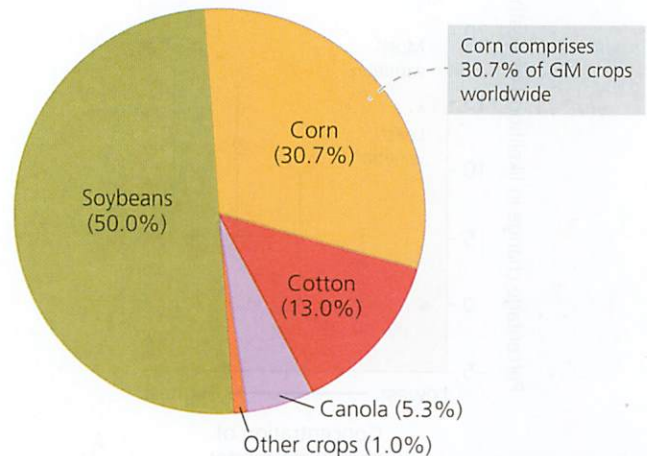


FIGURE A.7 Genetically modified crops grown worldwide, by type. (Figure 10.19a, p. 258)

Graph Type: Scatter Plot

A scatter plot is often used when data are not sequential and when a given x -axis value could have multiple y -axis values. A scatter plot allows us to visualize a broad positive or negative correlation between variables. **FIGURE A.8** shows a negative correlation (that is, one value goes up while the other goes down): Nations with higher rates of school enrollment for girls tend to have lower fertility rates. Cuba, for example, has a high rate of school enrollment for girls and low fertility, whereas South Sudan has low enrollment and high fertility.

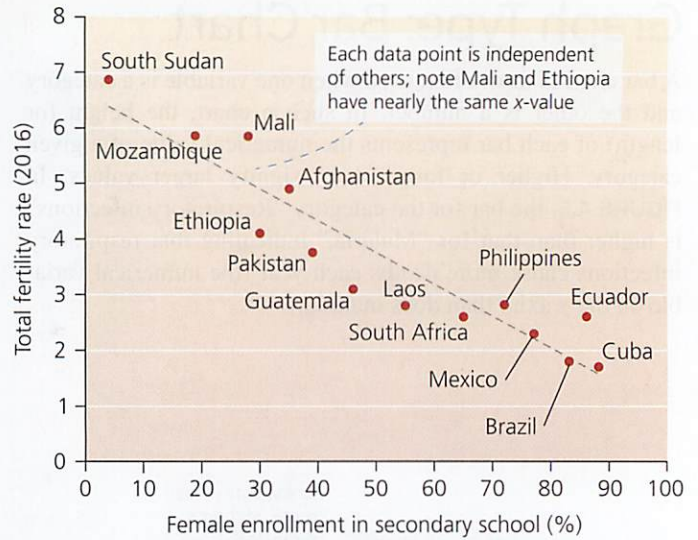


FIGURE A.8 Fertility rate and education of girls, by nation. (Figure 8.15, p. 206)

Key Concept: Statistical Uncertainty

Most data sets involve some degree of uncertainty. When a graphed value represents the *mean* (average) of many measurements, the researcher may want to use mathematical techniques to show the degree to which the raw data vary around this mean. Results from such statistical analyses may be expressed in a number of ways, and the two graphs in this section show methods used in this book.

In a bar chart or scatter plot (**FIGURE A.9**), thin black lines called *error bars* may be shown extending above and/or below each mean data value. In this example of likelihood of death from air pollution, error bars show the most variation at the highest measured concentration of pollutants and no variation at the lowest measured concentration.

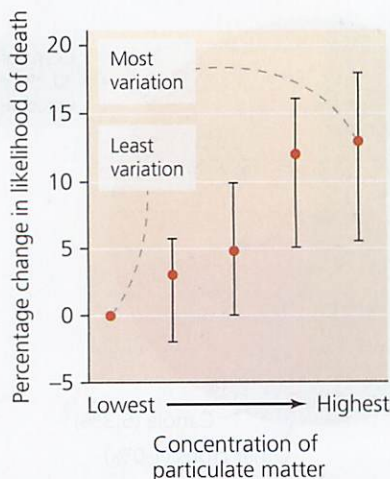


FIGURE A.9 Likelihood of death due to air pollution. (17-SBS1 Figure 3, p. 465)

Sometimes shading is used to express variation around a mean. The black data line in **FIGURE A.10** shows mean global sea level readings from tide gauges since 1880. This data line is surrounded by gray shading indicating statistical variation. Note how the amount of statistical uncertainty is exceeded by the sheer scale of the sea level rise. This gives us confidence that sea level is truly rising, despite the statistical uncertainty we find around mean values each year. Note also how the amount of uncertainty has decreased through time. This reflects improvements in technology, enabling more accurate measurements.

The statistical analysis of data is critically important in science. In this book, we provide a broad and streamlined introduction to many topics, so we often omit error bars from our graphs and leave out details of statistical significance from our discussions. Bear in mind that this is for clarity of presentation only; the research we discuss analyzes its data in far more depth than any textbook could possibly cover.

