

Bar Charts

Description

A bar chart is a graphical representation of data where the length or height of the bars represents counts of records meeting the criteria. Bar charts can only be produced as HTML report and therefore, the results will appear in a pop-up window in your browser.

Example

Suppose you are interested in using one bar chart to graphically represent the distribution of device-associated (DA) events such as CLABSI Events, CAUTI Events, and VAEs identified in each critical care location in 2015.

Report Modification

Modifications to this report are based on the example. The basic modification guidelines can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ps-analysis-resources/howtomodifyreport.pdf>

To access the report, select Analysis>Reports>Advanced>Event-Level Data>Bar Chart - All Events

The screenshot shows the 'Filters' tab of a report modification interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Title/Format', 'Time Period', 'Filters', and 'Display Options'. Below the tabs, there are buttons for 'Additional Filters: Show' and 'Clear'. The main area contains a hierarchical filter structure. The top level has 'AND' and 'OR' options and an 'Add group' button. Inside this group, there is another 'AND/OR' level with an 'Add rule' button. The first rule is 'eventType in BSI - Bloodstream Infection, VAE - Ventilator-Associated Event, UTI - Urinary Tract Infection', with a 'Delete' button. The second rule is 'locationType equal CC - CC', also with a 'Delete' button.

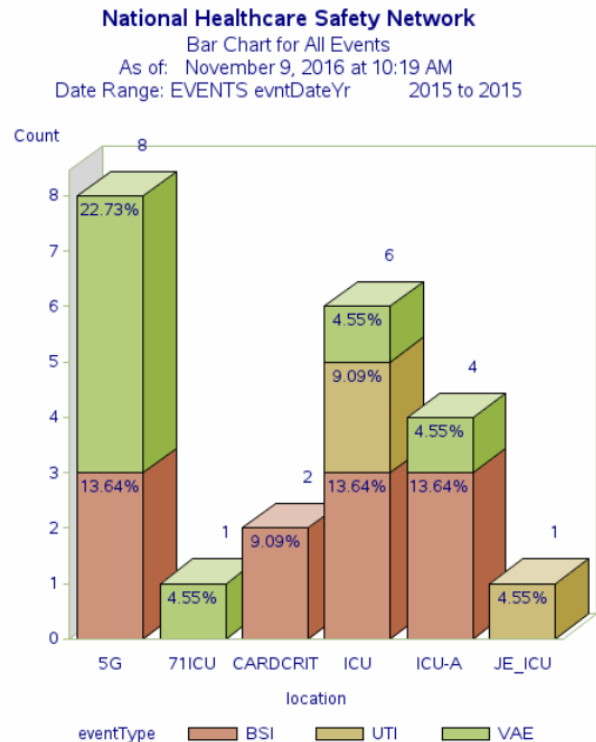
The screenshot shows the 'Display Options' tab of the report modification interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Title/Format', 'Time Period', 'Filters', and 'Display Options'. Below the tabs, there is a section titled 'Bar Chart Options'. It contains three main sections: 'Chart Variable' with a dropdown set to 'location'; 'Stratification Variable' with a dropdown set to 'eventType'; and 'Page by' with an empty dropdown. Below these are four settings for bar orientation and placement: 'Orientation of Bars' set to '3D Vertical', 'Placement of the Percent' set to 'Inside', and 'Placement of the Value' set to 'Outside'.



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Report Results and Interpretation

- The count is the total number of events and is represented by the height of the bars (vertical axis). Look at the height of different colored bars separately.
- Because this chart is stratified on event type, each eventType depicted on the chart is color coded. The total count of DA events in each location is shown at the top of each bar.
- The percent shown for each bar is the percent of all events (n=22) on this chart that are included in the specific bar. Example: Of all critical care patients with DA events reported in 2015, 4.55% (1/22) were BSIs in the 71ICU.



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Additional Resources

Introduction to NHSN Analysis: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/training/intro-AnalysisBasics-PSC.pdf>

How to Modify a Report: Introduction to NHSN Analysis: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ps-analysis-resources/howtomodifyreport.pdf>