

Line Chart



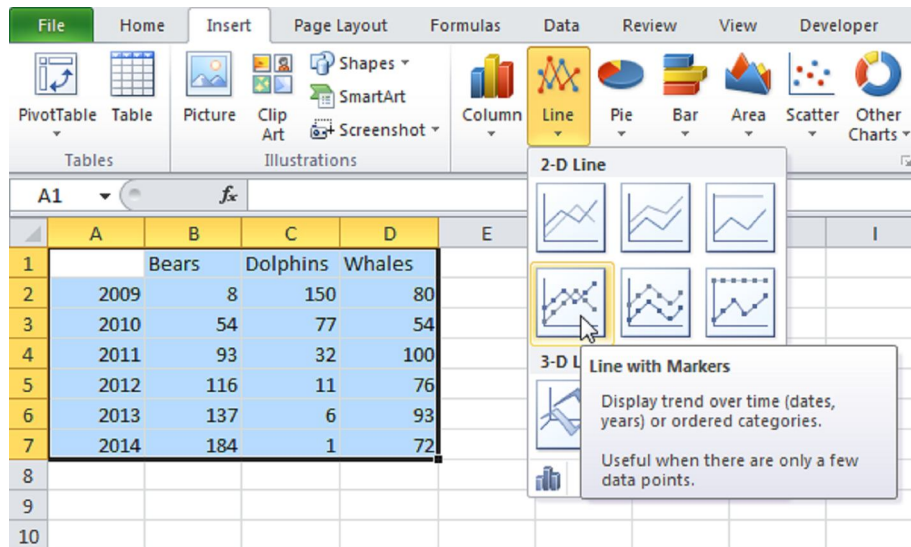
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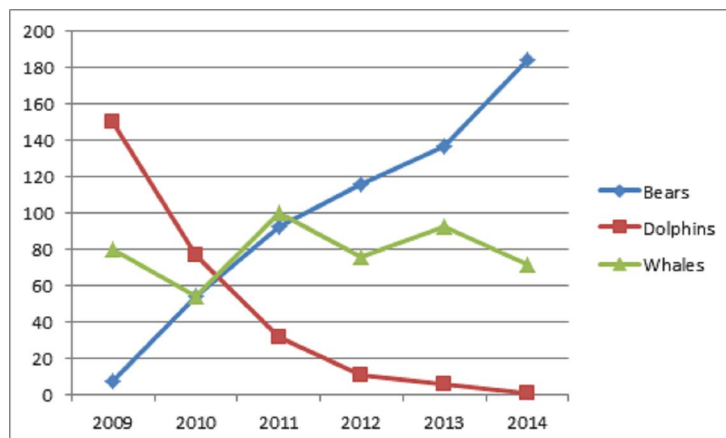
Line charts are used to display trends over time. Use a line chart if you have text labels, dates or a few numeric labels on the horizontal axis. Use a [scatter chart \(XY chart\)](#) to show scientific XY data.

To create a line chart, execute the following steps.

1. Select the range A1:D7.
2. On the Insert tab, in the Charts group, choose Line, and select Line with Markers.



Result:



Note: only if you have numeric labels, empty cell A1 before you create the line chart. By doing this, Excel does not recognize the numbers in column A as a [data series](#) and automatically places these numbers on the horizontal (category) axis. After creating the chart, you can enter the text Year into cell A1 if you like.

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