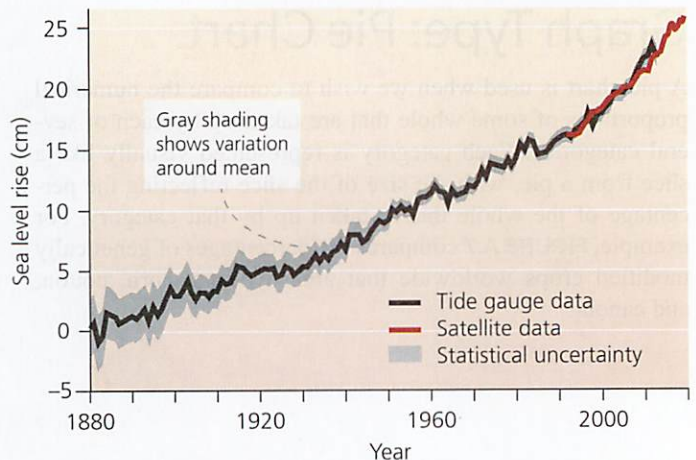


FIGURE A.10 Change in global sea level, measured since 1880. (Figure 18.19, p. 502)

Metric System

MEASUREMENT	UNIT AND ABBREVIATION	METRIC EQUIVALENT	METRIC TO ENGLISH CONVERSION FACTOR	ENGLISH TO METRIC CONVERSION FACTOR
Length	1 kilometer (km)	= 1000 (10^3) meters	1 km = 0.62 mile	1 mile = 1.61 km
	1 meter (m)	= 100 (10^2) centimeters	1 m = 1.09 yards = 3.28 feet = 39.37 inches	1 yard = 0.914 m 1 foot = 0.305 m = 30.5 cm
	1 centimeter (cm)	= 10 millimeters = 0.01 (10^{-2}) meter	1 cm = 0.394 inch	1 inch = 2.54 cm
	1 millimeter (mm)	= 0.01 (10^{-2}) centimeter	1 mm = 0.039 inch	
Area	1 square meter (m ²)	= 10,000 square centimeters	1 m ² = 1.196 square yards = 10.764 square feet	1 square yard = 0.8361 m ² 1 square foot = 0.0929 m ²
	1 hectare (ha)	= 10,000 square meters	1 ha = 2.47 acres	1 acre = 0.405 hectare
	1 square kilometer (km ²)	= 1,000,000 square meters	1 km ² = 0.386 square mile	1 square mile = 2.59 km ²
Mass	1 metric ton (t)	= 1000 kilograms	1 t = 1.103 tons	1 ton = 0.907 t
	1 kilogram (kg)	= 1000 grams	1 kg = 2.205 pounds	1 pound (lb) = 0.4536 kg
	1 gram (g)	= 1000 milligrams	1 g = 0.0353 ounce	1 ounce = 28.35 g
	1 milligram (mg)	= 0.001 gram		
Volume (solids)	1 cubic meter (m ³)	= 1,000,000 cubic centimeters	1 m ³ = 1.3080 cubic yards	1 cubic yard = 0.7646 m ³
	1 cubic centimeter (cm ³ or cc)	= 0.000001 cubic meter	1 cm ³ = 0.0610 cubic inch	1 cubic inch = 16.387 cm ³
	1 cubic millimeter (mm ³)	= 0.001 cubic centimeter		
Volume (liquids and gases)	1 kiloliter (kl or kL)	= 1000 liters	1 kL = 264.17 gallons	1 gallon = 3.785 L
	1 liter (l or L)	= 1000 milliliters	1 L = 0.264 gallon = 1.057 quarts	1 quart = 0.946 L = 946 ml
	1 milliliter (ml or mL)	= 0.001 liter = 1 cubic centimeter	1 ml = 0.034 fluid ounce = approx. 1/5 teaspoon	1 fluid ounce = 29.57 ml 1 teaspoon = approx. 5 ml
Temperature	Degrees Celsius (°C)		$^{\circ}\text{C} = \frac{5}{9} (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32)$	$^{\circ}\text{F} = \frac{9}{5} (^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$
Energy and Power	1 gigawatt (GW)	= 1,000,000,000 (10^9) watts		
	1 megawatt (MW)	= 1,000,000 (10^6) watts		
	1 kilowatt (kW)	= 1000 (10^3) watts		
	1 watt (W)	= 0.001 kilowatt = 1 joule/second		
	1 kilowatt-hour (kWh)	= 3,600,000 joules = 3412 BTU = 860,400 calories		
	1 calorie (cal)	= The amount of energy needed to raise the temperature of 1 gram (1 cm ³) of water by 1 degree Celsius		
1 joule	= 0.239 cal = 2.778×10^{-7} kilowatt-hours			
Pressure	1 atmosphere (atm)	= 1013.25 millibars (mbar) = 14.696 pounds per square inch (psi) = 760 millimeters of mercury (mmHg)		

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The periodic table arranges elements by atomic number and atomic weight into horizontal rows called *periods* and vertical columns called *groups*.

Elements of each group in Class A have similar chemical and physical properties. This reflects the fact that members of a particular group have the same number of valence shell electrons, which is indicated by the group's number. For example, group IA elements have one valence shell electron, group IIA elements have two, and group VA elements have five. In contrast, as you progress across a period from left to right, properties of the elements change, varying from the very metallic properties of groups IA and IIA to the nonmetallic properties of group VIIA to the inert elements

(noble gases) in group VIIIA. This reflects changes in the number of valence shell electrons.

Class B elements, or transition elements, are metals and generally have one or two valence shell electrons. In these elements, some electrons occupy more distant electron shells before the deeper shells are filled.

In this periodic table, elements with symbols printed in black exist as solids under standard conditions (25°C and 1 atmosphere of pressure); elements in red exist as gases; and those in dark blue as liquids. Elements with symbols in green do not exist in nature and must be created by some type of nuclear reaction.

Geologic Time Scale

